

National Volunteer Office Ready to Serve

The Philippine National Volunteer Service Committee (PNVSC), whose headquarters are located at PACD Central Office in corner Prudencio-Espana sts., Manila is ready to serve private and governmental groups doing or about to engage in volunteer work in this country.

This was recently announced by Sec. Ernesto M. Maceda, concurrently PNVSC Chairman.

"The Committee will offer technical assistance to volunteer organizations especially in the aspects of planning, programming, training and, if possible, in actual fielding of their volunteers," says Secretary Maceda. "This will also serve as clearing house and coordinative body for all volunteer efforts in the country to avoid duplications and proliferation of volunteer services in prosecuting such noble endeavors as assisting the underdeveloped communities in the rural as well as urban regions."

A technical group was newly organized to act as planning and working staff. They are composed of representatives from the Departments of National Defense, Education, Labor, and PACD, SWA and School Volunteer Program, according to Elizabeth Barbero, executive secretary.

The PNVSC also set up the Asian Secretariat for volunteer service, a tie-up program with the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service (ISVS) with headquarters in Washington, D.C. It coincided with the recent visit in Manila of Dr. Michael von Schenck, Secretary General of ISVS. The PNVSC was creat-

ed in 1961 by virtue of Exec. Order No. 134 of the then resident Macapagal. This was later revitalized and strengthened by Exec. Order No. 105 of President Marcos, dated Dec. 11, 1967. This specifically transferred its chairmanship from the Department of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary of PACD, and included in the committee private volunteer groups.

Presently, the PNVSC is composed of representatives from the Departments of Labor, Foreign Affairs, Health, Education, Agriculture and Na-

Proposed Land Reform Amendment

The National Land Reform Council recommended to Malacanang proposed amendments to the agricultural land reform code for incorporation into the bills to be introduced during this regular Congressional session.

The proposed amendments are: changes designed to accelerate shift to leasehold under terms more favorable to both tenants and landowners, deferment of dispossession on the ground of personal cultivation, Land Bank guarantee on individual farm purchase, alteration of interest rates charged by the Agricultural Credit Administration, increase of loan assistance, and the charge of procedures pertaining to court of agrarian relations.

NLRC Chairman Conrado S. Estrella said, these amendments would certainly overcome these deficiencies, allay apprehensions of some quarters and give vigor to the policy of President Marcos to spread the benefits of land reform throughout the country.

The NLRC proposed amendments were prepared by a legal staff named by Estrella from all the Member Agencies of the Council. Agrarian Council Fernando A. Santiago, Solicitor Raul I. Goco and Judge Gaudencio Besa of the Land Authority made major contributions in the drafting of the amendatory bills.

tural Resources, Public Works and Communications, National Defense, PACD, SWA, and the National Economic Council.

Also includes the PRRM, Operation Brotherhood International, MARIA, Work-A-year program, School Volunteer program, and any other organizations that may be invited by the committee into its fold in the future.

Fund Lack Snags Milk Project

Lack of funds has snagged a plan to tap carabaos for milk at the Sorsogon Dairy Farm. The plan was mapped out a couple of years ago as a means of tapping a potential source of milk. This would have been in addition to the bureau of animal industry's program of buying cow's milk which started here in 1965 when the pilot dairy farm was opened.

Lack of funds has prevented the implementation of collecting carabao milk from farmer-cooperators in the province. Under

the aborted program, carabao's milk was to be pasteurized separately from cow's milk.

It was learned that no fund has been released during the past two years for the dairy development program of the local pilot project. During that period, the then Gov. Juan G. Frivaldo had repeatedly sought the help of Malacanang and the BAI for the release of funds under the Dairy Development Law so the operation of the project here could be expanded.



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