

Plaints Versus Trawl Operators

SORSOGON, Sorsogon, May 15 -- Fishermen around Sorsogon Bay and Magallanes waters urged today congressional action to put a total halt on trawl operation in this area.

The issue of trawl boats operating in Sorsogon marine waters took a new twist with the report that some of the vessels operating are manned by Japanese.

Mayor Manuel Carranza of Magallanes disclosed that some Japanese trawl boats were seen poaching in the territorial waters of that municipality.

Earlier, he told local reporters that some of the Filipino-owned trawl boats operating in these waters are heavily armed making it difficult for local law enforcement agents to undertake pursuit.

Many sustenance fishermen living in the municipalities bordering the 50 square miles Sorsogon Bay have been complaining against the operation of these trawls as they claimed that it deprived them of their main source of livelihood.

According to them, trawls do not only destroy the spawning grounds of several important commercial fishes but also catch spawners. Sorsogon Bay is the spawning grounds of such commercial species as crabs, slip-mouth, kandule and shrimps.

The problem of trawl operation in these waters has plagued previous administration to the extent that an appeal was made to Malacanang for a total ban on this form of fishing in Sorsogon Bay and Magallanes waters. However, no ban has been issued. But local fishery personnel pointed out that there is a law regulating trawl operation in waters seven fathoms (42 feet) in deep. Unless said law is amended or a new law specifically prohibiting trawl operation in local waters, the executive department cannot issue any ban, according to them.

JOSE D. DESTURA

Holy Cross Associations Formed in Misericordia

MISERICORDIA BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATIONS for adult and youth convened separately for the election of each set of officers for this year, 1968-'69, in preparation for this May's "Santacruzán".

IN A MEETING last April 19 of the Youth Group, the following were elected officers: Herminio Competente, president; Freddie M. Dumagin, vice president; Evangelina Uy, secretary; "Dong" Santelices, treasurer; Joan Rojano, auditor; Paulino Imperial and Belen Magistrado, business managers; Jessie O. Habana and Alfredo Mayores, Jr., press relations officers; Romy Reyes, Sergio Vargas, and Vicente Belmonte, were chosen as advisers; Bert Valencia and Sandy Reabad, were appointed peace officers.

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SCHEDULE of BASKETBALL GAMES

(Naga Police Summer Athletic League)

May 25,
4:30 PM-Trianhulo vs Hawks (Midgets)
5:30 PM-Ventures vs Cougars (Midgets)
6:30 PM-Triangulo vs Anchors (Juniors)
7:30 PM-Salesprom vs Ateneo de Naga (Jrs)
8:30 PM-CASTEA vs Forestry

May 26,
4:30 PM-Youngers vs Celtics (Midgets)
5:30 PM-Nacida vs Hawks (Midgets)
6:30 PM-Chin Po Tong vs Jebal's (Jrs) 2nd
7:30 PM-Yee Bros vs Jebal's (Srs) 2nd

May 27
4:30 PM-Conquerors vs Squires (Midgets)
5:30 PM-Triangulo vs El Presidents (Midgets)
6:30 PM-Triangulo vs Ateneo de Naga (Jrs) 2nd
7:30 PM-Jebals vs Salesprom (Jrs) 2nd
8:30 PM-Misericordia vs CODGA (Srs) 2nd

May 29
4:30 PM-Madniks vs Celtics (Midgets)
5:30 PM-Hawks vs Conquerors (Midgets)
6:30 PM-Anchors vs Chin Po Tong (Jrs) 2nd
7:30 PM-Misericordia vs Jebals (Srs) 2nd

June 1,
4:30 PM-Nacida vs Cougars (Midgets)
5:30 PM-El Presidente vs Venture (Midgets)
6:30 PM-Jebals vs Ateneo de Naga (Juniors)
7:30 PM-Triangulo vs Salesprom (Jrs) 2nd
8:30 PM-CODCA vs Yee Bros (Seniors) 2nd

June 2,
4:30 PM-Youngers vs Squires (Midgets)
5:30 PM-Anchors vs Triagulo (Jrs) 2nd
6:30 PM-Jebals vs CODCA (Seniors) 2nd
7:30 PM-Exhibition Games- Any Team

A Food Miracle

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES. — While the United States seeks to settle the future of the Far East on the battlefield, the Filipinos have developed a more lasting solution in the rice paddy. They have produced an agricultural revolution which may have a better chance than armies of overcoming the Communist revolution. They are sending their Asian neighbors not bullets but rice—a revolutionary new rice which promise to fill the empty bowls and bellies that are, to a large extent, responsible for the great discontent that grips these lands.

The dramatic decision to distribute the experimental rice to Filipino farmers, risking a disastrous crop failure if the developers were wrong, was made by the Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos. PARADE was invited to sample the new food at a private luncheon at Malacanang, the presidential palace. His beautiful wife, Imelda, who dazzled Americans when she came to Washington, dished out the rice as if it were caviar.

They talked with enthusiasm about the crop that they believe will change the course of Asian life and bring new affluence to people to have suffered for centuries from hunger and over-population. "We are only a small country," said President Marcos, "but we can help feed the world. If other countries plant

Meanwhile, the Adult Group convened last April 24 at the residence of Councilor Bob Ruelo, and elected the following officers: Ex-Mayor Moises A. Habana, Sr., president; Loretta Pimentel, vice president; Nena Rojano, secretary; Nellie Barrameda, treasurer; Natividad Magistrado and Timoteo Pelagio, business managers; Modesto Abainza, Jr., auditor; Sergio Vargas and Rosalde Anciano, press relations officers; Bo. Capt. Oca Callo, Councilor Bob Ruelo, and Mrs. Bonifacia Pasilaban, elected advisers.

Meantime, Atty. Leoncio L. Clemente and Miss Josephine Roco, were elected Chairman and secretary-treasurer of the MBA, respectively.

the rice as we have, the Philippines will have helped to eliminate starvation in a part of the world where millions of people known nothing else."

The development of the "miracle rice," as it is called by the farmers who have planted it, unquestionably is a major contribution to civilization. Besides the promise of sufficient food for the world's most underfed people, it offers a way to improve the whole social spectrum for the underdeveloped nations.

The new rice, known officially as IR 8, was born at the International Rice Research Institute at Los Baños in southern Luzon. The institute, staffed with an international group of scientists and agricultural experts, is financed by grants from the Rockefeller and Ford foundations. IR 8 is a hybrid rice, the result of a cross between a short, tough Chinese plant and a tall, delicate strain known for its ability to produce a heavy crop with proper fertilization.

A New Rice is Needed

Alone, neither plant has been able to meet the needs of farmers in the lands where rice is the main course at every table. The delicate variety -Peta—has a six-foot-high stem that is highly vulnerable to storms. The wind and the rain bend it in half, and drop its heavy head into the water. The small Chinese plant withstands the last of weather, but produces little rice.

The researchers at Los Baños, remembering how crosspollination gave America corn that filled the nation's grain bins to overflowing, did the same thing with the rice plants. The results have been equally spectacular. The IR 8 hybrid is short and tough like its Chinese father, but produces rice like its Peta mother.

It took the International Rice Research Institute only four years to develop this rice," President Marcos said, with a touch of wonder creeping into his voice as he remembered the centuries that have passed without any substantial improvement in the staple crop of half the (Continued on page 6)

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partial review

by Andres G. Diez



If I were the judge I would have taken the following course of action in order to render a proper decision on the now raging controversy of temporary policemen in the Province of Camarines Sur:

Policemen: Good Morning, Mr. Judge. We came to file an injunction against the new Mayor of our town for having arbitrarily dismissed us from service. We served as Chief of Police and policemen of our town from January, 1963.

Judge: Why do you say arbitrarily? Are you or is there anyone of you who possesses civil service eligibility?

Policemen: No sir. All of us served in a temporary capacity.

Judge: The ground by which you maybe justified legally to file injunction against the new Mayor of your town is to prove before me that you have official personality as such Chief of Police and policemen. Now do you have with you your appointments as such Chief of Police and policemen?

Policemen: Yes, your honor. We have here our individual appointments.

Judge: But these appointments of yours are dated January, 1963. In order to justify yourselves in your efforts to seek justice your appointments for this year are necessary because the law says that appointments for temporary employees without civil service eligibility must be renewed every six months that is, you should have new appointments dated July 1 and January 1 of each year. In the absence of these appointments government disbursing officers are inhibited by law to pay you your emoluments. Without renewed appointments your terms as such Chief of Police and policemen have ceased. Therefore my court has no jurisdiction over the case of injunction which you intend to file against the new Mayor of your town. Your last recourse is to submit your case to the Polcom which has complete jurisdiction over police organizations.

So ordered.

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Note: Thus, we appoint you, Judge of Sabah. — Editor.

Dechavez Wins Sorsogon First Marathon Race

SORSOGON, Sorsogon, May 13, — Fourteen contestants participated in the first marathon race held in Sorsogon on May 11, 1968 to usher in the 1968 Summer Athletic League.

Dulcesimo Dechavez won the nine kilometers race in 31 minutes while Benjamin Jetajobe was a close second with a time of 31.5 minutes.

The others who finished the four-lap race were Romeo Dio, Domingo Dichoso, Jaime Celestra, Edgar Ocera, Francisco Balbosa, Ernesto Jeresano, and Ferdinand Casula.

The marathon race was held

Hotel and Restaurant Management Seminar

Jose D. Destura, President of the Sorsogon Tourist and Travel Association has urged the holding here of a hotel and restaurant management and tour guiding seminar instead of at Legaz-

pi City. Destura issued this statement in the wake of Tourism Commissioner Gregorio Araneta II's suggestion that such a seminar be held in Legazpi due to its ideal location and accessibility to participants from other provinces such as Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte.

The STTA President stressed that it would inconvenience local

under the auspices of the Sorsogon Athletic Coordinating Council. Prizes awarded to the winners were as follows:
First-P20; second-P15; third-P10 and fourth-P5. The rest got consolation prizes.
Dra. Cecilia A. Ortiz, wife of the governor, distributed the prizes to the winners.—JDD

Bill For Cityhood of Iriga Hurdles Senate
By Philip I. Garay

House Bill No. 7270- an Act converting the municipality of Iriga into a city successfully passed the Senate on third reading last May 16, 1968, without amendments.

This was made possible largely by Senate Almendras who sponsored the bill in the upper chamber and also with the able support of Sen. Aytona and Sen. Ziga. The bill as passed by the upper house, except for some minor changes in phraseology, was practically the same and all major provisions remained intact.

As things now stand, the measure goes to Malacanang for presidential approval. It is the prevailing consensus that the President will most likely approve the bill in a week or two.

There is however a disturbing report unconfirmed though, that

an official of the province of Camarines Sur is hell-bent on opposing it and will allegedly resort to a last-ditch lobby at Malacanang.

The crucial query now is, will this official succeed in thwarting the aspirations of Iriga to be a metropolis, or shall this same official again receive a stinging rebuke as he found out to his dismay in congress?

To oppose a thing for a noble and justifiable cause deserves commendation and support but to consistently oppose something for obviously political and personal interest is a brazen manifestation of sheer rascality and irresponsibility.

The proper perspective then in this connection, should be magnanimity in defeat and humbleness in victory.

vacationist because of the good beaches and beautiful scenery. Eventually, this road will serve as the main northern access route to the planned Bicol West Coast Highway.

2. SAN FERNANDO - SALINGOGON ROAD (J.:

unkn. kms., gravel all-weather road with temporary structures.

A Food . . .

world. "I felt sure it would work. Still, it was a gamble when I ordered our farmers to plant it."

President Marcos' gamble has brought the farmers unexpected dividends. IR 8 ripens in four months a full month faster than standard varieties of rice - and it will grow in any season in most tropical lands, thus giving farmers a three-crop year.

To finance the fertilizer and insecticides needed to assure a heavy yield, the Philippine government has instituted an agricultural credit program which makes loans readily available to farmers. With the new rice, bankers in the countryside are assured of getting their money back.

"This has changed the Philippines from being a rice importing nation to an exporter," President Marcos said, and there are statistics to back up his words. The rice yield in the Philippines, wherever IR 8 is grown, is five times greater than it was previously. Only last year, before the crops were in, the Philippines figured it would take 35,000 tons of rice from the United States to feed the population. With the first IR 8 harvest, however, the government realized the American rice would not be needed, and it was sent on to feed the hungry in another island nation, Indonesia.

President Marcos is eager to share the Philippines' new wealth with the rest of the world. He has already sent the seed to the leaders of more than 60 other nations. At the coronation of the Shah of Iran last year, gold gifts came from all over the world. The present from the Philippines looked poor by comparison in its burlap sack, but it was far more valuable than any of the others. It was a bag of IR 8 seed.

When the monsoons destroyed the rice crop in South Vietnam's coastal plains last October, the Philippines rushed 45 tons of seed to the stricken area. This saved the farmers and the beleaguered country's economy. The results were so exciting that Vietnam is now changing over to IR 8.

President Marcos' pride is justified. "This is a more important revolutions," he said, "than those being fought with guns."

Hotel and . . .

hotel and restaurant operators to send participants to that city for one week. He reiterated his previous stand that separate seminars be held in each provincial capital so adequate participants from each province could be assured.

Destura added that in Sorsogon alone there could be enough participants to warrant the holding of such seminar in this capital. —JDD

without their consent. Agbayani said that the amendment is being introduced to protect teachers, as actually classroom teachers, can be persecuted by school officials by not allowing them to transfer. (Continued on page 7)

Beginning at San Fernando Poblacion this route would pass through Antipolo, Hubo, and terminate in Salingogon, situated on the Ragay Gulf. It traverses good rice, coconut and abaca land. Eventually, this route will also serve as an access route to the proposed Bicol West Coast Highway.

a. San Fernando Antipolo: This section would be new construction beginning at the San Fernando poblacion and joining the already existing provincial road at Antipolo.

b. Antipolo-Hubo-Salingogon: This section was constructed with heavy equipment during the previous administration but has since deteriorated and will need regrading and the construction of culverts and bridges.

3. CALABANGA - TINAMBAC SIRUMA - ROAD

This route will serve as the main trunk road providing the Tinambac-Siruma area access to the National Road through the poblacion of Calabanga. It is expected that such a route should facilitate the development of the Tinambac-Siruma area which embraces more than 15,000 hectares of land with high agricultural potential. It will also make accessible the rich deposits of Kaolin in San Vicente, Tinambac, and enhance the potential of the development of a ceramic industry in the area. As the area develops the port of Tandoc would make an ideal location of the direct overseas shipment of products such as copra and copra-oil, bananas, and new Kaolin.

a. Calabanga-Tinambac (JJ) 24.46 kms., completion of the asphaltting from Hinaguanan up to Tinambac and the replacing of temporary structures with per-

- manent ones.
- b. **Tinambac-Tamban:** (J) 17-38 kms., Gravel surfacing and temporary structures.
- c. **BANGA-TANDOC,** with access road to Siruma: (J); 21 kms. plus-gravel and temporary structures
- 4 **APAD-TINALMUD ROAD (J):** 33.2 kms.-Graveling and temporary structures.

The road was constructed with the use of heavy equipment during the last administration, but no surfacing of any kind was provided for. This road passes through lands previously accessible only by foot. Because the initial expenditures for the road will soon be lost if the road is left unimproved, it is recommended that temporary structures and a gravel surface be provided for, particularly for the Apad-San Isidro Junction Section. The Apad-Tinalmud road connects the Central Libmanan area with the Ragay highlands and terminates in barrio Tinalmud situated on the Ragay Gulf.

5. GOA-TINAMBAC:

PROPOSED: Conversion of dirt and loose gravel sections of this, to all weather-surfacing road, with specific attention to those sections from Lalud, Goa to Tierra Nevada, Tinambac, a distance of Approx. 4 kms.

The Research and Planning Division proposes, that in order to insure all-weather travel, a plan of resurfacing and general rehabilitation of all aspects of this road be undertaken. It is further proposed that a coordinated program of year-round maintenance be initiated.

An improved Goa-Tinambac road would go a long way in providing the near-isolated and economically viable northern sectors (Continued on page 7)

Philippine Gamble Pays Off Dreams that Come True



MANILA, - (UPI) — It sounds as risky as turning a trained mice act over a bunch of rats. But it worked and in the successful experiment may lie the germs of hope for a new and revitalized Philippines where law, order and faith in elemental human dignity may yet prevail.

The experiment is the Luneta Beautification Project — a dream come true for the man who originated it, Teodoro Valencia, columnist for the Manila Times, and Imelda Marcos, the President's wife who can be as determinedly tough as she is pretty.

Mrs. I. Marcos Five years ago, Luneta Park and the old walled city of Intramuros lying off the Sea and Roxas Boulevard were among the toughest areas in the world. It was literally worth your life to walk past the area after sundown. Squatters' shacks sat amidst squalor unequaled anywhere.

Today, the area has been turned into one of the most beautiful park areas in Asia. The squatters have been resettled, and there is virtually no crime. Who accomplished the job, this near miracle in this still lawless city?

Five-hundred ex-convicts. And they still are at work beautifying such areas as old Fort Santiago where Japanese tortured and murdered hundreds of Filipino, American, Chinese and other prisoners before they set fire to it and fled at the end of World War II.

Not one of the convicts have slid back into crime. And they see to it that the Manila hoodlum element does not operate in what they like to think of as "their area."

The beautification project has been carried out entirely through contributions, and it is obvious that the Filipinos take pride in the transformation. The area, once one of the dirtiest, is now litter-free. And it has touched off similar projects in other parts of the city.

Not far from the Escolta, the old financial district where law says men must wear jackets which they seldom do, an entire plaza was transformed overnight. Grass grows and fountains play in colored fountains at night.

Beautification projects may seem a small point on which to bare hope for a nation which needs so much physically and morally. But the Philippine leaders have been saying for years if a strong pride in nationhood could be aroused, the country could do (Continued on page 7)

Of Importance To Teachers

Rep. Aguedo F. Agbayani (N, Pangasinan), chairman of the House Committee on Education, said recently that the Committee has reported out for discussion on the floor of Congress, HB No. 17451 amending the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers.

The bill, co-authored by Reps. Aghayani, Salih Ututalung (L, Sulu), Andres Clemente, Jr. (N, Masbate), and Constancio Maglana (N, Davao Oriental), seeks to provide additional protection for the "small fry" in the educational system, particularly, classroom teachers.

Agbayani said that the measure actually introduces five amendments which were formulated after consultations and thorough discussions with the Philippine Public School Teachers Association (PPSTA) and the Department of Education.

Section 6 of the Magna Carta has been amended to permit a teacher to voluntarily transfer, upon his request, even within three months before any local or national election, but teachers would continue to be protected from transfer within such period as they can not be transferred

SCHEDULE of BASKETBALL GAMES

(Naga Police Summer Athletic League)

- June 3
 - 4:30 PM-Triangulo vs Cougars (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Jebals vs Anchors (Juniors) 2nd
 - 6:30 PM-241st PC Co. vs CASTEA
 - 7:30 PM-Chin po Tong vs Ateneo de Naga (Jrs)
- June 5
 - 4:30 PM-Nacida vs El Presidente (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Celtics vs Triangulo (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-City Engineer vs APC
 - 7:30 PM-Triangulo vs Jebals (Jrs) 2nd
- June 8
 - 4:30 PM-Cougars vs El Presidente (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Celtics vs Squires (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-Ventures vs Younkers (Midgets)
 - 7:30 PM-Chin Po Tong vs Triangulo (Jrs)
- June 9
 - 4:30 PM-Madniks vs Hawks (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Conquerors vs Triangulo (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-Younkers vs El Presidente (Midgets)
 - 7:30 PM-Forestry vs APC
 - 8:30 PM Chin Po Tong vs Salesprom (Jrs) 2nd
- June 10
 - 4:30 PM-Nacida vs Madniks (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Conquerors vs Celtics (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-Squires vs Hawks (Midgets)
 - 7:30 PM-CASTEA vs City Engineer
- June 15
 - 4:30 PM-Cougars vs Younkers (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Madniks vs Squires (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-Triangulo vs Nacida (Midgets)
 - 7:30 PM-Ventures vs Hawks (Midgets)
- June 16
 - 4:30 PM-Conquerors vs El Presidente (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Younkers vs Triangulo (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-Celtics vs Hawks (Midgets)
 - 7:30 PM-Ateneo de Naga vs Anchors (Jrs) 2nd
- June 17
 - 4:30 PM-Cougars vs Madniks (Midgets)
 - 5:30 PM-Nacida vs Conquerors (Midgets)
 - 6:30 PM-Ventures vs Squires (Midgets)
 - 7:30 PM-Salesprom vs Anchors (Juniors) 2nd
 - 8:30 PM-Yee Bros. vs Misericordia (Senior) 2nd