

PN Bolstered With U. S. Patrol Boat

MANILA — Transfer of four high speed patrol boats to the Philippines by the United States "will substantially increase our Navy's capability in its sea defense efforts," says Alfonso Arellano, Philippine Defense Undersecretary.

The boats, called "swiftcraft" for their high speed and maneuverability, were transferred in a ceremony here August 31. Gen. James R. Winn, chief of the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group, turned them over to Undersecretary Arellano. Delivery was made in response to a request from the Philippine Government.

Mr. Arellano said the turnover not only highlighted the close cooperation between the two countries but "more importantly, the Navy's acquisition of compact and fast patrol craft will now enable it to wage a more determined and unrelenting campaign against those who use the sea lanes for their nefarious ends."

Two other boats of similar design were delivered last March by U.S. Ambassador William McC. Blair, Jr., to President Ferdinand Marcos. The boats are outfitted with radar and radio equipment and heavy machine guns.

CSHS Old Tuition Fee Restored; Demonstrators Satisfied

CS Prov'l Board Drew the IRE of the CSHS PTA

In protest against the hiking of the tuition fee in Cam. Sur High School from P85 to P105 effective this school year, the members of the PTA, together with their children representing the entire student body of the provincial high school here, staged a dramatic public demonstration against the Cam. Sur Provincial Board last Tuesday morning. Governor Malena gave an explanation and excused the Provincial Board.

It was gathered, that the provincial Board is approving last August 10th the revised Budget and Plantilla of the Cam. Sur High School passed Resolution No. 381 which in effect also authorizes the increasing of the CSHS tuition fee by almost 25 percent. Usual sources revealed that the hiking of the tuition fee has been resorted to on account of the demand of the CSHS faculty for the up-dating of their salaries which are even very much below the standard salary of an elementary school teacher. What angered the parents of the provincial high school students is the fact that while they are already assuming the entire financial burden of the school operation without any

aid from the provincial government, they would still be made to assume additional load by the promulgation of said Resolution No. 381.

Apparently caught unaware, and a little bit embarrassed, Gov. Malena and other members of the provincial Board could not do otherwise but to accede to the demand of the demonstrators for the amendment of the controversial resolution so as to restore the school tuition fee to its original amount of P85. The provincial Board now is stuck in a predicament as to how they will achieve the adjustment of the CSHS teachers' salaries, since no additional tuition fee is going to be collected contrary to their expectations and plans.

Meanwhile, some officers of the CSHS PTA denounced the City Government for its indifference to their demonstration as manifested by the policemen who vehemently refused to redirect at least temporarily, the vehicular traffic within the route of the demonstrators. Even with the actual presentation of the Mayor's Permit to the policemen concerned, they still refused "because there was no order given them by immediate superior", it was learned. As a result, the demonstrators have been broken-up several times out of their lines, and for several minutes the traffic and the demonstrators were stalled in the streets near the frontage of the provincial capitol, and the Plaza Quezon. The only member of the provincial Board who seems amused about the CSHS PTA demonstration is Vice Governor Odiamar. Informed sources disclosed that Odiamar was not present when the provincial Board deliberated on and approved Resolution No. 381; it would have been a different story had he been present, the informant said. — F.A.

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AGM, The Prov'l. Board, And The CSHS PTA

The CSHS PTA strongly manifested its protest against the hiking of the tuition fee in the provincial High School effective this school year as contained in the provision of Provincial Board resolution No. 381. The PTA, members together with their children staged a public demonstration last Tuesday morning.

Incidentally, that public demonstration of the CSHS PTA revealed some interesting facts quite unexpectedly. Firstly, it shows that the CSHS PTA is composed of and managed by parents who are not afraid to stand up and speak for their rights; secondly, it revealed the attitude of the City Government towards public demonstrations such as that one, as manifested by the indifference of the traffic cops manning the traffic within the route of the demonstrators (notwithstanding the Permit granted by the Mayor); thirdly, it shows some sort of demagogism on the part of some of our provincial leaders.

Inasmuch as the Parents of the CSHS students are the ones actually providing for the finances of the CSHS operation out of the present tuition fee of P85, they consider it UNFAIR, UNKIND, and IMPRUDENT on the part of the provincial Board in increasing the tuition fee to P105 without the parents' knowledge and expressed consent.

To our Witness, such act manifests INSULT added to INJURY. Why indeed? Should the provincial Board impose additional burden to the parents of the CSHS students when (the parents) are solely shouldering the budgetary responsibility in the CSHS without the aid of the provincial government.

The Governor however, in the course of his response to the CSHS PTA demand, together with the other members of the provincial Board, have made it clear that their will be no change in the amount (P85.00) of the school tuition fee. Nevertheless, the original problem, the adjustment of the CSHS teachers' salaries, is far from solved.

Altho the matter of how to attain the adjustment of the CSHS teachers' salaries is not his own problem, our witness suggests that the would-be solution should start from the re-examination of the school as well as that of the provincial budget. Our witness believes that the reversion of some "not so important" items in the current budget from its original proposal, to the adjustment of the teachers salaries, will not necessarily hamper the normal operation of the Cam. Sur High School nor the provincial government.

The last resort however, after all avenues have been explored to attain that end, is to turn-over the administration of the Cam. Sur High School to the PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

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BPS Not Complying With Rep. Act 4670 Charges Senator Padilla

Senate Minority Floor Leader Ambrosio Padilla charged the Bureau of Public Schools in not complying with Rep Act No. 4670, otherwise known as the "Magna Charta for Public School Teachers."

One of the bills passed by Congress during the last session and approved by President Marcos on June 18, 1966 is Rep Act No. 4670. This Act shall be known as the "Magna Charta for Public School Teachers" (Sec. 2), and pursuant to the "Declaration of Policy" (Sec. 1), it provides for "Tenure of Office", "Stability on employment and security of tenure shall be assured the teachers as provided under existing laws" (Sec. 5).

The particular provision of said Rep; Act No. 4670 that is being flagrantly violated by the Bureau of Public Schools thru its superintendents academic supervisors, district supervisors and principals in-charge in many provinces are the illegal transfers of teachers mainly due to political pressures and considerations. Obviously; those transfer run counter to Section 6 of said Rep. Act No. 4670, which provides—

"Sec. 6. Consent for Transfer - Transportation Expenses—Except for cause and as herein otherwise provided, no teacher shall be transferred without his consent from one station to another."

Some transfers also violate Section 11 of said Rep Act No. 4670, more particularly on married teachers. Thus, Sec. 11 provides—

"Sec. 11. Married Teachers —Whenever possible, the proper authorities shall take all steps to enable married couples both of whom are public school teachers, to be employed in the same locality."

The same excuse of the Bureau of Public Schools is that Rep. Act No. 4670 is not yet in force, supposedly because Sec. 30 thereof provides for "rules and regulations" to be promulgated by the Secretary of Education shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

It is elementary that rules and regulations cannot contravene the provisions of the statute for they are precisely intended to implement said provisions merely as to minor details.

Republic Act No. 4670 was enacted into law on June 18, 1966. The Executive Department is duty bound to comply with the provisions of said law, otherwise they may incur the penal provision in Sec. 32 thereof which reads:

"Sec 32 Penal Provision. —A person who shall wilfully interfere with, restrain or coerce any teacher in the exercise of his rights guaranteed by this Act or who shall in any other manner commit any act to defeat any of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished xxx."

I have received many complaints from teachers in many provinces, particularly Leyte

and Samar, protesting against unauthorized transfer motivated by political considerations which, under Sec. 6 of Rep. Act No. 4670, are illegal, because a teacher cannot be transferred without his consent from one station to another, except for cause as provided for in said Act.

I urge this administration, which professes adherence to the rule of law, to set the example of complying with Rep. Act No. 4670, specially the officials of the Bureau of Public Schools and of the Department of Education.

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