

# Welcome Penafrancia Pilgrims & Visitors

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# 60,000 People Witness "Traslacion"

## Huge crowd attends traditional transfer of Lady of Peñafrancia

Estimated to be more than 60,000 people witnessed the "traslacion" (transfer) of the images of the Virgin of Penafrancia and Divino Rostro (Sacred Face of Christ) from the Penafrancia Shrine to the Metropolitan Cathedral yesterday afternoon, including those who joined the long procession of devotees, students, different religious organizations from all the towns of Camarines Sur and Naga City.

The streets and plazas where the slow-moving procession winded were thickly lined by people of all ages coming from different municipalities. The windows, balconies and porches of houses and commercial buildings and offices along Penafrancia avenue, Burgos and E. Angeles streets were filled with people watching the procession passed by. The thousands of students (Con't. on page 2)

## To Old and New Voters

In this issue of the BICOL STAR, we have published as a public service of this paper, the complete text of Rep. Act No. 3588 which provides for the permanent registration of voters, affecting the old and new qualified voters for the coming elections.

Many voters are not fully informed of this law. We hope our readers would clip this copy of the law so that it could serve them as a guide, at least.—*Editor.*

## PNB Strike Settled: To Open Monday MRR Strike Awaits President's Action

### PNB Employee's Union Holds Strike

The Philippine National Bank is on strike. Starting this morning, Friday, Sept. 11, 1964, banking transactions at the local Naga Branch of the P.N.B. stopped and bank employees, all members of the Bank's Union, (PEMA) picketed the P.N.B. premises.

According to Salvador Federizon, local steward of the Bank's Union, (President) they went on strike to seek justice from the management. Federizon went further to explain that since almost one year ago the Union presented to the

The strike in the Philippine National Bank by the PEMA (Phil. National Bank Employees Ass'n) which was declared yesterday morning was already settled according to reliable sources from Manila and Naga Branch. It was informed this morning. The PNB branches in Naga, Legazpi and other provinces and cities will be opened for banking business next Monday.

Mainwhile, the strike declared last Thursday midnight by the 483 men belonging to the Union de Maquinistas, Fogoneros y Motormen de Trenes led by Jose Capistrano is still unresolved by the MRR management. According to reports these men are demanding an increase of forty per cent of their salaries. Manager Dominador Asis is adamant to heed the demand as it would financially cripple the Philippine National Railway, formerly MRR. Cor Secretary of Labor Jose Lingad said that he will ask President Macapagal to recommend the certification of the dispute to the Court of Industrial Relations for compulsory arbitration.

In the meantime, the government train transportation is completely paralyzed from the north to the south affecting the provinces, of Manila, Bulacan, Pangasinan

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## SOLFMN FESTIVITIES IN HONOR OF Our Lady of Penafrancia (PATRONESS OF BICOLANDIA) MAIN ACTIVITIES



(SEPTEMBER - - - 1964)  
CITY OF NAGA

Solemn Novena in honor of the Divino Rostro (Shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 11	5:30 a.m.
Penitential Procession in honor of the Divino Rostro - - - - -	Sept. 10-11	3:30 a.m.
Pontifical Mass in honor of the Divino Rostro (shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 11	6:00 a.m.
Solemn Procession from the Shrine to the Cathedral - - - - -	Sept. 11	1:30 a.m.
Solemn Novena in honor of the Virgin (Cathedral) - - - - -	Sept. 12-20	1:00 a.m.
Colegio de Santa Isabel Exhibits - - - - -	Sept. 11	12:30
Penitential Procession in honor of the Virgin - - - - -	Sept. 18-19	3:30 a.m.
ASESAC MASS—Priest's Ex Alumni Day (Minor Seminary) - - - - -	Sept. 18	
Vigilia de Espigas - - - - -	Sept. 18	8:00 p.m.
Fluvial Procession - - - - -	Sept. 19	3:30 p.m.
Pontifical Mass (Cathedral) - - - - -	Sept. 19	6:00 a.m.
Pontifical Mass (shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 20	6:00 a.m.
Evening Mass (Penafrancia Kiosk) - - - - -	Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.
Afternoon Evening Mass (shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 20	4:00-8:00 p.m.

AT: Metropolitan Cathedral and Penafrancia Shrine  
Naga City

## President Explains Visit To Barrios

President Macapagal told crowds who welcomed him to Masbate Sunday morning that his periodic visits to the provinces constituted a part of his effort as Chief Executive to help solve the problems 'not only of people in the cities, but more important of those in the rural areas.

Defending his trip to the provinces with critics had assailed as "pure electioneering and a virtual abandonment of his important duties in Manila," the President told his welcomers: "I visit the provinces because I want to help solve the problems of all our people. This can be accomplished only by being familiar with the nature of their problems. I visit your island because I want to know your problems at first hand so that I can better attend to them."

The Chief Executive also explained that his absence from Manila does not mean that he loses touch with national affairs because, he said, where ever he goes, he remains in direct contact with Malacanang through modern communication facilities.

The President arrived here this morning on board RPS 21 on the second leg of an eight-day tour of the Bicol region, Visayas and Mindanao.

## Pelaez Proposes Charity Foundation

Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez this week urged the creation of a foundation to plan and implement long-range charity projects to be capitalized by - - - - - (text obscured)

The Vice President also called for a revamp of Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office practices to curb political interference in the

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## \$60 M Needed To Modernize RP Railways

President Macapagal Monday heard officials of the Japan Engineering Consultants (JECKK) report on studies they had conducted on the modernization of the Philippine National Railways, formerly the Manila Railroad Company.

The visitors, who belong to one of the most reputable technical consultant firms in the world, were

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## Peñafrancia Message

At this time of the year throughout the length and breadth of the country Bicolanos everywhere lift their thought and spirits in prayer to the Patroness of Bicolandia, the Blessed Virgin of Penafrancia. We pause from our labors to pay honor and offer thanksgiving to Nuestra Sra. de Penafrancia for her many intercessions, and because of which God has showered numerous graces and favors upon us. In this skeptical age it can still be truly said that more things are wrought by prayers than the world ever dreamed of.

On my first year of administration of the City of Naga, and of her more than one hundred thousand people, I am particularly pleased and honored to extend the glad welcome of our people to all devotees of the Virgin.

I ask one and all to join in common prayer our grateful thanks to our miraculous Patroness who through all the years past, not to mention the war years, kept the Bicol region, her home, sheltered under the mantle of her sacred protection against calamities.

It is fitting, therefore, that we pay homage to our benefactress, and paying homage to the Blessed Virgin is best shown by good works and humility met by arrogance and empty words. Many altars, his fervent prayers when he goes down on his knees before God, recognizing His Supreme authority and His utter dependence upon Him.

I greet our visitors and devotees of the Blessed Virgin of Penafrancia and Divine Rostro with a warm welcome and may they find their short sojourn in our fair city a fruitful and happy one.

(SIGNED) RAMON H. FELIPE, JR.  
City Mayor



### Local Forestry Head Elected Foresters' League President

Roman K. Santos, District Forester for Camarines Sur and Naga City was elected President of the District Foresters' League of the Philippines during the Foresters' Conference held in Manila on September 2 to 3, 1964.

Santos' invaluable services along the lines of conservation and rural improvements were believed the essential factors which carried his election to the position. At present, Santos holds the following positions: President of the BICOL Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Employees' Association (DANREA); President, Conservation Society of Camarines Sur and the Regional Coordinator of the PONA.

Other officers of the District Forester's League elected were: Tarlac District Forester Teofilo Santos, Vice-President for Luzon; District Forester Gerardo Tamayo, Vice-President for Visayas; District Forester Mario San Luis, Vice-President for Mindanao; District Forester Santos Duenas, Secretary; District Forester Emilio Soriano, Treasurer; District Forester Ambrosio Juicio, Auditor; District Forester Tranquilino Orden, PRO and District Forester Santiago Morao; Sgt. at-Arms,

### Mrs. V. F. Perez Elected President of C.S. GSP

Mrs. Virginia Perez, an active civic and religious leader of this city and province, was elected president of the Camarines Sur Council of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines in the election held last August 29, during the 5th provincial convention of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Camarines Sur Council, held at the Bible Hall, Cam. Sur National School of Arts and Trade in this city.

The other officers elected were Mrs. Lucy B. Veluz, 1st vice president; Mrs. Leonor R. Dy-Liaco, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Constanca D. Hidalgo, secretary; Mrs. Agnes A. Jaucian, assistant secretary; Mrs. Fabiana F. Borjal, treasurer, Dr. Rosalia D. Narciso, auditor; Mrs. Natividad P. Flores and Atty. Felix O. Alfelor, PROS; Members of the board of directors are Mrs. Alejandra O. Papias, Mrs. Damasana M. Ravanera, Miss Cristina Dy-Reyes, Mrs. Maria Acacia Escalante, Mrs. Remedios Li. Alfelor and Mrs. Nena M. Trivino.

City Mayor Ramon H. Felipe delivered the keynote speech at the convention. In his speech Felipe stressed the fact that so far, the C.S. Girl Scout Provincial Council, has the biggest campsite in the whole Philippine which is located at sitio Panicason, Carolina, in Naga City.

The convention was attended by the C.S. school division and district school supervisors principals, heads of private schools, officers and members of the municipal associations, girl scouts leaders, troop committees and the GSP, C. Sur Council officers.

### PNB Employees

management seven demands and these demands have been taken on several table conferences between the Union and Management but up to the present time, the Management have not done anything to implement these demands. They are not asking any increase of wages but plain justice for the employees. Fiderexon, averred.

Among the demands presented and which the Union wants to be implemented are the proper evaluation of salaries, proper implementation of promotions, removal of casual employees and removal of political interference in matters of appointing employees to key positions. These demands, if not carried out will very much work against the regular employees and the Bank as well.

As an example to the proper implementation of promotion, Mr. Fiderexon cited the specific case of Atty. Mariano Trinidad who

### \$60 M Needed.

headed by JECKK president Tokio Nagayama. They were accompanied to Malacanan by Economic Coordinator Eleuterio Adevos.

The Japanese experts informed the President that preliminary studies on the railway line showed that some 300 million to \$60 million are needed to achieve modernization of the system.

The fields of studies conducted included technical services, rolling stock and modern equipment for a two way railroad tracks.

They also said no treasury funds would be involved in the improvement of the railroad firm because the credits to be negotiated by the PNR would be repaid from the increased income of the corporation resulting from the modernization and expansion of its services and facilities.

The JECKK is currently preparing a bankable project study for the PNR to support its bid for a total of \$60 million worth of credits from various overseas financing institutions.

The availability of Japanese support of the long-term socio-economic development program in general was promised to President Macapagal by Premier Haya to Ikesa during the latter's visit to the Philippines.

### Pelaez.

release and use of PCSO funds.

Pelaez pointed out that, at present, sweepstakes funds are released on the date system. "This short range method," he said, "enabled politicians to claim credit for small piecemeal projects, such as a pisciculture center, without accepting responsibility for its maintenance."

The Vice President deplored the staggering waste of funds in health center and other similar projects that had fallen into disuse due to lack of equipment and maintenance funds.

To remedy this situation, Pelaez proposed that a permanent foundation be set up.

was appointed as law clerk in 1952 and have been acting as the Branch Lawyer of PNB at Legazpi for the last six years. Yet, when the P.N.B. appointed a permanent lawyer to the Legaspi Branch Trinidad was bypassed and the position was given to a new lawyer who is only one year with the P.N.B. just because he got connections.

Mr. Fiderexon, as spokesman of the local Union of the National Bank said that the National Bank have been notified of the intention of the Union to go on strike for a long time now but somehow the management have not done anything to avoid the strike. He appealed to the public to please bear with them for sometime since they are only seeking justice and no more. He said further that eventually what they are asking will benefit the public, the Bank and the employees as well.

Meanwhile, other Banks operating in the City of Naga increased their volume of business as a result of the disruption of transactions at the Naga Branch of the P.N.B. Dumaguin

I take pleasure in greeting all the people of the City of Naga and their guests as they celebrate the traditional festivities in honor of Our Lady of Penafrancia.

Once again, devotees from the various parts of the Bicol Region and elsewhere will converge to this beautiful City with a common objective, the desire to share with the Naguenes their wonderful tradition which is well-known throughout the Philippines. The people of Naga City have every reason to be proud of their own city, not only of its memorable past but also of the fact that the training centers for our youth in the religious, cultural and academic fields are all conveniently established hereabouts. On this occasion, I also convey my felicitations to our civic, religious, cultural and political leaders for their selfless and collective efforts not only in making their traditional festivities a usual success, but also in shaping this beautiful city of what she is today.

May I therefore convey my heartfelt congratulations and prayer for your continued success and happiness the years through.

(Sgd.) FILEMON M. ODIAMAR  
Prov: Vice-Governor of Cam. Sur



F. M. ODIAMAR

### Administration saves Fulan Port Registers Rp abaca industry Big Copra Shipments

President Macapagal Monday afternoon conferred with Finance Secretary Rufino G. Hechanova who reported on the successful negotiation of a reciprocal tax treaty with the United States.

At the same time, Secretary Hechanova also reported that he was able to secure in written commitment from the United States assuring the disposal of 47 million pounds of US stockpile of abaca on long-range basis so as not to dislocate prices in the world market and in recognition of the interests of countries producing abaca.

During the US trip the Finance Secretary said he was able to work for the release from the Department of Agriculture of the remaining 25,000 tons of rice to be bought by the Philippine government under public Law 480.

He also said he was able to secure the renewal of loans from the modernization of Manila International Airport.

While in the United States Hechanova said, he also conferred with US embroidery officials and secured an agreement for increased US purchase of textiles from the Philippines.

To implement this agreement a pool of three US embroidery officials will come to Manila for talks with local manufacturers, to be presided over by the finance secretary.

2. Conferred with US aviation officials of the Pan American Airlines and Northwest Airlines in connection with the application of the Philippine Air Lines for a new route in the United States.

The finance secretary also conveyed to President Macapagal the apprehension of US business firms over the repercussions resulting from the retail trade nationalization law.

Secretary Hechanova said the law has affected decisions of US firms to invest or expand facilities in the Philippines.

SORSOGON. Sorsogon—A total of 6,550 long tons of copra were shipped aboard from the port of Bulan, this province, from January to August 17, 1964 abroad five ocean-going vessels, it was learned here today from the office of the Sorsogon Economic Development Council.

This shipment does not represent the total tonnage of copra, produced in the province nor total quantity shipped abroad as shipments were also made through the ports of Legaspi and Tabaco and an oil factory was buying heavily copra during the same period.

The vessels and tonnage of copra loaded as follows:

- SS Sta. Motic—2,000 long tons
- SS Leonidas Voyazides—1,500
- SS Sunset—1,200
- MS Heracles—850
- and SS Roula—1,000. J.D.D.

### PNB strike...

La Union, Mt. Province, Ilocos Sur, and Ilocos Norte to the north and Rizal, Laguna, Quezon, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay and Sorsogon to the south. Reports say that thousands of passengers in these lines were left stranded in different stations when the union struck. Many passengers were forced to sleep on the benches at the different stations.

It is to be regretted that the MRR strike started during the week of the famous regional Penafrancia fiesta in Naga City. Not only passengers were badly affected but also the business firms who have goods ordered from and to Manila. The MRR also is destined to suffer a loss of no less than P75,000 daily.

It is hoped that the strike would be settled without delay.

### Huge crowd...

from Colegio de Sta. Isabel Ateneo de Naga Parochial School, UNC, the delegations of CWL from all towns of C. Sur and Naga City and various private schools from outside Naga were either chanting "Ave Maria" and other religious hymns or reciting the Holy Rosary in concert. On the other hand at the tail of the procession was the milling crowd of all classes of men in simple pilgrimage clothes barefooted, many turbaned with handkerchiefs were shouting "Viva la Virgen" around the image of the Virgin of Penafrancia on her "andas" carried on the shoulders of men who were being pushed by others who wanted to have a share in carrying the miraculous image. Both sides of the road-

way were lined by ROTC and PMT to keep the procession orderly. Seminarians and priests were also going along the procession keeping the proper distances of different groups of participants. The complete religious program is published in this issue.

Welcome Penafrancia pilgrims

**NEW COSMOS RESTAURANT**

(the best eatery in town)

Padian St. Naga City