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Iriga Townsfolk ask Pres. Marcos To Veto Bill for Iriga City Charter

IRIGA, Cam. Sur, May 20. — The passage in both Houses of Congress of House Bill No. 7270, converting this town into a city, forced the residents here, opposing the measure to seek Malacanang's veto over the bill which they vigorously opposed. A letter and telegram to this effect had been forwarded to President Ferdinand E. Marcos immediately following the close of the 100-day regular congressional session by the anti-city residents headed by former deputy governor and editor Margarito de Villa. A delegation to go to Malacanang which had been planned originally was however discouraged and cancelled for obvious reasons.

Following is the truocopy of the letter and telegram addressed to the President:



Pres. Marcos

"Iriga, Camarines Sur
 May 17, 1968

"His Excellency
 President Ferdinand E. Marcos
 Malacanang
 Manila

"Dear Mr. President:

"We have the honor to request Mr. President that House Bill No. 7270, providing for the conversion of Iriga into a city, be
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F'bella Bares PW Funds Released for Cam. Sur

Rep. Felix A. Fuentebella (N-2nd district, Camarines Sur) announced recently new public works releases as approved by Commissioner Baltazar Aquino of the Public Highways.

The public work releases are as follows:

(a)-P51,267, treasury warrant number B-02,382,597 for the maintenance and improvement of municipal roads and bridges under Republic Act No. 917, share for the last quarter for the following municipalities in Camarines Sur: Balatan-P2,622; Bato P4,404; Cabusao-P2,051; Camaligan P2,142; Canaman P2,225; Del Gallego P2,736; Gainza-P1,518; Lagonoy P4,868; Iriga-P3,667; Magara o P2,136; Minalabac-P4,148; Parubcan-P2,025; Ragay-P5,639; San Fernando P3,207; San Jose-P3,616 and Tigaon-P4,271.

(b)-P80,000 under Republic Act No. 5187 for roads and bridges broken down as follows: P20,000, feeder roads for San Roque - Salvacion-Buluang roads in Bato; P20,000, Nato-Sabang Coastal road (Huyonhuyon side) in Sangay; P20,000 for municipal streets in San Jose and P20,000 for feeder roads in Bazo-Caranday route in Bazo.

(c)-P123,058, treasury warrant number B-02,382,564, for the completion of the concrete paving of the Manila South road Bazo

section. This public work project is under the first concreting program which is a part of Rep. Fuentebella's P300,000 pork barrel. The amount of P449,000 is allotted for this project with first and second releases in the amount of P200,000 and P126,000, respectively.

(d)-P131,507, treasury warrant number B02,382,598 for maintenance of national - provincial roads and bridges.

(e)-P1,143, treasury warrant number B02,382,596 for maintenance of municipal roads and bridges under Republic Act No. 917. This represent the balance of shares of 18 municipalities in the province of Camarines Sur.

The 2nd district solon also bared the initial releases for the construction and maintenance of the Ports of Bugnalon and Balatan in Sangay and Balatan, Camarines Sur, respectively. Each port has a release of P50,000. The total amount to be released for the Ports of Bugnalon is P300,000 and Balatan, P150,000.

Rep. Fuentebella made re-
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Rep Fuentebella

Erquiza New P.O. Inspector

Filomeno P. Erquiza is the new Post Office Inspector for Camarines Sur. He succeeds P.O. Inspector P. Carmelo who has retired recently. Mr. Erquiza is a native of Dagupan City, Pangasinan. His previous assignment before coming to Naga was in Legazpi City.

Correction

In the last issue of this paper [May 18] a news item was published on the front page entitled: "3rd Death Anniversary of Fr. Ben Ravanera" when it should have been "Fr. Dominador Ravanera". Ben Ravanera elder brother of the deceased Fr. Dominador Ravanera, is very much alive and kicking. Our apology. — *The Bicol Star*.



Atty. FRED P. CLEDERA
 Chief Research & Planning Division
 Office of the Prov. Governor of C.S.

JWs of Masbate Hold A Periodic Conference

A three-day conference of Jehovah's Witnesses will be held at San Jacinto Elementary School, San Jacinto, Masbate next June 14-16. Jehovah's Witnesses in Masbate Circuit No. 1 are scheduled to attend the three-day program.

Neal Callaway will open the program on Friday June 14, at 6:45 p.m. with a welcome address, "Fortifying Ourselves for the Future". He will give stimulating comments with practical suggestions to equip every minister with a bible knowledge to combat the rising tide of crime, immorality and fanaticism. Experiences that overcome ministerial problems will be presented to upbuild the christian teaching.

On Sunday June 16, at 4:00 p.m. Neal Callaway will deliver the public address entitled, "Why Does God Permit Wickedness?" He will discuss bible prophecies and their fulfillment that cause our everyday problems. He will cite bible principles that will guide us while this critical times merge to the extreme.

Rep. Fuentebella Urges Prov'l. Board, Bicol Solons Immediate Action To Director Manuel's Letter

Rep. Felix A. Fuentebella (NP-2nd district, Camarines Sur) urged members of the Camarines Sur Provincial Board to give immediate action to the letter of Public Schools Director Juan L. Manuel.

In his letter dated April 23, 1968, Director Manuel requested members of the Camarines Sur Provincial Board to submit to the Office of the Director of Public Schools the required P50,000 cash bond and P100,000 for the transportation of athletes and meet officials to be accumulated from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) for budgetary purposes in as much as the province of Camarines Sur was selected to host the 1969 Public Schools Interscholastic Athletic Meet (PSIAA).

Director Manuel's letter stated further that in this connection, "efforts should be exerted to secure the necessary funds for the immediate construction of the athletic field, grandstands, swimming pool, fences, etc. It is important that the athletic field and all other facilities needed for the interscholastic meet be ready for use at least two weeks before the opening ceremonies in March, 1969."

Rep. Fuentebella revealed that

₱25,000 Aid to Ragay Fire Victims reported to Rep. Felipe by Secretary Feliciano

Secretary Gregorio Feliciano of the Social Welfare Administration reported to Congressman Ramon H. Felipe, Jr. of the first district of Camarines Sur in a telegram last May 13 to the effect that P15,000 was the initial amount released for the Ragay fire victims and later another P10,000 as additional aid for the rehabilitation of the fire victims.

Feliciano's telegram to Felipe follows: "Congressman Felipe, Congress, Manila. Informing you fifteen thousand pesos initial release Ragay fire victims. Provincial Treasurer authorized release additional ten thousand making a total of twenty five thousand pesos relief rehabilitation aid for seven hundred twenty family victims out of unexpended balance typhoon Welming funds. Sec. Feliciano."

However, when we called at the office of the SWA in Naga with Mr. E. Noblesala, he looked over his records and found out that the first two authorized releases by telegram were for P5,000 each or a total of P10,000

The conference will climax on Sunday afternoon by a concluding talk, "Strengthening One Another to Remain in the Faith" which will be given by the District Supervisor. All sessions are open free to the public and all interested persons are heartily welcome. — *by Cora V. Pacheco, pio*



Rep. Fuentebella

Bicol Solons which include Senators Dominador Aytona and Tecila San Andres Ziga and Representatives Fernando Pajarillo, Ramon Felipe, Jr., Carlos Imperial, Josefina Duran, Venancio Ziga, Jose Alberto, Vicente Peralta, Salvador Encinas and Andres Clemente have agreed to secure and make available the needed funds amounting to P1,020,000 for the construction of the site and other facilities needed for the meet.



REP FELIPE

and the last is for P10,000 making a total of only P20,000.

Noted Mentor Passes

Zacarias Imperial Shea, a well known teacher and principal of the Anglo-Chinese School of Naga City and columnist in the local newspapers, passed away Saturday of last week at the Quezon Institute Hospital, at the age of 57. For more than 40 years he had been connected with the Anglo Chinese School, here. He is survived by his wife Remedios Velasco and only son, D. Eduardo Imperial Shea.

His remains will be interred at the Concepcion cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

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Though he has his critics, most Filipinos seem to approve of the start made by President Marcos. Right now, he appears to have a good chance to become the first President of the 22-year-old Republic ever to be reelected when the 1969 elections roll around. If he does get a chance to finish the job he has started, the Philippines shows signs of the possibilities of significant progress.

★ "The Star Witness"



★ By ELIN ABEJERO ★

Another Legislative Mill Output

The last sentence of the first paragraph in this column last week should have read: "This time the less fortunate students who are in some way forced by circumstances to quit schooling in order to earn a living will now have the chance to resume their studies even if some of them have already grown up, and possibly - have already a family of their own."

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In its regular session last Tuesday, the Provincial Board considered, at the instance of B/Member Abonal, a petition to the Secretary of Justice requesting among others the designation of municipal judges as concurrent cadastral judges in their respective municipalities in order to expedite the termination of cadastral cases. The idea is to ultimately expedite the issuance of titles so as to enable the small land owners to avail of the credit facilities of Banks. Certain Bank policies you know frown upon untitled properties offered as collaterals to loans.

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Another Abonal motion considered by the Provincial Board is a request to Pres. Marcos to authorize the PNB to make an allocation of 2 million pesos for Cam. Sur thru the RCA so as to enable that Agency to go on with its palay purchase here at the authorized ceiling price, instead of the fluid price dictated by alien financiers.

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The General Appropriation bill has financially hurdled its last obstacles in the Senate. As anticipated, the Liberals were not only outnumbered - they were also out-fought. Also as expected, the 100 mill or 1-peso item for rural and community development was likewise untouched and incorporated with the final budget in spite of a Roxas, of a Salonga, and of a Padilla, in that chamber.

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The most intriguing question now, is as to how far that rural and community development fund could go. Will it really reach all barrios for, and under its intent and purposes as enacted? It being a lump sum appropriation - what must be the criteria for its disposition or distribution? The liberals insisted that there must be safeguards - now for what? and why?

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Of course there is no truth to the rumor that only nacionalista barrio councils will be entitled to the 100 million peso lump sum fund.

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Likewise, don't ever believe also the rumor that these rural and community development funds will only be released in the mid-year of 1969.

Priority Road Recommendations ...

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maintenance programs, because of this, it is imperative that the national government gives substantial aid in the undertaking of the construction of the road. The ground work for this has already been laid. The Bicol Development Planning Board (BDPB) recommended the Caramoan Peninsula Road for construction as part of the proposed Juan M. Alberto Memorial Highway, and this recommendation was included in the priority infrastructure program prepared for the Bicol Region by the BDPB technical staff.

In order to show its enthusiasm over the construction of a Caramoan road, the Provincial Board could pass a resolution request-

ing that the proposed road beginning in Lagonoy and terminating in the poblacion of Caramoan, be designated as a National Road.

From the year 1947 to Dec. 31, 1967, there was a total increase by 33.81 kms. of National Road Kilometrage within the province. The bulk of the increase came in the area of first class roads which show an increase of 333.26 kms. There was also an increase of 3.05 kms. in the second class road category; whereas, a decrease of 3.05 kms. in the second class road category; whereas, a decrease of 1.28 kms. and 1.22 kms. was shown in third class road and trails respectively.

	1947	1967		
First Class	151.61 kms.	184.87 kms.	33.26	kms
Second Class	32.87 "	35.95 "	3.05	
Third Class	2.28 "	1.00 "	1.28	
Trail	4.00 "	2.78 "	1.22	"
TOTAL	190.76 Kms	224.57 Kms	33.81	Kms

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Sec. 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Sale has been executed by the Heirs of the late Gregoria Poinay, namely Juan Flores, the surviving husband and Paulino, Bonifacio and Ernesto, all surnamed Flores, over the property covered by O.C.T. No. 1361 situated in Tamban, Tinumbac, Camarines Sur with an area of 59,032 square meters, more or less.

Said property is also being sold to Fernando Magnantay and the instrument was executed May 20, 1968 before Notary Public Hilario Espano of Canuman, Camarines Sur under Dec. No. 1446 Page 60; Book No. 22; Series of 1968.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, notice is hereby given that Ignacia L. Alano married to Rodolfo Alano, of legal age resident of Naga City, and the only heir and co-owner of late JUSTINA PILLI of the parcel of land, located in Agos, Bato, Cam. Sur covered by OCT No. 10706 declared under Tax No. 3892, having an area of 5,039 Sq. M assessed at P160, executed an Affidavit Adjudicating unto herself the said property.

The affidavit was acknowledged before Notary Public Hilario Espano of Naga City on May 23, 1968 per Reg. No. 1-75; Page 64; Bk. XII; S. 1968 of his notarial records.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, notice is hereby given that the heirs of late JUANA CATAPANG who died intestate on April 17, 1957, in Catabagnan, Ragay, Cam. Sur, namely, Pedro Canson widower and spouse of the decedent; Cosme Canson and Felix Canson, children of the decedent; Cosme Canso and Felix Canson, children of the decedent, entered into agreement and executed an Extra-Judicial Partition of Estate and Quit Claim, over the parcel of agricultural land, located in Catabagnan, Ragay, Cam. Sur, having an area of 5,4904 Hect., covered by O.C.T. No. 201 under Tax Dec. No. 3433 valued at P2,570 and adjudicating it unto themselves said property and thereby dividing it among themselves pro-indiviso and simultaneously the two co-heirs, namely, Cosme and Felix Canson quit and renounced forever their shares and claims over the property in favor of their father and co-heir Pedro Canson.

The document was acknowledged by them before Notary Public ex-Officio Angel Huertas, Mun. Judge of Ragay, Cam. Sur on May 23, 1968 per Dec. No. 129; Page 27; Bk. I; S. 1968.

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limanian will go to the Bohol Chronicle, a weekly in Tagbilaran; and Jose Sarsoza Jr. will intern with radio station DXIC in Iligan City.

Meanwhile, Silliman's School of Journalism and Communications turned out its second batch of graduates this April-seven of them.

One, Jurgette Honclada, graduated summa cum laude. She is now working with dzHP in Manila. Another, Siegfredo Vecina, finished cum laude. He has a job offer from a weekly newspaper and a college in Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte.

The internship program, going on its second year, is designed to give the student the chance to tie in his theory with practice.

Under the usual arrangements, the paper, or radio station, or news agency with whom the student works, pays for his board and lodging during the internship period. In exchange the student works full time like a regular staff member with them. The student also gets academic credit for the internship.

Iriga Townsfolk

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vetoed by Your Excellency for the following reasons:

"1. That the town annual income [reportedly P300,000 plus] is inadequate to undertake the normal functions and operations of a city government.

"2. That additional taxes will be imposed on the residents, 60 per cent of whom are reportedly tax delinquents their properties having been destroyed by the strong typhoon Welming.

"3. That about 99.5 per cent of the inhabitants are small real property owners who will have to suffer most of the additional tax burdens which the new city may require.

"4. That, contrary to reports, no actual open forums in town and in the barrios had been held by our town officials for the purpose of informing the inhabitants relative to the status of cityhood.

"5. That the resolutions passed by the municipal council and the league of barrio councils favoring the city status do not reflect the actual reaction and sentiments of the residents because they are overwhelmingly against the conversion of Iriga into a city.

"6. That the members of the municipal council and of the league of barrio councils cannot act as spokesmen for the residents; to represent them for and in their behalf on the question of cityhood inasmuch as said council members were elected to their respective positions on purely party issues, not on the issue of city status the same had never been raised as an issue by any political party during the preceding elections.

"In view of the foregoing, we hereby respectfully submit and appeal to Your Excellency to veto House Bill No. 7270 in the interests of the Iriga residents who are vigorously opposed to the measure. We shall, however, welcome any move to hold a plebiscite for the purpose of conversion which, we believe, is more democratic rather than force upon us the city status via the legislative mill.

"Hoping Mr. President that you will extend your utmost consideration on our stand on the matter, and with our highest esteem and regard, we remain.

"Very respectfully yours,

"FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE ANTI-CITY STATUS:"

TELEGRAM

"By (SGD.) MARGARITO DE VILLA

PRESIDENT MARCOS
MALACAÑANG
MANILA

IRIGA CS MAY 17 1968

PLEASE VETO HOUSE BILL NUMBER 7270 CONVERTING IRIGA CITY RESIDENTS OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSED

(SGD.) MARGARITO DE VILLA
IRIGA CS

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From the Hilltop

nies their freedom.

In 1954 the French Indo-China Empire was lost to the H. Chi Minh Viet-Minh forces and even the Americans to date are trying hard to 'negotiate' an honorable peace from across the table confrontation with the North Vietnamese in Paris, site of the present cultural and industrial turmoil.

In the United States-the Americans are fighting social and racial insurrection and they are concentrating an effective implementation to afford a better chance of livelihood for the American Negroes.

While Frenchmen are building 'barricades' against the government-soldiers numbering 100,000 strong, we here seem unaware of the tide of social necessity and change and what do we have: we are facing multi-facet realities and before long we should be aware of the dangers and the spread of the so-called 'invisible forces' of discontent in our midst.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, notice is hereby given, that the Heirs of the late JUAN DAGNALAN who died intestate in Sorsogon, Sorsogon, namely, Eulalia Jazarenos, widow of the deceased; Rufacia Maria and Roberto, all surnamed DAGNALAN the children of the deceased, of legal age, residents of Sorsogon, Sorsogon, executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate and Sale affecting the real property located in Sorsogon, Sorsogon with an area of 87 Sq. M. under Tax Dec. No. 1062 valued at P110 and covered by OCT No. 329, Lot 3572 of Sorsogon Cad. adjudicating unto themselves said property and simultaneously sold it by them for a consideration of P110 unto Jose Laurinaria, Filipino, of legal age, married, of Sorsogon, Sorsogon. The document was acknowledged before Notary Public Maximiano R. Ables, per Dec. No. 195; Page 61; Bk. XII; S. 1959 of his notarial records, dated Dec. 29, 1959.

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F'tebella bares . . .

presentations in releasing the JJ-27 which is for salaries of personnel in the office of the district Engineer in Camarines Sur.

He also wired Provincial Treasurer Jesus Calleja and District Engineer Jaime Sarte regarding the new public works releases. He meanwhile advised Municipal mayors and treasurers to coordinate with the Provincial Treasurers in connection with these releases.

Rep. Fuentebella also revealed that the appointment of Atty. Jose Obias Ampolquico as municipal judge of Lagonoy, Camarines Sur was among the first group of nominees approved by the Commission on Appointments last week.

Rep. Fuentebella is the assistant majority floorleader of the Commission on Appointments with Senator Jose Roy as the majority