

# Welcome Penafrancia Pilgrims & Visitors

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# 60,000 People Witness "Traslacion"

## Huge crowd attends traditional transfer of Lady of Peñafrancia

Estimated to be more than 60,000 people witnessed the "traslacion" (transfer) of the images of the Virgin of Peñafrancia and Divino Rostro (Sacred Face of Christ) from the Peñafrancia Shrine to the Metropolitan Cathedral yesterday afternoon, including those who joined the long procession of devotees, students, different religious organizations from all the towns of Camarines Sur and Naga City.

The streets and plazas where the slow-moving procession winded were thickly lined by people of all ages coming from different municipalities. The windows, balconies and porches of houses and commercial buildings and offices along Peñafrancia avenue, Burgos and E. Angeles streets were filled with people watching the procession passed by. The thousands of students (Con't. on page 2)

## To Old and New Voters

In this issue of the BICOL STAR, we have published as a public service of this paper, the complete text of Rep. Act No. 3588 which provides for the permanent registration of voters, affecting the old and new qualified voters for the coming elections.

Many voters are not fully informed of this law. We hope our readers would clip this copy of the law so that it could serve them as a guide, at least.—Editor.

## PNB Strike Settled: To Open Monday MRR Strike Awaits President's Action

### PNB Employee's Union Holds Strike

The Philippine National Bank is on strike. Starting this morning, Friday, Sept. 11, 1964, banking transactions at the local Naga Branch of the P.N.B. stopped and bank employees, all members of the Bank's Union, (PEMA) picketed the P.N.B. premises.

According to Salvador Federizon, local steward of the Bank's Union, (President) they went on strike to seek justice from the management. Federizon went further to explain that since almost one year ago the Union presented to the

The strike in the Philippine National Bank by the PEMA (Phil. National Bank Employees Ass'n) which was declared yesterday morning was already settled according to reliable sources from Manila and Naga Branch. It was informed this morning. The PNB branches in Naga, Legazpi and other provinces and cities will be opened for banking business next Monday.

Mainwhile, the strike declared last Thursday midnight by the 483 men belonging to the Union de Maquinistas, Fogoneros y Motormen de Trenes led by Jose Capistrano is still unresolved by the MRR management. According to reports these men are demanding an increase of forty per cent of their salaries. Manager Dominador Asia is adamant to heed the demand as it would financially cripple the Philippine National Railway, formerly MRR. Cor Secretary of Labor Jose Lingad said that he will ask President Macapagal to recommend the certification of the dispute to the Court of Industrial Relations for compulsory arbitration.

In the meantime, the government train transportation is completely paralyzed from the north to the south affecting the provinces, of Manila, Bulacan, Pangasinan (Con't. on page 2)

## SOLFMN FESTIVITIES IN HONOR OF Our Lady of Peñafrancia (PATRONESS OF BICOLANDIA) MAIN ACTIVITIES



(SEPTEMBER - - - 1964)  
CITY OF NAGA

Solemn Novena in honor of the Divino Rostro (Shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 11	5:30 a.m.
Penitential Procession in honor of the Divino Rostro - - - - -	Sept. 10-11	3:30 a.m.
Pontifical Mass in honor of the Divino Rostro (shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 11	6:00 a.m.
Solemn Procession from the Shrine to the Cathedral - - - - -	Sept. 11	1:30 a.m.
Solemn Novena in honor of the Virgin (Cathedral) - - - - -	Sept. 12-20	1:00 a.m.
Colegio de Santa Isabel Exhibits - - - - -	Sept. 11	12:30
Penitential Procession in honor of the Virgin - - - - -	Sept. 18-19	3:30 a.m.
ASESAC MASS—Priest's Ex Alumni Day (Minor Seminary) - - - - -	Sept. 18	
Vigilia de Espigas - - - - -	Sept. 18	8:00 p.m.
Fluvial Procession - - - - -	Sept. 19	3:30 p.m.
Pontifical Mass (Cathedral) - - - - -	Sept. 19	6:00 a.m.
Pontifical Mass (shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 20	6:00 a.m.
Evening Mass (Peñafrancia Kiosk) - - - - -	Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.
Afternoon Evening Mass (shrine) - - - - -	Sept. 20	4:00-8:00 p.m.

AT: Metropolitan Cathedral and Peñafrancia Shrine  
Naga City

## President Explains Visit To Barrios

President Macapagal told crowds who welcomed him to Masbate Sunday morning that his periodic visits to the provinces constituted a part of his effort as Chief Executive to help solve the problems 'not only of people in the cities, but more important of those in the rural areas.

Defending his trip to the provinces with critics had assailed as "pure electioneering and a virtual abandonment of his important duties in Manila," the President told his welcomers: "I visit the provinces because I want to help solve the problems of all our people. This can be accomplished only by being familiar with the nature of their problems. I visit your island because I want to know your problems at first hand so that I can better attend to them."

The Chief Executive also explained that his absence from Manila does not mean that he loses touch with national affairs because, he said, where ever he goes, he remains in direct contact with Malacanang through modern communication facilities.

The President arrived here this morning on board RPS 21 on the second leg of an eight-day tour of the Bicol region, Visayas and Mindanao.

## Pelaez Proposes Charity Foundation

Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez this week urged the creation of a foundation to plan and implement long-range charity projects to be capitalized by - - - - - (Con't. on page 2)

## \$60 M Needed To Modernize RP Railways

President Macapagal Monday heard officials of the Japan Engineering Consultants (JECKK) report on studies they had conducted on the modernization of the Philippine National Railways, formerly the Manila Railroad Company.

The visitors, who belong to one of the most reputable technical consultant firms in the world, were (Con't. on page)

## Peñafrancia Message

At this time of the year throughout the length and breadth of the country Bicolanos everywhere lift their thought and spirits in prayer to the Patroness of Bicolandia, the Blessed Virgin of Peñafrancia. We pause from our labors to pay honor and offer thanksgiving to Nuestra Sra. de Peñafrancia for her many intercessions, and because of which God has showered numerous graces and favors upon us. In this skeptical age it can still be truly said that more things are wrought by prayers than the world ever dreamed of.

On my first year of administration of the City of Naga, and of her more than one hundred thousand people, I am particularly pleased and honored to extend the glad welcome of our people to all devotees of the Virgin.

I ask one and all to join in common prayer our grateful thanks to our miraculous Patroness who through all the years past, not to mention the war years, kept the Bicol region, her home, sheltered under the mantle of her sacred protection against calamities.

It is fitting, therefore, that we pay homage to our benefactress, and paying homage to the Blessed Virgin is best shown by good works and humility met by arrogance and empty words. Many altars, his fervent prayers when he goes down on his knees before God, recognizing His Supreme authority and His utter dependence upon Him.

I greet our visitors and devotees of the Blessed Virgin of Peñafrancia and Divine Rostro with a warm welcome and may they find their short sojourn in our fair city a fruitful and happy one.

(SIGNED) RAMON H. FELIPE, JR.  
City Mayor