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Quezon City observes 109th birth anniversary of its founder today



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MAYOR Brigido Simon Jr. today pays tribute to the ideals of President Manuel L. Quezon as Quezon City marks its founder's 109th birth anniversary.

In fitting commemoration of the event, President Aquino has declared today a special non-working holiday in Quezon City.

Until today, it is from the late Quezon's visions of a premier city that the city's administrators continue to draw inspiration. Mayor Simon has called on the city residents to honor the memory of its founder by emulating his life and deeds and by "helping transform into shining realities" his dreams for Quezon City.

Simon said that when Quezon founded the city in 1939, he en-

visioned it as the "showplace of the nation — a place that thousands of people will visit as the epitome of culture and spirit of the country; socially, a dignified concentration of human life, aspirations and endeavors; and economically, a productive self-contained community."

To mark the occasion, the city government has drawn up a week-long program of activities which started last Sunday, participated in by city government officials, employees, and residents in cooperation with national government offices, barangays, schools, and various other public and private sector organizations.

Kicking off today's activities is a five-kilometer fun walk by city schools students and QC residents followed by a motorcade and wreath-laying rites at the Quezon Monument, QC Hall Quadrangle, and at the Quezon Memorial Shrine, Elliptical Road.

A memorial mass and commemorative program follows, jointly sponsored by the city government and the National Historical Institute. Rev. Fr. Pedro Ruano,

O.F.M. will officiate the mass, which will be preceded by floral offerings from the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President, Supreme Court, the family of the late President Quezon, the National Historical Institute and other government agencies, civic, religious, and professional organizations.

In the afternoon will be a tilbury race at the Quezon Memorial Circle, a press conference, and launching of photo contest at the mayor's office. Graduation exercises will also be held for the livelihood program "Isang Gunting, Isang Suklay" at the QC Hall main lobby.

For the lighter side of celebrations, selected moviehouses and business establishments will offer 30 per cent discounts, while the Fiesta Carnival will offer free rides for children up to 12 years old starting at 5 p.m.

Capping the day's activities will be another mass at 6 p.m. followed by the launching of the Morato Business Club and "Gabi ng mga Bituin" at the Araneta Coliseum

of which tickets are courtesy of Mayor Jun Simon.

Last Sunday's activities included free medical services in barangay health and day care centers by the Quezon City Rotary Club in coordination with the Social Welfare Services, People's Action Center and the health department.

Still part of the week-long program were the blessing of the new

Quezon City General Hospital emergency room complex, blood-letting for the Red Cross Bank, simultaneous tree-planting in the city's 140 barangays, sports tournaments, and speech and choral contests.

Activities have been coordinated by the staff of the city's Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office headed by Ricardo C. Cruz.



QUEZON

Mayor Simon: Sharing a great man's vision of a dream city

QUEZON City today is the premier city as envisioned by its founder, the late President Quezon: the seat of the national government and residence of the middle class as well as those on the way up to that socioeconomic level; with well planned growth, and free from pollution, crime waves, and the ravages wrought by vice on personal and public morals. Fate has it that the man did not live long enough to see that dream through. But it is a refreshing whiff of air that the present city leadership still shares that vision of the man.

Mayor Simon, who has handled the reins of government since the new administration, has strived hard to put order into and clean up the city, beset by problems of unplanned growth, increasing crime rate, population, slums, housing shortage and schoolroom shortage, and vendors mushrooming everywhere along with gambling dens and bold shows.

Indeed, if one looked at the figures, one would have the idea Quezon City is fast turning into a nightmare rather than a dream.

Past city administrators, it is explained, cannot all be blamed for the present state of the city for it is in itself the result of poor or no national planning. During the country's attempts at industrialization, factories were set up in and around Manila and people looking for jobs streamed in from the provinces. Often these factories produced items designed for export and when the export market for these products collapsed, so did the industry and which produced the initial batches of urban unemployed. In the meantime all the resources for development got concentrated in Metro Manila. And so everybody are here in Metro Manila, competing for space and livelihood.

It's not all criticism, however, that the Mayor could offer, though everything is in reality, true. For the mayor is a man of action. Thus when he took over in May last year, among his initial moves was to appeal for support to the city's police officers and men. In response to that call, three gave their lives in the line of duty — reason enough for the mayor to say that it's not that the city's policemen are not dedicated, rather they sorely need logistical support in order for them to be effective.

He therefore realigned part of the city budget so that P10 million to P15 million is now available for the recruitment of 600 police auxiliaries which now constitute Quezon City's People Patrol. Recruits have undergone training at the Northern Police Station barracks and upon graduation, they were equipped with walkie-talkies and motorcycles with side cars to enable them to respond to any crime within ten minutes while on patrol in the different barangays.

From the City Hall motor pool he has also turned over 22 cars, 20 jeepneys, and 15 motorbikes with sidecars to the police for their use and is going to buy more vehicles. Quezon City, the mayor says, which has an area 5 1/4 times bigger than Manila should have more than its six patrol cars because Manila has 54.

To care for the poor and the sick, he has also realigned the budget of the Quezon City General Hospital so that there would be more money for medicine.

In answer to the classroom shortage, the mayor has undertaken the identification of public and private offices that have been vacated to be rented as classrooms in the meantime that he cannot yet put up new schoolhouses. It is estimated that if he were to put up school buildings the national government will have to help raise P70 million or so — a move which is needed after all since a lot of new students from Quezon City are from nearby Bulacan.

Meanwhile, to increase the city's revenues from taxes, the Mayor has made moves to make things convenient for the taxpayer at the City Hall, using the one-stop shopping concept. All agencies and units issuing licenses can now be dealt with at one place, saving one's time and effort and eliminating the fixers which thrive on government inefficiency.

After campaigning against the laggy system of the city hall, the mayor hopes to computerize real property tax assessment and collection. He is confident that collection would increase without increasing tax rates except outdated civil registry rates, and the market permits. The city government projected P450 million revenues for the period, if all went well.

As for the squatters, Simon has concentrated his efforts on two measures: prevention of the growth of squatter areas and on-site upgrading of squatters. He believes that these measures, rather than outright relocation are more effective and more human considering that the latter move would virtually deal these squatters their death verdict because their source of livelihood is being initiated in the city.

He has therefore divided Quezon City into 20 working areas and organized in each of them a People's Welfare Council "to bring the City Hall closer to the people." An action officer and a core group of community lead-

ers represent the various sectors. Projects and emergency action are decided on at the level of the welfare council.

The showpiece of Mayor Simon's program for Quezon City is the livelihood component. To generate jobs at the grassroots level he launched a poultry and livestock dispersal program, a *kohol* project, which could be undertaken right on one's living rooms, with public and private markets as outlets.

As to the city's famed lewd shows in bars and restaurants the mayor has already succeeded in closing the biggest establishments and has set down guidelines in consultation with the Business Group of Quezon City. It was agreed that there should be a differentiation between adult entertainment and the debasement or Filipino womanhood. Seven guidelines were set but he believes that the citizens will have to help in enforcing these guidelines. The best way to shut down these establishments putting up lewd shows, the mayor says, is to refuse them patronage. He is there, fore pinning his hopes on youth movements, marriage encounter movements and the Life in the Spirit seminars. He has also gone around schools trying to formulate on an unofficial basis spirituality programs for elementary and high school students as well as their teachers, believing that a sense of spirituality and proper sense of righteousness will not only solve pornography but also make for a well-ordered, better managed community.

Mayor is a member of Couples for Christ and the *Ligaya ng Pangimoon*, a christian family life renewal movement.

Among the recent projects undertaken by the city government was the distribution of land certificates to the landless and the launching of home development program for the city residents.

A development plan and joint venture agreement with National Housing Authority officials was signed at Sitio Maligaya, Project 8 to formally start the Zonal Improvement Program, Around 287



MAYOR Simon talks with city folk of Barangay Bungad, first district of Quezon City, which recently benefited from free medical services rendered by the city government in coordination with the Rotary Club of Quezon City. (TIMESphoto by Jess Benaed)

residents benefited from the housing project. He also awarded Certificates to residents in Barangay Masambong.

Land ownership documents were also handed over by Mayor Simon to 300 QC employees who have been living and tilling the soil in Barangay Capri.

To look after the needs of underprivileged children, 54 day care centers were inaugurated last month as part of the expansion project spearheaded by the Social

Welfare Service Division and the Urban Poor Affairs Office.

The city government has also organized the QC Integrated Hawkers Management Council which is implementing a program of relocating and providing new stalls to the city's vendors.

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MAYOR Simon (left) conducts a dialog with representatives of the private sector on how they could solve together the problems in their respective communities.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES QUEZON DAY August 19, 1987

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	COORD. AGENCIES
6:00 a.m.	FUN WALK (5K)	Start: Cubao (Fiesta Carnival Parking Area) End: Quezon Memorial Circle	PEACE Div. of City Schools QC Health Dept. RED CROSS QC Police Dept. QC General Hospital CPDO City Administrator's Off CTAO
7:00 a.m.	MOTORCADE RINGING OF BELLS	Assembly: City Hall All Parish Churches in QC	CTAO Nat'l Historical Institute Nat'l Historical Institute
7:30 a.m.	WREATH-LAYING Quezon Monument	Quezon City Hall	Phil. Air Force c/o Col. Pete Juachon
8:00 a.m.	WREATH-LAYING Quezon Memorial Shrine	Quezon Memorial Shrine	NHI/CTAO c/o Archt. Emil Tamayo CTAO Board of Tourism Press Photographers of the Phils. c/o Mr. N. Borromeo
8:30 a.m.	MASS	Quezon Memorial Shrine	Progressive Dev't Corp PEACE CTAO
9:30 a.m.	SKYDIVING EXHIBITION (tentative) (subject to weather conditions)	Quezon Memorial Circle	Tomas Morato Business Club
10:00 a.m.	COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM	Quezon Memorial Shrine	Progressive Dev't Corp PEACE CTAO
1:00 p.m.	TILBURY RACE	Quezon Memorial Circle	Tomas Morato Business Club
2:00 p.m.	PRESS CONFERENCE Launching of Photo Contest	Mayor's Office Conference Room	Progressive Dev't Corp Archt. Nes Isla
3:00 p.m.	GRADUATION EXERCISE "Isang Gunting, Isang Suklay"	QC Hall Main Lobby	
5:00 p.m.	HANDOG SA MGA BARANGAY (Free rides at the Fiesta Carnival for children 12 yrs. old and below)	Fiesta Carnival	
6:00 p.m.	MASS followed by Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Launching of the Morato Business Club	Tomas Morato	
7:30 p.m.	GABI NG MGA BITUIN	Araneta Coliseum	



THE mayor meets with representatives of women's groups who apprised him of prevailing conditions in their barangays.



MISS PEACH



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WIZARD OF ID



BROOMHILDA



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FLIPSIDE PEOPLE'S GALLERY

HOW'S YOUR ENGLISH?

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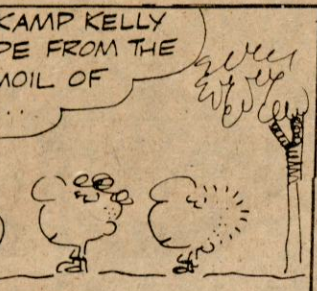
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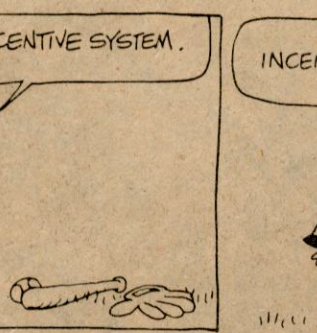
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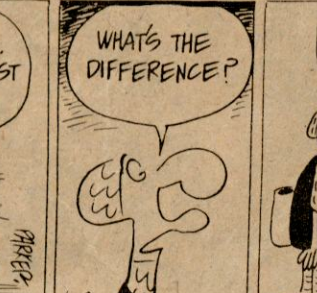
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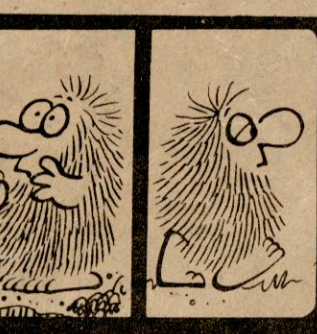
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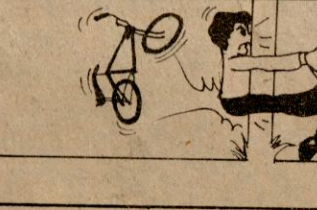
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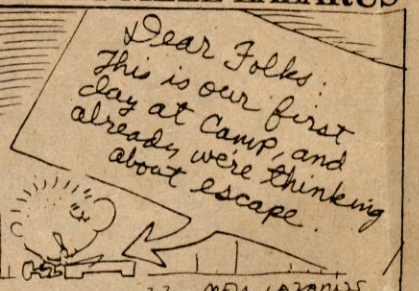


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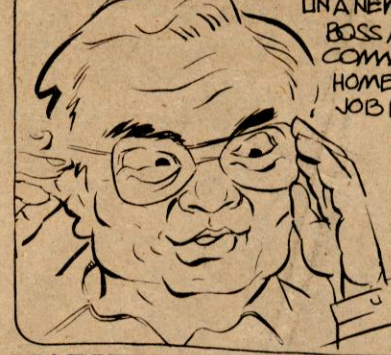
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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1987 YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: The year ahead will bring greater harmony to a special relationship; do more to cultivate the friendship side of love.



MARVIN



THE FLINTSTONES



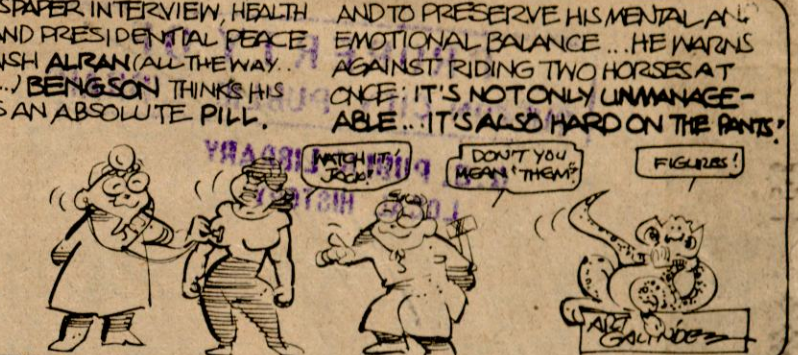
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DICK TRACY



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BY TOM ARMSTRONG



BY HANNA-BARBERA



BY AL SMITH



BY DICK LOCHER AND MAX COLLINS



BY JIM DAVIS



CROSSWORD

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-79.

- ACROSS 1. Dispense 5. October birthstone 9. Devil 14. Candid 15. Harsh breathing 16. Trap 17. Old English court 18. Boast 19. Notoriety 20. Russian ruler 21. Stoolie (Sl.) 24. She (Fr.) 25. Jacket 28. Young woman 30. Call to mind 34. Segments of a flower (Pl.) 38. Period 39. Weird 41. Deceitful agreement (Var) 42. Tolstoy heroine

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