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"Shadows in the Dark"
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President F. Marcos Guest of Lions Meet

Explanation of the Negative Vote of Rep. Felipe on the National Budget Fiscal Year 1970 - 1971

(APRIL 15, 1970 - 7:00 P.M.)



REP. FELIPE, JR.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER
(MR. SAN JUAN). Gentlemen
from Camarines Sur.

MR. FELIPE: Mr. Speaker,
may I explain my vote.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER

(Mr. San Juan). The gentlemen
has three minutes.

MR. FELIPE. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.

In his Bataan Day message
last April 9th, our warrior-Pres-
ident stated that our people are
clamoring for "drastic" changes
in government and in the private
sector, and he assured us that
the government is ready to make
the necessary "drastic" changes.
In his budget message to us, he
also stated, as one of the guide-
lines in the preparation of the
budget, to enact a budget with
fiscal restraint. I was very
happy, Mr. Speaker, upon learn-
ing this because I know that
people are becoming restless and
our students have grown very
vocal against the extravagance
and the graft and corruption in
our government. But I was very
much disillusioned, Mr. Speaker,
when we passed a budget on

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Workshop - Seminar on Mushroom & Vegetable Culture April 27 to May 11 at CSNAS, Pili

LEGAZPI CITY—In a con-
certed move to tap Bicol Region's
potentials in mushroom and
vegetable production, the Bicol
Development Planning Board
(BDPB), Bureau of Plant Indus-
try (BPI) and Camarines Sur
National Agricultural School
(CSNAS) will launch a two-week
seminar-workshop on this particu-
lar aspect.

This workshop-seminar on
Mushroom and Vegetable Cul-
ture will be held on April 27 to
May 11 at the CSNAS in Pili,
Camarines Sur.

Participants to the said semi-
nar will come from various
government agencies (municipal
and city levels) and private sec-
tors interested along this line.

This training program is being
initiated by the BDPB in our
effort to train competent men in
the Bicol area in the production
of mushroom spawn to supply
the need of our prospective

mushroom growers and to train
in participants as future trainers
in their respective provinces and
cities in the field of Mushroom-
Vegetable production geared to-
wards market-oriented approach.

The subject matter will cover
the economic importance, market-
ing, laboratory technique, har-
vesting, packing, preservation of
mushroom. Subject matter on
vegetable will cover: Seed pro-
duction and treatment, cultural
practices such as seed bed pre-
paration, sowing, pest and diseases
control, fertilization, multiple
cropping scheme, grading and
marketing.

Meanwhile, the BDPB has
acquired recently the services of
Mr. Dan Berdin of APC. He
will serve as BDPB Agricultural
Development Officer. Mr. Berdin
is a graduate of Araneta Univer-
sity and has undergone specialized
training on rice at the IRRI.—
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Tour guiding Seminar Sked May 19-23 here

On May 19 to 23 this year,
the City Mayor's Office of the
City of Naga and Regional Office
of the Board of Travel and
Tourist Industry (BTTI) will be
holding a Seminar on Tour
Guiding. Graduates of this semi-
nar will be licensed as tourist
guides by the BTTI.

The following are the qualifi-
cations:

- a. male or female, 18 to 25
years of age;
- b. a college graduate or at
least a second year college;
- c. pleasing personality;
- d. good command of English
and other languages.

Application forms can now be
obtained from the Research and
Statistics Office, City Hall. The
deadline for the submission of
application forms will be April
30th. The applicants will be
interviewed and screened by a
panel of top personnel from the
BTTI Manila Office on May 17
and 18 at the City Mayor's
Office. There will be a seminar
fee of P30 for each participant.

Tour guiding graduates will
have the opportunity of meeting
different people and learn a lot
of them. They will undergo a
thorough instruction on the tech-
niques of tour guiding, back-
ground on Philippine culture
and history, detailed descriptions
of tourist spots and other rele-
vant subjects.

The site of the seminar will
be the air-conditioned CPA Re-
view Room of the University of
Nueva Caceres. Other information
and details of the tour guiding
seminar can be obtained from
the Research & Statistics Office,
City Hall, City of Naga.

Rev. Fr. Romeo P. Zantua Newly ordained priest says Thanksgiving Mass

Rev. Fr. Remeo Prado Zantua
who was recently ordained as
Catholic priest celebrated his
Thanksgiving Mass last Thursday
afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the
Carmelite Chapel in barrio Con-
cepcion, City of Naga. Rev. Zan-
tua is from this city.

Dr. Amando H. Zantua and
Mrs. Carmen Prado-Zantua, the
parents of the celebrant, enter-
tained their friends and relatives
at a reception party held at the
lawn of the Carmelite Monastery
after the Mass.

PFM tops Guests of Lions 21st State Convention in Naga City on April 30 - May 3, 1970



PRES. MARCOS

The City of Naga will be the
site of the 21st Lion State Con-
vention in the Philippines from

SPOT NEWS!!! Local Soroptimists await Mrs. Batten's Arrival

Mrs. Pluma Batten, Soropti-
mists Directress of Extension
Asian-Pacific Areas is expected
to arrive here in Naga City on
Monday, April 27, as guest of the
local soroptimists club headed by
its president, Mrs. Virginia F.
Perez, the Vice-Mayor of Naga
City.

A welcome dinner party will
be given in her honor at seven
o'clock in the evening at the
Hotel Lindez Deck House Res-
taurant . . . s. martinez.

PNR Southern Terminal for Passengers: Ligao; for Freight: Naga; Temporarily

The Philippine National Rail-
ways announced yesterday that
its southern terminal for passen-
ger trains will be temporarily
transferred to Ligao, Albay and
its freight terminal to Naga
effective Monday, April 27, 1970.

General Manager Nicanor T.
Jimenez said that this move has
become necessary because of its
dwindling motive power which
has come down to only 15 heavy
locomotives.

Jimenez said that at present
there is one locomotive in Leg-
aspi which does nothing but to
push all trains coming from that
end on account of the steep
grade between the present Leg-
aspi and Camalig terminal. He

April 30 to May 3, 1970. The
meeting will be held at the
University of Nueva Caceres
Sports Palace. Delegates of the
different Lions Clubs in the
Philippines and some guests from
other countries are attending the
convention. Registration will be
next Wednesday, April 29 from
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Opening cere-
monies of the convention will be
on April 30 at 1:30 p.m. Pres. F.
E. Marcos will be the main speak-
er of the convention on May 2.
Umekichi Yasuda from Japan
will be the keynote speaker during
the opening program. Nicanor T.
Jimenez, the general manager of
the PNR will be the luncheon
speaker on April 30 at the UNC
students pavilion. Sen. D. Aytona,
president of the Bicol Bloc and
Director Juan F. Trivino of the
PNB are the other guest speak-
ers of the convention.

Hosts of the luncheons are
PNR, Filipinas Life Assurance
Co., Inc., Coco Chemicals Philip-
pines, GSIS, and Banco Filipino.
The Air Manila will host the
dinner-dance on May 1. Other
donors to the convention are PCI
Bank, Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola
firms.

35 Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Domingo M.
Guevarra are celebrating their
35th wedding anniversary next
Monday morning, April 27 with
a solemn Thanksgiving Mass to
be held at the Penafraancia Shrine.
The celebrants with their family
from Manila will entertain their
relatives and friends with break-
fast at the Cursillo House, ad-
joining the Penafraancia Shrine.

explained that with Ligao as
terminal the company could utilize
the pusher engine to pull one
train.

The PNR head said that the
move is only temporary and
Legaspi will be restored as the
southern terminal just as soon as
spare parts ordered will arrive.
But more permanent solution
would be the construction of the
diversion line from Guinobatan
to Daraga, he added.

Freight trains Nos. 535 and
536 running between Naga and
Legaspi will likewise be cancelled
effective April 27, and henceforth
no freight shipments will be
accepted for points south of Naga.
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Rep. Fuentesbella ...

much in the allocation and release of various funds for the construction of different roads and bridges and specially the pre-fabricated schoolhouses (Marcos and Army types) in this town.

He explained that Fuentesbella, and the Sipocot Mayor, the members of the municipal council, PTA and school officials of Sipocot worked hard hand in hand for the approval of the continuation of the operation of the Impig Barrio High School which started operating during the school year 1968-1969 despite the opposition of a private high school owner in this municipality.

Meanwhile, the officers of the Impig Barrio High School PTA requested Cong. Fuentesbella to allocate P15,000 for the construction of additional buildings, seats and equipment and another P10,000 for the improvement of the school grounds of the barrio high school. The other PTA officers are Prudencio Palivino, vice president; Vicenta Flores, secretary and the board of directors.

Explanation of the . . .

second reading which is very far from being a budget of fiscal restraint.

In the first place, the budget that was presented to us by the President was in the total amount of P3.8 billion, which is P500 million bigger than the budget for the present fiscal year 1970. It is true that we trimmed this proposed budget of the President to P3.5 billion, which is still P200 million bigger than the budget for this fiscal year 1970. And this P3.5 billion that we are approving tonight, Mr. Speaker, is only for the programmed items. We do not know how much the unprogrammed items will total. According to the estimate in the budget message, it will be about P17 billion.

I will cite a specific instance, Mr. Speaker, to illustrate my point that our budget is not a budget fiscal restraint. The appropriation for the Public Information Office, which is popularly known as the "Malacañang Press Office" or the Malacañang propaganda machine is P9,429,530. In this recent fiscal year 1970, under RA 6050, the budget for the same Office is only P5,761,842. In other words, we have increased the budget of the Public Information Office by more than P3.6 million. It will be recalled, Mr. Speaker, that in fiscal year 1965-1966, the last year of Macapagal administration, the budget of the Public Information Office was only P692,000. Today, from a half-million-peso office, the Public Information Office has grown to a nine-million-peso giant!

And if we examine the plantilla of the Public Information Office we will find that there are more than 400 positions provided for in this office. There are moviedirectors, photographers, TV operators, etc. . . more than 400 positions! We are indeed surprised, Mr. Speaker, why we have to enlarge the propaganda machine of Malacañang, considering that our President has assured our students verbally that he is not running for a third term. What will be the purpose of enlarging the propaganda machine if it is true that our President is not running for a third term?

PNR Southern

Jimenez assured PNR patrons that a more effective and lasting solution is presently being undertaken as plans for a complete rehabilitation and selective modernization of PNR facilities have already been approved by President Ferdinand E. Marcos. He, however emphasized that unless the PNR is given a more substantial financial assistance soon it will surely stop operations.

It is high time, he said, that the railroad be given a bigger share in this year's reparations allocation for after all the company was almost totally destroyed during the war and up to now has not really been rehabilitated from the destruction it suffered.

As I See It

judicious reporting. It would be a pity if disgruntled elements were allowed to assassinate the character of a dedicated public servant.

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The picketing of the local G. S. I. S. building by school teachers and other government employees who are members of the system was avoided because President Marcos gave way partly to the demands of the employees.

(To be continued)

In comparison with the appropriation of the Public Information Office, Mr. Speaker, let us look into the appropriations of the different hospitals which are almost heroically serving our people in spite of their inadequate budgets. The Philippine General Hospital, Mr. Speaker, has an appropriation of only P9,951,316, which is about the same as the budget for the Public Information Office. Does this mean that the Public Information Office, the Malacañang propaganda machine, is an important as the Philippine Gen. Hospital?

The North General Hospital, now known as the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Hospital, which is one of the most congested hospitals in the city, has a budget of only P4,458,525, or less than half of the budget of the Malacañang Press Office.

San Lazaro Hospital, which is a landmark in Philippine history, has a budget of only P5,190,660, or again, about one-half of the budget of the Public Information Office of Malacañang.

The National Orthopedic Hospital, a very important hospital, which is still unfinished up to the present because it has not been given sufficient funding, has a budget of only P4,955,380.

Mr. Speaker, I regret that this budget which we are enacting tonight is not a budget of fiscal restraint. It is the same budget that we have been enacting year in and year out and it has been the source of the mounting complaints of our people. It is a budget that is filled with useless appropriations and unnecessary expenditures which could be better used for such worthy projects as the Philippine General Hospital, San Lazaro Hospital, North Gen. Hospital, National Orthopedic Hospital & the National Mental Hospital, which has been criticized-as a "snake pit".

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I am constrained to vote NO!

Thank you.

THE ACTING SECRETARY, reading:

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