

**PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE LABOR UNIONS (PAFLU),
MINDANAO AND SULU MARINE OFFICERS' GUILD
(MSMOG-PAFLU), ELADIO SANTO, RODRIGO GRAJO AND
LEODEGARIO CHAVEZ, PETITIONERS, VS. ...**

G.R. No. L-27824. February 27, 1976

Ponente: AQUINO, J.

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AQUINO, J.:

The petitioners filed these special civil actions of certiorari and prohibition for the review of the writ of preliminary injunction dated June 6, 1967 issued by the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga City in Civil Case No. 1155 entitled "Zamboanga Wood Products, Inc. vs. Philippine Association of Free Labor Unions" (Paflu).

In that writ of injunction the lower court commanded the Paflu agents and representatives to refrain from entering the forest concession of Zamboanga Wood Products, Inc. and to open to traffic the company's private road.

The petitioners also assailed the lower court's order dated June 10, 1967 directing Eladio Santo, a Paflu regional organizer, not to picket on that road. They prayed that the private respondents be enjoined from crossing the picket lines which they had established in connection with the strike that the Mindanao & Sulu Marine Officers' Guild (MSMOG-Paflu) had declared on May 30, 1967 against Zamboanga Wood Products, Inc.

Respondent company alleged in its answer that the injunction was justified because the closure of a private road did not constitute lawful picketing and that it amounted to a deprivation of a property right.

The case was submitted for decision on March 11, 1968 after the parties had filed their memoranda.

In this Court's resolution of January 14, 1976 the parties were required to inform this Court whether the case had become moot and academic.

The petitioners in their manifestation of January 28, 1976 categorically stated "that the case has become moot and academic with the strike having been resolved".

Wherefore, the case is dismissed for having become moot. No costs. So ordered.

Fernando (Chairman), Barredo, Antonio, and Concepcion, Jr., JJ., concur.

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