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# The visionary

MANY OF THE PROBLEMS that beset the country today were anticipated by that fiery and irrepressible President of the Philippine Commonwealth, Manuel L. Quezon.

The wonder is that there were hardly any specialized technocrats during the Commonwealth era to give him expert advice. He had extraordinary common sense and a profound feel for the vast possibilities latent in a young nation such as the Philippines was then. Indeed, if he were not the consummate politician who dominated the national life as if all public matters were his personal domain, he would still be remembered as a visionary of uncanny accuracy.

He anticipated the need for land reform, and was the first to try and change the inequitable system that exploited, debased and kept the tenant farmer in perpetual bondage to his landlord. When he launched his crusade for social justice, his critics promptly labeled it "Quezonian communism." Then, as now, communism was little understood but was used as a convenient bogey.

He once envisioned an "integrated commonwealth" composed of Burma, Annam (today's Kampuchea), Thailand, Malaya (now Malaysia), Indonesia and the Philippines—all but Thailand, nations wriggling out of colonial rule, and all in Southeast Asia. That there is today an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) that has a virtually common foreign policy and that is striving awkwardly for economic cooperation if not complementation, speaks very well of Quezon as a visionary.

Not the least of his anticipations were on the social pressures that would build up in the urban population centers and the explosive need for housing and more housing. He organized the Philippine Housing and Homesite Corporation (PHHC) which eventually became the National Housing Authority (NHA), and so triggered a chain of events that led to the founding of Quezon City. The city founded by Quezon would have absorbed the working class from the more congested urban centers south of its borders and given them the comforts and amenities that once seemed to be the exclusive privilege of the rich. Any claim that Quezon City today has fulfilled the vision of Quezon is at best debatable.

It is also a poor reflection on the skill and dedication of latter-day national planners that in spite of a prevalence of technocrats and the elevation of the agency on human settlements to ministry level, housing programs have essentially remained the same since the time of Quezon. If they are any much more than putting up structures on a piece of land, we have not been informed lately.

Manuel Luis Quezon was a great visionary, and gigantic as his ego was, and jealous as he was of his ideas, we are sure that wherever he is today he would be happier if we could improve on or add to his vision.

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### THE COVER

The ultimate suburbia, if Manuel L. Quezon had his way, would have been the city named after him—a place of highly mobile people, physically and socially. Quezon City today is led by an acting mayor, an activist mayor who is very much on the move, even if he is a relative unknown who merges too well with his jogging constituents at the Quezon Memorial Circle. Jun Simon and his constituents have to move fast to catch up with a dream—which is what our main story this issue is all about.

## LETTERS

**An original**

Perhaps it is time that Acting Mayor Gemiliano Lopez, Jr. stopped trying to measure up to the late Mayor Arsenio H. Lacson.

Like Lacson, Lopez is-one-of-a-kind, an original. As writer Jamil Maidan Flores pointed out, "in a different light, he (Lopez) might come out a better mayor than Lacson."

Life was much simpler for Manilans during Lacson's time and we had enough breaks for entertainment. Arsenio's swashbuckling style and rapier-sharp wit kept us all entertained more than all the blockbuster movies being shown in those times.

Times are different now. Manilans, like all Filipino, are fully engaged in the day-to-day struggle for mere survival. Mayor Lopez can help lighten the struggle not by entertaining his constituents with his feuds with lightweights like Joey Lina of MMC but by applying his financial management savvy to make Manila a better place in which to do business or eke out a living.—**L. U. AGUAYON, 1745 Road 7, Sta. Ana, Manila**

**Bamboo grower**

There's more to Mr. Domingo Alfonso than what Albert C. Lee wrote about him (July 20). He resigned from his teaching job at UP Los Baños to find out for himself if what he had been teaching works in actual practice. He could not find any UPLB graduate who was doing actual farm work; all those he contacted were either deskmen or inspectors, mostly in government offices.

To support himself while doing what we may call experiments, he engaged in large-scale production of seedlings, perhaps the first one to do so in our country.

In addition to free housing, his farm workers were paid double the required government wages, plus other benefits. For every peso the worker saved, Mr. Alfonso gave a peso. Being an educator at heart, Mr. Alfonso did all he could to educate his workers; for instance, not to spend foolishly for fiesta celebrations. He also lent money to farmers-neighbors of his so they could engage in income-generating activities. Of course he met with much frustrations and disappointments, but as the article of Mr. Lee shows very clearly, Mr. Alfonso never lessened his enthusiasm and vision for agriculture in our country. — **ARTEMIO M. ALCANTARA, San Juan, Metro Manila**



**Wrong photo**

The photograph of the dining room of the Muralla restaurant at the Barrio San Luis complex in Intramuros, Manila was erroneously used with the article on Karihan restaurant, "Star a food trip with rice", July 27, p. 16. Our apologies to Muralla, particularly the waiters who pointed out the error to our caption writer.—Ed.



# Quezon's broken dream

By JAMIL MAIDAN FLORES

MANUEL LUIS QUEZON, President of the Philippine Commonwealth, was the architect of this country as we knew it before the Marcos spoliation visited upon us. There is even enough basis for saying that he, Quezon, was the father of his country.

He was, historians admit, the real if unseen author of the 1935 Constitution, the pilot of the Philippine passage from American tutelage to independence. The first national leader to take a shot at land reform, he tried to mitigate the dreadful share tenancy system, and he crusaded relentlessly for social justice. He Filipinized a government bureaucracy once led and dominated by Americans, and worked for the adoption of a national flag, a national hymn (which he once played on the piano, index finger poking out note after single note before a flabbergasted Ignacy Paderewski, the concert pianist and composer who was then prime minister of Poland), and a national language based on Tagalog.

Perhaps to crown all that, he also thought of giving the Filipinos a national capital they could be proud of, a great metropolis that would be the model for other cities in Asia, a well-thought out, well-managed community of souls that would be free from the problems of unplanned urban beehives such as Manila was beginning to be even during Quezon's time. It was going to be the site of government and the residence of the middle class and those on their way up to that socio-economic level. By definition it should be free from pollution, crime waves and the ravages of vice on personal and public morals.

What Quezon did was to organize the Philippine Housing and Homesite Corporation (PHHC), one of the first government corporations ever to be organized in this country, and gave this forerunner of today's harried National Housing Authority (NHA) the job of putting up a housing project that would, in time, evolve into his dream city. Prodded by Quezon, the PHHC purchased 1,572 hectares of the vast Diliman estate. The first government settlement project ever, it was originally called Barrio Obrero after the working class that would dwell in it, later Kamuning, and served as the prototype of the latter-day housing sites that would make Quezon's city a city of projects.

Next Quezon pushed the idea before the National Assembly and as usual the latter bowed to the great man's fiery will and passed Commonwealth Act No. 503 which formalized the existence of the settlement. For a while Quezon himself served as its mayor until he appointed, on November 4, 1939, Tomas Morato to succeed him. If war had not broken out the following year, and if Quezon had lived long enough, the city he founded might have been more faithful to the vision of its founder.

**No planning**

This view is confirmed in the strongest terms by Jun Simon, and what Jun Simon thinks should matter a great deal because he, Brigido Simon Jr., the PDP-Laban stalwart who made his money in the *lugaw* bussiness, is President Cory Aquino's choice to "clean up" Quezon City even if most of the city's residents cannot tell him from the next jogger at the Quezon Memorial Circle.

"It was only part of the city that had the benefit of proper physical planning," the acting mayor says. "The rest, especially the Novaliches area, was hardly planned. So if you go out there, you will see that the roads are not as wide as they are in the Quezon Ave. area."

That is just for starters. The city also falls short of Quezon's vision in at least half a dozen other aspects, some of them probably more vital than the physical planning. It has a crime problem, one-fourth of its population is impoverished and slums are sprouting like ulcers in its bowels; it has a housing shortage, a school room shortage and City Hall's financial position is wet with red ink — so the city government has a problem delivering basic services to its constituents. Quezon's dream of a city has become a nightmare.

The man who has to grapple with that nightmare knows exactly the size of the monstrosity he is dealing with. "Quezon City has the highest crime rate in the whole of Metro Manila," says acting Mayor Jun Simon. "Our crime rate here is in fact three times higher than the national average."

The records show that 19.2 crimes per 1,000 population per month are committed in Metro Manila. The national rate is 32 crimes per 100,000 population per month. The Quezon City rate is a whooping 60 plus crimes per 100,000 population per month.

And Quezon City certainly does not have enough policemen to cope with that crime wave. The city has only 1,000 active policemen. Jun Simon says the ratio is one policemen per 1,800 population. Manila is a lot better off with one policeman for every 450 people — a ratio that is close to the ideal — one to 400.

"Part of the problem," he stresses, "is the fact that we contribute 18 per cent of our income to the PC-INP (Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police) — of course we give that indirectly through the National Treasury. That is equivalent to something like P53 million this year. With that kind of money we could afford 3,000 policemen — three times more than what we've got.

With so few policemen, surveillance of establishments putting on lewd shows becomes a problem. It rankles in Jun Simon's heart that media are beginning to refer to his city as Que-Sin City. But it is the horrible truth: the devil himself could not have imagined what some of those shows do to the Filipino woman's body. Ask any Quezon City night owl and he will tell you about the bottle act, the coin-picking act, the cigarette-smoking act, the lesbian show and the man and woman show that is usually unravelled after midnight.

Meanwhile the city is in the midst of a student population boom coupled with a backlog in classrooms. The city has two schools without buildings. It sorely needs 100 more classrooms and some 17,000 students are without chairs. "That backlog is simply staggering," says Jun Simon with a dry chuckle.

It's not only classrooms. There is the problem of garbage collection — which could be help-

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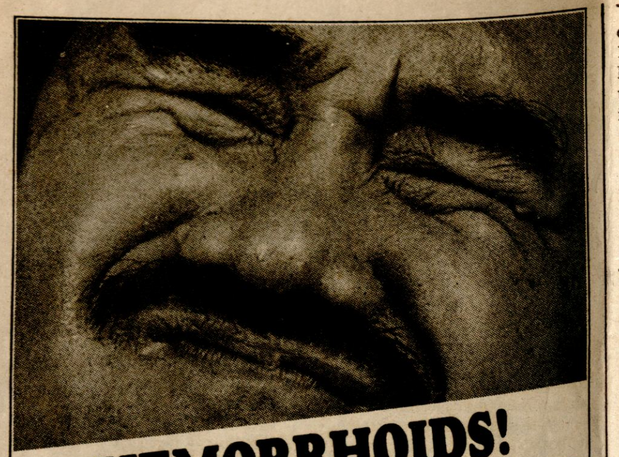
**A great man's blueprint for a great city and an unknown's attempt to realize it**

JOEY DE VERA



**Acting Mayor and active daughter: little time for the family.**



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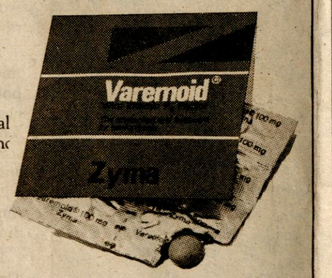


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ed if the city did not fork over 15 per cent of its income to the Metro Manila Commission. And there is a general problem of delivery of basic services which is directly related to the problem of finance.

"Mrs. Rodriguez (former Mayor Adelina Rodriguez, his predecessor) said when we took over that she was leaving behind a savings of P180 million," he recalls. "This is not correct. Thirty million pesos of this money is with Ramawill which is being held by the Land Bank. Another P50 million of it is not the money of Quezon City — *hindi namin pera ito.* This is just deposited in trust in the Quezon City account as the city treasurer of Quezon City is also the district treasurer for the municipalities of Pasig, Mandaluyong, San Juan and Marikina.

"Aside from these, there are debts we have to pay. We owe the MWSS some P8.6 million. Then we have P8 million tied up with the Philippine Veterans' Bank which closed down. Then consider our contributions to the MMC and the PC-INP and we have really very little left."

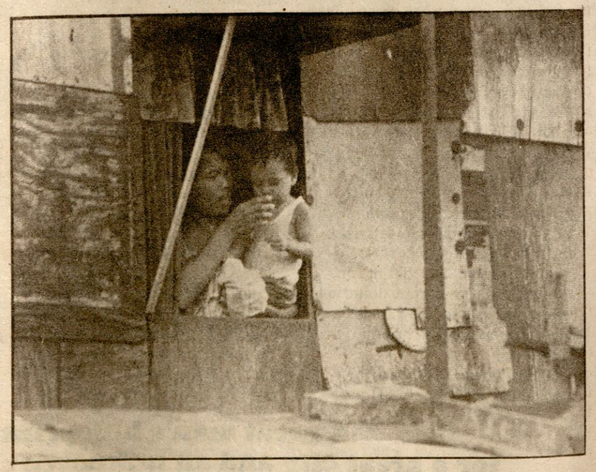
Most of whatever is left will have to be realigned. The acting mayor gives one example: the budget for health. "Ten per cent of the city's budget," he says, "is spent on health — P20 million for the city health office and another P17 million for the Quezon City General Hospital which is little known to most Quezon City residents.

"If you take a look at its budget," he says, "you will find out that 80 per cent of it or P14 million goes to salaries and wages, 15 per cent of P2 million goes to maintenance and operating expenses, and only five per cent of P1 million goes to medicines. So there's a gross imbalance. And o ften when an indigent patient is taken to the hospital, there's no medicine readily available — *wala silang gamot.*"

Quezon City's budget for the year is P390 million. The acting mayor is aiming for an income of P400 million. He does not, however, sound like he is confident about raising it — because he has another problem: the putative tax amnesty on real property.

"You know," he explains, "the city has two major sources of income: business permits and licenses and real property taxes. Now if you give away a 50 per cent amnesty on real property taxes, you would be wreaking havoc on the finances of Quezon City — considering that collections in the past years were at a low ebb.

"Take the case of a property in Fairview — the Regalado property. If I'm not mistaken the owners owe the city something Like P13 million. If you followed the guidelines spelled out on TV by Minister Ongpin, you'd have to remove the penalties and 50 per cent of the principal. That would leave you only P4 million. This is grossly unfair to those who have been paying religiously."



Squatter shanty—abode of the city's poorest.

An amnesty on real property taxes does not work the way an amnesty on personal income taxes works. In the case of income taxes, perhaps the only way you can collect any amount is through an amnesty. "But in the case of real property taxes," Jun Simon says, "you have something to hold on, *nandoon 'yong lupa, eh.*" It would help a bit also if there were clear guidelines on the amnesty for lacking such clear guidelines, in the meantime nobody is paying.

### Poorest of the poor

The financial problems of City Hall are nothing compared to the poverty that saddles a full one-fourth of the city's population. The unemployment-underemployment rate is 35 to 40 per cent which 350,000 to 400,000 people from age 15 to 65 either unemployed or under-employed. Planned to receive a highly mobile middle class and the gainfully employed seeking relief from the congestion of the urban centers, Quezon City has instead become the refuge of the poorest of the poor. Those who could not squeeze themselves into Tondo and the other sardine cans o f the Metro Manila area, as well as provincials looking for the proverbial pot of gold, often find the rolling expanses of Quezon City irresistible. In various large tracts of lands in the city, new Tondos are fast rising. At the Tatalon estate near Sto. Domingo church, squatter families are scrambling for a few available lots. There are only 800 lots left but there are more than 1,400 awardees claiming them. At nearby Talayan and by the rivers and creeks in the area, squatter shanties simply abound. They are beginning to proliferate, too, at the national government center area.

The official estimate on the number of squatters in Quezon City is 10,000 to 15,000 families. Jun Simon believes that the correct figure is 30,000 families or about 200,000 people. And there is nothing spectacular that he can do about the problem. There is now a moratorium (a sensible one) on the reloca-

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| 55 | 58 | 8,800 | 17,600 | 17,600 | 35,200 | 26,400 | 52,800 | 35,200 | 70,400 |
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| 57 | 60 | 7,900 | 15,800 | 15,800 | 31,600 | 23,700 | 47,400 | 31,600 | 63,200 |
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| 67 | 70 | 4,260 | 8,520 | 8,520 | 17,040 | 12,780 | 25,560 | 17,040 | 34,080 |
| 68 | 71 | 3,990 | 7,980 | 7,980 | 15,960 | 11,970 | 23,940 | 15,960 | 31,920 |
| 69 | 72 | 3,720 | 7,440 | 7,440 | 14,880 | 11,160 | 22,320 | 14,880 | 29,760 |
| 70 | 73 | 3,450 | 6,900 | 6,900 | 13,800 | 10,350 | 20,700 | 13,800 | 27,600 |
| 71 | 74 | 3,240 | 6,480 | 6,480 | 12,960 | 9,720 | 19,440 | 12,960 | 25,920 |
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| 73 | | 2,820 | 5,640 | 5,640 | 11,280 | 8,460 | 16,920 | 11,280 | 22,560 |
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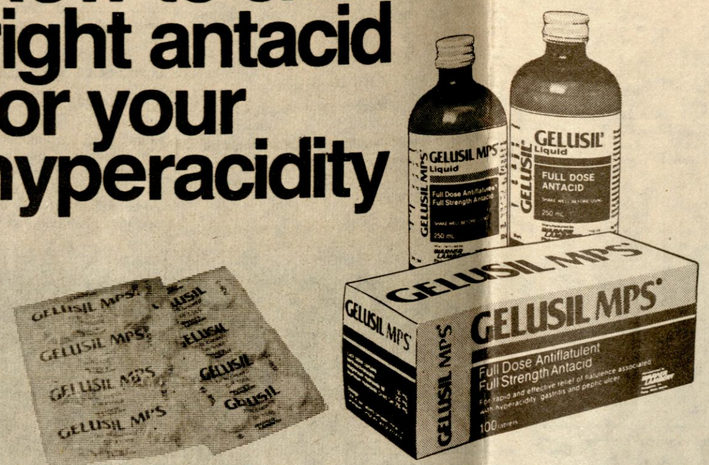
# How to choose the right antacid for your hyperacidity




• *Check how fast it neutralizes the acid—not how fast the tablet dissolves.*

A tablet containing aluminum hydroxide alone may dissolve fast. But that does not mean it works fast because aluminum hydroxide is slow in neutralizing acid. So is magnesium carbonate. One of the fastest acting antacids is magnesium hydroxide.[1]

**Gelusil MPS combines fast-acting magnesium hydroxide (for prompt relief) with slow-acting aluminum hydroxide (for prolonged relief).**

• *Does it cause constipation?*

Aluminum hydroxide alone causes constipation. But this can be prevented by combining it with an antacid-laxative like magnesium hydroxide[1]—as in Gelusil MPS.

• *Does it contain a full-dose gas pain reliever?*

Only Gelusil MPS gives you a full therapeutic dose of simethicone in every tablet or teaspoon. Simethicone is the medically-prescribed gas pain reliever.

| | Gas pain Reliever |
|---|---|
| GELUSIL MPS | 50 mg |
| BRAND A | NONE |
| BRAND B | 10 mg |

• *To get full, effective relief, how many tablets do you need per dose: 1 or 2?*

Scientists measure the efficacy of an antacid by its capacity to neutralize acid. Among advertised antacids, Gelusil MPS rates the highest: 1 tablet or teaspoon provides full, effective relief. It takes 2 tablets or teaspoons of other advertised antacids to get the same relief.

| | Antacid contents | Tab/Tsp per dose |
|---|---|---|
| GELUSIL MPS | 250 mg aluminum hydroxide<br>250 mg magnesium hydroxide | 1 |
| BRAND A | 230 mg (aluminum hydroxide) | 2 |
| BRAND B | 325 mg (aluminum hydroxide & magnesium carbonate) | 2 |

• *Pick a prescription-tested brand.*

For years, doctors have prescribed Gelusil for hyperacidity and gas pain (Gelusil MPS), for plain hyperacidity (Gelusil Plain) and as concurrent therapy for peptic ulcer (Gelusil 400).

[1] *Goodman and Gilman (6th edition), "The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics"*

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tion of squatters. The National Housing Authority has allocated 500 lots for the relocation of the city's squatters, but that's a drop in the bucket and it won't work.

"We can build all the physical structures—roads, power sources, etc." says Jun Simon, "but if you can't provide them with a source of livelihood where you relocate them, they won't stay." It would be just like transfering a goldfish from a dirty aquarium to a clean, brand new one but without water. The fish, of course, would die. So would the squatter without livelihood, says the acting mayor.

How do the poor make a living? "Literally on the trash of the rich," says Mayor Simon. And he conjures a vision of the great unwashed, trading on discarded bottles, and old newspapers, scavenging the garbage cans, selling sampaguita garlands, begging in the streets. "If you relocate them," he says, "you are taking them away from the rich man's surplus, away from their livelihood."

So precipitate relocation, according to the acting mayor, is tantamount to planning more poverty. With it you solve your problem of beautification — the eyesores are remove — but you sow the seeds of social unrest. You give a family rent-free housing, bt actually you are depriving if of 80 per cent of its income, and imposing on its members additional transportation costs. You could also be splitting the family. Imagine that a family in Quezon City is relocated to Carmona. Very soon the husband says, "Honey, to save on fare, I'll find a place to sleep in Quezon City. I'll just have to come home Saturdays." Before long the fellow has a wife in Quezon City from Monday to Friday although he goes home to "honey" in Carmona on weekends.

IT CAN'T all be blamed on previous city administrations, this corruption of Quezon's dream city, for in the main the gobblins besetting it now are offspring of the national nightmare, itself the result of poor or no national planning. When the country made a feeble attempt at industrialization, the factories were set up in and



around Manila. People looking for jobs streamed in from the provinces. Often these factories produced items designed for export, and when the export market for such products collapsed, so did the industry and a new batch of urban unemployed was created. In the meantime all the resources for development got concentrated in Metro Manila. "So we are all here," says Jun Simon, *"nagsisiksikan."*

The Japanese, too, did us a bad turn, he continues. They gave us the Philippine-Japan Friendship Highway when the fact is they don't rely on highways in Japan. They use trains. Bullet trains. A good bullet train would take you to Pangasinan in the same one hour it takes you to negotiate the distance between Quezon City and Makati. But the Japanese gave us a highway, and the next thing you have to do is to buy a Toyota car. Or an Isuzu truck.

The Aquino government is doing all it can now to reverse the in-migration, so that people would, for a change, move from the city to the provinces, Jun Simon assures. The Aquino government will put money into the countryside. Take public works: the allocation for Quezon City is P5 million. For Pampanga which is only as big as Quezon City in terms of population, the allocation is P60 million. That's a sensible proportion.

Jun Simon is one person who believes that the local governments could contribute quite a bit in the solution of national problems while solving their own. Only 33, he is a wizened veteran in the handling of social problems. An activist in the 60's, Jun Simon has seen 15 of his comrades die at the hands of a tyrannical establishment, among them Ed Jopson. A product of both Ateneo and San Beda, he choose to live among the aquatters of Tondo soon after his schooling, instead of seeking a desk job in some Makati skyscraper. His mother was furious but he would not leave the scavengers' cooperative he had organized in Tondo until the military authorities in the district began to have designs on him. He moved on to the Mindanao Development Authority which allowed

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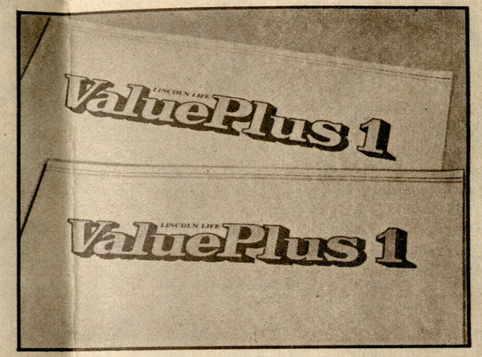


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# Veteran photographer on Quezon



The President and the photographer in a 1937 photo.

THE VETERAN PHOTOGRAPHER, Honesto T. Vitug, often hailed as the "Dean of Philippine Photojournalism," has been covering presidents since the time of Manuel L. Quezon. Then, it seemed as now, the job of a photographer could not be said to be all fun. Take the time the great MLQ had him arrested for a single photograph.

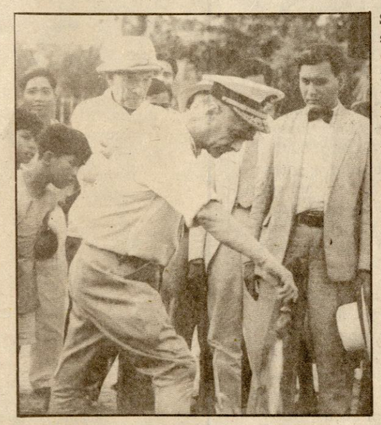
"I remember how particular Quezon was about his virile image," Vitug says. "Once I landed in jail because I took a picture of him when he was ill." It was Oct. 1935, he recalls, aboard the SS Corregidor with President Quezon bound for Iloilo. "The journey went smoothly until Don Manuel contracted high fever. He then asked to be taken back to Manila." As Quezon was being carried down the gangplank, the ever-ready Vitug took a picture.

"The president saw me and yelled with all the angry words he could muster, and I was thrown into the Bagumbayan jail for four hours before a call from the Palace ordered my release on condition that I won't publish that picture."









Some of Vitug's shots of President Quezon: (above) reviewing a military formation in Davao City; (left) inaugurating the water system of Polilio Island; (far left) breakfasting with Gen. MacArthur at Malacañang.

While covering the Malacañang beat, Vitug had to contend not only with tight security but also with the highly volatile President Quezon. "He was one politician who made sure he looked good in all his pictures," Vitug says. "There were many times when he banned me from the Palace for published pictures he didn't like." Yet, Vitug adds, Quezon, despite his temperamental nature, was "a generous man." On his birthday, Aug. 19, 1935, he filled out blank checks (gifts from well-wishers) in the amount of P100,000 each and sent them to his favorite orphanage, the Hospicio de San Jose.

Vitug has a rich and invaluable collection of Quezon photographs of which he doesn't seem to run out for publication year after year. Now 77 years of age, Vitug is semi-retired from full-time picture taking. He services the photo needs of the Puyat group of companies, if he's not shuttling between the Philippines and the US, where two of his daughters reside. The following photos by Honesto Vitug bring us back to glimpses of MLQ.

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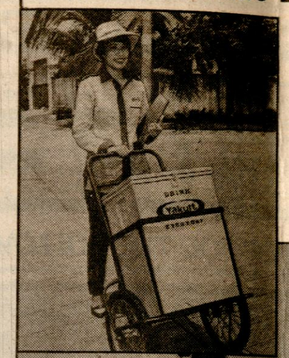





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# A Filipino subculture in Italy



By LEANDRO CORONEL-VICTORIA

SEEKING refuge from one of Rome's intermittent spring drizzles recently, I stumbled upon an unusual colony of Filipinos. I was on a stopover in Rome en route to Africa and as I was taking in the sights, this spit of a drizzle started. Ducking into a corner, I was startled to come upon a gaggle of voices speaking a familiar tongue. All of a sudden I was engulfed in a chorus of Tagalog, totally out of context and unexpected. I followed the sounds and the familiar brown skin and black hair of my compatriots became evident. I was in front of a church.

I soon found out that this group of Filipinos congregated regularly at the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, just off the fashionable shopping corridor of Via Condoti and a stone's throw from the famed Spanish steps.

Still a bit disoriented, I mingled uneasily with the crowd, not knowing what to say or expect. Those who caught a glimpse of my presence gave a puzzled look, straining their powers of recognition. Others simply ignored me and carried on with their banter. Not knowing what to make of the scene, I approached a group of two older men and a couple of younger fellows. I found out this was the regular five o'clock Sunday mass for Filipinos and other minorities (Sri Lankans, Ethiopians) associated with an organization called LINK. It was nearly five and the flow of people, mostly Filipinos, in and out of the churchyard continued. Familiar greetings were exchanged.

Just before five o'clock one of the two older men, Jose Vargas, excused himself to prepare for the mass. The other older man stayed to keep the stranger company. Unable to contain my curiosity, I asked the second man, Tony Dones, about the unusual congregation. These Filipinos are mostly contract workers, earning a living as maids, houseboys, and other occupations that require an attitude of servility towards their employers. These are people whose job is to make their employers' lives pleasant and free of life's nuisance chores. Somehow I sensed there was something wrong with such arrangement.

But these are also some of the people who evidently have no place in their own society. Forced to escape the hardness of life in their own country, they swallow their pride and lower their dignity so they and their families may survive.

It was now 10 minutes past five and the mass got underway. It turned out that Vargas, 57 years old, is one of the leaders of this community of misplaced souls. He is seated close to the altar, assisting in the conduct of the mass. I found out later that before emigrating 12 years ago, Vargas had been a supply officer at a logging operation in Infanta, Quezon. In Rome, he works as a butler and chauffeur for a wealthy Venezuelan.

An all-Filipino choir sang enthusiastically, led with authority by Amelia Nabayra. She conducted her charges with a certain firmness and pride. The majority of the congregation joined in the singing. The Filipinos who stayed out in the courtyard hadn't budged from their positions. The animated conversations continued, interrupted only when some members peeled away to enter the church for a quick plea for divine blessing. But many in the crowd never went inside the church. It appeared they came not to worship but rather to keep up with the latest news from home or the latest gossip about the fate of the recently deposed governors of their country.

Fr. Larry Gould, the rector of the Pallotine-run San Silvestro church, was engrossed in his homily as the crowd outside continued exchanging notes. In one corner one of the women had two large shopping bags full of merchandise such as hair shampoo. Occasionally someone would come up to her to pick up the week's order. It was a noisy crowd but nevertheless generally well-behaved. It's a gathering of friends.

It was an eerie scene for the chance observer. Somehow the faces in this crowd were different. The majority of the crowd consisted of women of all ages. There was a look of innocence on many of the faces. But also a look of resignation, of meekness, even of failure. I was tempted to take a photograph to record the scene for all to see. But I stopped that journalistic urge for fear of violating the crowd's privacy, for breaking the sense of innocence in the air. I settled for a mental tableau.

The mass ended after exactly one hour. It was already dark in the courtyard and I expected the crowd to desperse, to continue their dreary lives in the households of Rome. But to my surprise, the two sets of congregations soon joined together, the worshippers indistinguishable from those who came merely to gossip. The din grew louder even as the sky turned darker. Dim lights in the courtyard came on, the pillars casting shadows on everyone. The crowd didn't show any sign of thinning.

I went back inside the church to catch Jose Vargas, the logging officer turned butler. He was diffident at first; quite understandable, one thought. But soon he became more comfortable. He was very proud of the Filipinos of San Silvestro. They were cohesive. I later heard from other sources, both within and outside this group, that a larger colony of Filipinos worshipped at a different church. And there, harmony is not always the order of the day. But that is probably attributable to the larger size of that community.

Vargas sounded bitter about the Philippine embassy in Rome. The government's representatives have not been sympathetic towards the plight of this class

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of Filipino expatriates. Perhaps the new government would show more empathy. Good news may come from a different source. The Italian parliament is considering a bill that would accord fuller citizens' rights to foreigners. As Vargas showed me out through the courtyard, the crowd was still alive with conversation. *"Hanggang* nine-thirty *pa iyang mga iyan,"* Vargas estimated the time the crowd would start heading home.

I left with mixed feelings. It was almost an underworld culture, totally unfamiliar. The palpable sense of resignation among the people made the heart heavier and the mind questioning. But at the same time I sensed also that those people are happier than if they had stayed in the Philippines. Many of them finished college and, therefore, are not being paid fully for their skills. But most of them, had they stayed home, would probably be in a worse lot because the Philippine economy cannot absorb their skills. Many would be jobless while several would be out in the streets selling *anything* that can be sold.

In the last several years our country has been deep into the business of exporting its human resources. The country benefits from this trade as foreign exchange flows in from the earnings of expatriate workers. Yet the conditions of employment are often deplorable and dehumanizing. Is it a wonder that many expatriates don't feel any debt of gratitude towards their country?

Other people judge foreigners partly by the way those foreigners are treated by their own governments. I think I have a good idea what many Italians think of Filipinos. ●

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## HUSBAND AND WIFE

By JOSE M. JR. and ANITA S. MEILY

# Hope is forever

LAST Friday, August 15, the Catholic world observed the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven, which Pope Pius XII proclaimed on November, 1950, as a dogma, an article of faith.

Since the second century, the Virgin Mary has been presented by the Holy Fathers as the "New Eve." She is the Eve most closely associated with Christ in the struggle against the infernal enemy which, as foretold in the protoevangelium (Gen. 2, 3:15), was to result in that most complete victory over sin and death. Mary was present at Calvary, was part and parcel of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord. In much the same way as Christ ascended into heaven, the glorification of the virginal body reached its climax when she, too, was assumed into heaven. There is a link between the Assumption and Easter Sunday. Pius XII explained that "Mary's close cooperation in the Redemption" is the reason why there had to be an Assumption. Both Easter Sunday and the Assumption signify HOPE.

Back to the modern times. In the Philippines, which survived a political upheaval that merited the admiration of the free world, changes — political, social, and economic — are taking place. The promise of a better tomorrow is in the minds of the people. Despite this, there are still complaints, frustrations and dissatisfaction. People seem to be impatient for change that will alleviate their condition overnight. But, life will always be a challenge — no matter what the circumstances. Earning a living, raising a family, are no easy tasks. Ads for the better things in life — materially, of course — are all around us. Becoming rich, therefore, is the main objective for most of us, thereby fostering a dog-eat-dog type of daily struggle. No wonder, a sense of hopelessness sometimes engulfs many, despite the change of regime.

Christian hope, however, should never leave us. No matter what hardships we are in, we cannot lose hope. Hope is the last thing that should leave us, next to life, itself. And the Assumption of Mary, Mother of Jesus, who is very much venerated and honored in this country, offers us that hope.

Mary's glorious Assumption is great proof that, if we follow Christ's teachings, we, too, will someday be assumed into heaven like her. Actually, it was the second Vatican Council that emphasized Mary as the sign of hope for us. In its Constitution of the Church, the council stated: "In the Most Holy Virgin, the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle (cf. Eph. 5:27). In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues in this world as the image and first flowering of the Church which is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth until the day of the Lord shall come (cf. 2 Pet. 3:10) as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim people of God."

Solace and hope — these Mary has been to us, during our 33 years of married life, through all the long years, as we struggled to raise our six children. We, too, had our share of trials and hardships, both in our marriage and in the arduous task of parenthood. Through it all, we clung to Mary. And she became for us, truly the Lady of Hope. This is a living testimony that we can offer to all married couples and singles alike. Let us remember the beautiful prayer of St. Bernard, a great devotee of the Virgin Mary who, in his moments of pressure and difficulties, always went to Christ's mother with these words: "Remember, most Blessed Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help and sought thy intercession, was left unaided." ●




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# The Reycards: three decades of pizzazz

By JULIAN DEL PRADO

IF YOU HAVE a weak heart, don't dare see it," warned Forrest Duke, foremost entertainment columnist of Nevada. He was referring, not to a horror film, but, to the Reycards Show. "The hippiest, hammiest, happiest, and most hilarious music and comedy team to ever hit town," Duke continued. By town, he meant Las Vegas, the entertainment capital of the world, where competition is tough and rough.

The Reycards are survivors, and stars, in Las Vegas which has been their home base for the past 21 years. The accolade and the good reviews continue to pour.

For the information of you martial law babies, the Reycards are Filipinos. They left the country a month after Marcos was first elected president in 1965. "We never really experienced *itong sinasabi ninyong* dictatorship. But in the past few months, we've been getting extra applause wherever and whenever we perform. *Pakiramdam ko, hindi lang dahil sa kami ay* Reycards *kun'di dahil rin sa kami ay Pinoy,"* says Rey Ramirez, the straight man in the comic act.

*"Kaya* excited *na* excited *kaming makita ang Pilipinas muli. At maramdaman itong sinasabi ninyong* People Power," interjects Carding Castro, the funnyman of the two.

The Reycards started as individual performers in the now-gone Clover Theater which used to stand where the LRT stop for Sta. Cruz is now. In this theater at the foot of Jones Bridge, vaudeville and burlesque shows thrived — such being the staple of family entertainment at that time. The late impressario, Don Jose Zarah, asked them to form a duo; perhaps, to create a Pinoy version of a Dean Martin/Jerry Lewis act.

But the Clover Theater is now extinct along with its brand of entertainment, Martin and Lewis have long ago bitterly parted ways, our country has finally changed its president, and still the Reycards haven't stopped keeping their audiences in stitches. The two have performed in Carnegie Hall, Hollywood Palladium, Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, Chicago Music Hall, San Francisco Masonic Temple, and other major concert halls in Canada, Japan and the Far East.



The irrepressible duo, Rey (left) and Carding: survivors and stars.

The Reycards started their conquest of Vegas at the Casino de Paris of Dunes Hotel. *"Muntik na kaming pauwiin ng Pilipinas noong unang palabas namin doon,"* says Rey. "We were instructed by the director, Alfred Abcor, to limit our act to only 12 minutes. Breaker *lang kasi kami noon ng isang* French extravaganza. *Pero si Carding nadala ng kanyang* adlib, *umabot kami ng* 15 minutes. In Las Vegas, that's a mortal sin, especially for some upstart breaker act. Abcor was furious. *Sinabon kami ng husto.* He was threatening to send us right back to the Philippines when Major Riddle, the owner of Dunes Hotel, overheard him. Riddle slammed his fist on a table. *Binulyawan si* Abcam. *Ang sabi:* No! The people liked them. Give them 25 minutes."

Carding adds, *"Pagdating namin sa loob ng isang* empty elevator *nagtitili ako sa kilig. Pasok na kami, Diyos ko."* In a few weeks, the life-size photo of the French main act was removed from the Dunes lobby. In its place: the Reycards.

The Reycards hardly looked back since then. It was as if they were terrified of turning into pillars of salt. *"Maraming hirap din ang dinanas namin sa* Clover, *at sa* Manila Grand Opera House," Rey said. "We were not really earning much." No, not even with additional performances in town fiestas, and in movies or tv. *"Masikip ang mundo sa Pilipinas, lalo na sa katulad namin.* We could be putting in the same struggle there, as we put in here (States), *pero masagwa mang sabihin, mas malaki ang kita namin dito."*

The duo returned to the Philippines twice, in 1977 and in 1981. Twice, the people showed the Reycards they were welcome sons. In their first homecoming, some 1,300,000 *masa* watched their one-night show at the Luneta. In their second time back, the Manila Hotel ballroom was filled with the prim and proper moneyed class who, on several instances during the show, lost their sense of decorum and guffawed their privileged blues away.

Before he sang professionally, Rey was being trained by his father to be a band member in their hometown. At about the same time, Carding was doing menial jobs, including fish vending, in a suburban *talipapa.* They first met each other in a small radio station, where they were lining up for an audition in an amateur singing contest. Rey was then 17, Carding, 16. It was to be the start of a long and durable friendship and professional alliance.

"History *na 'yan,"* retorts Carding when asked about his affair with the sex siren Lana Turner. He is also now divorced from his beautiful Japanese wife, and remains single up to the moment. Rey, on the other hand, is still blissfully married to one-time Manila actress Lyn D'Amour who gave up stardom for a supporting role in her husband's career.

The Reycards flew in last Friday for a series of shows in Manila, once again to provoke laughter with their countrymen. They are also here to raise funds for the PINAI Movement, an organization that aims to neutralize the exploitation of Filipino women, particularly entertainers, abroad.

It's a sure bet, they will bring both houses down. ●



# Enrile's soliloquy: to coup or not to coup

By CARLOS G. NOVENARIO

ON A WINDY July night against the backdrop of the darkening EDSA sky, someone once accidentally espied the monk-like figure of a man who closely resembled Juan Ponce Enrile. But he was garbed in royal robes not unlike those donned by Sir Laurence Olivier in that movie adaptation of Hamlet the Dane, Shakespeare's star-crossed, tragic prince.

In seeming solitude while strolling along the defense ministry building's battlements, the crestfallen phantom scanned the somber scenery, as if seeing visions of armies of the blessed and cadres of the damned silently clashing deep into the murky night.

Like in those four frightful nights last February, the spectre fixed his gaze afar, as if pondering his fate before it's too late aloud, thusly:

To coup or not to coup. . . that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune in the Aquino administration. . .

Or to resign and end it. But ye gads, what for? I pray.

'Tis better to be fired and thus a martyr be for it. And then to gain the electorate's nod constantly thereafter. Not perchance just to dream the political dream away. . .

'Twas a wise move I know. . . that UCPB demurral I made two moons ago, since so many common *tao* have wondered why I, a *Cagayano,* should have something to do with that Cocoted-PCGG imbroglio.

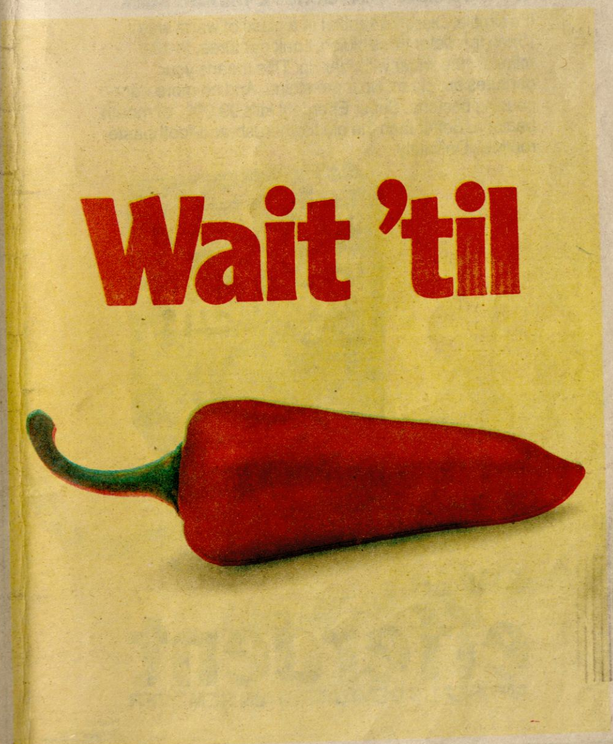
"Leave it to the Southern *Tagalo,"* sayeth I to the near-corpulent Clara, "'cause for too long you've been fed so. Go bananas instead, my dear grand dame. Floirendo will just never, never do. For his time was up too."

Ah yes, to coup or not to coup. . . that is the question. 'Tis really so easy to coup with Gringo I know. But yet so very, very hard to teach our people a thing or two about good *gobyerno* and the more then that those NPA cadres won't let me easily be. . .

They will ever try to waylay and be done with me as sure as yonder stars in the firmament actually blinketh not. . . but still Joema's now to the real Reds anathema. . . only the *colegiala* and the media currently loveth the yellow-corn clown so dearly. Asketh I once of him: "Alas, thou poor slob of a Yorick. . . dost thou not see what thy daily diet of dried-out dialectics hath wrought upon thine already prison-lean frame, cadaverous countenance and breezy brain?" But I, for a retort, receiveth only his silly, impish but toothsome grin. What to make of him I truly knoweth not.

As to Andy's legalistic "loyalist" waifs, poseth I this tired plaint: "Should it still be from my now benign self's neck that thou shouldst hang like a millstone despite my 20 year's surfeit? I say, perish the thought; as my goodself from that burden now beggeth off. Enough that ye have nettled my Sunday noon nap with thine inane, comic caper at the Manila Hotel wherein ye drank, supped, clapped and thinketh ye can bluff. So avast then, ye orphaned androids! ! While I to my fair Cristina shall hie."

The wraith-like figure, who looked like Enrile's twin, hurriedly descended the ministry building's stairway, not surprisingly followed by numerous fatigue-uniform-clad figures which emanated from the surrounding darkness. The phantasms uncannily resembled Gringo, Red K., Legaspi and other assorted RAM recruits. ●



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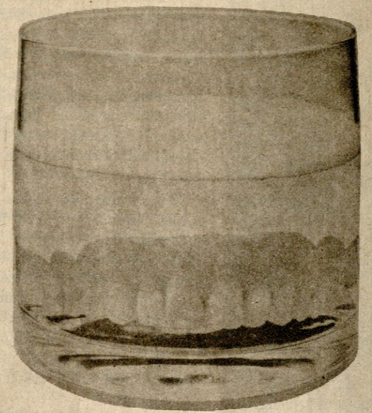

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# New hope for Quezon's Aurora province



Memories of neglect: the replica of the Quezon's residence in Baler's town plaza (left) and the Aurora Memorial Hospital.

By FRED J. REYES

EVER SINCE President Manuel Quezon expressed the wish that leaders after him develop his home province of Aurora, people there have been waiting for this to come true. Many presidents have come and go, but nothing much have moved since the time of the "star of Baler."

For instance, the highway leading to Baler, its capital town, from Bongabon, Nueva Ecija is pretty much the same when it was constructed in the pre-war years: passable only to rickety passenger buses and hardy logging trucks. It is less than 100 kilometers, but it takes more than five gruelling hours to negotiate the distance.

If you go farther than Baler, say to Casiguran 200 kilometers away, you've to travel by those trusty old weapons carrier left here by the Americans in the last Pacific war. Here, the sand-and-gravel road invariably merges into rivers and creeks, for there are practically no structures to bridge them. So during heavy rains, travelers have to wait for hours or even days for the waters to subside before going on.

"Do you know that of the more than 200 kilometers of national roads here, only 200 meters are paved?" points out Cesar Valenzuela, an oldtimer of the place who used to work with President Quezon. He says that Aurora province, ever since he can remember, has been receiving only maintenance and improvement funds from the national

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# Age doesn't matter if it doesn't show

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government. Nothing is ever alloted for new projects."

The old gentleman doesn't have to emphasize the obvious. The visitor can very well see the utter state of neglect of the province without being told.

In Baler or in five other towns of Aurora, the memory of President Quezon and his wife Doña Aurora is everywhere. Valenzuela, for example, loves to recount anecdotes that somehow lend more credence that President Quezon was a ladies' man.

He narrates: there was one time that a daughter of the president chanced upon a movie star who was rumored to be her father's paramour. She lost no time in confronting the latter.

In no uncertain terms, she gave the actress a piece of her mind, "Do you know how much pain you're causing my mother?"

Uncowed, the movie star shot back, "Do you know how much happiness I'm causing your father?"

Valenzuela and other oldtimers of the place can go on for hours recounting many Quezonian episodes, especially over swigs of *lambanog*. But more vivid than memories are structures commemorating the favorite son of Baler. At the town plaza, there stands a replica of a small nipa and wooden house of the Quezons, but it is unkempt and dilapidated. Not far away is the rotting-but-still-very serviceable provincial hospital, the Maria Aurora Hospital, the very same



**Oldtimer Cesar Valenzuela: a treasury of Quezonian anecdotes.**



**Aurora acting Gov. Victor G. Bitong: things are moving up in the province.**

hospital with hardly no improvement that Doña Aurora would have inaugurated in April 28, 1949 had she not died in the hands of assassins while on the way to the inauguration. Farther down, near the Bongabon-Aurora boundary, the marker indicating the ambush site is obscured by thick *talahib* growth.

For all these shortcomings, the province seems to be a good place to live in. Food is plentiful: fish and meat are fresher and definitely much cheaper than elsewhere; theve've more rice than they can consume; and during times of good prices for copra, people there lived it up. Then, there's logging to boot. Despite the logging ban, more than 50 logging trucks groaning with freshly-cut timber inch their way to Manila.

"Definitely," growls Valenzuela, the Unido chairman of Baler who can be cantankerous at times, "we're putting more to the national economy than what we're getting from the government. We're producing millions of pesos worth of copra, millions more from our forests, and we deliver rice which is the best in the country." He says that their coffee is being brought first to Batangas and passed off as Batangas brew in Manila.

It was the same old issue of government neglect that leaders of Aurora (a former territory of Tayabas, now Quezon) got the idea of "secession," so to speak. Pedro V. Guerrero, who

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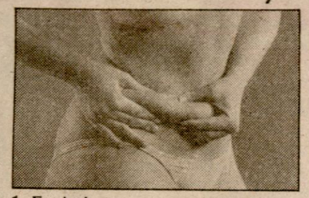

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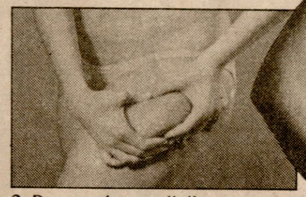

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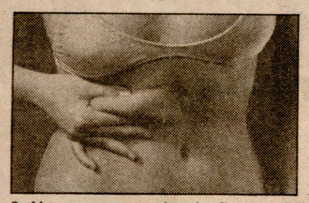

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A more presentable capitol building has replaced this broken-down structure in Baler.

was mayor then of Baler (the proposed Aurora subprovince had only two towns, Baler and Casiguaran) recalls that they first thought of creating a Northern Quezon subprovince composed of Baler, Casiguran, Infanta and Polilio Island. The sheme fizzled out when they disagreed on where to place the capital.

"This was when we started dreaming of an Aurora province," he recounts. "We'd develop faster that way because then we'd have our own district engineer, school supervisor, etc. We didn't have to go to the capital town of Lucena (which is circuitous because you've first to go to Manila to got there) to follow up our papers. *Malaking bagay ang maging* subprovince," he says.

But then there was a technical hitch: a subprovince requires at least five towns and they had only two. So they first created three new towns out of the three. "The situation was worse then," says Guerrero, "there were no roads to connect all the towns."

That being done, they'd to look for a congressman to sponsor the bill creating a new subprovince. "We'd to make do with the congressman of the second district who was practically illiterate," says Guerrero. But with lots of help of then minority floor leader Jose Laurel, the bill was "railroaded" into a law. Guerrero became its first Lt. Governor and twice elected Lt. Governor.

Still, the progress and development of Quezon's Aurora province eluded them. Up to today, when the place is already a full-pledged province, the place is no better off than Bondoc Peninsula which is another depressed territory of Quezon province or the most backward province of Samar or Mindanao. But the people have kept faith that someday, progress and prosperity will catch up on them.

WITH THE NEW leadership of President Corazon Aquino and acting Gov. Victor G. Bitong, things are turning up for the better for the province. Gov. Bitong, a development-oriented executive, the former barangay captain of Dibet, Casiguran, Aurora, has been implementing a three-point program for the province. He has on the works a self-help livelihood program like backyard agriculture and livestock development. Pretty soon, he'll provide technical help and technology that will enable farmers and food producers to preserve their produce. He also sees to it that the health of every citizen is taken cared of, for he believes that healthy people are productive ones, and that he'll see to it that peace and order reigns throughout Aurora.

Things are moving fast, too, in infrastructure development. Work has started on the construction of the Agwang Bridge and the Third Road Improvement Project which will cut travel time going to Baler by two hours.

And recently, the European Economic Community has released a grant-in-aid to the province to the tune of $10 million, the biggest so far to the fund-hungry province. This will go to the development of the agricultural industries of the northernmost towns of Casiguran and Dilasag where they will put up a training office for rice farmers and a warehouse to store peanuts. The fishery program in those towns will also be enhanced and enlivened with the possible putting up of an ice-plant and cold storage. The local government will provide labor and land for the $10 million agricultural project, "which will go a long way in developing the province," says Gov. Bitong.

Knowing residents of Aurora recall that it was President Quirino who showed much concern for the province. They say that he was well on the way to heed President Quezon' wish to develop the province, but he lost in another bid for the presidency. From then on, Aurora had been a forgotten province.

It seems now that with the new leadership, the province is well on the way to what its foremost son intended for it: a progressive province, very much like Quezon Province. "It's about time that we did something for the province, not only for the sake of President Quezon, but for the sake of its long-suffering inhabitants," says Gov. Bitong who hopes to do the best for it in the short span of his stewardship of the province. ●


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**A tale for our times.** The metamorphosis of a conniving, ambitious prostitute into a woman worthy of respect is what the play, *"Ang Reyna at mga Rebelde"* is all about. It tells how a woman struggled to survive the odds of her mundane existence and how she finally gave up that "worthless" life for a queen's. In the end, she regained self-respect, dignity and recognition from her people "for her sacrifice to risk personal ambitions and life for others." Find out how this twist comes about when the U.P. Repertory Company stages the play on Thursday, Aug. 21 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, Palma Hall, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City. Artist-in-residence Behn Cervantes directs from Rolando Tinio's translation of Ugo Betti's "The Queen and the Rebels." The play runs tilll Sept. 14.

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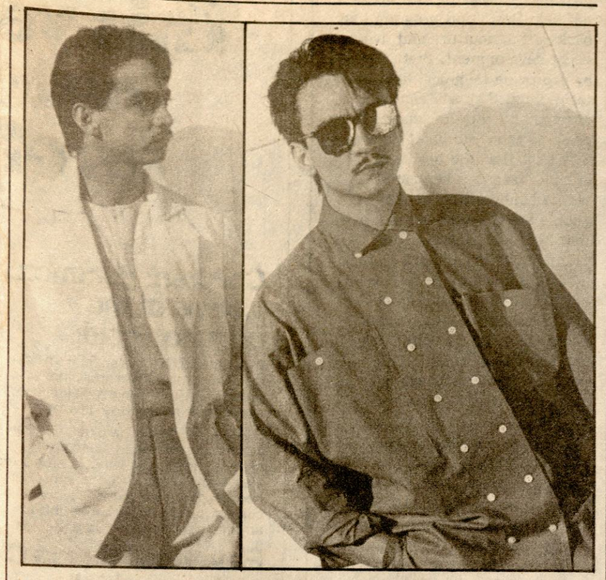
**Like father, like son.** Two years ago, when the *Bulletin's* former editorial cartoonist Pol Galvez was joined in by his three sons as immigrants in San Francisco, California, little did the artist-father know that his eldest son, Dennis, now 18, would start life in a new country by winning top prizes in art contests. A senior at the Balboa High School in San Francisco, Dennis recently won the Grand Prize in the art competition dubbed "Creative Spirit of San Francisco" among high school students. Jointly sponsored by the insurance brokers Richard N. Goldman and Company and the Peer Resource Programs, the contest drew 150 young artists from 10 participating schools. The winning entry of Dennis, "Rock Stars," is a pen-and-ink drawing of a bevy of pop music celebrities jumping out of a tape recorder. He received $200 and a plaque for his feat.

Before Dennis and his two younger brothers, Rico, 16, and Charlie, 13, joined their father in the U.S., the young artist was a consistent winner in art contests held in Manila since he was five years old. A total of 15 awards in on-the-spot painting, poster and logo designs, cartooning and comic illustrations was all that Dennis brought with him to California to become another winner. Earlier this year, he won second prize in a billboard design contest sponsored by a California electric company on the theme of energy conservation. A product of the Notre Dame of Manila (High School) in Caloocan City, Dennis also creates a regular comic strip, "Dan," for the *Philippine News* in San Francisco, the same paper where his father does the editorial cartoons.

Pol, who also works with the Graphic Reproduction Company in the same city, says Dennis will enrol in an art course at the California College of Arts & Crafts in Oakland this September.




**The men, this time.** For years, he had been dressing up the Filipino woman by way of ready-to-wear (rtw) clothes retailed in several outlets of department stores in Metro Manila. Like his colleagues in the fashion-designing business, Efren Ocampo had had his taste of one-man fashion shows featuring countless lines for women. Lately, however, Ocampo has turned his sights to the menfolk. "I felt that men should have an in-between choice of rtw clothes," he says. "The market is saturated with either mass-produced t-shirt-and-jeans lines or expensive signature clothes. Where will the business executive, working student or the new graduate applying for a job go for the 'proper' attire without settling for the usual t-shirt or expensive signature clothes? Custom-made clothes are out of the question for the busy man who have places to go other than school or office. This is where rtw for men come in." Samples of Ocampo's not-too-casual and not-foo-formal men's wear that won't dent the budget are modeled here by Francis Arakama. The shirts are in cotton; the unlined and unconstructed jacket and pants are in light-weight linen. Rows of buttons on large pockets and front tabs touch up the cotton shirts; collarless shirts go with light jackets for versatile wear and tear in the unpredictable Philippine weather.



**An info center for the people.** Do you need information on education, the peace and order picture, housing, drug abuse, which civic groups can give assistance, etc? Or, would you want to make your sentiments known to the proper authorities or agencies? A People's Information Center located at the LRT station on Carriedo street, Sta. Cruz in downtown Manila was recently opened by the Ministry of Information-National Capital Region and the City of Manila Information Council to serve the people in the area. The council is made up of experts and professionals from the business, religious, civic, education, youth and government sectors so that assistance to the residents in their various needs is handled in an orderly, specialized manner. Aside from being an info center, it is also a feedback point where anyone can go and voice out his complaints, observations or suggestions regarding life and situations around him. This extra service of the info center comes in handy when it becomes impossible to reach the concerned official or agency because of bureaucratic red-tape. The center is the latest addition to those set up in strategic locations throughout the country.



BROKEN DREAM
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him to work with squatters to his heart's fill. If the people of Piapi-Agdao (Davao City's version of the Tondo foreshore area) are leading better lives today, it is because a simon-pure of a social worker argued hard and long against their outright relocation to more damnable poverty.

In 1977, he decided to make money — like a priest deciding to marry, his friends laughed. For a while he handled the family tailoring business (Simon's), then moved into gruel world — Goto Haven. That is where he made a lot of money, but as fast as he made money he was giving it away to finance projects of the PDP and later the PDP-Laban, to the consternation of the woman he had married, the former Marivic Silayan. When the time came for him to run for the Batasan in 1984, she tried to dissuade him, but patiently he explained that much as he loved her, he also had a long-standing affair with the people, and she understood. At this moment, the interview is interrupted by a cuddly little kid, Jun Simon's only daughter, Sary (for Rosario, after the patroness of Quezon City, Nuestra Señora del Rosario). She sits on his lap then on the Mayor's desk. She has a toddler's bottomless hunger for a father's attention and makes you realize that public service has taken a lot of his time away from his family.

WHEN I TOOK over last May," he recounts, "I appealed for support to our police officers and men — and they wholeheartedly gave that support. Three of them, Patrolman Catangay, Corporal Limon and Patrolman Valenzuela, gave their lives in the line of duty. Nobody can say that our policemen are not dedicated. But they sorely need logistical support."

He has managed to realign part of the budget so that P10 million to P15 million is now available for the recruitment of 600 police auxilliaries which will constitute Quezon City's People's Patrol. The first batch of 200 recruits are now undergoing training at the Northern Police Station barracks. When they graduate, they will be equipped with walkie-talkies and motorcycles with side cars so when they patrol the barangays, they can respond to any crime within ten minutes.

From the City Hall motor pool he has turned over 15 cars to the police for their use. He is going to buy some more vehicles. It is not right that Quezon City with an area 5-1/2 times bigger than Manila should have only six patrol cars compared to Manila's 54.

He is going to realign the budget of the Quezon City General Hospital so that there would be more money for medicine.

He cannot immediately put up new school houses, but public and private offices that have been vacated are now being identified, to be rented as classrooms. If he has to put up the school buildings then the national government must help put up the necessary P70 million or so — after all, a lot of the new students from Quezon City are from nearby Bulacan.

He hopes to eventually untangle all the legal knots that are tying up Quezon City funds with the Land Bank as a result of the Ramawill case. That would be a principal of P30 million plus P40 million in interest. Meanwhile, he has made things convenient for the taxpayer at City Hall, using the one-stop shopping concept. All agencies and units issuing licenses can now be dealt with at one place, unlike before when you had to move from office to office and back again to where you started, and what was inconvenient for you was lucrative for some enterprising functionaries. After structuring the *lagay* system out of city hall, he hopes to computerize real property tax assessment and collection. He is confident that collection would increase without increasing tax rates — except the outdated civil registry rates, and the market permits. If all goes well, Quezon City might even hit P450 million.

As for the squatters, Jun Simon is not about to do anything inhuman. Those who are squatting directly over esteros and creeks may be the first to be relocated, "but," says Jun Simon, "when I see those malnourished children they keep in those shanties, those pitiful skin-and-bones children, I know I would be virtually dealing them the death verdict if I moved them right away." So he is concentrating on two things right now: prevention of the growth of squatter areas and the on-site upgrading of squatters.

He has divided Quezon City into 20 working areas and organized in each of them a People's Welfare Council, "to bring City Hall to the people" through an action officer and a core group of community leaders representing various sectors. Projects and emergency action can be decided on at the level of the welfare councils.

Besides that, there is an urban poor affairs offce *(Tanggapan ng Maralitang Taga-Lungsod)* which acts as a quick reaction team to prevent squatting. The idea is that if a squatter family has lived in a shanty for two years or even two months, the shanty has become an abode, a home. If you demolish it, there is a lot of crying and emotional issues crop up. But if the shanty is still being put up, it is much easier to persuade the would-be squatter not to go through with it. "It's just like a fire," he says, "if you don't put it out at once, it spreads." The quick reaction team gets about 20 phone calls a day.

The showpiece of Jun Simon's program for Quezon City is the livelihood component. Here is where he believes the local government can be of great help in the national economic recovery effort—by generating jobs and creating wealth at the grassroots level. A poultry and livestock dispersal program has been launched. There is also a *kohol* project which the acting mayor dotes on. This is not your ordinary *kohol*, actually, but the golden snail, *escargot*. They are easy to raise, you can raise them in your living room, and they taste like something stolen from a Parisian restaurant.

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78 Actress Louise
79 State of Bryce Canyon
80 Dispatched
81 "What a good boy —"
83 Ratify
84 Stab
86 Sumac of song
87 Household figures
88 Eastern flute
89 Dapper one
94 Quilting or spelling
96 Scull
97 Fashions
98 Headwear for British bishops
99 Again!
100 Do a violin bow job
101 Concur
102 Consecrate
103 Shakespearean clown
105 Large in the posterior
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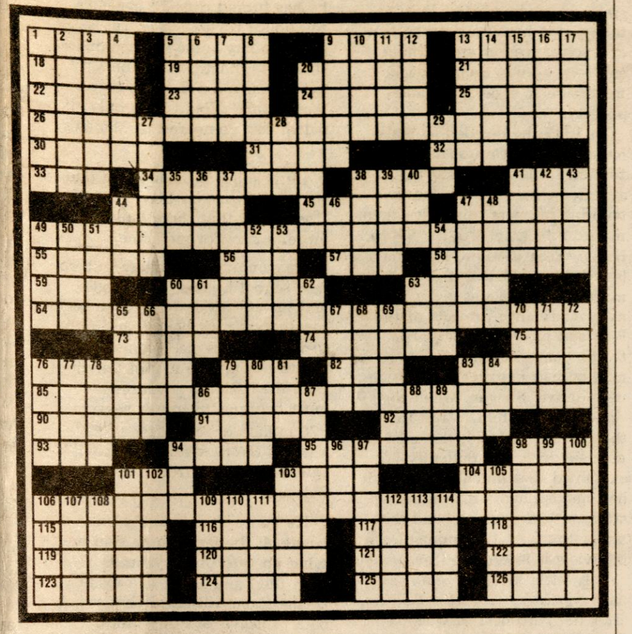


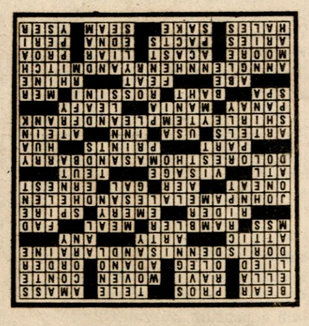
private and public markets as our outlets, and also the night clubs and beer houses." The same entrepreneural instinct that told him *lugaw* would click at the university belt and Cubao seems to tell him now that *kohol* will be the beer drinker's delight.

But many are the establishments in Quezon City that serve a different kind of delight along with the beer, and on this Jun Simon can barely keep his indignation in check. "We have manged to close down the bigger establishments," he says, "'*yong mga* untouchable *daw* before. But the important thing is to impress on one and all that guidelines have to be followed. And thse guidelines, I did not give them out arbitrarily. We met with the Association of Nightclub and Beerhouse Owners of Quezon City and we agreed that we have to differentiate between adult entertainment and debasement of Filipino womanhood. So we came up with seven guidelines. But the citizens will have to help their OIC in enforcing these seven guidelines."

Actually, the best way to shut down a beerhouse or nightclub that puts up lewd shows is to refuse it patronage, make it lose mony. "But how can it lose money," says Jun Simon, "if everybody goes in there?" In his war against lewdness and pornography, the religious sector has been his natural ally. He is pinning a lot of hope on the youth movements . the marriage encounter movements and the Life in the Spirit seminars. He has personally gone around the schools trying to formulate on an unofficial basis spirituality programs for elementary and high school students as well as their teachers. He fervently believes that a sense of spirituality and a proper sense of righteousness will not only solve the pornography problem, but will also make for a well-ordered, better-managed community of souls.

"What it all boils down to," he concludes, "is that we are trying to build a city where God reigns." And because he says that while his own little daughter curls daintily on his lap, you don't take it for a grand and maudlin statement but one of simple intention. His name, Jun Simon, is by no means a household word, but he has taken to heart a great man's vision and added to it a contemporary spiritual dimension. The dream could be made whole again if he can find enough men and women in the city who, like him, are driven by such tenderness as he has shown not only to his own child but also to the children of squatters. ●

**(Solution to puzzle)**



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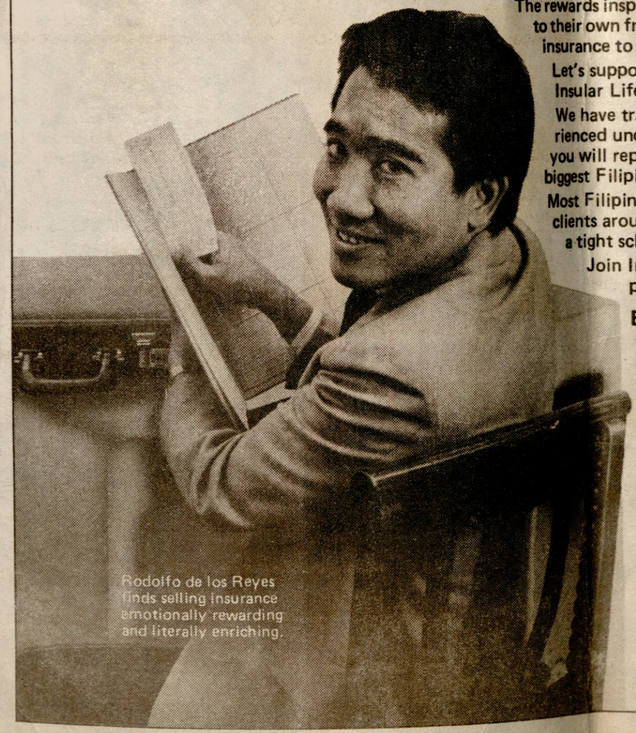

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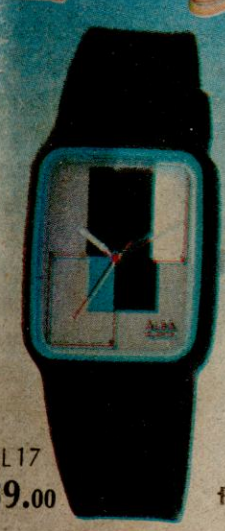

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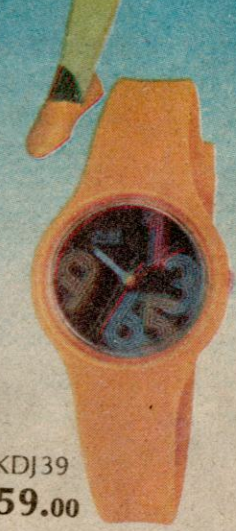

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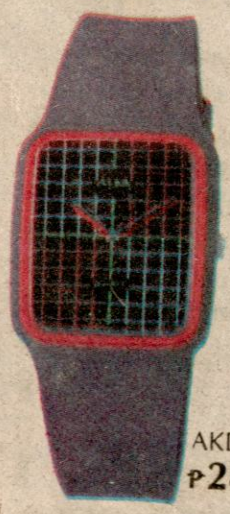

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