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EDITORIAL

Protect Quezon's Dream: NO to Batasan Transfer NO to Novaliches Secession

This paper says a thundering NO to the transfer to Manila or to anywhere outside of Quezon City of the Batasan Pambansa and an equally thundering NO to the secession of Novaliches from Quezon City to become a separate city.

We fully agree with Mayor Mel Mathay, Jr. that said transfer and secession would do violence to Quezon's dream of making the city he founded the capital city of the country and the seat of the national government.

Quezon first expressed the dream in his message to the National Assembly on

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Land Bank Letter

Please turn to back-page for Land Bank's letter reacting to the charge made in a news story in a previous issue that the Ramawil Compromise Agreement is unfair and unjust to the city government — *BEN O. FLORES.*

Best Quezon Day Celebration Ever

By Ben O. Flores

We have been in City Hall the last 22 years and we have witnessed scores of Quezon Day celebrations, but last August 19th celebration of the city founder's 115th birth anniversary was by far the best—very significant and eventful, thanks to the Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office (CTAO), overall in charge in the preparation of the week-long program of activities; City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba; and all other Department and Office Heads, particularly Ms. Divina Japa, Chief of the Public Affairs and Information Services Office, who did the coordination in the preparation and implementation of the week- long activities.

Even the weather cooperated (Mathay Weather?) The day and night previous to the 19th, storm "Rubing" induced heavy rains threatening to spoil the celebration, but a few hours before the

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Mathay Launches Drive Against Batasan Transfer, Novaliches Secession In Five Successive Speeches:



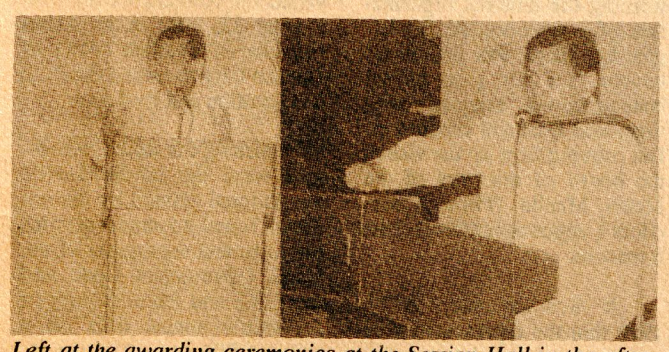
At the August 16 flag-raising ceremonies at City Hall when he started the drive.



The following day at the Quezon Institute on the occasion of its 55th Foundation Day.



At the early morning program on August 19 at the Quezon Memorial Circle. Senator Angara was seated directly in front of him.



Left, at the awarding ceremonies at the Session Hall in the afternoon ; Right, at the launching of the "Suyod Buwis Sulong Kaunlaran" drive, late in the afternoon.

PNB P800 M QC Loan Unprecedented—Mathay

The P800 million PNB loan to Quezon City is unprecedented in the annals of local government units, thus declared MMA Chairman and QC Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr.

He said that it took only five minutes for the PNB Board of Directors to approve the loan. This is because of the credibility and capacity of the city government.

The loan, which is payable in four years at a conces-

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QC opposes plan to move House to Manila

(Editor's Note: This is reprinted from the August 18 issue of MANILA BULLETIN which we sent as a press release, the first news report in a national publication of QC's opposition, led by Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr., to the transfer to Manila of the Batasan Pambansa. The last two paragraphs of the press release were, however, omitted due, no doubt, to space limitations. These last two paragraphs are given below.)

Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. has urged Vice Mayor Charito Planas, the 26 city councilors and the 7,000-strong city government officials and employes to lead the 1.8 million people of Quezon City in opposing the transfer of the Batasang Pambansa to Manila.

Mathay said the city officials and employes should start writing national government officials, including those in the Senate and the House of Representatives, to voice their opposition to the plan to construct in the Manila Bay reclaimed area a Congress building to house both the Senate and the House.

"Such expression of strong objection would be the best way to celebrate the 115th birth anniversary tomorrow, Aug. 19, of the city's founder, the illustrious Manuel L. Quezon," Mathay said.

It was Quezon's vision, he said, to make Quezon City the capital of the country and the seat of the national government.

This was realized, Mathay recalled, when then President Quirino signed into law Republic Act 333 on July 17, 1948 making the city as the country's capital and national government center. (Ben O. Flores)

Though the capitalship of the country was subsequently restored to Manila by virtue of PD No. 940 issued by Marcos on May 29, 1976, QC continued (and continues) to be regarded as the National Government Center due to the presence in the city of more

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QC Public Library Honors Former Mayor Rodriguez

To highlight the celebration of its 45th Foundation Day last August 20, the QC Public Library, headed by Ms. Blanquita L. Del Barrio as Chief Librarian, presented a Plaque of Appreciation to former Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez, in recognition of outstanding support given to the Library in the improvement of its facilities and services, particularly the construction of the main library building.

The Plaque was presented by Secretary to the Mayor, Atty. Lourdes Santos, representing Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr., who was unable to attend as he had to join other Metro Manila Mayors to attend the rally commemorating Ninoy Aquino's assassination. Atty. Santos also inducted into office the officers of the "Friends of the Library" headed by Ms. Ofelia Tamayo as President.

Councilor Godofredo Liban gave a brief talk while City Budget Officer Estrella P. Gerardo introduced Ms. Rodriguez, citing the former Mayor's accomplishments.

In her response, Ms. Rodriguez told in a chatty way, of interesting and significant incidents and experiences during her 10-year administration, 1976-1986. As to the proddings of friends and supporters that she run again for the mayorship, her standard answer, she said is:

"Huag na, hindi na kailangan. Napaka galing na si Mayor Mathay. Hindi na dapat pa palitan."

Mayor Rodriguez con-

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Secretary to the Mayor Atty. Lourdes Santos presents Plaque of Appreciation to former Mayor Rodriquez. More pictures on Page 6).

PRO PEOPLE, PRO BUSINESS

QC Revenue Code Gets Cordial Reception

By Ben O. Flores

The hope for a cordial reception of the 1993 Quezon City Revenue Code expressed by Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. in his message presenting the Code to the public through this paper has been fulfilled.

All sectors

All sectors—business, civic, professional, banking—have reacted favorably to the Code. The PRO PEOPLE, PRO BUSINESS catchphrase concocted by Councilor Tony Sioson has clicked and registered in the minds of taxpayers. It was Sioson, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, who was overall in charge in the preparation of the Code and who sponsored it for enactment in the Council.

Unlike in other cities and municipalities of Metro Manila where their respective Codes were subjected to widespread protests, the QC Revenue Code has received only two complaints: From Meralco, which objected to the franchise tax, and from a certain Ilang- Ilang Corporation, located at 13 Ilang-Ilang St., Cubao, which assails the constitutionality/legality of the Code due, it claims, to lack of notice of public hearing, lack of proper numbering, lack of posting and lack of proper publication.



SIOSON

Business Center

The PRO BUSINESS part of Councilor Sioson's catchphrase is born out by the fact that several businesses have signified their intention to transfer to Quezon City. In fact, one of them has already applied for a business permit. This one is the HANABISHI PHILS. INC. to be located at 232 Quirino Highway, Baesa, QC. It has a capitalization of P4,013,457.64, 60% Filipino in the amount of P2,408,074.58 and 40% alien in the amount of P1,605,383.06.

"In a few years," Sioson said, "I see the emergence of Quezon City as the business center of Metro Manila."

Q.C. BUSINESS GROUP SUPPORTS REVENUE CODE

The Quezon City Association of Filipino-Chinese Businessmen, Inc., one of the leading non-governmental organizations in the city, headed by its president, Antonio Tecson, today unanimously expressed approval over the business tax provisions of the 1993 Q.C. Revenue Code.

The Association was particularly pleased that the suggestions and recommendations they proposed to Councilor Antonio L. Sioson, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council and principal author and sponsor of the Code. The Board of Directors of the Association, led by the president, first held a dialogue with Councilor Sioson and later formally presented their position paper on the proposed Code.

The Association is representative of the business sector of the city and has been cooperating with the programs and projects of the city government as one of the private participants in the local governance of the city. -- *E.D. VIRAY*

More stories on cordial reception to QC Revenue Code, on Page 10

REPORTS

Please turn to page 8 for the Mayor's and City Admininstrator's report on their Tokyo trip.

Please turn to page 9 for the Vice Mayor's report on her activities as acting Mayor, Aug 2-9. 1993

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Urge Use of 4-Ha. Lot In QC For Senate Building

The City Council has enacted a Resolution strongly urging the national leadership to use a 4-hectare expanse of vacant land in front of the Batasan Complex, Batasan Hills, QC, as the site for a Senate building pursuant to "a renewed clamor to house the Philippine Senate and the House of Representatives in one compound."

The Resolution estimates that it would cost only about One Billion Pesos to construct a Senate building at the proposed site compared to the Four Billion Pesos needed to renovate the PNB building at the Manila Bay reclaimed area.

Finally, the Resolution states that the coming of the Senate to Quezon City is in keeping with the vision of past national leaders, specifically the late President Manuel Luis Quezon, to make Quezon City the National Government Center, if not the capital of the country.

Didn't Ask Pagcor To Set Up Casino In QC—Planas

Point of Order Joe Guevara MANILA BULLETIN and TEMPO columnist is out of order as far as the establishment of a Casino in QC is concerned, so it seems.

Vice Mayor Charito Planas denies Guevara's allegation made in his August 17 TEMPO column that it was she who had "originally asked Pagcor to set up a casino in QC."



"The truth is," Planas wrote Guevara, "I learned of PAGCOR'S plan at a dinner which they hosted for the Mayor and myself sometime September

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MALACANANG PALACE
MANILA

MESSAGE

Our national deliverance will inevitably come from the sum of what we do in our local communities. In fact, the effective and efficient decentralization of governance to our local government units is crucial to the full realization of our vision of "PHILIPPINES 2000!!!".

For this reason, our local government officials, particularly our city and municipal councilors, must strive to chart the future development of their respective local communities in full accord with our vision of a new Philippines. As key players in legislative undertakings in the local government level and policy makers for the implementation of the local government code, they must participate actively and effectively in coping with challenges and demands of local governance and nation building as a whole.

With these thoughts, I greet and congratulate the Philippine Councilors League, Inc. on the maiden observance of "Philippine Councilors' Week" this first week of September. May this celebration inspire you all in your primal function of serving the people and fulfilling our vision of a new Philippines.

MABUHAY KAYONG LAHAT!

FIDEL V. RAMOS
President



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Senate
MANILA

MESSAGE

Proclamation No. 212 declaring the first week of September as Philippine Councilors Week is most welcome.

As President Ramos himself took note, councilors are the "precursors" of development programs in local government units all over the country in view of their functions as local lawmakers and policy makers.

There is, therefore, a need to spotlight the key roles they play in nation-building to heighten the people's awareness of the councilors' duties and responsibilities to make sure that all residents in their respective areas benefit from the protection and security which the government is mandated to give.

I hope that Proclamation No. 212 will challenge the Philippine Councilors League and all councilors nationwide to harness all the powers of their office to help the national leadership win a bright future for the people.

EDGARDO J. ANGARA
Senate President



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MESSAGE

Let me greet the officials and members of the Philippines Councilors League as they celebrate "Philippine Councilors Week."

On this occasion, let me also commend the League for organizing this activity which, I am confident, could create impact on our over-all efforts at effecting development and economic growth in the local government units.

May you harness this week-long celebration to embark on more worthwhile projects in support of Philippines 2000.

To all of you, more power!

RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III
Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MESSAGE

In behalf of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, I wish all the Councilors continued blessings and wisdom as they pool all their talents towards building a better Philippines. The future of our country greatly depends upon solid footing on the local government level.

May the one hundred eighty thousand seedlings you will plant during Philippine Councilors Week sway in the breeze in the years to come, to give green foliage to progress and a fresher environment for Philippines 2000 and generations to come.

ANGEL C. ALCALA
Secretary



MESSAGE

In behalf of the 18,000 municipal and city councilors nationwide affiliated with the Philippine Councilors League (PCL), I wish to enjoin everybody to participate in the celebration of "Philippine Councilors Week", from September 1-7 as contained in Presidential Proclamation No. 212.

Of particular need of strong support are the nationwide tree planting and the medical-dental, sanitation and fumigation missions to be undertaken in fitting observance of the event.

May this celebration symbolize a bold thrust toward Philippine 2000.

Together let us move.

GUILLERMO C. ALTUNA
Q.C. President Pro-Tempore
National Chairman
Philippine Councilors League

Mathay, Planas, Councilors To Lead Opening Program Of Philippine Councilors Week

The maiden nationwide observance of "Philippine Councilors Week" set for September 1-7 by Presidential Proclamation No. 212, kicks off today in Quezon City with an 8:00 AM Mass at the City Hall Main Lobby followed by an Opening Program led by Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr., Vice-Mayor Charito L. Planas and the City Councilors.

The Guests of Honor are Local Governments Secretary Rafael M. Alunan III, DENR Secretary Angel C. Alcala and Health Secretary Juan M. Flavier, together with the Congressmen from the four Districts of the City, Congressmen Renato Yap, Dante Liban, Dennis Roldan and Feliciano Belmonte.

Quezon City President Pro Tempore Guillermo C. Altuna, National Chairman of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) under whose auspices the nationwide celebration is being undertaken, said that President Fidel V. Ramos underscored in his proclamation of the weeklong celebration the need to highlight the role of city and municipal councilors "precursor of development programs in the local government level, through their legislative undertakings, and as policy makers for the implementation of the Local Government Code."

Secretary Alunan, on the other hand, expressed his confidence that the event "could create impact on our overall efforts of effecting development and economic growth in the local government units."

Senate President Edgardo Angara likewise said that "there is a need to spotlight the key roles they play in nation building to heighten the people's awareness of the councilors duties and responsibilities to ensure that all residents in their respective areas benefit from the protection and security which government is mandated to give."

With 18,000 councilors leading the celebration nationwide, the centerpiece event is the simultaneous country-wide planting of FIDELITY Trees with an overall target of 200,000 seedlings planted before the week ends. DENR Secretary Alcala has directed in a memorandum all Regional Directors of his department to make available all the required seedlings for this project.

The activities lined up for the whole week in Quezon City includes the awarding of recognitions to outstanding City residents; the simultaneous planting of trees in every barangay headed by the councilors in their respective Areas of Responsibilities; the Medical-Dental-Sagip Mata-Sanitation and Fumigation missions; the visitation by the city councilors and other city officials of police sations, the city jail, hospitals, health centers, schools, public markets,. and day care centers and the Tahanan (drug rehabilitation center); and a courtesy call and dialogue with President Ramos on the 7th of September.

Councilor Altuna who has been conferring with the PCL Federation officers on the celebration said that he has no doubt the event will achieve its goal of rallying support to the important task of local legislation which is the cornerstone of local governance.

The DILG is cooperating with the PCL in coordinating the week long celebration.

PCL HIGHLIGHTS

Since its inception is 1988, the Philippine Councilors League has done much to strengthen the capability of the councilors as local legislators.

The Solidarity of the 18,000 strong PCL provides the timely and much-needed catalysts in the implementation of the Local Government Code of 1991.

The local councils, which are the basic foundation for Philippine legislation with its direct linkages to the masses, serve as the medium for the formulation of laws, rules and regulations that promote the citizens' general welfare.

As the voice of the citizenry, the local councils' vital role in legislation provides the impetus for socio-economic development through the delivery of basic services for the masses, particularly the grassroots level.

As an organization, the PCL strengthens the aims and visions of its members in implementing programs, policies and activities designed for community development. It supports its members' plans and movements through consultative procedures; legislative

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MALACANANG
Manila
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 212

DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Country's City and Municipal Councilors, numbering 18,000 nationwide, are the precursor of development programs in the local government level, through their legislative understakings, and as policy makers for the implementation of the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the City and Municipal Councilors are united under the aegis of their national organization, the Philippine Councilors League (PCL), which was organized on September 7, 1990;

WHEREAS, the PCL desires to celebrate their founding anniversary with a week long activities, which will include the simultaneous tree planting, dental-medical mission and the giving of recognition to the country's outstanding farmers, teachers, policemen, and other civil servants;

WHEREAS, there is a need to highlight the role of the country's local legislators as active participants in the governance of local government units and in nation building as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the first week of September of every year as "Philippine Councilors Week" under the auspices of the Philippine Councilors League.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of July in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety three.

By the President:

TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA
Executive Secretary



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
LUNGSOD QUEZON
TANGGAPAN NG PUNONG LUNGSOD

MESSAGE

As Metro Manila Authority chairman and Quezon City Mayor, let me extend my warmest greetings to the officers and members of the PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE (PCL) on the observance of Philippine Councilors' Week.

President Ramos's declaration of the first week of September as a special period for the country's 18,888 city and municipal councilors is a fitting recognition of their invaluable role in the task of nation-building.

Having been a public servant for several decades now, I am fully aware of the dedication of local legislators like you, who work relentlessly for the socio-economic upliftment of your constituents. I would also like to make known my observation that some of the country's great leaders and statesmen came from the ranks of the city and municipal councilors.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the meaningful projects you have been undertaking particularly your simultaneous nationwide tree-planting program. This endeavor is timely and urgent, a valuable contribution to the global campaign to halt environmental degradation.

For our people and our country, let us continue building the foundation for a progressive and prosperous tomorrow.

ISMAEL A. MATHAY JR
Quezon City Mayor

Capsule History: The Philippine Councilors League (PLC)

The Philippine Councilors League (PLC), with 18,000 city and municipal councilors nationwide, is concededly the biggest organization of government officials in the country. Strategically positioned among the grassroot population—the government unit nearest the barangay—it wields immeasurable influence over the general populace. Its combined membership constitutes the strongest force that shape the tempo and tone of developments through local legislation.

Yet, time was when the Philippine Councilors, immediately after the resurrection of the City Councils after martial law appeared a loose sputtering of men and won who were afterthoughts in the overall structure of the government machinery; viewed with suspicion by the bureaucracy, with disdain by some city officials and with tolerance by the general public. The function of local legislation which is an indispensable mechanism in an effective democracy has lain too long in the hands of a handful of appointive executive local officials.

So it was with missionary zeal and quiet dedication that some local legislative members in 1988 broached the idea of forming the national organization of councilors. At the beginning, there was pessimism largely due to geographical considerations coupled with time, and financial constraints. But proving firm in the vision, the board of directors of the Metro Manila (Phils) Councilors League spreadheaded its formation.

It was on May 26-27, 1990 that the representative of various local legislative councils from the different parts of the country assembled in Manila for the organizational meeting.

Thus on May 27, the once thought of impossible dream finally became a reality— the birth of the Philippine Councilors League.

The inception of the League was timely. The Philippine Councilors, through the PCL were able to express their sentiments in the framing of the Local Government Code, the milestone setting legislation defining the roles of legislative councils in the task of local governance.

Pursuant to the provisions of the New Local Government Code, also known as RA 7160, the PCL was institutionalized as a League of elected local officials of highly urbanized cities, municipalities and component cities, with provincial federations and regional chapters.

As mandated by the Code, its provincial federation presidents sit as ex-officio members of the Provincial Boards. Also in line with the provisions of the Code, the DILG issued Memorandum No. 92-03 dated January 16, 1992 mandating the existing PCL organized in 1990 be reconstituted and its Constitution and By-Laws modified. PCL National Chairman Guillermo C. Altuna, convened the National Council on August 22, 1992 at the Asian Institute of Tourism (AIT) in Quezon City to amend the PCL Constitution and By-Laws.

Among the salient provisions were the substitution of the national council by the national board to conform with the rules and regulations of the Local Government Code and the SEC; and the allocation of collectible annual dues on a ratio of fifty percent for the national league; twenty five percent for the provincial federations and twenty five percent for the local councils.

The Councilor's Creed

I am a Philippine Councilor, mandated by Law to enact measures and ordinances that redound to the general welfare of my constituents in their pursuit for happiness, peace and prosperity.

I believe in Public Service above Self as the guiding principle of my official acts.

And, as I tread the pathways of local legislation, may the Almighty guide my mind and heart that I shall be true to my constituents and the Filipino people.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS' WEEK
September 1-7, 1993

SEPTEMBER 1, (Wednesday)

8:00 AM	THANKSGIVING MASS	QC HALL LOBBY City Officials/Employees & Guests
10:00 AM	OPENING PROGRAM	QC HALL LOBBY to follow the Mass
11:00 AM	CEREMONIAL TREE PLANTING	CITY HALL GROUNDS City Officials/Guests

SEPTEMBER 2, (Thursday)

8:00 AM	MOTORCADE	WITHIN THE CITY City Officials/Employees
10:00 AM	PASS -IN-REVIEW BY CPD	CITY HALL GROUNDS in honor of the QC Council & City Officials
2:00 PM	COURTESY CALL BY DEPT./BOC/SK CHIEFS TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS	ALBERT HALL
3:00 PM	STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS	Hon. Ismael A. Mathay, JR. City Mayor, Quezon City
4:00 PM	AWARDING CEREMONIES	ALBERT HALL For Outstanding Journalist City Residents and Essay Writing Contest Winners Composed of High School Students on the Theme: "The Role of Councilors in Nation Building" and "Ang Konsehal" FORMER QC COUNCILORS

SEPTEMBER 3,, (Friday

8:00 AM	TREE PLANTING AND CLEANLINESS DRIVE SUB-CITIES/CAR	At Respective Councilors Areas of Responsibilities (CAR) with QC Associated Ladies Foundation
9:00 AM 12:00 PM	MEDICAL /DENTAL/ SAGIG MATA	PER CAR In cooperation with QC Ladies Associated Ladies Foundation

SEPTEMBER 4,, (Saturday)

10:00 AM	VISITATION TO TAHANAN	QC Drug Rehabilitation Center City Officials
1:00 PM	FOGGING/ FUMIGATIONS/ SANITATION	PER CAR

SEPTEMBER 5,, (Sunday)

9:00 AM	VISITATION TO POLICE STATIONS, CITY JAILS, HOSPITALS & MARKETS	WITHIN THE CITY By City Councilors with QC Associated Ladies Foundation
1:00 PM	GENERAL ASSEMBLY Per CAR	Barangay Officials/BSDO SK/NGOs

SEPTEMBER 6,, (Monday)

10:00 AM	VISITATION TO HEALTH CENTERS, DAY CARE CENTERS, SCHOOLS	

SEPTEMBER 7,, (Tuesday)

COURTESY CALL AND DIALOGUE WITH THE PRESIDENT	MALACANANG PCL National & Federation Officers/NCR Councilors/ City Officials

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HIGHLIGHTS...

policies and resolutions; and enhances the camaraderie in all councilors.

The PCL has made its own mark in various provisions incorporated in the Local Government Code of 1991 which strengthens the local councils. Twenty-one resolutions of the PCL have been included in R.A. 7160.

The inclusion of these resolutions, indeed, symbolizes the dedication and will of the PCL's members in their respective roles as public servants, pursuant to the PCL's motto: "Public Service above Self."

The implementation of the Local Government Code of 1991 this year under the Ramos administration is an impetus for the PCL to aim higher, work harder and make the Filipino's dream of socio- economic progress a reality through people empowerment.

In a short period of less than 5 years the League has manifested its stand and influence on various issues of national import among these were:

- Sustained support for the approval of the appointment of Secretary Rafael M. Alunan III, as DILG Secretary;
- Support to a Bill filed by Speaker Jose C. de Venecia appropriating P50 Million for country development;
- Opposition to NAPOCOR's planned electric power rate increase in 1992;
- A stand for the Secretary of Budget to release the IRA of local government amounts in full;
- Stand supporting H.B. No. 3690 to strengthen the PNP by providing guidelines for revamp; and
- PCL stand requesting the DILG to issue an official clarification as to definition of "Component Cities" and "Non Component Cities."

Organizationally, the successful organization of the 74 PCL Provincial Federations, the election of their officers and the appointment of these federation presidents to the different provincial boards provided the PCL with an effective and dynamic network to respond to various challenges anywhere in the country.

Late J. Amado Araneta leads awardees in Quezon City Councilors Week

For his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Quezon City as exemplified in the now bustling Araneta Commercial Complex, the late J. Amado Araneta, Filipino industrialist- businessman and noted civic and cultural leader will be presented with a posthumous award on the occasion of the Philippine Councilors Week, 1-7 September.

This was jointly announced by Quezon City Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and Councilor Guillermo C. Altuna, the National Chairman of the Philippine Councilors League.

Quezon City Council on its own, has lined up a week-long festivity to commemorate the Philippine Councilors Week, to be featured by tree planting, medical/dental assistance, visitation of the QC Councilors to various police stations, city jails, hospitals, markets and health centers.

On the opening day ceremony of the Philippine Councilors Week on Sept. 1, Wednesday a program will be held at the Quezon City Hall Lobby and expected as guests are Secretaries Angel Alcala, DENR; Rafael M. Alunan, Jr. DILG; and Juan Flavier of Department of Health. After this brief ceremony at the Quezon City Hall Lobby, tree planting at City Hall Grounds will immediately follow.

The awarding ceremonies one of the main features of the festivity will be held September 2, Thursday at 4:00 PM, at the Quezon City Session Hall (Albert Hall) with Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. officiating. Jorge Araneta and his family are expected to receive the award for his late father.

Aside from the late J Amado Araneta, to be presented with appropriate awards are the various winners who won in the recent Essay Writing Contest composed of High School students on the theme: "The Role of Councilors in Nation Building and "Ang Konsehal". Former Councilors, Outstanding Journalists and city residents will also be presented with appropriate awards.

Also, the Philippine Councilors League and

Federation Officers, National Capital Region Councilors and City Officials are scheduled to pay a courtesy call and dialogue with President Fidel V. Ramos on September 7, Tuesday at Malacanang. -- *IRMA VILLANUEVA*

Greetings to All Fellow Councilors!

The Quezon City Council 1993

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Standard FARE

By Ben O. Flores

Two OTH Passes to Maalikaya

I sent Mr. Rolando de Asis, proprietor of Maalikaya, a copy of our June 29, 1993 issue which bears this banner story, "Maalikaya Re-Opening, Big Blow To Anti-Immorality Drive." In a letter I attached, I told Mr. de Asis of the times during the regime of the late Mayor Amoranto when, together with Amoranto friends like the late City Attorney Joe Torcuator, Judge Estrella, Ka Anong of the NBI, Dr. Catarroja, etc. after jogging around the Circle early Saturday mornings, we would go to Maalikaya for a massage which was OTH (On the House). I expressed the desire to sample the P2,700 Double Massage Rooms as soon as I had the funds. Would Rolly perhaps give me a discount?

Mr. de Asis did not give me a discount. He gave me something better: He sent me two OTH passes. Unfortunately, it was my daughter, Evelyn, a Public Health nurse at the Balara Health Center, who received the envelope containing the passes. Whether deliberately or not, she handed the passes to me belatedly—after Maalikaya had been re-closed by order of the Court of Appeals which had overruled RTC Judge Lucas Bersamin's previous injunction against the closure of Maalikaya which then Acting Mayor Charito Planas had ordered.

Anyway, Charito has called all sauna/massage parlor operators to a meeting and they have agreed to eliminate the locked doors and to comply with other regulatory provisions of city ordinances, so there is a good chance Maalikaya may re-open soon together with other parlors the Vice Mayor had closed, like Thunderbolt and Miss Saigon at Timog Avenue. I look forward to the reopening even if the massage will no longer be done in locked doors to prevent the fringe benefits—or should I say, main benefits?

On No. Twos

Recently, I had a free-wheeling talk with Charito in which we touched on various subjects. When we came to the subject of No. Twos, I asked her what she thought about them. To my surprise, she said it's quite alright, talagang ganyan ang mga lalake— almost exactly the same words Mrs. Sanchez, wife of the Calauan Mayor, used to answer the question of what she felt about the 17 girl friends of her husband.

I am delighted by Charito's not prudish, liberal attitude towards No. Twos. We writers, need inspiration to be able to write well. I have to have pretty muses to provide that inspiration—one at a time of course. Mind you I call them muses, not No. Twos nor chicks, least of all, mistresses. Muse is a decent term, poetic even.

Apropo the subject of No. Twos, I am reproducing hereunder a piece by Larry Henares in his Inquirer column in which he cites the mistresses of some of the greatest American presidents:

It should stop criticism of public officials having No. Twos.

Great lovers make great leaders. President Emilio Aguinaldo lived with Amparing Arac, in the period between his two wives, Hilaria del Rosario and Maria Agoncillo. Amparo Karagdag was among the many women linked to Pres. Manuel Quezon. Actress Dimples Cooper was the girlfriend of Douglas MacArthur; Dovey Beams, of Ferdinand Marcos. Manuel Roxas had a family outside of marriage, from which an international beauty queen was spawned. Ramon Magsaysay had love affairs too.

US President Thomas Jefferson had relations with a beautiful mulatto slave, Sally Hemings, with whom he had seven children, and for whom he wrote verses: The sweetest solace of my cares/ Is in the lap of Sally./ She's black you tell me—grant she be—/ Must color always tally?

US Pres. Grover Cleveland had a son whom he sent to an orphanage, begotten with widow Maria Crofts Halpin whom he sent to an asylum, and his political opponents chanted, "Ma, Ma! Where's my Pa?/ Gone to the White House, hahaha!" When asked how he would respond, Cleveland answered, "Tell the truth!" and his honesty turned the scandal into a political asset.

US Pres. Warren Harding made love to Mrs. Carrie Philips, the wife of friend and was blackmailed by her. He became the lover of flirtatious 13-year-old Nan Britton, a daughter of a friend, and even had sex with her inside a closet almost getting caught by his wife. His father said: "If you were a girl, Warren, you'd be pregnant all the time."

US Pres. Calvin Coolidge's wife, dissatisfied with her husband's performance, asked the man in charge of a government poultry how many times the rooster made love every day, and when informed, "Dozens of times," she replied "Please tell that to the President."

When Coolidge was thus informed, he asked, "Same hen all the time?" and the answer was "Oh, no, Mr. President, a different one each time." The president nodded slowly and said, "Tell that to Mrs. Coolidge."

US Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt had a long time affair with Lucy Mercer, the social secretary of his wife Eleanor, who in turn had an apparent lesbian relationship with Lorena Hickok, an Associated Press reporter.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had an extramarital affair with his female driver Kay Summersby, who said he was "hungry, strong, demanding," but largely impotent. State Sec. George Marshall wrote him a letter threatening to "bust" him out of the Army. When Eisenhower ran for the presidency, his political opponent Pres. Harry Truman ordered the incriminating correspondence destroyed.

US Pres John F. Kennedy prided himself on being a sexual athlete, confessing that deprived of sex, he suffered severe headaches. After he died, women worte books about having sex with him. Stripper Blaze Starr claimed she made love to him in a closet, while being reminded President Harding did the same to Nan Britton.

Painter Mary Pinchot Meyer kept a diary of her sexual life with John, but it disappeared when she was murdered. He had relations with Judith Campbell Exner, girlfriend of a Mafia hood; and with actresses Gene Tierney, Jayne Mansfield, and Marilyn Monroe who harbored ambitions to be the First Lady, and who died under suspicious circumstances.

Two secretaries referred to by the Secret Service as "Fiddle and Faddle" were kept on the staff for his convenience. He was master of the "quickie" and preferred to make love lying on his back, and with two women at the same time.

Best Deterrent Against Bold Shows

By Ben O. Flores

Five Councilors have introduced a proposed ordinance which could be the most effective deterrent against bold shows.

The ordinance would "allow the entry and use of any kind of cameras inside nightclubs, bars, cocktail lounges, beer gardens, discoteques, restaurants and all other places of entertainment and amusement!" Violation of this ordinance "shall be penalized by a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year or both at the discretion of the court."

The five bold Councilors are the honorables Antonio L. Sioson, Cesar R. Dario, Jr., Godofredo T. Liban, Victor V. Ferrer and Antonio V. Hernandez.

The proposed ordinance should be most welcome to Vice Mayor Charito Planas who is conducting a relentless anti-immorality drive with the full support of Mayor Mel Mathay, Jr.—provided, of course, if the drive is in accordance with the rule of law and due process. Out of her list of 24 bold showing discos, she has already caused the closure of two or three of them, not to mention the closure of the city's biggest and most famous sauna/massage parlors: MAALIKAYA.

The ordinance, however, is certain to meet stiff opposition from the establishments concerned, most probably on constitutional grounds. And it is not unlikely that lobby money will be raised to defeat the measure. We are confident however, of the Councilors' integrity to dsiprove the common saying that money talks. They should stuff their ears, so they couldn't hear the seductive talk of money.

It is the unconstitutionlity of the ordinace that they may find difficult to overcome. The past Council enacted an ordinance, introduced by the late Councilor Isidro Saludes, penalizing patrons of live nude shows, but it was invalidated by the court on the ground that it "curtails the inherent right of an individual to go anywhere he desires without any restriction of law."

Ironically, it was RTC Judge Lucas Bersamin of Branch 96 who made this rulling—the Judge who had ordered the re-opening of MAALKIAYA.

If the proposed ordinance is enacted and apporved and a test case is brought to court and if that court is Branch 96 of Judge Lucas Bersamin—patay.

Consuelo de Bobo

Councilor Fred Montilla, who is on his 4th term as councilor, delivered a privilege speech questioning the delay in the payment of the salaries of casuals and contractuals. We featured the speech in the June 28, 1993 issue of this paper. Fred asked extra copies to "send to my son in the US," he said.

Shortly after the speech, salary payments were made promptly, but about two weeks later, it was back to the old system that was responsible for delayed salary payments. I told Fred, it was a consuelo de bobo, that was given to him. Irked, he promised to deliver another privilege speech.

The Fiscal Control Unit has imposed a new ruling which has delayed my pay for August 1 to 15. Inspite of the fact that it was my second pay already, the lady processing my voucher required a copy of my approved Contract of Services to be attached to the voucher. I asked the lady, how could my first pay been paid if I did not have a valid Contract of Services? The lady said that it is possible I had skipped my first pay because of the post audit requirement for first pay and was trying to collect my second pay, the voucher for which, did not have to be subject to post audit at the City Auditor's Office where vouchers can not be processed quickly because only one employee does the processing.

Atty. de Leon, if ever you read this column, please know that I resent your subordinate's implication that I am capable of sinking solow as to have resorted to the trickery she said I could have committed to circumvent the post audit requirement for first salary. I have been in City Hall for the last 22 years and I am not aware of ever having committed anything that my conscience can not accept.

No Passage of Time for Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez

After so many years, I was so glad to see former Mayor Rodriguez again at the 45th Foundation Day program of the QC Public Library which honored her with a Plaque of Appreciation (Read, "QC Public Library Honors Former Mayor Rodriguez!" Page 1). I was pleasantly surprised to see that, instead of aging considering the grief she must have gone through upon the death of her husband, Rizal Governor Rodriguez, the former Mayor looked even younger than when she was here at City Hall. (Take a look at the picture below. Yup, that's me greeting her. Atty. Lourdes Santos is behind her.)

Indeed, for Ms. Adelina S. Rodriguez, there is no passage of time. Rather, for her, time not only stops but recedes.

Inher response, which she delivered in a chatty, informal way, she recalled how reluctant she had been in accepting her appointment as QC Mayor. She related many significant, interesting and amusing incidents and experiences during her 10-year administration delighting the audience immensely. I was flattered no end when she cited me as one of those who had served her well together with Budget Officer Lily Gerardo.

Ihad served Mayor Rodriguez for five years (1981-1986) as speechwriter. I cherish those five years as among the happiest I have spent in City Hall. Thank you, Mayor Rodriguez, may the good Lord continue to bless you and keep you blooming on and on.



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EDITORIAL ...

September 18, 1939 urging the creation of Quezon City:"I dream of a capital city that, politically, shall be the seat of the national government;..."

This first expression of the dream has been quoted so often that it is figuratively in tatters, but the dream itself is intact, ardently nurtured and cherished in the hearts of every citizen of Quezon City.

The theme of the recent celebration of the 115th birth anniversary of Quezon was supposed to be "President Manuel Luis Quezon at any People Empowerment," but it could have been more fittingly the title of this Editorial; "Protect Quezon's Dream: NO to Batasan Transfer; NO to Novaliches' Secession."

We say more fittingly because it was during the celebration of Quezon Day that Mayor Mathay pursued the drive to mobilize the 1.8 million people of Quezon City to rally against the transfer of the Batasan Pambansa to Manila.

It was during the flag-raising ceremony at QC Hall last August 16, two days before Quezon Day, that the Mayor first launched the anti-transfer mobilization drive. (Please read the new story, "QC Opposes Plan to Move House to Manila.)

The following day, August 17, Mathay in a speech at the Quezon Institute where he was the guest of honor and speaker on the Institute's fopundation Day, repeated his appeal for the people of Quezon City to unite as one in protesting and opposing, the transfer of the House to Manila.)

In the three speeches he delivered on August 19, the Mayornever failed to express vigorous opposition to the transfer of the Batasan and to the secession of Novaliches. Among other reasons, Mathay stressed that in the Master Plan formulated by the Capitol City Planning sprawling Commission created under President Quirino, the Payatas area where the Batasan Pambansa stands was earmarked as the National Government Center. Hence it has been called "Constitution Hill." Though not mentioned by the Mayor we recall that the General Services Department, under President Marcos, has a 10 year Plan to make Quezon City the National Government Center.

As to the secession of Novaliches, we understand that the move to secede has been initiated by a former QC Councilor, now in Congress, who harbors the ambition to become the Mayor of a separate Novaliches City. We are sure the people of Novaliches are same and inteligent enough to realize the folly of separating from a primate city like Quezon City which for all you know, might become, not only the National Government Center as it is so regarded now, but the capital of the country.

Letter from Councilor Galarpe

This is in relation to a news item with your by-line which appeared in the June 27, 1993 issue of The New Capital Standard wherein you have written "Let us hope something tangibly good--repeat, tangibly good--for the city will come out of this trip which will be financed with tax payers money." (underscoring supplied).

In connection thereto, please be informed that the Honorable Councilor Alberto M. Galarpe will be attending the 37th Annual Conference of the Sister Cities International to be held in Houston, Texas from the 14th to 17th of July 1993 as one of the representatives of the Philippines Councilors League. Under the 1st Indorsement dated June 15, 1993 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, copy hereto attached, the last paragraph states "that no expenses whatsoever shall be borne by the government whether national or local funds in connection with the travel herein authorized."

Please be informed further that Councilor Galarpe has a daughter in the United States who is a physician and married to a Pilipino Physician whom he has not visited for the last five years. They are the ones answering for his transportation expenses while his eldest son who is in Tokyo, Japan and married to a Japanese is the one helping him in his expenses.

So, Ben, I guess nobody can say that Councilor Galarpe is using government funds to defray his attendance to this Conference.

By the way, after Houston thing, Councilor Galarpe will proceed to Salt Lakes City, Utah for their Foundation Day. Remember, Salt Lakes is a Sister City of our beloved Quezon City.

By:
ERNESTO T. ALINEA
Executive Officer
Office of Hon. Alberto M. Galarpe

Letter from Councilor Lagumbay

This is in connection with your column entitled "Daly City in the News". In the last paragraph of your column, you have mentioned about the trip of the Lagumbay father and son Councilors. For clarification, please be informed that the trips of Councilors Galarpe and Lagumbay will not be financed with the taxpayer's money as manifested on the floor during the 76th regular session of the City Council.

With regards to the trip of Councilor Wency Lagumbay, the son, his being part of the delegation has shown the Chinese Government of our country's concern for the development of the Youth, not only in sports, but also in their able participation in running the affairs of the government. Hence, the Chinese's interest in this aspect was stirred, thus paved the way for the future participation of the Chinese Youth in the governance of their nation.

EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY
City Councilor, District III
Quezon City

QUEZON DAY IN PICTURES

All photos by Vic Oliver

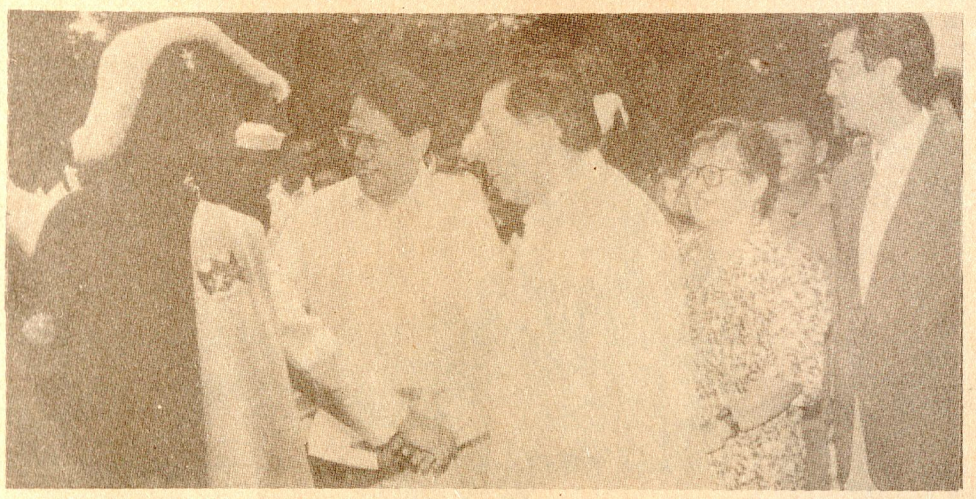
ARRIVAL



Mayor Mathay arrives, escorted by a Knight. No bodyguards.



Poses with guest of honor, Senator Angara, Vice Mayor Planas behind.



A Knight greets them. Vice Mayor Planas and Quezon's grandson Ricky.

WREATH OFFERING



Mayor Mathay and Vice Mayor Planas. Behind is Councilor Butch Bautista.



Senator Angara, Mayor Mathay and Vice Mayor Planas. Councilor Bautista and City Administrator Dr. Alba, behind.

TREE PLANTING



The sign identifies the tree planter. (Sorry, Charito, our photographer almost decapitated you.)



Vice Mayor Planas



Dr. Alba



Department of Public and Order Chief Bañez.

AWARDING CEREMONIES



Mayor Mathay presents Outstanding Citizen Award to Dr. Fe del Mundo. Dr. Alba, Vice Mayor Planas and Manila Congressman Roces look on..



Posthumous Outstanding Citizen Award for Chino Roces is received by Manila Congressman Roces from Mayor Mathay.

LAUNCHING OF SUYOD BUWIS, SULONG SA KAUNLARAN PROGRAM

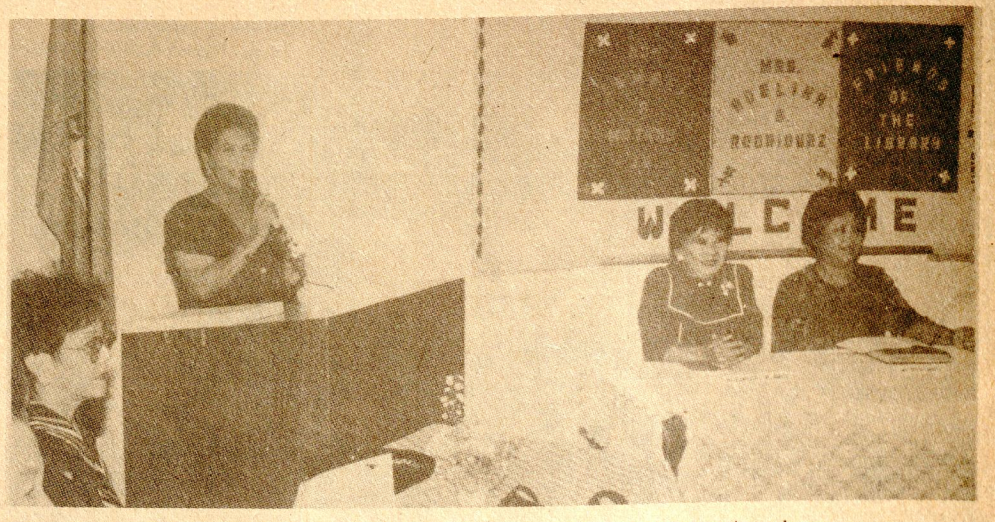


Addressing the Barangay officials who are involved in this program from left: Mayor Mathay, Councilor Tony "Pro People, Pro Business" Sioson and Atty. Mario Laqui, who is waiting in the wings to become City Attorney.



City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba takes his turn to address the barangay officials.

QC PUBLIC LIBRARY 45TH FOUNDATION DAY



Mayor Rodriguez delivering her response to the honor given her.



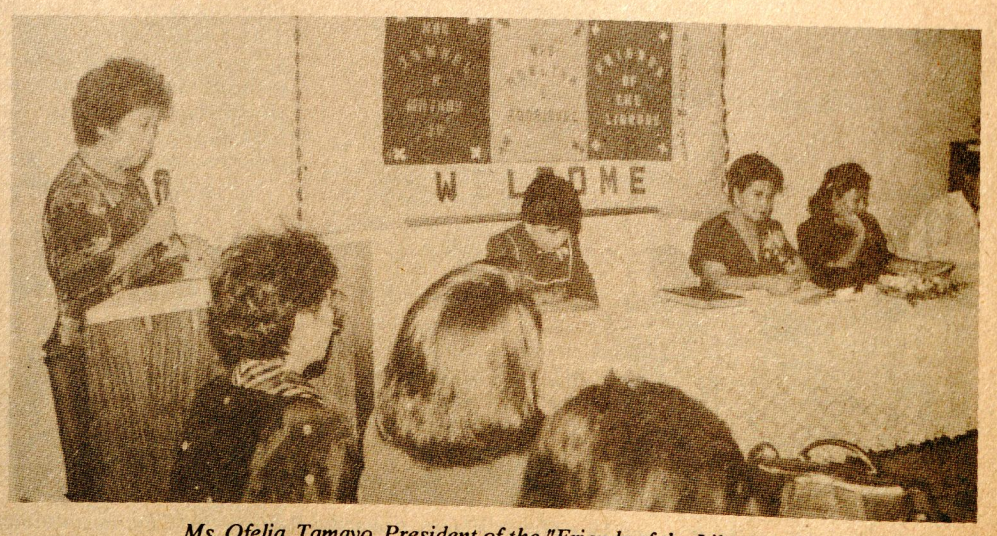
Secretary to the Mayor Atty. Lourdes Santos inducts into office the officers of "Friends of the Library."



Chief Librarian Blanquita L. Del Barrio stressing a point in her opening remarks.



Budget Officer Lily Gerardo introduced the honoree



Ms. Ofelia Tamayo, President of the "Friends of the Library."



WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Eddie C. Flores

Old Habits Never Die

This old saying is indeed very true with our Councilors, past and present. Their bad habits seem to have stuck to them like a leech—habits like chronic absentism, tardiness, vanishing acts ala Houdini, French leaves, abuse of official time, too frequent recesses, and long-winded privilege speeches which are ineffective because the alleged anomalies exposed are not pursued to their logical conclusion which is filing the corresponding cases in court.

The fight against graft and corruption can not be won with screaming, scathing and kilometric speeches and rowdy debates within the four walls of the session hall. The fight must be pursued beyond the confines of these walls-pursued vigorously, valorously, relentlessly. The rhetorics of oratory may provide good entertainment but what the people need and want are quick results.

Permission to Leave

The bad habit of our Councilors of taking French leave when the session is ongoing, reminds me of my early school days whenever I had to answer the call of mature, I would stand up, raise my right hand and say: "Mam, may I please go out?"

I wonder if our honorable Councilors would be averse to extending to their strict yet lenient Presiding Officer the elementary courtesy of asking permission before leaving the session hall, especially when they do not intend to return.

I also remember that whenever I played truant and skipped my classes, I would invariably ask my parents, my mother mostly, to write an excuse slip to be presented to my teacher. I wonder if our absent-prone Councilors are willing to do the same and prepare excuse slips to be approved by our good friend, President Pro Tempore Willy Altuna, who by the way, has shown to all and sundry that he has the magnetic and forceful qualities of a potential national leader as, in fact, he has already shown that by winning handily the prestigious position of National Chairman of the Philippine Councilors League.

The excuse slip must be read loud and clear by the City Secretary during the session and a copy posted on the Council's bulletin board. Incidentally, Atty. Eugenio Jurilla, the new City Secretary speaks better and clearer than his predecessor Vicente Alvarez who affected an American diction.

Connie Angeles: Witty Na Pretty Pa

Minority Floor Leader Connie Angeles is indeed exceptionally blessed. Aside from being endowed with refreshingly good looks that can stimulate one's creative imagination, she has a sharp wit that can sting. She manifested this during the first election of chairmen of the Council's standing committees. Councilor Moises Samson, No. 1 admirer of Connie but No. 1 tormentor of Vice Mayor Planas, was grumbling and railing at the majority Councilors for giving the minority members the chairmanship of only the minor committees. To which Connie reacted with stinging remark: "There are no minor committees, only moronic, or, minor thinking chairmen." The witty remark made an impact on the Council. Connie Angeles is indeed that rare combination of beauty and brains.

A Life Saving Poster

That poster of Councilor Castelo showing him holding a child aloft is very appealing. Posted on walls and posts in the second district during immunization day, the poster induced many mothers to bring their children to the Patak Centers to have them receive the vital drops of vaccine that will immunize them from such deadly diseases like polio, diptheria, typhoid fever, measles, and tetanus. Thus it can be said that it was a life saving poster that Ka Miling had conceived to conceptualize the immunization drive. He must have spent a pretty penny for the poster but for a humanitarian cause Councilor Castelo never counts the cost. Kudos to a future Congressman.

Unwanted City Attorney

City Attorney Nescito Hilario is unwanted in City Hall. Probably one of the reasons for that is his record of not too competent performance. Why he almost sent his former boss, then Mayor Jun Simon, to jail because of his erratic legal opinions and his absurd, almost hilarious, stand that it was his duty to defend Simon right or wrong.

Thus he advised Simon to defy the order of then Justice Minister Neptali Gonzales to have the employees who had been arbitrarily and unjustly dismissed reinstated. But to the eternal credit of Simon, he ignored his City Attorney and reinstated the dismissed employees and subsequently gave their back salaries.

Mayor Mathay never turns to Hilario when he needs a legal opinion. He invariably turns to his long time friend, the self- effacing Atty. Mario Laqui, who is waiting in the wings to occupy the position of City Attorney. But despite an opinion of the Civil Service Commission, the DILG and the court that the position of City Attorney is co-terminous with that of the Mayor, Hilario refuses to budge.

Unwanted as he is and not doing anything, Hilario should do some soul-searching. If he has even just a shred of delicadeza, he should now pack his bag and look for the nearest exit. Otherwise, time may come when he will be bodily carried out of his office. In fact, I understand that when Mayor Planas was acting Mayor recently, she had a mind to do just that—have him carried out his office horizontally. The Vice Mayor is perfectly capable of doing that.

Prayer and Support for Our Officials

With the heavy duties and responsibilities they carry on their shoulders, our officials, especially the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilors, need our prayers and solid support. May the good Lord grant them continued health, strength and wisdom to steer the ship of state of our beloved city through the perilous waters that lead to the shores of peace, progress and prosperity.

As ordinary citizens, we too have our share of duties and responsibilities to perform. Foremost of these is the wise use of the ballot in order that we may elect the best officials. Let us keep a vigilant eye on them and see to it that they do not violate their oath of office and that they do not deviate from the straight and narrow path or righteousness. Let us pay our taxes promptly and correctly for they provide the lifeblood to sustain the nation.

Let us put our act together and work hard to achieve the good things of life. Let us not sit under the guava tree and wait for the fruit to fall into our lap. We must energize our hopes, dreams and aspirations. One of the most effective ways of doing that, according to my good friend Councilor Rey Calalay, is through the dynamic spirit of cooperativism or bayanihan. (Read the reprinted news item, "Coop for poor QC folks eyed" above which we wrote for the MANILA BULLETIN.)

Yes, indeed, only by pooling our resources, talents and energy can our country build a common ladder to scale greater heights of progress and prosperity.

Proposed QC Casino, A Second Hard Look

By Eddie C. Flores

Money, so they say, is the root of all evils. Necessarily, gambling in which money is involved, is the root of many evils. Hence, the objection against the establishment of a casino in Quezon from certain sectors. But, as it is with a coin, casino has to sides, the good and the bad. So, instead of rejecting the casino hook, line and sinker, let us take a second hard look at its good side.

A casino in QC will yield at least P5 Million to the city coffers every month according to Mayor Mel Mathay, Jr. Think what this can do for the impoverished thousands of our city residents. It will mean more and better public services for them: adequate health care, more school buildings, low-cost houses, improved peace and order, and other vital economic and social infrastructures, all of which will immeasurably enhance the quality of their lives.

The trouble with the anti-casino groups is that they have allowed emotionalism, which has reached almost paranoidical degree, to blind them to the good side of a casino.

Gambling is not evil per se. Its being evil or not depends on the kind of gambling practiced. If there is responsible parenthood as advocated by the church itself, the most vocal opositor to the casino, there is also responsible gambling. Bingo, lottery, raffle, which civic and religious organizations hold to raise money for charity, are examples of responsible gambling. As Mayor Mathay himself has said, "Among all forms of gambling allowed by law, the casino is the most legalized regulated and restricted." Thus, in the establishment of a casino, regulatory measures are imposed to reduce to a minimum the so-called evils of gambling, such as banning minors and restricting the casino to those who can show at least P1,500 betting money.

Opportunity, they say, comes knocking only once. When it does knock on our doors, let us welcome her immediately and embrace her tightly, lest she slips away, never to return. Now, there is Pagcor knocking on the doors of City Hall offering the golden opportunity for the city to increase its revenues by millions of pesos for the benefit of our impoverished brethrem. Let us heed that knocking and open the door immediately to allow the establishment of a casino in Quezon City. To the anti-casino groups, may I repeat our appeal that they take a second hard look at the casino and discover its good side. Let us shout together; No to irresponsible and harmful gambling, Yes to responsible and beneficial gambling in a QC casino.

Coops for poor QC folk eyed

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Quezon City Councilor Reynaldo Calalay, expressing deep concern and sympathy for the plight of residents in Quezon City's depressed areas, has filed a resolution in the City Council calling for the creation of an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of establishing credit cooperatives in these areas.

Calalay said that it is the moral and legal duty of the city government to assist its poor residents to upgrade their living conditions and one of the most effective ways, he stressed, is through credit cooperatives.

Left individually to fend for themselves, Calalay said, the poor folk would not accomplish anything, but by pooling their individual resources, talents and energy, they can undertake productive livelihood projects.

Calalay, who is known as Mr. Perfect Attendance for he has never been absent nor late during his entire past and present terms, likened the chronic condition of poverty in the city's depressed areas to a car with a weak battery.

"A little push will start its engine and, in the same way, credit cooperatives will provide the push that will launch impoverished residents in depressed areas on the way to economic uplift," he said. (Eddie C. Flores)

BEST...

early morning rites at the Quezon Memorial Circle—wreath-laying, mass and program—the heavy downpour fizzled to a trickle until it completely stopped.

The choice of Senate President Edgardo Angara as guest of honor and speaker was fitting and proper enough, he being a relative of Mrs. Quezon and a native of Quezon's birthplace, Baler. But his speech, which he read, meaning it had been most probably prepared by a speechwriter, was old stuff (Quezon's social justice), full of cliches and platitudes and delivered in a dreary, monotone unlike Mayor's vigorous, eloquent extemporaneous speeches. Sorry for this harsh criticism of the Senator's speech; There is much to be praised about Angara as Senate President and Presidential timber but, we must admit, we are a bit biased against him - with good reason. It was Angara, when he became U.P. President, who dismissed our brother and columnist, A.O. Flores (this is what he uses as byline in his writings the A stands for Augusto, the O for Oliver), who was Editor of U.P.'s community newspaper, PERSPECTIVE, and PRO of Angara's predecessor, O.D. Corpus.

"Unlike Mayor Mathay's vigorous, eloquent, extemporaneous speeches," we were saying above in contrast to Angara's speech. Indeed, what impressed us most during the day's celebration, was the three speeches Mel delivered that day in quick succession: first at the Circle program, then at the Awarding Ceremonies at the Session Hall and, for the third time, at the launching of the "Suyod Buwis, Sulong Sa Kaunlaran" at the City Hall lobby. We marvel at the way he was able to maintain and sustain the zeal and vigor with which he delivered the first speech at the Circle up to the third and speech at the QC Hall lobby— especially when he came to that part, repeated in all three speeches, expressing strong opposition to the transfer to Manila of the Batasan Pambansa and to the secession of Novaliches. Of course come to think of it, this is not altogether surprising considering that Mel was a Gold Medalist in oratory during his college days, but what gave him added zest and vigour in those speeches was, we think, a deep emotional involvement in the causes he was espousing born out of a magnificent obsession to nurture promote and fulfill Quezon's vision of making Quezon City the capital city of the country and the seat of the national government. In a talk we once had with him, to a question we asked on whether he was in favor of restoring the capitalship of the country to Quezon City, he answered Yes without hesitation although, he quickly added, a restoration move should be deferred and prior attention be given to moving Quezon City closer to the dreams of its founder so that there would be more valid and forceful reasons for Quezon City to agitate for the country's captialship.

At the moment, prompted by the recent 115th birth anniversary celebration of the illustrious Manuel Luis Quezon, top priority, the Mayor obviously thinks, is the mobilization of the 1.8 million people of Quezon City into insisting on the retention of the House of Representatives and Novaliches in Quezon City.

Mayor Mel Mathay, Jr. Launched Anti-Batasan Transfer and Anti-Novaliches' Secession Drive in five speeches delivered in quick succession:

At the August 16 flag-raising ceremony at City Hall.

The following day, August 17, at the Quezon Institute, on the occasion of the Institute's 55th Foundation Day.

At the August 19 commemorative program at the basement of the Quezon Mausoleum, Quezon Memorial Circle. Here, the Mayor was virtually talking directly to Senator President Angara, who was seated in front, inviting him and his colleagues in the Senate to come to QC instead of taking the House away from the city.

On the same day, in the afternoon, at the Awarding Ceremonies held at the Session Hall. Listening: City Administrator Dr. Alba, Awardee Dr. Fe del Mundo and Vice Mayor Planas.

Still on the same day, late in the afternoon, at the launching of the "Suyod Buwis, Sulong Sa Kaunlaran" Drive held at the City Hall lobby. Listening: Atty. Mario Laqui, City Administrator Dr. Alba and Madam Vilma Valera.

Sad to say, however, inspite of Mayor Mathay's appeal made during the August 16 flag-raising ceremony urging the attendance of all city government officials and employees, the response was not too good. There was a big crowd alright at the Circle but it consisted mostly of non-City Hall personnel. Several Department and Office Heads were not around and we know one major office whose Chief was the only one present. We will not identify that Office now as an act of charity, but we hope it will do better next time. Perhaps, it can start by improving its flag-raising ceremony attendance which is very sparse. We venture to guess that it was the Vice Mayor's Office that had the best attendance, especially those who do not have the P30—or is it P50?— to pay the fine for non-attendance.

But as to the Council over which Charito president the attendance of the honorable Councilors was dishonorably very poor. At the Circle rites, only four Councilors were present: Councilors Mathay, Butch Bautista (his son was absent), Hipol and Lagumbay (his son was also absent). At the awarding ceremonies in the afternoon the attendance improved: 12 Councilors were present and stood up one after the other amidst fairly enthusiastic applause as their Presiding Officer, Vice mayor Planas, presented them. They were Councilors Bu Mathay, Altuna, Castelo, Sison, Butch Bautista, Hipol, Tamayo, Medolla, Liban, Sioson, Lagumbay and Samson. As an act charity again, we will not also identify those who were absent but, of course, you can pinpoint them — if you know the composition of the Council.

The mass was celebrated by Msrg. Augusto Laban who said he had been a classmate of Nonong Quezon, who was not present together with her sister Nini Avoncena. Present, However, was her son Ricky, a tall, handsome fellow with a marked resemblance to his grandfather.



Mayor Mathay at the opening of Tagle's paintings with Ms. Helen Gamboa.

HIGHLIGHTS

Report On The Visit To Japan

Prepared by Dr. Manuel Alba

1. MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION

a. Mayor and MMA Chairman, Ismael A. Mathay, Jr.

b. Dr. Manuel S. Alba, City Administrator, Q.C.

2. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT: TO observed solid waste disposal systems and environmental protection and promotion, specifically, anti-pollution program. Specifically, to observed several incineration plants in Japan, particularly in Tokyo and to observed waste water treatment outside of Tokyo.

3. PLACES AND FACILITIES VISITED:

A. THE MEGURO INCINERATION PLANT. This is an ultra-modern, high- tech incineration facility located in one of the residential districts of Tokyo, meguro with about 230,000 people.

The capacity of the plant is 600 tons.per day (with two furnaces of 300 each). It was commissioned on March 15, 1991 at the cost of 18 billion yen.

The plant is a public facility owned and operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government through its Bureau of Public Cleansing. Meguro incineration plant employs distributed control system which enables the entire operation from truck scaling to ash disposal to work automatically.

The operation control and monitoring of these equipment is done from a central control room and is fully computerized.

The plant generates 11,000 kw of power which powers the incineration plant itself and the excess electricity is sold to the Tokyo Electric Power Corporation. The excess heat is used to heat the neighboring swimming pool and the community center, both donated by the management of the incineration plant.

There is no residual pollution resulting from plant operation. There is no smoke coming out of the 140 meters smokestack and the architecture of the plant is that it blends with the community physical design and is surrounded by greeneries.

In short, the community of Meguro has welcomed the incineration facility in their midst.

B. THE TOKYO LANDFILL. This is a huge facility under the control and operation of the Metropolitan Tokyo Government, through its Public Cleansing Bureau.

Tokyo generates about 20,000 tons of solid waste materials for a population of about 12 million. About 76 percent of solid waste in Japan are incinerated and the remainder are thrown at landfills, the rest are recycled.

The Tokyo Landfill (officially called the Outside Central Breakwater landfill Site) is 312 hectares in area, much of which is reclaimed area. The operations in the area include incineration, pulverizing to reduce bulk items before landfilling them, and gas/chemical recovery.

The huge operations in the landfill therefore is multifaceted covering various aspects of solidwaste disposal - recycling incineration, landfilling, chemical recovery, and even the recovery or land fill areas.

The scale of the operations is indicated by the number of dump trucks and other garbage vehicles moving in and out of the landfill — about 3,480 vehicles a day, but each making five trips to the land fill from the collection points in the city. About 30% of the trucks are owned by the Bureau and 70% are privately operated vehicles.

There are complicated yet effective measures of pollution prevention in the landfill - through layers of steel tubing, sheet piles driven 45 meters below sea level and leachate is treated in ponds through biological decomposition, precipitation, filtration, and activate carbon absorption.

C. INZAI CLEAN CENTER. This is s Waste-to-Energy Plant with a capacity of 200 tons per day located in the center of a new town development just near Chiba City.

What is unique about this facility is that it is operated by an association made up of 5 towns in the district - the INZAI DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (made up Usui Town, Inzai Town, Motono Village, Inba Village and Sakae Town). It was commissioned in 1984, but looks very new, clean and architecturally beautiful blending with the surrounding.

Among the features of the Clean Center Plant are: no soot and dust residue as this is removed by electrostatic precipitator; liquid-waste is recycled after biological treatment; power is generated with steam turbine producing 800 kw for use of the community and facility; operation is automated and has centralized controlled operation by computers.

The plant is designed for further expansion both in terms of capacity and land area.

This facility could be an example of similar facility that could be put up by several Metro towns which could amalgamate for purpose of running such a facility.

D. WATER TREATMENT/NIGHT SOIL TREATMENT PLANT. These two plants are located in Fujinomiya, Japan (the town where Mt. Fujiyam is located).

The Water Treatment Plant treats waste water coming from all sources through various modern processes so that clean water is disposed of to creeks nearby Japan has among the strictest anti- pollution control systems and that waste/dirty water has to be treated before disposed of to rivers and creeks. A modern laboratory, spic and span, has been installed to analyze waste water and therefore to determine the type of water purification and treatment required.

The Night Soil Treatment Plant, as the name suggests, treats night soil so that water residue is treated and becomes purified before being disposed in the river nearby. The solid residue is either incinerated or thrown in the landfill nearby.

The night solid is gathered in plastic containers and chemically treated and deposited in the plant - undergoing various chemical treatment and purification.

THE FUJINOMIYA LAND FILL. The town has a land fill of about 42 hectares in area, in a deep ravine, that can accommodate disposal for the next thirty years. What is deposited in this landfill is actually just the residue of incineration.

THE BIO-ACTICOAL WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY. An important visit that was made was to the laboratory facilities in Fujinomiya City which develops facilities for water-treatment, utilizing active bacteria attached to coal in water containers. The extend of water purification is dependent on a series of containers bio-acticoal treated.

Actual installation of facilities for such water treatment facilities were installed in two plants that make automotive plants - one in large plant of Nissan Automotive in Fuji City, where the superiority of Bio-Acticoal Treatment was shown side by side with the more bulky early technology.

BIO-ACTICOAL treatment of water is a technology that is low-cost, can adjust to any scale of treatment, from small containers, aquaria, and large ponds such as leachate ponds.

It is highly adaptable to Philippine situations and for purposes of water purification for drinking purposes particularly in areas where regular water sources are not available. It would also be appropriate in depressed uses.

4. VISITS WITH HOST INSTITUTIONS. The visit was hosted jointly by Nippon Kokan K.K. or NKK and JICA.

The mayor discussed with the officials of the two organizations the possibilities for funding solid waste projects in Metro Manila or in the component cities of Metro Manila.

NKK has worldwide projects and has constructed many of the modern incineration plants in Japan.

JICA, a grant ODA source agency, has provided significant assistance to the Philippines. However, so far, no assistance of note has been provided for solid waste disposal. Given, the critical problem of solid waste disposal in Metro Manila, it is high time that we make a case for national priority for solid waste projects/program in Metro Manila requiring infrastructures.

JICA indicates that it is up to the Philippine government to make a proposal for putting priority to solid waste projects and to request assistance for the same. The indicated, however, that for large infrastructural requirements for incineration plants, loan assistance from OECF or the Japan Export-Import Bank might be the preferred mode.

There are however possibilities for assistance for acquisition of solid waste disposal equipment such as dump trucks and vans and other equipment for use in the operations of laboratories or of the landfills and the transfer stations.

E. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION.

As a valuable consequence of the Japan visit, Mayor and Chairman Mathay hopes to present to the President a case for giving solid waste disposal management a high priority in national programming and for inclusion in the Medium and Long-Term Plan particularly for Metro Manila, of solid waste programs and projects.

It is this expression of priority in our national agenda that JICA and other ODA sources will consider helpful in acquiring assistance for solid waste disposal program in Metro Manila.

The Solid Waste problem appears to be the next crisis problem (in addition to power, water, and housing). It is therefore most urgent that we consider solid waste disposal program of high priority in our national agenda.

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10, 1992. True to my avowed policy of transparency in all transactions, I announced this meeting at a press conference with the Quezon City Press Association."

"Upon my suggestion," she continued, "PAGCOR Officials met with all members of the City Council to explain the benefits of a casino in a locality. As an offshoot of this meeting and through my initiative, a public hearing on the issue was conducted on September 22, 1992 at the Albert Hall. It was attended by PAGCOR Officials and the different sectors like NGOs, the business sector, the academic, barangay officials and the religious represented by the Catholics and the Iglesias and Protestants."

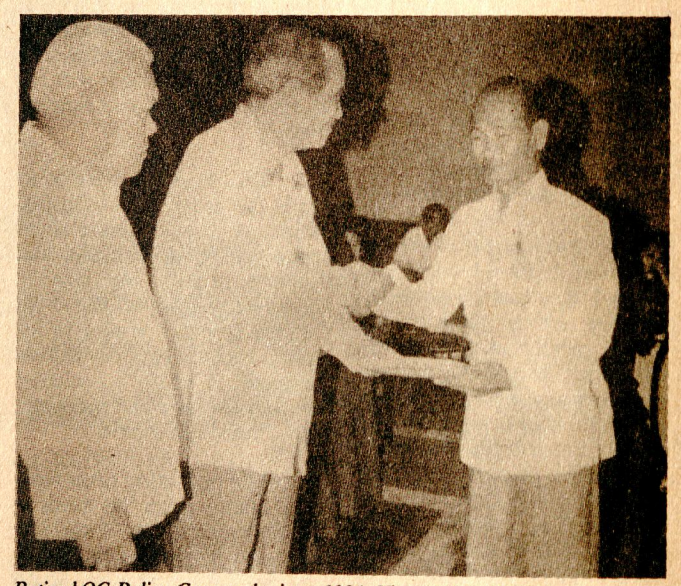
While denying that she was not the one who originally broached the idea of a casino in QC, Planas admits that she and Mayor Mathay have no objection to the establishment of a casino in QC, considering that it will yield additional revenues for the city government.

The Vice Mayor said that they have to consult the city residents first, however.

QC OPPOSES...

than 50 national government offices foremost of which is the Batasan Pambansa.

It is the Senate that should come to Quezon City, Mathay said. He pointed to the COA building which had been renovated at a cost of P40 million to house the Senate but has never been so used. He also pointed to a vast vacant space beside the Batasan where a Senate building could be constructed—as big and imposing as the Senators may wish.



Retired QC Police Corporal, since 1981, Vicente ZA. Quintos received his Plaque of Distinction from RTC Judge Juan C. Nabung of Manila during the recent 1st Foundation Day celebration and Grand Awards Night of the Philippine Media Research and Progress Report, Inc. held in the Manila Hotel, while Atty. Godofredo B. Banez, Chairman on Awards and Recognition looks on. "Viczaqui" to his close friends, was chosen as a Model Police Retiree, Active Civic Leader and constant propagator of the Word of God. He is an ardent advocate of the NO SMOKING drive in Metro Manila for the past five years.

An active Sales Associate of the College Assurance Plan and A-Z Direct Marketing. Being a member of the Cursillo and Charismatic group. Special Minister of the Eucharist, he is a lifetime member of the Philippine Bible Society. That is Vic "Viczaqui" Quintos of Labrador, Pangasinan. (His postal address: P.O. Box 161 UP Campus 1101, Quezon City)

Pumaren Donates Materials For Park Improvements

In a letter to this paper, Parks Development and Administration Department)PDAD) head Cesar L. Sianghio informed us that Councilor Eranz Pumaren of the 3rd district has provided the materials needed for the following projects:

As per our dialogue, herewith are the repairs and maintenance work undertaken by the Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD) in cooperation with Councilor Franz Pumaren. Please be informed that all the materials needed were provided by the Honorable Councilor of District III. The projects are, to wit;

1. Repair of basketball court lights	Bgy. Pansol - ay 14, 1993
2. Replacement of busted buld and defective ordinary receptacle basketball court.	Bgy. M. Balara - May 7, 1993
3. Replacement of four (4) 500 incandescent and four (4) 250 watts Mercury and installation of seven (7) mogul reducer.	Duyan-Duyan - Apr. 16, 1993 basketball cout
4. Replacement of busted bulbs and defective mogul socket	Bgy. Bagumbayan - Mar. 4, 1993 and Marilag basketball court.
5. Replacement of busted bulbs defective mogul socket.	Villa Mraia Clara - Mar. 11, 1993 basketball court & issaura basketball court.

ILLEGAL DEMOLITION, EXTORTION, ROBBERY

ASSET Chief, Bgy. Captain Charged

(Editors Note: We are not accepting the charges of the complainant as facts. We tried to see Capt. Obed but he was out at the time. We will try to see him again before our next issue, so he can give his side. Or if he has the time, he can see us at the City Planning and Development Office in the afternoon between 2:30 - 4:30).

Capt. Petronilo Obed Chief of the Anti-Squatting, Surveillance and Enforcement Team and Batasan Hills Bgy. Captain Manuel Laxina, Jr. Have been charged with extortion, illegal demolition, robbery, physical injuries and malicious mischief by Remedios Peosong, owner of an auto repair shop at 611 Commonwealth Avenue, Batasan Hills, QC.

In her Affidavit-Complaint, Peosong charged that Capt. Obed and his men assisted by Bgy. Captain Laxina, Jr. demolished her shop on May 5, 1993 without court order because she refused to give then the P10,000 they demanded.

When she resisted the demolition, the Affidavit-Complaint continued, "my opposition was met by force by Capt. Obed and his men, as a result of which I suffered physical injuries..."

Peosong further claimed that Obed and his men hauled away valuable equipment and materials being used in her shop such as plywood, galvanized iron sheets, bolos and iron materials. worth about P3,000.00.

To cap it all, so the shop owner charged, P50,000 cash inside the locked drawer of the office table was "lost and/or missing."

The case is pending at the City Prosecutors Office.

New Economic Summit Eyed

(Editor's Note: Reprinted from MANILA BULLETIN, Aug. 25, 1993)



Quezon City Councilor Willy Altuna, national chairman of the Philippine Councilors League and director of the Philippine Chamber of Professionals, proposed yesterday an economic summit of national professional leaders to hasten the country's attainment of a newly industrializing country (NIC) status by the year 2000.

Speaking before the Rotary Club of Kamuning West led by Tony de Vera at Alfredo's Steak House, Altuna, a 1965 bar topnotcher, said economic summit need not be limited to executive-legislative leaders but must also be held among the Rotarians, Lions, Kiwanis, Jaycees and professionals.

Among yesterday's special guests were PCP officers led by Presidential Assistant Titong K. Imperial, national chairman; corporate lawyer Nemi B. de Pedro II, secretary-general; and Engr. Teddy Uy, director. The PCP is at the helm of the effort to propagate President Ramos NIC hood status by the year 2000.

Altuna pledged to harness the city and town councils all over the country to support and work for the attainment of President Ramos economic program

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTING MAYOR

(August 2 - 9, 1993)

I. Status Report on Maalikaya Closure

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Court of Appeals dated July 30, 1993 which lifted a Temporary Restraining Order against me, a CLOSURE ORDER was issued effective August 3, 1993 against said establishment with corresponding instructions to the Central Police District Director, Col. Diony Ventura to implement the order.

The MAALIKAYA HEALTH COMPLEX remains closed and there are indications that the owners of the establishment wish to settle the matter, for which a meeting of all sauna parlors and massage centers has been called to a meeting, together with the employees and attendants of those establishment and members of the City Council to discuss possible legislative measures that can be enacted to regulate the industry and protect the workers therein in accordance with Labor laws and regulations, as well as the dignity of women.

Administrative arrangement or agreements will have to be undertaken with owners or operators of such establishments to ensure compliance with the regulatory measures existing and being proposed.

Among the major points that were discussed in today's meeting are:

1. Securing of Mayor's Permit of P250 annually as well as license fee for every massage table not less that 10 per sauna/massage parlors as well for employees therein;

2. Employment contracts for massage attendants with certificates of proficiency and other requirements;

3. Hiring of men, and women attendants with minimum age requirement of 18 years and the handicapped;

4. Common massage area with curtains and proper floor clearances;

5. No show window selection by customer.

The Mayor may wish to lend full support to administrative and legislative measures that are aimed towards:

1. Securing compliance by sauna/massage parlors of labor, health laws, and safety standards in issuance of permits;

2. Protecting the dignity of women and labor, as well as the mandatory recruitment of the handicapped in such establishments;

3. Professionalization of the attendants and masseurs through provisions for regular and continuing training in physiotherapy and massage.

II. Raiding Operations against Disco Pubs along Timog Avenue on Friday, August 6, 1993

Pursuant to search warrants issued by Acting Judge Delia Magtolis, I conducted search operations against certain disco pubs reported to be violating anti-immorality and indecency laws, namely, Thunder Dog, Catwalk and Miss Saigon last Friday, August 6, 1993 accompanied by my personnel and members of the Philippine National Police led by Col., Leo Gara.

The operations led to the arrest of six (6) female nude dancers employed at Thunder Dog and they are presently in Camp Karingal undergoing preliminary investigation pending the filing of appropriate charges against the disco pub.

The Mayor may wish to strictly enforce statutory provisions specially Art. 201 and 202 of the Revised Penal Code against many of these establishments openly flaunting provisions against lewd shows and indecent acts.

In meetings held with the Quezon City Social Services Department, the Quezon City Health Department and the Central Police District, it was the consensus that remedial measures be undertaken that would protect street-walkers and prostitutes from abuses during arrests and raiding operations, through temporary shelters in half-way houses and centers that would provide refuge and psychological support and protection.

III. Barangay Restructuring in time for 1994 barangay elections

Based on a study made by the City Planning and Development Office, legislative measures are being considered that would provide for the splitting and merging of some barangays to correct the wide imbalances and disparities in population, area and income involving 63 barangays. Such restructuring is necessary to align them to pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code requiring minimum population of 5,000 inhabitants as well as ensure implementation of development plans devolving on barangays. A thorough study is presently being undertaken by an ad hoc committee headed by Councilor Roberto A. Miguel, with cost estimates and preparation with the Land Management Bureau, the National Census and Statistics Office and COMELEC.

IV. Convening of Quezon City Development Council

Preparatory groundwork has been laid for the convening of the Quezon City Development Council with the election of 49 NGOs held under the auspices of the Quezon City DILG representative, Mr. Cesar Suarez. Elections for NGO representatives to the Executive Committee of the Council, and the PBAC have also been completed. A working committee of NGOs has been constituted to prepare the working papers. The convening of the Council is being awaited.

V. Women and Youth Desk in Quezon City at Central Police District Command Headquarters on August 20, 1993

A Women and Youth Desk in all Quezon City police stations will be operational starting August 20, 1993 at the Central Police District Command Headquarters in Camp Karingal at 9:00 AM with city officials expected to attend. Col. Diony Ventura has committed 60 policewomen who will undergo special training to be conducted by KALAKASAN in separate sessions on August 10-13 and August 16-18. They will serve on a 24-hour basis.

The establishment of these police desks is in line with President Ramos directives on the matter to act on women and youth complaints which require specialized training by members of the police force.

VI. Meeting with TV management with MTRCB Chairman Atty. Henrietta Mendez

A meeting with management of television networks has been held together with representatives of KABISIG, other NGOs, women's groups and MTRCB Chairman, Atty. Henrietta Mendez to concretize the commitment made by media groups to the President in Malacanang last July 3. The signed pledge engaged the media to promote a vigorous campaign against nudity, sex, violence, perversions in media.

Chairman Mendez of the MTRCB complained of the lack of police powers vested in the Board and she is coordinating with local government units to assist in taking concrete measures.

RPN 9 already has plans to classify shows and trailers into Class A to be shown up to 10 PM and Class B for adult viewers to be shown after 10 PM. Various citizens groups have complained about the trailers advertising TV shows during daytime when children are viewing.

The Mayor may wish to give support to this laudable undertaking in seeking from media specific actions.

Very truly yours,

CHARITO L. PLANAS
Vice Mayor

PNB ...

sional interest of only 14% per annum, will be used for the following:

1) Rehabilitaion of the QC General Hospital which shall get the lion's share

2) Completion of the 14-storey QC Hall building, the upper eight floors of which had been heavily damaged by fire on June 12, 1988 (Read "Turnover of QC Hall Expected in December, Page 1)

3) Construction of additional school buildings and a network of new roads

4) Construction of a Legislative Building for the City Council

5) Conversion of the Amoranto Stadium into the city's Arts and Convention Center.

Aside from the PNB loan, an additional P20 million is coming from the DPWH. This is reported by a news story in the August 19 issue of MANILA BULLETIN, reprinted hereunder:

P20-M OKd for QC squatter relocation

President Ramos has approved a trust agreement between the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Quezon City government which covers the transfer of P20 million from the DPWH to QC for use in the acquisition and development of relocation sites for squatters who will be displaced by priority infrastructure projects.

The contract was signed by DPWH Undersecretary Edmundo V. Mir and QC Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr.

A total of 470 squatter families will be benefitted by the arrangement, leading to the fast-tracking of three important projects of the Urban Road Projects Office (URPO) in Quezon City, namely, the Mindanao Ave. Stage I, Mindanao Ave. Stage II-A, and Agham Road project, said URPO Director Jose F. Almeda.

URPO Project Manager Tomas M. Valencia Jr. said with the implementation of the DPWH-QC trust agreement, squatters blocking rights-of-way of the priority projects in Tandang Sora, Commonwealth Avenue., North Avenue, Visayas Avenue and Quirino Highway could now be transferred.

Valencia added that his office is fast-tracking the construction of the 861 meter Agham Road; the Mindanao Ave. Extension Stage I from North Avenue to Tandang Sora Avenue; the Mindanao Ave. Stage II-A from Tandang Sora to Quirino Highway; and the Congessional Ave. Stage I.

RANDOM...

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Your outcome in life does not depend on your income, but on how you overcome obstacles and difficulties.

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The weaker sex is the stronger sex because the stronger sex has a weakness for the weaker sex. - Soc Rodrigo.

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It's the squeaking wheel that gets the grease.

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Poverty is the mother of crime. - Marcus Aurelius

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A society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves. - Bertran Russell

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Yuppies refer to 20 to 35 year old urban professionals

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Using a condom is like taking a shower in a raincoat.

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There is a song in my heart in search of a voice.

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Christ appeared first to women because He knew their innate ability to spread news.

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If you want to transmit a message fast, send a telegram, if you want it faster, use the telephone, if you want it fastest, tele- woman.

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The Lord has given us the first of-free will--with one condition: We must use it in accordance with His Will.

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A yawn when listening to a boring speaker is a silent shout for him to stop. - G. K. Chesterton

Picturesque Expressions

Breach an argument (refute
Wrestle with problems
As futile as regret
A glacial (cold) look
Plastic cordiality of flight attendants
A whisper away from death (very near)
As final as a period in a sentence.
Boxed in (confined)
On a razor's edge (brink, precipice, about to happen, especially something violent)
Orgasm of joy

RANDOM NOTES

By Ben O. Flores

(Author's Note: For the last many years, we have kept a notebook in which we jot down anything we read, hear or see that strikes our fancy; jokes; anedotes; significant, interesting, thought provoking statements; witty, clever, smart sayings; picturesque, forceful, idiomatic, beautiful expressions; uncommon words and their meaning; acronyms, etc. Here are some of these jottings picked at random.)

A man with vocabulary is one who can describe a shapely girl without using his hands -- Thomas Carlyle

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Take time out to enjoy the sunset and smell the flowers.

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It takes greater courage to live than to die.

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Asked why he is distributing such big condoms, Secretary of Health Juan Flavier quipped: "That's my size."

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Sunlight is the best disinfectant - former Speaker Mitra

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He who is a friend to all is a friend to none.

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When FVR blows his top, it's an explosion, when it's Erap, it's an eraption - Jose Guevara in Point of Order.

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Q. What were the first words telegraphed by Morse?
A. "What hath God Wrought."

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FVR considered as his best birthday gift last March 18 his having been adopted a SOB - not Son of a Birth but Son of Batanes.

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Look to this day
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision
But today well lived
Makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness
And every tomorrow
A vision of hope.
- From the Sanskrit

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Q. Give an example of a presumption that is accepted as true even if no concrete proof can be given.

A. The presumption that a man who is dropped without a parachute or other supporting device from an airplane flying over rocky a mountain at 42,00 feet gets killed.

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A London cinema plans to install new loveseats, complete with condoms, for romantic couples in the back row. - News item in The Globe, Jan 18, 1993. The idea was probably inspired or suggested by the near rhyming of London with condom.

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Brownouts may result in an increased rate of population growth.

Q. How can you determine who of two persons has more guts?

A. Make them stare at each other, the first one to blink is less gutsy.

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Q. What day of the week is dedicated to prostitutes?

A. Wench Day. The other days are Man Day, Choose Day, Thirst Day, Fry Day, Satur Day and Sun Day.

Virtue of silence: Say nothing and someone may think you are wise.

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The finest topaz and the purest gold can not compare with the value of wisdom - From the scripture.

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Q. What does karaoke mean?
A Empty orchestra.

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Q. How many of the country's population are Catholis?
A. 80.5%

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Q. What do you call those who think the country is going to the dogs?

A. Prophets of Doom.

Q. How about those who think the country is on the road to recovery?

A. Prophets of Boom.

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Q. What is known as a "ballmark figures"?

A. An estimated figure such as "a population of about 1.5 million."

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Hongkong means fragrant harbor. Formosa, beautiful.

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Politicians are the price we pay for democracy. - Free Press Editor Teodoro Locosn, Sr.

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A halo has to fall only a few inches to become a noose. - Dan McKennon.

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RSVP, which you see in invitation, stands for "respondez s"il vouz (Please reply).

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When you die, you become plural. You are referred to as "remains."

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The legendary Lou Salvador had 84 children.

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LAND BANK LETTER

(Editor's Note: Reacting to our banner story, "Council Sits On Ramawil Compromise Agreement," in our June 27 issue, Landbank's General Counsel and Senior Vice President Atty. Miguel M. Gonzales wrote us giving Landbank's side of the matter. We are publishing the letter dated July 20, 1933 but received only recently, in full ignoring space limitations. It has always been our policy to take a look at the other side of the coin. We are reserving our comments, however, for our next issue, after conferring with City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba who has been furnished a copy of this letter, which we are also referring to Atty. Jurilla, one of the city government lawyers involved in the Ramawil case. Or perhaps we will just leave the matter to the Council which has sat on the case long enough.)

Dear Sir:

We write in connection with that by-line of Mr. Ben O. Flores captained "Council Sits on Ramawil Compromise Agreement" which was published in the June 27, 1993 of your newspaper.

While it is true that LANDBANK loaned the Quezon City Government (QCG) P30 Million trust account to RAMAWIL, Mr. Flores failed to mention that it was done with the prior written conformity of then Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez. The written conformity served as the "express direction" for LANDBANK's former trust officer to place their funds with RAMAWIL. Mr. Flores likewise failed to state that before the release of funds to RAMAWIL the loan documents including the Real Estate Mortgage (REM) were signed by the parties, duly notarized and presented to the Register of Deeds of Quezon City, and that the REM was annotated in the title of RAMAWIL in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Quezon City.

Mr. Flores also stated that Judge (now Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals) Jaime M. Lantin agreed with former City Attorney Jose Torcuator and Atty. Eugenio Jurilla that Land Bank was guilty of "gross negligence" (by investing) plaintiff's trust deposits without sufficient and adequate security...". Apparently, Mr. Flores is not being truthful. The exact words of the Order of former Judge Lantin was as follows:

"a) The ground (of lack of cause of action) must appear on the face of the complaint, and to determine the sufficiency of the cause of action, only the facts alleged in the complaint, and no others, should be considered. In the case at bar, the facts alleged in the complaint show that defendant Land Bank through gross negligence invested plaintiff's trust deposits without sufficient and adequate security, the mortgaged to the of the land—TCT No. 264455, being spurious;" (Page 1 Order dated June 23, 1993; Underlining ours).

Clearly, there is no finding yet as regards the alleged "gross negligence" of Land Bank. In fact as Mr. Flores pointed out, there is no trial on the merits yet of the case.

Mr. Flores likewise misinterpreted the proposed compromise agreement when he stated that "As an alternative to the fifty- fifty sharing agreement Land Bank will cede to the City Government a 2.7 hectare property of Ramawil at Payatas x x x x x." We wish to emphasize that the ceding to the City Government is not an altenative but in addition to the P17.5 Million payment. The 2.7 hectare property, is conservatively valued at P8.4 Million in 1992, hence, whether redeemed or not by RAMAWIL, QCG is assured of at least P25.9 Million under the proposed compromise agreement.

We wish to add that the offer of LANDBANK should not be misunderstood as an acceptance of guilt. LANDBANK was itself a victim of this transaction with QCG involving RAMAWIL. The offer to enter into a compromise agreement was conceived by Management of LANDBANK as early as 1987 to secure mutual concessions between the parties which are both government institutions. In fact four (4) other government corporations which were similarly situated as QCG already agreed to a similar arrangement with LANDMARK as early as 1988 which are already consummated. It is only QCG which has not yet accepted the offer of LANDBANK.

If the Quezon City Council would not approve the proposal, LANDBANK is prepared to litigate. In so doing however, it realizes that just like QCG, its resources, time and effort would be wasted in a long protracted, hostile and expensive lawsuit against another government entity—an eventuality which could easily be avoided by just entering into a fair, objective, and reasonable compromise agreement such as the one being offered to QCG.

Mr. Flores' response to his question "Is the Ramawil Compromise Agreement fair to the city government" is "Obviously, the answer is NO!". Our answer to the same question is: Definitely, YES!

We hope this letter will find print in your newspaper in the interest of truth and fairness.

Thank you and we hope we will be of service to you soon.

Very truly yours,

MIGUEL M. GONZALES
General Counsel/Senior Vice President

A CAPITOL IDEA



By A. O. Flores

Bank bonanza

I just read a news item which says that the Quezon City government has obtained an P800-million infrastructure loan from the Philippine National Bank. "Proceeds of the four-year loan," says the news item, "will fund the local government's priority projects such as the renovation of the Quezon City General Hospital, construction of school buildings, and the improvement of drainage facilities and roads..."

I must admit that's not quite clear to me, especially the initial word. Does that mean the money will beget money? (I have asked brother Ben to please see Mayor Mel Mathay for an explanation.) My knowledge of bank or banking is confined to its being the favorite h(a) unting ground of heisters. (The last word puzzles you too? It's euphemism for hold-uppers.)

Whatever or whichever, the bank loan not only "serves as an example of how local government units can undertake high-impact projects" but also as proof of QC's credibility. With this fresh acquisition of logistics, the Mathay administration can move on to greater progress.

Speaking of progress, has the move to restore the national capital to Quezon City prospered any? Again, I must admit it will take a lot of doing. Rather, undoing. You see, to other countries who have any dealing with the Philippines, Manila has always been the national capital. (Foreign dispatches, whenever referring to this country, simply say Manila.) In fact, when the designation was transferred to Quezon City, only a few were aware of it. The rest of the world continued to look to Manila as the capital of the Philippines.

I am saying all this (in light of the sizeable loan) not so much for Quezon City to regain the title as for Quezon City to be deserving of the honor.

(The use of "proceeds" is the reporter's mistake. In all other stories there is no mention of "proceeds," The PNB loan is strictly for developmental projects.)

ACCEPTABLE TAX RATES

No Protests vs. Q.C. Revenue Code

Of all the revenue codes in the cities and municipalities of Metro Manila, the Q.C. Revenue Code is the only one that has not been subjected to widespread protests. In the other areas, the passage of the local revenue code was met by protest actions necessitating, in many instances, the intervention of the national government.

Primarily, the reason why there were no protests against the 1993 Q.C. Revenue Code was because all segments of society (the business sector, the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the trade associations, the religious and civic organizations, the barangays) were all involved in the public hearings held prior to the enactment of the Code. It might even be stated that the 1993 Q.C. Revenue Code was the result of a consensus in the sense that recommendations and suggestions of all concerned, whether presented in formal or informal dialogue or in position papers were mostly incorporated in the Code after minor corrections. As a result, the 1993 Q.C. Revenue Code is referred to by Councilor Antonio L. Sioson, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council and sponsor of the code in the Council as "pro-business and pro-people".

In the case of the franchise tax, for instance, the Q.C. provision of "ten percent (10%) of one percent (1%) for 1993-1994, twenty percent (20%) of one percent (1%) for 1995, and thirty percent (30%) for 1996, and succeeding years thereafter of gross receipts" might be considered as the most reasonable in Metro Manila.

At the same time, the rate of the tax for banks and other financial institutions of "seven percent (7%) of one (1%) for 1993-1994, eleven percent (11%) of one percent (1%) for 1995, and fifteen percent (15%) of one percent (1%) for 1996, and succeeding years thereafter of gross receipts "would appear to be the lowest in Metro Manila".

The schedule of taxation for manufacturing at "P245 for less than P10,000 gross receipts for the preceding calendar year..." and "P36,500 for gross receipts up to P6,500,000 for the preceding calendar year" seemed quite logical considering the business conditions and problems in Quezon City. --*A. D. Viray*

WATERED DOWN

Anti-Graft Measures Enacted, Unfortunately...

Two measures have been enacted by the Council designed to prevent the commission of anomalies at the General Services Office (GSO).

They had been introduced as proposed ordinances by Councilor Michael T. Defensor but, unfortunately, they had been watered down to mere resolutions by the committees to which they had been referred.

The first resolution requires the GSO to post, in the interest of transparency, all purchase/requisition requests, purchase orders, canvassing/public bidding results, payment vouchers and other pertinent documents for the public information. The posting will enable "Concerned Citizens" to keep vigilant track of government purchases and denounce anomalies that may be noted. Thus, it was a "Concerned Citizen" who furnished this paper with a spurious Abstract of Price Quotations which started us to do some research and investigation resulting in a fully documented case of a ghost purchase which is now pending at the Ombudsman.

The other resolution requires the GSO to revise its list of accredited dealers.suppliers and to purge it of non-existing ones. In the 1990 Annual Auditing Report, one of the findings reported was "non-existent dealers/suppliers" (Page 31 of the Report). In the above stated spurious Abstract of Price Quotations, we found the three business establishments involved to be non-existent. This other resolution also requires GSO to adopt the policy that, all things being equal, preference should be given to Quezon City-based dealers/suppliers.

The GSO, which is headed by a certain Atty. Laudico who took over from the grounded GSO Chief Rolando Montiel, has not yet complied with the two resolutions in question.

Will the Council allow these measures, however watered down, to become "paper" resolutions? In a letter commending Councilor Defensor—the watering down was not his fault—we requested that he follow up the implementation of these resolutions he had authored. No word from him yet.

AFTER FIVE YEARS

Turnover Of QC Hall Building Expected In December

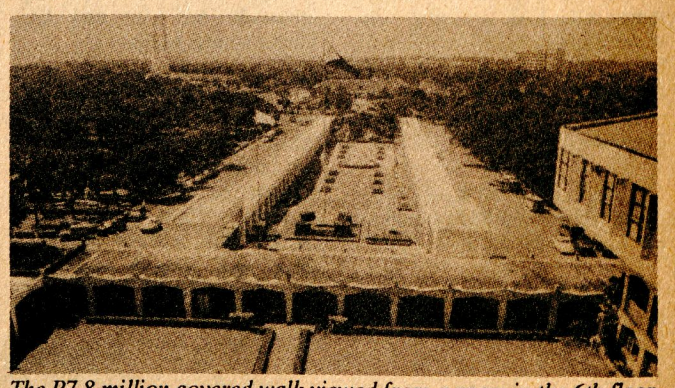
More than five years after the June 12, 1988 fire that damaged the upper eight floors of the 14-storey QC Hall building, its repair and rehabilitation is expected to be completed in December this year and it will formally be turned over by the Dynamic Planners & Construction Corp. (DPCC) to the city government, which, under then Mayor Brigido R. Simon, Jr., had contracted said Corporation to do the repair and rehabilitation work.

This was learned from City Engineer Fred Macapugay. He said that their records show that a total of P131,250,541.36 shall have been spent for the repair and rehabilitation upon its expected completion in December. The amount is P11,250,541.36 more than the P120 million insurance money from GSIS.

Phase I of the repair and rehabilitation work was covered by the original DPCC contract which was for P38,009,181.49 and four Supplemental Agreements (SA).

The P38,009,181.49 under the original DPCC contract was the cost of the main structural repair and rehabilitation work that had to be done SA No. 1 in the amount of P21,844,993.08 was the cost of the repair of minor structural defects; SA No. 2, P8,105,925.88, for shearwalls to make the building earthquake-proof; SA No. 3, P10,125,008.94, for the repair and painting of the facade and installation of canopies and plant boxes; SA No. 4, P6,860,954.35, for repair work at rear parts of the building.

Phase II was covered by Supplemental Agreement No. 5 in the amount of P48,304,477.61 or repair and rehabilitation work done at the 7th, 8th and 9th floors and for the current further face- lifting of the building and installation of ramps for the handicapped in accordance with a provision in the Building Code.



The P7.8 million covered walk viewed from a room in the 6th floor of the City Hall.



The P1.8 million other covered walk which starts below the Land Bank and leads to East Avenue.

Cheap Funeral Services For Urban Poor Families

As facilitated by Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. and Councilor Antonio L. Sioson of the First District of Quezon City, a Memorandum of Agreement has been signed between Unyon ng may Layuning Dakila (UNLAD), a federation of urban poor organizations in Quezon City, represented by Mr. Ponciano G. Miranda, Federation President, with office at 50 Morning Star Drive Ext., Bgy. Culiat, Quezon City, and Grace memorial Services, represented by Ms. Grace V. Farrales, Proprietor, located at 36 Retiro St. cor. Halcon St., La Loma, Quezon City, whereby the latter pledges to the former the availability of affordable funeral services for all UNLAD members and their family.

As arranged through Councilor Sioson, these affordable funeral services will be made available to UNLAD members and their family through an identification card system authenticated by both the UNLAD and Grace Memorial Services. The same privilege has been extended to other urban poor communities, through the recommendation of a Barangay Official, with the use of an identification card system carrying the names of Mayor Mathay and councilor Sioson and authenticated by Ms. Farrales as the proprietor of Grace Memorial Services.

Pro People, Pro Business Councilor Sioson Sees Q.C. As Business Center

Councilor Antonio L. Sioson of the First District of Quezon City and author of the "pro people, pro business" Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993, stated that, as a result of the Code, he sees the emergence of Quezon City as the business center of Metro Manila. Sioson emphasized that investors and businessmen, whether foreigners or Filipinos, are primarily attracted to locate their enterprises in a city or any locality where taxes, charges and fees and land values are reasonable.

Councilor Sioson stressed that since the tax rate and land assessment levels provided in the Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993 are the lowest in comparison to those contained in the Codes of the other cities and municipalities in Metro Manila, the tax rates and land values in Quezon City will serve as a magnet for attracting investors and businessmen, both foreigners and Filipinos, to move their business activities to Quezon City.

"In a few years, therefore, I see the emergence of Quezon City as the business center of Metro Manila," Sioson said. "This development" he continued, "would benefit the people in terms of employment generation resulting from the growth and prosperity of the city."