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Pope Paul VI is willing to help in negotiating for ending the war in Vietnam. His stand is non-partisan. He is interested to restore a true peace. Pope Paul had a 63-minute talk with Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson in Rome on his way to U.S. from Australia where he attended the memorial services for the Australian Premier Harold Holt, last week.

Their talk centered on their hopes for a peaceful end to the Vietnamese war. The Vietnam war had a 24-hour truce



Pope Paul VI

or cease fire last Christmas eve, declared by allied forces which ended 6 p.m. last Monday.



QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE — Soviet Premier Alexsei Kosygin and U.S. President Lyndon Johnson conferred at Glassboro, New Jersey. The two leaders met for more than 5 hours on June 23 and returned 2 days later for another 4 hours of private conversations. Both described the talks as "useful" in the quest for world peace. They agreed "to keep in good communications" in the future.

DBP Marks 21st Anniversary

From its birth on January 2, 1947, the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation became a powerful instrument for carrying out the task of reconstruction.

When the work of rehabilitating the devastation and havoc wrought by the war was thought to have been completed, the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation became by legislative fiat the Development Bank of the Philippines. This was in June 1958.

The transformation of the RFC ushered in important and fundamental changes in its functions and outlook. It shifted its

attention and its resources to bear upon the problems of promoting the economic development of the country. And since investment capital is very scarce factor of production, the DBP played the pivotal role of allocating resources according to a national strategy for attaining economic development.

The DBP, being a purely government entity, has

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Daog Si Medroso sa Quo Warranto, Ma Apelar sa C.A.

Bacong Elegible Si Mayor Medroso?

Rail-Skates Underline Need "Quirino" Highway

By RAMON H. FELIPE, JR.
Congressman, 1st District of Camarines Sur

General Manager Nicenor T. Jimenez of the Phil. National Railways has recently outlawed the improvised "rail-skates" now commonly used in the so-called railroad towns of Tagkawayan, Quezon Province, and Del Gallego, Ragay, Lupi and Sipocot, Camarines Sur Province. This drastic action was prompted by the recent death of a young barrio schoolteacher, Mrs. Loreto Gonzales y Tolete of Barrio Banga, Ragay, Camarines Sur, who was fatally hit by a Bicol Express train, while riding a "rail skate" with other co-teachers on their way from the barrio to the po-

blacion of Ragay. A "rail-skate" is a home-made device, consisting of a wooden platform, to which are attached three sets of roller-bearings, which serve as wheels. It uses the tracks of the Philippine National Railways and is propelled by the operator by pushing with one foot on the ground. It can carry two paying passengers, at a reasonable rate of speed, especially on down-grades. The "rail-skate" is a device born out of sheer necessity. The above mentioned "railroad" towns and their barrios are strung out of an average

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Mayor Dominador Medroso (N) can Calabanga, Cam. Sur ma-apelar sa Corte de Apelaciones can saiyang pagcadaog sa quo warranto na ipigpangar contra saiyang ni Atty. Leoncio Elope (L) na dinaog ni Medroso can Nov. 14,



Mayor MEDROSO

1967 a eleccion. An decision ni Juez R. de la Cruz can tercera sala can Juzgado de Primera Instancia digdi sa Camarines Sur iyo, na si Dominador Viola Medroso bacong calificado na maguin alcalde municipal can Calabanga nin hul'i na naprobaran na sia dai nacacasurat inteligentemente sa ingles, castilla o sa bicol na tata-ramon digdi sa Cam. Sur sosog ta catotogonan can Seccion 173 can Codice Electoral asin can Sec. 2174 can Codice Administrativo. An decision ni Juez de la Cruz nacasurat sa 23 pahinas. Diyan nacasurat an mga opinion can Corte Suprema na pigcitar ni Juez de la Cruz na saiyang pigbasaran can saiyang decision sa casong ini na si Medroso bacong elegible na maguin alcalde.

Si Medroso apat na veces vinotohan como alcalde asin dos veces vice alcalde sa Calabanga. An protestante (Elope), nadaog nia sarong vez sa vice asin dos veces pa a alcalde, alagad gnongan sana sia p'g quo warranto ni Elope. Can mga enot mayo lamang nin nagprotesta ki Medroso can eleccion saiyang.

Sa vista can caso sa juzgado pigpasurat si Medroso alagad naprobaran na masakit masabotan an saiyang surat. Si Medroso nagtuga sa juzgado na an saiyang secretario, si Leonardo Gonzales, iyong nagpreparar can saiyang solti

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FM'S First Stop is Malaysia In His Three-Country Tour

President Marcos' first stop will be Malaysia, then to Indonesia & Thailand, when he starts his state visits on January 7, 1968, in neighboring Asian countries.

Press Secretary Jose D'Aspiras said the following dates have been fixed for the visits: Malaysia—Jan. 7-10; Indonesia—Jan. 10-13.

Aspiras said the trip to Thailand will start January 13, and the President will return to Manila January 17.

The Malacañang spokesman said that the visits will be made in furtherance of the President's desire to help accelerate active cooperation between the Philippines and her Asian neighbors.

He also pointed out that the state visits were dictated by diplomatic protocol which demand that the President now reciprocate the gesture of goodwill demonstrated by the heads of state of the three countries during their own visits here.



Pres. Marcos

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Republic of the Philippines
COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF CAMARINES SUR
10th Judicial District
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
City of Naga
D.M.G., INCORPORATED, Plaintiff,
-versus-
CLARO VERDADERO, Defendants.
ALIAS EXECUTION CASE NO. 141551
City Court of Manila, Branch VI

Pursuant to Sec. 1, Rule 74 of the New Rules of Court, Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the Late Juanito Salao, who died intestate on Dec. 14, 1966, consisting of two parcels of land denominated as Lots "C" & "D", Psd- 47393, and covered by TCT. No. 2433 has been the subject of an Extra-judicial settlement by his Heirs, namely: Adelina Paular, the surviving widow, and the children, Efrén, Rizal, Royá, Daisy, Mario & Myrna all surnamed Salao, who are still minors, but represented by their mother and as natural guardian, Adelina Paular, the deed was acknowledged before Not. Pub. Rosendo Barra-medá per Reg. No. 1188; Page No. 41; Rook No. XXXI; S. of 1967 on Dec. 28, 1967, at Calabanga Cam. Sur.

Notice of Public Auction

Whereas, by virtue of the Alias Writ of Execution issued by the City Court of Manila, Branch VI, dated the 23rd day of November, 1967, by the Hon. Judge Amado G. Roan in connection with Case No. 141551 commanding the Provincial Sheriff of Camarines Sur or any of his lawful deputies to make effective the sum of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY 33/100 PESOS (P280.33), Philippine currency, together with interest of twelve per cent (12%) per annum on P280.33 until the date of payment, and the sum of P52.00 for costs of suit, plus the sum of P50.00 as attorney's fees together with the sheriff's fees and expenses incident to this execution which D.M.G., INC., the plaintiff hereof, recovered in the City Court of Manila on the 21st day of December, 1965 against Claro Verdadero, the defendant hereof; Whereas, upon indication of the plaintiff, the Provincial Sheriff of Camarines Sur ex officio, through the undersigned Deputy Provincial Sheriff, on December 28, 1967, levied upon and attached all the rights, title, interest, dominion and participation that the defendant Claro Verdadero has or might have in and over the following real property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

Pub. Dec. 30, 1967; Jan. 6, 13, 1967.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, notice is hereby given that ILDEFONSO A. NAVAL, of legal age, Filipino, widower, resident of Magarao, Cam. Sur who alleged to be the only and exclusive legal heir of the late Spouses Agripina Avila who died on April 28, 1944 and Guillermo Villaseñor who died sometime in 1904, intestate, executed an Affidavit of Adjudication at Libmanan, Cam. Sur on the 2nd day of December 1967 adjudicating unto himself all the intestate estate left by decedents which are located in the municipalities of Libmanan, Cabusao, Magarao and Sipocot, province of Cam. Sur; and in Daet, province of Camarines Norte.

The Affidavit of Adjudication was subscribed and sworn to before Notary Public Jose G. Borromeo at Libmanan, C. S. on December 2, 1967, per Doc. No. 144; Page 37; Book 10; S. 1967.

Pub. Dec. 30, 1967; Jan. 6, 13, 1967.

In accordance with law, this notice of auction sale will be published in the BICOL STAR, a weekly regional newspaper published and edited in the City of Naga, having a wide general circulation in the Bicol provinces including the province of Camarines Sur, once a week for three consecutive weeks, the first publication to take place at least twenty (20) days before the date of the auction sale. Likewise, for the same period of time three copies of this notice will be posted on three different public and conspicuous places in the municipality of San Fernando, Camarines Sur where the foregoing described real property is located; another three copies of same will be posted in the City of Naga, (one at the Bulletin Board at the Provincial Capitol) where the auction sale will be conducted.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any for their own interest. Done in Naga City, this December 28, 1967.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF EX OFFICIO:

By ANGEL LL. BORJA Deputy Prov. Sheriff

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selection, pest control, fertilization, etc., and to traders and millers who are already in the rice and corn trade. Collaterals shall consist of a first mortgage on unencumbered real estate (site of warehouse) and insurable improvements thereon. Documents needed for this type of loan are the following:

- 1. Certification that applicant is a bona-fide member of the RICOB;
2. Title, or other evidence of ownership to land;
3. Tax declaration, tax receipts and other government imposts for current and previous years;
4. Location Plan;
5. Audited Financial Statements; and
6. Estimated income and expense statement.

Building constructed out of this loan are to be insured as may be required by the Bank. The warehouse must be bonded.

Also, in order that farmers with existing coconut loans whose plantation were devastated by typhoon "Welming" could immediately rehabilitate their farms, the DBP is extending additional loans to farmers who were victims of typhoon "Welming", subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the amount of additional loan shall be the difference between the new loan value of the land as reappraised and the balance of the account;
2. That the loan value shall not exceed 80% of the prospective appraised value of the land;
3. That the additional loan shall be used to rehabilitate the farm and promote auxiliary projects, such as poultry, piggyery and planting of cash crops;
4. That the additional loan may be repaid beyond the unexpired term of the principal loan, provided that it does not exceed 10 years;
5. That the rate of interest shall be the current rate on agricultural loans; and
6. That if the original loan is in arrears, a satisfactory arrangement shall be made for a new plan of payment prior to or simultaneous with the granting of the additional loan.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is being given that the estate left by the deceased Porferio Imperial has been extrajudicially partitioned by the heirs, namely, Magdalena E. Imperial, Alejandro Imperial, Jocelyn Imperial and Remedios Imperial affecting the property located in San Isidro, Pamplona, Camarines Sur designated as Lot 1945, Pls-773-D under Tax Declaration No. 5649 and valued at P1,420 with an area of 1,421 square meters more or less.

The instrument was executed before Notary Public Felixberto Racadag, Jr., of Naga City and recorded as Doc. No. 5; Page 32; Book No. 1; Series of 1967.

Pub. December 30, 1967, January 6 and 13, 1968.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

An affidavit of Adjudication executed by Florentina Alivarvar as exclusive heir of the late Severino Alivarvar and Antonia Monte, covering a parcel of land situated in San Antonio, Milao C. Sur containing an area of 8,0236 hectares, declared under Tax No. 3256 with a portion thereof of 3.5761 Has. thereof being hereby confirmed to have been sold to Ildefonso Tirones. Said affidavit bears Doc. No. 79; Page 99; Book No. III, Series of 1967 of the Notarial register of Notary Public Gavino Celso.

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always adhered to two basic policies in the distribution of its loanable funds. These are:

- 1. To spread the benefits of its liberal credit to as many borrowers as possible within the framework of the established priority for project; and
2. To sow the development throughout the entire country and thus try to minimize great inequalities in welfare and economic conditions among the different regions or provinces.

The result of the first policy is at once apparent in the size of loans granted by the DBP. Loans of P5,000 and below constitute approximately 74% of the total number of outstanding accounts granted by the DBP.

The objective sought to be attained by the first policy is essentially socialistic in nature. It is undeniable that one of the fundamental aspirations of our society is to raise the great mass of our people from poverty and elevate them to the standing of middle class.

The second policy has given rise to the preoccupation of DBP of bringing its credit facilities to all the regions of the country. Service, therefore, has always been emphasized as a key factor in lending operations of the DBP. Service in the sense means, from the viewpoint of the DBP, bringing itself closer to its clients to a point where it can perform its operations efficiently and where it can be approached by borrowers with a minimum of effort and expense. This concept foreshadowed the establishment of a network of branches and agencies all over the country.

The first branches of the DBP were established along the idea of trying to keep a balance between two factors - maximizing the branch's capability to service as large a region and as many borrowers as is possible and optimizing the profitability of their operations.

Oftentimes, the objectives of service and profit do not coincide. They may require different or even conflicting plans of action. However, the rationalization of both factors was considered necessary in order to prevent dissipation of funds in operating expenses and, corollarily, to build up the resources of the DBP to keep it constantly in a position of strength to meet the ever-increasing demand for development credit.

The effort to harmonize the service and profit aspects led to the establishment of the

distance of 10 kms. over a 70 kms. stretch from Sipocot to Tagkawayan. There is no highway linking them. The only means of transportation is either by sea on the turbulent Ragay Gulf, which opens on the China Sea or the Philippine National Railway. The latter, however, runs only one local train a day, which stops in all these towns and their barrios, a long slow and tedious trip of at least five hours! So, if a barrio resident takes the train on a certain day, he has to wait until the next day for the return trip. There used to be two local trains, but the other train was cancelled by the PNR management for some unknown reasons.

The regular Bicol Express night trains stop only in the poblacion of Tagkawayan, Ragay and Sipocot. The Jay Bicol Express stops only in the poblacion of Tagkawayan, Del Gallego, Ragay, Lupi and Sipocot. The Mayon Limited and the Isarog (Continued on page 6)

earliest branches of the DBP in geographical centers of trade and commerce. Cebu City, Iloilo City, Bacolod City in the Visayas; Davao City and Cagayan de Oro City in Mindanao; and Ilagan, Isabela, Cabanatuan City, Naga City and Dagupan City in Luzon, were among the earliest sites of DBP branches. The growth of economic activities and investment build-up of the DBP in other places were invariably followed by the establishment of DBP branches in such areas. Thus in Luzon, another branch was opened in Legazpi; in the Visayas, branches were established in Roxas City and Tacloban City; and in Mindanao, five additional branches were opened - in Carabato City; Ozamiz City, Butuan City, Zamboanga City and General Santos, Cotabato.

When Gregorio S. Licaros took over (as Chairman of the DBP in 1966, he attempted a fresh approach to the problem of expanding the branch network of the DBP. The traditional method of waiting for an area to grow until it was in a position to financially support the operations of a branch was too slow to suit; the tempo of his program of accelerated development. He adopted the attitude that the DBP should be an active initiator of development.

This new concept either coincided with, or was pressed by, the important participation of the DBP in the agricultural development program of President Marcos' Administration. Under the national agricultural development program, the DBP, as the principal source of long-term loans in the country, is expected to make available its credit facilities to farmers in the rural areas. For the DBP, this meant the establishment of more branches or agencies even in areas where existing business conditions could not make operations of a normal-sized branch profitable. As in the past, the dilemma of service versus profit came to a head.

The issue was resolved by designing a new type of branch - the "compact" branch. The "compact" branch is similar to the regular branch in all respects except that it is leaner in personnel. It is therefore cheaper to maintain but is as effective as a regular branch in its lending operations.

The effectiveness of the "compact" branch was tested in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro where it was first set up. As the operations of Calapan Branch showed favorable returns both in terms of service and profit, the Board of Governors gave the nod to open more "compact" branches. Seven (7) new branches of this type were approved early in 1967 in the following places: Tuguegarao,

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Gene E. Balferrazo

**FROM
THE
HILLTOP**



Preponderance of Fragmentation
(Second of a Series)

Editor's Note: In the preceding installment the writer discussed the implications particularly on the political aspect on the current issue pervading on the reported 'partitioning' of the province of Camarines Sur: discussions of which being timely should ensue and follow the trend of awareness and vigilance which is indispensable to democratic growth.

The Augury of a Bright Future- The incoming provincial administration from the governor-elect Manding Cledera and his entourage of provincial board members are as a whole a component group of neophyte politicians whose assumption into office beginning January 1 deserves the commendation of the people whose desire for change had unalterably voted a straight Nacionalista administration - a stretch of four (4) long duration years from 1963 up to 1971.

The mandate of the electorate being on the landslide scale give credence to the pragmatic essence of natural consequences as useful results of ideas in a process giving validity to truth itself thus the rising tide of new elite generation seeking the favor of public office anchored on the incentive of hard work and more on the political exigency to cultivate and win the people's esteem thru performance.

The governor-elect Manding Cledera for his part is a seemingly calculating vintage of a man possessing both the willingness and the give-and-take hard-core sacrifices to serve the people. In this regard it is expected then of the other members of the provincial board not only to coordinate and cooperate but to impart for the duration of their tenure while in office the best that could be had by way of exemplary deeds and if need be to rise above the considerations of self-aggrandizement.

Project Study and the welfare Program- Even as the last election promises have long been stilled - the people's welfare should not escape meticulous attention. The small fries or low-salaried employees in the varied government (provincial) services in order to make both ends for body and soul meet affected harshly by the ever rising prices of prime commodities - should be tended to with a gradual salary and wage increases as the essentials of financing will warrant. After all it is the small fries who toil day in and day out the uneasy monotony of the day's labor.

The growing communities in the rural areas should have the long-sought feeder roads; those lame and dangerous coconut and outdated wooden bridges should be replaced by concrete culverts and cemented bridges in order to minimize the year-long repairs which by nature cut-out the bulk of maintenance and repair outlay. Good feeder roads and as much as good bridges are necessary adjuncts to the continuous flow of commerce. Given the proper focus and initiative - the rural areas will thrive in material abundance.

The school building program, too, now that pre-fabricated units are adequately available should replace those dilapidated school nipa and bamboo shanties that had borne the brunt of the typhoons and in line with the rice proficiency program hundreds of unirrigated ricelands can be extended the advantages of irrigation by developing more irrigated areas into productive zones.

Board Member Emilio Tible Jr Speaks- As almost anyone should know Board Member Emilio Tible is a bona fide protégé of Congressman Felix Fuentebella and who steadfastly utilized the weight and influence to insure Tible's victory in the NP convention. But as events did turn out - the delegates by a twist of sympathy and fate voted a majority for Manding Cledera's nomination in the third and final balloting.

Relevant to the burning issue that may crop up on the heels of the reported move of Congressman Fuentebella to 'partition' Camarines Sur into three (3) provinces - Board Member Tible as reported in a local weekly (not this) made known his stand against: the political fragmentation of this premier province.

Certainly no right thinking member of the new provincial board should ever sign his own *passport to exile* in the future diminutive province of New Camarines Sur eminently bordering the mining province of Camarines Norte.

For making bold his stand against the political 'fragmentation' of this premier province - Board Member Emilio Tible Jr. deserves this famous accolade by Emma Lazarus' - Inscription on the Statue of Liberty at New York Harbor -

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses, yearning
to brighten free,
The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless,
tempest tossed to me:
I lift my lamp beside the
golden door.

(To be continued)

Cagayan; Baguio City; Tarlac; Tarlac; Daet, Camarines Norte, Puerto Princesa, Palawan; Kalibo, Ak'ran; and Dumaguete City.

This is only the beginning. Chairman Licares is determined to open a DBP branch in every province to give full meaning to the policy of the DBP of rendering service to the entire country.

As of today, the DBP has an extensive network of branches and agencies. It has a total of 19 operating branches and 27 agencies. The conversion of 5 existing agencies into branches and the approved establishment of a new one in Baguio City which are now being implemented will bring the total number of branches to 25 but will reduce the number of agencies to 22. These offices are distributed among the different regions: Luzon, 11 branches and 5 agencies. Visayas, 7 branches and 6 agencies; and Mindanao, 7 branches and 11 agencies.

Naga is one of the DBP's two branches in Bicol region. It started in 1955 with Mr. Augusto Tambunting serving as its first Manager. Since that time, the following have served as Manager: Mr. Anatalio T. Viray, 1956 to 1960; Mr. Anselmo Alovera, 1960 to 1962; and the incumbent Mr. Augusto D. Alvarado, 1962 to present.

At the time it was opened in 1955, Naga Branch had an investment of P5.5 million spread over the entire Bicol area. Because the area it served was too large for the branch to service, other provinces were taken off its territory and transferred to other branches which were subsequently opened.

Today, Naga Branch serves Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte. The Branch maintains an agency office in Daet, Camarines Norte to accent the emphasis on service to borrowers by bringing its facilities nearer to its clients in this area.

Within its area of operations, the Naga Branch offers the following banking services: Medium and long-term loans for agriculture, industry, real estate construction, low-cost homes, savings deposits; time deposits; administration of trust investment funds such as Coconut financing fund and sales and servicing of Progress Bonds.

The Naga Branch can be considered as one of the principal investors in the local economy of the two provinces it serves. As of November 30, 1967, loan investments of the Branch amounted to P16,011,463.84 broken down into agricultural loans of P8,580,876.36 (53%); industrial loans of P4,411,240.35 (27%); and real estate (housing) loans of P3,019,347.13 (20%); or a total of P16,011,463.84.

Agricultural loans of the branch have been channeled principally to the production of the traditional major crops of the region. These are: Coconut, Palay and Abaca.

The Branch is trying to encourage farmers to diversify agricultural production through the planting of new crops that can be grown in the region. Aware that the success of any attempt to diversify farming will depend on educating farmers, educational drives are being conducted by agricultural experts of the Branch. Fiestas and meeting of farmers are taken advantage of by Branch personnel for campaigns of this sort.

While agriculture remains the primary area for the lending operations of the Branch, industrial growth is a primary concern. Naga Branch has been relatively successful in promoting industrialization. This may be gleaned from the fact that 27% of its portfolio is in industrial loans.

Seeing how important capital formation is to the process of

Latest Announcement

Red Cross Board of Directors, Camarines Sur-Naga City chapter at its meeting on December 20, 1967 modified the Prizes for the Red Cross raffle benefit scheduled for December 31, 1967 due to the poor sale of tickets. Individual and Group Agents failed to cover their respective goals or quotas because of the effect of Typhoon "Welming" which wrought damage and caused suffering to the people of Camarines Sur and Naga City.

The Prize approved and modified are as follows:
1st Prize - One (1) Single Bed "Sylcon Cathay"
2nd Prize - One (1) Zenith Sewing Machine
3rd Prize - One (1) Radiola Transistorized Radio with crystal mike
4th Prize - One (1) "Whelers" Round Wall Clock
5th Prize - Ten (10) Consolation Prizes at P5

AGENTS PRIZES:-
(Individual)
For selling the First Prize P 75
For selling the 2nd Prize 50
For selling the 3rd Prize 25
(Group)
For selling the First Prize P75
For selling the 2nd Prize 50
For selling the 3rd Prize 25

Board of Canvassers will compose the following: Dr. Joaquin I. Perez, Chairman, Dr. Magno V. Jamito, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Domingo A. Escalante, Mrs. Emily P. Bichara, Mr. Benito Manalo, Mrs. Irene Mariano and Mr. Elio Reyes, members.

The public is cordially invited to witness the Grand Draw on December 31 at 12:00 Noon at the Alatco Terminal compound, Naga City immediately after the Eddie Alanis Show.

Rail-Skates . . .

Limited trains stop only in the population of Sipocot.

These five "railroad" towns have a combined population of nearly 160,000. The area produces copra, abaca, palay, citrus, fish from fishponds, bananas, vegetables, poultry, cattle, minerals and even "azucenas" in commercial quantities. When the Philippine National Railway trips are cut by landslides, floods, derailments or breakdown of engines and coaches, which are frequent, the people of this area are completely isolated. Products rot, the sick die for lack of medical attention and peace and order break down.

In view of this urgent need to supplement the infrequent and unreliable service of the Phil. National Railways, necessity invented the "rail-skates". Of course, it is a dangerous means of transportation, but everybody, including government officials, would rather take a chance than do nothing at all. Even the Archbishop of Nueva Caceres did not hesitate to ride a "rail-skate" when he paid a pastoral visit to one of the Barrios of Ragay.

The order of General Manager Jimenez, to prohibit the use of "rail-skates" on the PNR railway line and to confiscate them will economic development, the DBP recently embarked on a nationwide program to tap savings through the sale of Progress Bonds.

Naga Branch is deeply involved in this program. Proceeds from bond sales are channeled to finance worthy agricultural and industrial projects within the Branch's territory.

The Branch is endeavoring to induce more and more people to take advantage of its credit facilities. The branch is prepared to extend credit for projects in the agricultural sector that will either increase the productivity of existing farms, developed uncultivated agricultural lands, establish new industries or expand existing ones, and finance the construction of low-cost houses for the homeless.

To accomplish these goals, Mr. Augusto D. Alvarado, present Manager of Naga Branch, is mobilizing the entire Branch force consisting of 57 personnel to embark on a program of project-promotions. Farmers, producers, entrepreneurs in Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte - in short, all those who need long-term financial assistance as well as technical help from the DBP - are being encouraged to consult the DBP Naga Branch.

certainly cause plenty of hardship on the 160,000 inhabitants of these "railroad" towns. The PNR should, therefore, take immediate steps to increase the frequency of local trips in the area. But even this will not solve the problem completely.

For a lasting solution, the construction of the so-called "Quirino" Highway is imperative. This project has been in the planning stage since the time of the late President Elpidio Quirino. The Macapagal administration poured hundreds of thousand pesos into the project, thru the EEA, but nothing tangible was accomplished.

The present administration released P45,000 for this project last year, but the sum likewise accomplished nothing except the clearing of a stretch of less than three (3) kms. from the Sipocot bridge to Barrio Gaongan, with no sub-grading whatsoever. Under present engineering procedures in the Bureau of Public Highways, no amount of appropriation and release can complete the project in the foreseeable future. It is important, therefore, that this proposed "Quirino" Highway should be made a part of the proposed Japan - Philippine Friendship Highway, which will save about 100 kms. or at least 2 hours' travelling time from the present circuitous route thru Labo and Daet, Cam. Norte, and will develop the entire rich northern region of Camarines Sur and the southern tip of Quezon province.

Export Industry . . . be expected because of the destruction brought by about by typhoon "Welming", especially in the Bicol region.

At the same time, he called for a view to determining possible changes which would insure more vigorous export trade in the coming years.

The President also discussed with his financial advisers possible increased financing for other projects, such as airports, the proposed Farmers' Market and the proposed Tondo reclamation project.

Bacong Eligible . . . cidad sa pagcandidato para alcade can Nov. 14, 1967.

Nin huli ta ma-apekar si Medroso, con siring baco pang final an decision can juzgado de primera instancia digdi. An hapot can iba iyo: Sitsay an ma-tucan na alcade sa Calabanga mientras yaon sa apclacion an caso? Sitsay an majurar como alcade sa Enero 1, 1968, sa lunes, nin huli ta an decision can juez na bacong eligible na mag alcade si Medroso pipicungular sana can 26 caning bulan na ini?