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Councilor criticizes smut in newspapers, magazines

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QUEZON CITY — Councilor (District 1) Elizabeth "Tita Beth" Delarmente, reacting to the complaint of a many women, parents and civic-oriented organizations, said yesterday she is contemplating to file a resolution to minimize if not totally stop the sale of smut and pornographic newspapers within the former capital.

She also hinted her intention to hold a dialogue with local composers and lyricists to, among others, desist from using vulgar words in songs they arrange.

At least a dozen anti-pornographic groups have sought an audience with Delarmente and denounced the proliferation of smut and lewd newspaper and magazine stands within the city.

She urged publishers and newspaper editors to stop the printing of photographs showing private parts of women, most of whom are bit actresses.

"I am not against the circulation of many newspapers within the city as source of vital informations... but, I hope the people running them will capitalize on decency, value and high sense of morality," said Delarmente, an active member of the Couples for Christ Movement.

Complaints brought to her attention said growing boys buy these newspapers not because of the news printed thereon but the lewd photos which they cut and post inside their room.

Delarmente was also told that a number of Original Pilipino Music (OPM) songs contained vulgar and very "suggestive" phrases which were found offensive notably to growing children.

The group have likewise sought the help of other QC Council members for immediate action and resolution of their complaints.

anti-pornographic newspaper

Councilor wants carriers of porno taxed heavily

By EDDIE C. FLORES

Quezon City Councilor Elizabeth Delarmente, in the wake of the dust of controversy stirred by a popular movie actress and sex siren who cried foul and raised hell over the publication, exposure and exploitation of her sexy photo pictorials in a popular bold magazine showing her in various stage of dishabille and exposing sneaky shots of her private parts, has urged all the concerned government authorities not to take this brazen disregard on the dignity of women lying down by impos-



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ing a much heavier taxes on the purveyors of all forms of bold pornographic materials and practitioners of erotic journalism.

The taxes that will be derived, Delarmente said, from the production, pub-

lication, distribution and sale of bold and pornographic reading materials like magazines, tabloids, komids, pocket books and the likes will be considered as Sin Atonement Taxes.

And, as such, she continued, they will be used exclusively for the establishment and maintenance of various rehabilitation centers throughout the country for women specially minors who are victims of violent assault and abuses committed and inflicted by certain misguided persons due to the evil influence of smut

materials.

The unabated proliferation, Delarmente pointed out, of bold and smut reading materials that are being sold in the open market with impunity and under the noses of our law enforcers and even made easi-

ly accessible to minors has a direct bearing to the breakdown of public moral and decency which has given rise to the frequency of crimes committed against women and chastity.

The continued and wanton, Delar-

mente stressed, pornographic pollution of our social environment makes it imperative for the

state to exercise its police powers as provided in our con-

stitution to extirpate this social evil that is thringing our

country into a veritable haven of pornography.

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