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In Calcutta and Benares hundreds sit and lie on dirty sidewalks waiting for man's kindness and charity as their last hope of survival. In New Delhi, thousands and thousands are dying from intestinal diseases due to undernourishment.

The universal clamor of the people is American help. American help is their last and only hope in outliving the present terrifying crisis. American help in food, doctors and medicines.

And the American people, the misunderstood, the most malign, traduced and sneered of all peoples even to some blind and fanatical Filipino nationalists is now sending to India hundreds of ships fully loaded with food, in millions of tons, medicines and other human necessities.

Just think of that!

And yet, here is a people, the Indian people, who, before this catastrophe firmly stood on its belief that Nehru alone guides its fortune and its destiny. The spirit of Chauvenism or nationalism was erroneously infused into the minds and hearts of the Indians by the equally erratic minds of their national leaders up to the point when they all believed that they alone can manage to survive even if the rest of the world is destroyed by its own folly and stupidity. Neutrality was what the Indians wanted because the nations that bind themselves in treaties of mutual aid are proving nothing but their weakness and shortsightedness.

When the relation between the democracies and communists was at a breaking point in Germany four years ago, India's cooperation was asked of her by England and the United States. India's answer which was applauded by its constituents was a flat NEUTRALITY. Nationalistic pride eschewed involvement in quarrels that are only proper for small minds. India is too big, too powerful, too superb mentality, too resourceful to be dragged into trouble by the small minds of England and America. Nehru leads the destiny of the Indian people. Even God had no power over the national destiny of India. She is independent. She has sovereignty. She has everything she wants. She needs no help from anyone. This is exactly the stand of Senator Tanada of the Philippines, the Senator that takes pride in telling people the untruth about the Citizens Party which we all know to be non-existent.

And then what happened to India? Bang, bang, bang, not from the canons of human enemies but from the canons of hell. Agricultural products are destroyed by rodents and pests, millions of cattle died and are dying for having nowhere to graze because of the horrifying drought, drinking water in many places dried up hastening the destruction of millions of human lives and presto! their pride of nationalism crashes before this appalling catastrophe and disaster happening now all over India.

In the midst of their sufferings they remember America. The no good America, the ugly America, Oh! my God, how much have you been lampooned, ridiculed, traduced and reviled instead of being appreciated for the countless humanitarian services and sacrifices you have rendered for the survival of all mankind. Where is your pride of nationalism now, people of India? What happened to your proud nationalistic leaders? Where are they? Why can't they save you from the horrors of your national disaster? May all what is happening to you now serve as a warning to the provocative, ungrateful and short minded nationalists of the Philippines.

Air Transportation and Bicol Tourism

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Air transportation is playing a major role in the development of tourism in the Bicol region.

While it is true that Legaspi City in Albay province serves as the "gateway" to the various tourist spots in Bicolandia, it is accessible from Manila by land, air and sea. It is transportation, however, that provides the fastest and most reliable means of transporting passengers to Legaspi City and other points in the Bicol area that are provided with airports.

In Bicolandia, composed of the provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur, Sorsogon, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes and Masbate - Legaspi City, the provincial capital of Albay, is gifted with the best airport in the region. Aside from having the longest asphalted airway, the Civil Aeronautics Administration maintains first class "home town" that guides incoming and outgoing domestic commercial airlines safely during inclement weather. The weather bureau has the necessary facilities vitally needed by commercial aviation right at the airport compound.

On the other hand, the Philippine Air Lines, the pioneer air firm that has been serving the air-conscious riding Bicolans since pre-war years, never fail to increase their frequency of flights depending on the needs of the occasion.

During this summer season, where there is a heavy traffic of passengers brought about by the influx of tourists coming to the Bicol region and students going home to their respective provinces, the Philippine Air Line always make it possible to meet the demands of the plane riding public.

The Philippine National Railways used to bear the brunt of the passengers in traveling from Manila and every point in Bicol. But tourists could not always depend on the reliability of this government transport system. Those who have taken the railroad are unanimous in their testimony that its services far from being satisfactory. Train travel, according to Cebu Congressman T.reso Luman, who came to Legaspi last year, declared that it is "horrible". In the past, there had been several derailments which caused death to passengers. Sanitation, especially in the night or "de luxe" non-air conditioned coaches is abhorrent.

There is overcrowding and arrival of trains are most of the time behind schedule. Despite the move of President Marcos and his administration to upgrade the PNR services in the south, lines which is the only money making section of the government railroad, it is believed that it will take considerable time yet to have it improved that will meet the requirements of both foreign and domestic tourists.

With the development work now going on at the Queson and Camarines Norte boundary of the Manila south coast, it is anticipated that more visitors, especially those from overseas, will be coming to Bicol by buses and private cars. Visitors will have the opportunity of tak-

Spotlight

By JACK A. CABIGAO

ROOM 5018 NORTH GEN. HOSPITAL, MANILA—In this lonely room we are quietly meditating. Now we realize the power of prayers. Of the faith and confidence for our Lord which we have acquired in the just concluded Cursillo No. 26 held at Albay cathedral's St. Gregory the Great. Thanks to this Cursillo, we have renewed our faith in mankind. In the belief that Our Lord would not forsake His children who believe in him.

Due to the unlimited prayers offered by our fellow Cursillistas, old and new, the delicate major surgical operation performed by the local surgeon on our wife was a COMPLETE SUCCESS. This, we attribute also, to the request of Bro. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jose T. Sanchez, parish priest of St. Gregory the Great Cathedral, Bro. Rev. Jovenlino Romano and Bro. Fiscal Quiling Bonto, spiritual director and rector, respectively, of Cursillo No. 26, to all the Cursillistas and the members of their family, to say their prayers for the successful operation of our little woman.

When we talked with Dr. Noe Espinola after the operation, he told us that "it seemed as if somebody was guiding me in my task." The delicate operation lasted for only one hour and 38 minutes. He was "quite amazed" at the rapid whole performance!

Naturally, this brought us to mind the subject of Dr. Clodualdo Leocadio, division superintendent of schools of Albay, who delivered the Rollo on Piety, when he said that there are car drivers who consider Our Lord as their co drivers of air-plane pilots who goes up in the air with God as their co-pilots and doctors who thinks of Jesus guiding their hands in the delicate performance of tasks. Dr. Leocadio's words still ring in my ears: "We are nothing. We cannot be a success in everything we do without HIS divine guidance." Really, more wonders are wrought by prayers than we can ever think of!

A number of our friends have been asking us what a Cursillo is. What could be derived in living a life of retreat for three days and four nights. To know what a Cursillo is, in the words of Bro. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Sanchez, would require a lot of explaining. It would take us no less than 10 issues in this column to explain the whole thing. The best thing for the inquisitive to do is to attend a Cursillo. There are a "lot of things" that awaits him which we cannot put down in writing. A "lot of surprises" are in store for the prospective Cursillista. And these we do not want to deprive him, naturally.

ing a good look at the scenic Bicol countryside.

While Legaspi and other Bicol towns are reached by inter-island vessels coming from Manila and other Visayan and Mindanao ports, it is considered that sea travel would not meet the demands of vacationists who have limited time to their hands. Air transportation, as presently provided by the Philippine Air Lines, is considered as the best under present circumstances.

Bicolandia is gifted by nature with a variety of natural, cultural and historical attractions that will be of interest to the tourists, especially those coming from overseas.

Albay boasts of its majestic Mt. Mayon Volcano, the mountain with the world's most perfect cone; its spas and hot spring and beaches like Danao Lake in Pulangui, Tiwi hot springs resort, Naglabong boiling lake, Kalayukan beach resort and Puro white beach near Legaspi. Foremost for its historical and unique value are the century-old Nueva Caceres cathedral; the Caratua Summer Resort; Nordia Mt. Mayon Volcano in 1814 and the Daraga church which sits on top of a hill which the Cagawa survivors constructed to prevent their place of

worship from being buried again once Mayon sends forth its fury of molten rocks and lava. Also in Daraga is Kintanang skyview drive from Manila and other Visayan and Mindanao ports, it is considered that sea travel would not meet the demands of vacationists who have limited time to their hands. Air transportation, as presently provided by the Philippine Air Lines, is considered as the best under present circumstances.

In Sorsogon, the top tourist attraction is Butusaw Lake, considered as the country's version of Switzerland. Other places that delights the visitors and vacationists are Patih swimming pool resort, Rizal white beach, Masacret medicinal springs, picturesque Irosin church built on the slope of a hill, Sorsogon dairy farm and others.

Buhi Lake in Camarines Sur is the favorite of tourists for its legendary "Reca Encantada"; Buenavista View Point; its numerous waterfalls and for its lake inhabited by "tabios" known as the smallest fish in the world, in Naga City, places to see this summer are the Peñafrancia shrine, the sprawling University of Nueva Caceres campus, Quince Martires monument and the more than a century-old Nueva Caceres cathedral; the Caratua Summer Resort; Nordia Mt. Mayon Volcano in 1814 and the Daraga church which sits on top of a hill which the Cagawa survivors constructed to prevent their place of

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