

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 298, July 13, 1971]

**CONSTITUTING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF
EXCESS WORKERS IN THE SUGAR PLANTATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY AND THEIR RESETTLEMENT AND
REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, this Office has taken cognizance of the plight of the 264 families affected by the recent labor dispute in Bais City, Negros Oriental;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this problem, including similar potential situations in the country, be immediately looked into and that appropriate solutions or measures be taken towards the resettlement and rehabilitation of the workers concerned;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute a Committee composed of the following:

The Secretary of Labor	– Chairman
The Governor, Land Authority	– Vice Chairman
The Administrator, Agricultural Credit Administration, or his representative	– Member
The Executive Director, Cottage Industries Development Enterprise, or his representative	– Member
The Director-General, National Manpower and Youth Council, or his representative	– Member
The President, Philippine National Bank, or his representative	– Member
The Director, Bureau of Soils, or his representative	– Member
The Administrator, Philippine Sugar Institute, or his representative	– Member

The Committee shall coordinate, insofar as the workers' problem in Bais City are concerned, with Cong. Herminio Teves, the Provincial Governor of Negros Oriental and the Mayor of Bais City. It shall also coordinate with the appropriate officials in the provinces or cities where similar congestion of workers exists.

The Committee shall (a) take steps to resettle and rehabilitate the 264 workers mentioned above in Bais City; (b) study the general problem of overcrowding in the sugar plantations throughout the country; (c) recommend measures for the workers' resettlement and rehabilitation; and (d) study the feasibility of organizing these excess workers into farmers' cooperatives.