

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.

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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.

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.

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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

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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 Balbalosa, 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.

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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