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## Landslides Block Various Roads

Continuous rains capped by Typhoon "Rosing" which cut through the neighboring province of Isabela Monday caused damage to public works projects, crops and property amounting to millions of pesos.

District Engr. Restituto Borja of the Bureau of Public Works said yesterday that projects under his jurisdiction suffered damages amounting to P330,000.

He informed that according to reports, the Mountain Agricultural College suffered the heaviest loss totalling P200,000 in damage to buildings and farm crops.

Borja also said that strong Babilili river currents in La Trinidad destroyed government and private property amounting to P100,000.

The Bued river along Kennon road overflowed its banks and wrought destruction along its path totalling an estimated P30,000.

The Benguet Exploration Thanksgiving Elementary School at Camp 6 had to be dismantled and the materials carried to safer grounds when the river washed away adjoining buildings.

A landslide opposite the school compound across the river caused the river current to flood the area occupied by the school and some houses of Benguet Exploration, Inc. employees.

Because of the dismantling of the school, Vice Gov. Ben Palispis made representations with Mayor William Barrett, John Hay Air Base commander, for tents that will be used to provide temporary classrooms for the 300 pupils of the school.

Typhoon signal number three was sounded in the city and province Monday at the height of Typhoon "Rosing". Because of heavy rains, several landslides blocked the Naguilian road, the Halsema national highway and other roads leading to the various municipalities.

Engr. Daniel C. Perez, district highway engineer, said that his office was still compiling figures on losses suffered by projects under his jurisdiction.

In the city, the sinking portion along Magsaysay Avenue near the Slaughterhouse compound, went down several feet. Records of the city engineer's office reveal that the city has been spending P30,000 to P35,000 every time the

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portion sinks.

City Engr. Ruperto Villalon informed the *Courier* Friday that a geological survey is presently being undertaken by the Bureau of Mines on the request of his office. He also bared that a topographic survey is being conducted to determine the area affected by the sinking portion.

Meanwhile, Borja informed that work on the river control project in La Trinidad will start next week. On representations of Vice Gov. Ben Palispis, P50,000 has been released for the project.

The project will be done by the administration and will involve "cut-off channel" and "border dam".

Borja said that delay in the commencement of the project was due to the recent approval of the project program of work by the Manila Central Office.