

Spotlight

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Politician, the Queerest of all Animal

In the City of Naga, in spite of the fact that some Liberals wanted to lose in this coming elections, the Nacionalistas in general doesn't want to win. And the queerest yet, among the families deeply involved in the city politics is one who expects to reap faith and confidence out of the seeds of intrigue and jealousy that it now sows.

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Of course there is no truth to the rumor that the candidacy of a former Liberal in the city of Naga is being financed out of the NP campaign fund, for obvious reasons.

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As an organization, the "Citizen for Good Government Committee" would sound more convincing if it were headed by an executive who doesn't run a complaint ridden telephone company. Certainly, the good government Naguinos want - is not the "good government" run the Natelec way.

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As of this writing (Friday), only Armando Cledera of the NP and Apo onto Maleniza of the LP, are known to be on the run for the much coveted governorship of the province of Camarines Sur. Ramon Hernandez has his papers (certificate of candidacy) ready for filing as soon as he receives advise from Malacanang. Rep. Felix Fuentebila and Emilo Tib'e Jr., are likewise ready to dispute the aspiration of Cledera and Maleniza by way of filing their own candidacies for the same position.

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Rep. Sebastian Caruso Moll, Jr. however, is the fellow who holds the 'Ace' in the current game of 'wits' and 'guts'. While the NPs hopes that he runs, AGM plays that he (Moll) shouldn't. For one thing, Moll possesses the right characteristic of a leader the LP is longing for in this province. The next 'move' therefore - is Moll's,

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A lady engineer virtually called Gov. Maleniza a liar, in the course of her explanation to the official demand for clarification by Vice Gov. Odiamar regarding a supposed statement of Gov. Maleniza that appeared in a local paper (not the Bicol Star), to the effect that Odiamar spent his 70,000 pesos PW allotment in only one project, and that the expenditure of the same having been made "miraculously"

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For, how indeed! could Odiamar possibly mis-spent any public works fund or allotment when it is the Governor who approves the vouchers and payrolls; including the requisition for supplies and materials, needless to mention the fact of course that Odiamar was all the while confined in a Quezon City hospital during the time when the subject PW project was prosecuted by the provincial engineers under Mr. Maleniza's administration and supervision.

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Pagsakay kan . . .

na ibang imagen can Virgen sa kiosko na minimisahan diyan sagkod sa sonod na aldao na Domingo. Ginigibo ini huli can sadit an simbahan asin dati nang tradicion poon caidto can an simbahan diyan sadit na ermita, gogon pa an atop, caya mina togdoc can inaapod "engramada".

₱2 - M allocated for Sorsogon PWs

SORSOGON, Sorsogon. Senator Sergio Osmeña has allocated ₱5-million for Sorsogon under the 1967-68 public works appropriation, it was disclosed today by Gov. Juan G. Frivaldo.

Funds allocated were for the following projects:

San Roque-Talaonga road ₱130,000, Matnog-Calus-

loans are available to owners of privately-owned idle agricultural lands suitable for coconut but handicapped by lack of capital for the development of such lands. The loanable amount is ₱1,500.00 per hectare secured by a first mortgage on the project site and release of loan funds shall be in partial amounts spread over a 6-year period. Repayment shall be within a period of 15 years starting on the 8th year for interest accruing from the first to the tenth year while payment on the principal together with the interest thereof shall commence on the 11th year up to the 15th year. The second plan is for owner of private owned titled or untitled lands presently planted to coconut who are in need of financial assistance to maintain and develop their coconut plantation. The amount of loan grantable shall depend on the actual needs of the project, paying capacity of the borrowers and loanable value of the collateral which shall consist of a first mortgage on titled or untitled real estate and in suitable improvements thereon and chattel mortgage on machinery.

Loans secured by real estate or brand new machinery shall be payable in 10 years while loans secured by secondhand and or light machinery shall be payable in 5 years.

Both plans charge 9% interest per annum for loans up to ₱100,000 and 10% interest per annum for loans exceeding ₱100,000.

For particulars, feel free to call at the DBP offices in Naga City and in Daet, Camarines Norte.

Fluvial Procession . . .

Since last Thursday, up to this day, all buses, trains, motor boats, bancas and other means of transportation enter Naga filled up to full capacity with Penafrañcia devotees and pilgrims. Beside the pilgrims, businessmen of various kinds of trades ply to Naga from different regions with their wares for sale to the mammoth crowd of people that concentrate in the city. The side-roads are now filled up with small temporary stores where goods are displayed.

It is estimated that more than half million people converge in this city during the last two days of the grand fiesta. Police and sanitary measures are provided for the occasion, for the peace and order and health safety of the people. City and provincial officials fully cooperate and coordinate for the success of this regional festival, the biggest and unique in the whole Philippines;

Butog road-₱445,000; Sta. Magdalena-Talaonga road- ₱50,000; asphaltting of Sta. Magdalena - Pawa road- ₱90,000; Sawaga-Manlabang road- ₱100,000; Bacon-Oaiño - Manito road - ₱150,000; Consol - Banuang Gurang-Jovellar road - ₱85,000 and Burabod - Malbog - Panpaug-Pineda road - ₱200,000.

The governor said this is so far the biggest allotment given at one time by a senator to this province.

Happy days are here again. So a number of political leaders told us. Would that mean more money to line up their pockets?

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The choice of Gov. Peping S. Estevez of Albay by no less than Pres. Marcos, to run for re-election under the NP banner, a number of friends told us, augurs unprecedented progress for Albay. It would mean unlimited public works improvement and rural development. In his speech during a huge proclamation rally at Legazpi Port the President told Gov. Estevez to prepare and submit to him projects amounting no less than ₱300,000. That would also mean reduction of unemployment in the province.

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Some friends asked us: Why had Gov. Estevez been changing parties? to clarify matters and set the record straight, we brought this question to the youthful and affable Albay provincial executive. He said: The windfall that the province will receive from Malacanang will eventually mean progress for Albay. I believe that one has to disregard sometimes one's party loyalty if it would mean more benefits for the people."

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Political observers are of the opinion that the Albay NP provincial slate is a team hard to beat. Powered by Gov. Estevez, he counts with the assistance of Board Member Jess Salalima and his running mate for the governorship. Known as "Mr. Nacionalista", Salalima is popular with the masses.

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Pres. Marcos must be a master political strategist. During his recent visit here, he was able to iron out NP squabbles to the satisfaction of everybody. For the first district, he was able to convince Board Member Poloy Bocabos, another NP loyalist, to forget his gubernatorial aspiration and run as a good follower for the unity of the party."

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Another partyman, Maning Aytona, brother of our favorite Senator, Bading Aytona, buried his vice gubernatorial plan and accepted a draft as member of the provincial board this coming November elections. He represents the second district. For the third district, young Obet Reverente of Oas was equally happy with his candidacy for board membership.

Messages

My District, the "Lone District of Masbate", an island province and one of the components of the Bicol provinces. Though we are such distance we always consider ourselves Bicolanos.

May I therefore, join the people of Bicolandia during this REGIONAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL in honor of the Virgin of Penafrañcia that always continually bless us with peace, brotherhood and understanding.

I am honored in extending my warmest greetings and sincere felicitations to everyone.

Manila, September 8 1967.

(Sgd.) Rep. ANDRES CLEMENTE, JR.
Lone District, Masbate

It gives me immense pleasure to greet the people of the Bicol Region on the occasion of the feast day of their Patron Saint, Our Lady of Penafrañcia.

Many are the blessings, both spiritual and material, which we have received due to the intercession of our Lady. Our region is truly one of the most religious areas in our land. We have contributed many of our sons and daughters to the various Catholic religious orders as well as to the secular clergy. Some of our sons have risen to high echelons in the hierarchy. These are indeed blessings for which we should be grateful and of which we can be justly proud.

The Bicol Peninsula is a rich agricultural region. We are almost self-sufficient in everything. This is proven by the fact that although many areas in the country suffered starvation and want during the last war, the Bicol people were relatively prosperous during those dark days of our history.

For all these manifold blessings, we should raise our thoughts and our hearts in fervent prayer of gratitude to our Patron Saint. On this day, it is meet that we should ponder on her life, virtues and labors so that, imitating them, we may achieve the dream of our lives by winning eternal life.

(Sgd.) HON. SALVADOR R. ENCINAS
Congressman, 1st District, Sorsogon