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Bottom Line

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Postcript on the barangay elections

THE RECENT barangay elections could be tagged as one of the most peaceful that was ever held in this country where political passions usually ask for human sacrifices before the altar of political powers.

That is if COMELEC Chair Christian Monsod and his drumbeaters are believed.

But then the thrust of this month's piece is not whether it was a peaceful electoral exercise or not. It is a most debatable subject anyway.

I would like to point out some keen observations on those who aspired for the top posts and less top posts in a political exercise deemed to be an act in participatory democracy.

As the native word barangay connotes, it means a community level kind of electoral exercise. It was an opportunity for community leaders to aspire to for confirmation of their leadership in their communities.

To some rightly motivated barangay residents it was an opportunity to serve their neighborhood. But to some it was a chance to serve THEMSELVES.

Now to go back to my theme. I have observed that at least in our barangay, the more qualified residents even when asked to aspire for the barangay posts, refused to do so.

And then those who enthusiastically filed their candidacies, most of them anyway, were the so-called hoi poloi or those adjudged as lumpen proletariats.

I am not questioning these people's right to aspire for leadership in the community. They also are entitled to run for even the highest position in the land provided there's no legal impediment to their candidacies.

What I am pointing out is the fact that among the aspirants were practically unschooled denizens of the streets, such as tricycle drivers and even some outright hoodiums.

And this could be one of the reasons why the more respectable members of the community refused to tangle with them politically. As they say "no contendre".

It was no contest in the sense that the sense of propriety was somehow placed in jeopardy as they would be stooping to the level below their dignity in aspiring for a post or posts that a barely literate individual is also eyeing.

And then there's also the incipient feeling of shame attached when they consented to file their candidacy and then lose the elections to mere hoi poloi.

I am not advocating elitism but then if I am not mistaken all that is required for any person to be able to file his candidacy and the same be approved is that he be literate (able to read and write) and that there's no legal impediment such as being underaged or be mentally sick or unbalanced.

But I should suggest that the requirements for any elective post be that of the barangay or even a national office escalated to those functionally literate at least.

We all know that government is a serious business and that this must not be left in the hands of mere politicians or words to that effect as has been uttered by one political seer sometime ago.

So if government is serious business, including the barangay government of course, how would we expect the government to be run as it should be if those who would we placed in positions of power are barely literate?

Kudos to the Philippine National Police

FOR HAVING maintained its avowed neutrality during the recently concluded barangay elections and for their exemplary performance of duties that safeguarded the sanctity of the ballot.

The men and officers of the PNP must also be credited with the relatively peaceful holding of the elections. Through their efforts lives lost were kept at the most minimum.

Again we salute the PNP for a job well done. ●

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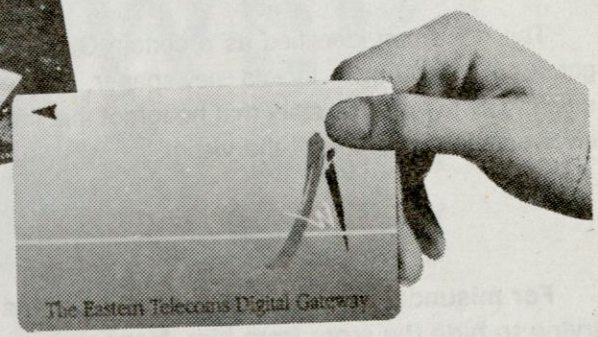

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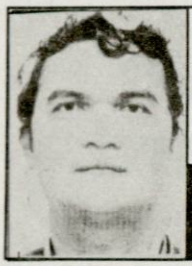

Crime Buster

WILLY IRINCO

Tabloid newsman ignorant of reporter's responsibilities

A POLICEWOMAN who was only doing her job to help a young woman, who was sexually molested by a suspected maniac, was charged recently before the Makati People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) for allegedly committing "grave misconduct" for not allowing a tabloid reporter to listen to the testimony of the complaining victim.

Docketed as PLEB AC No. PM 999-94, the case showcased the lack of training of some of our colleagues in newspaper work.

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Instead of helping the woman victim and policewoman speedily file the complaint, the tabloid newsman accused Senior Police Officer (SPO) 4 Esperanza Nario of grave misconduct, because he wanted to scoop the story.

The newsman identified as a certain Glicerio Mangoma, Jr., of Bulgar tabloid newspaper, wanted so much to swiftly get the story that he forgot that the case involved the reputation of the victim.

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For misunderstanding that SPO4 Nario was just trying to hide the story from him, Mangoma went to PLEB to "get even with the policewoman."

But SPO4 Nario told METO POLICE CHRONICLE, she told Mangoma to return later on while she was getting the complaint of the victim, who was adamant to spill out the beans, because of the presence of Mangoma, a male reporter.

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Instead of heeding SPO4 Nario, Mangoma harassed the policewoman and the victim resulting in the abrupt stoppage of her testimony.

Naturally tension occurred between Mangoma and SPO4 Nario, because the latter was frustrated from doing her job.

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After the incident, Mangoma leaked to a certain Anita Palma, a Bulgar newshen, on the matter, who wrote a news report lambasting SPO4 Nario.

SPO4 Nario said Palma didn't even bother to ask her side on the issue and instead went on to write all the alleged gripes of Mangoma.

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But SPO4 Nario got witnesses, including the woman victim, to prove that she never committed a grave misconduct.

The woman witness testified in her sworn statement that SPO4 Nario just did her work as a lawman, not as pictured by Mangoma in his complaint.

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Through SPO4 Nario's efforts, the woman victim was fetched the next day and went on to testify on her complaint.

The testimony of the victim was vital, for her information led to the arrest of the so-called Makati's serial rapist.

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And if the victim hid, because of the "kapalpakan" ni Mangoma, the Makati police could not have nabbed the rapist preying on innocent women along Ayala. Ave. in Makati for many years now.

For Mangoma, CRIMEBUSTER advises him to continue studying the rudiments of police reporting. It is not only in news scooping that one becomes a real newsman. It is also in knowing the rules of the game in actual reporting that you will get your story. Besides, befriend your sources. Don't quarrel with them! ●

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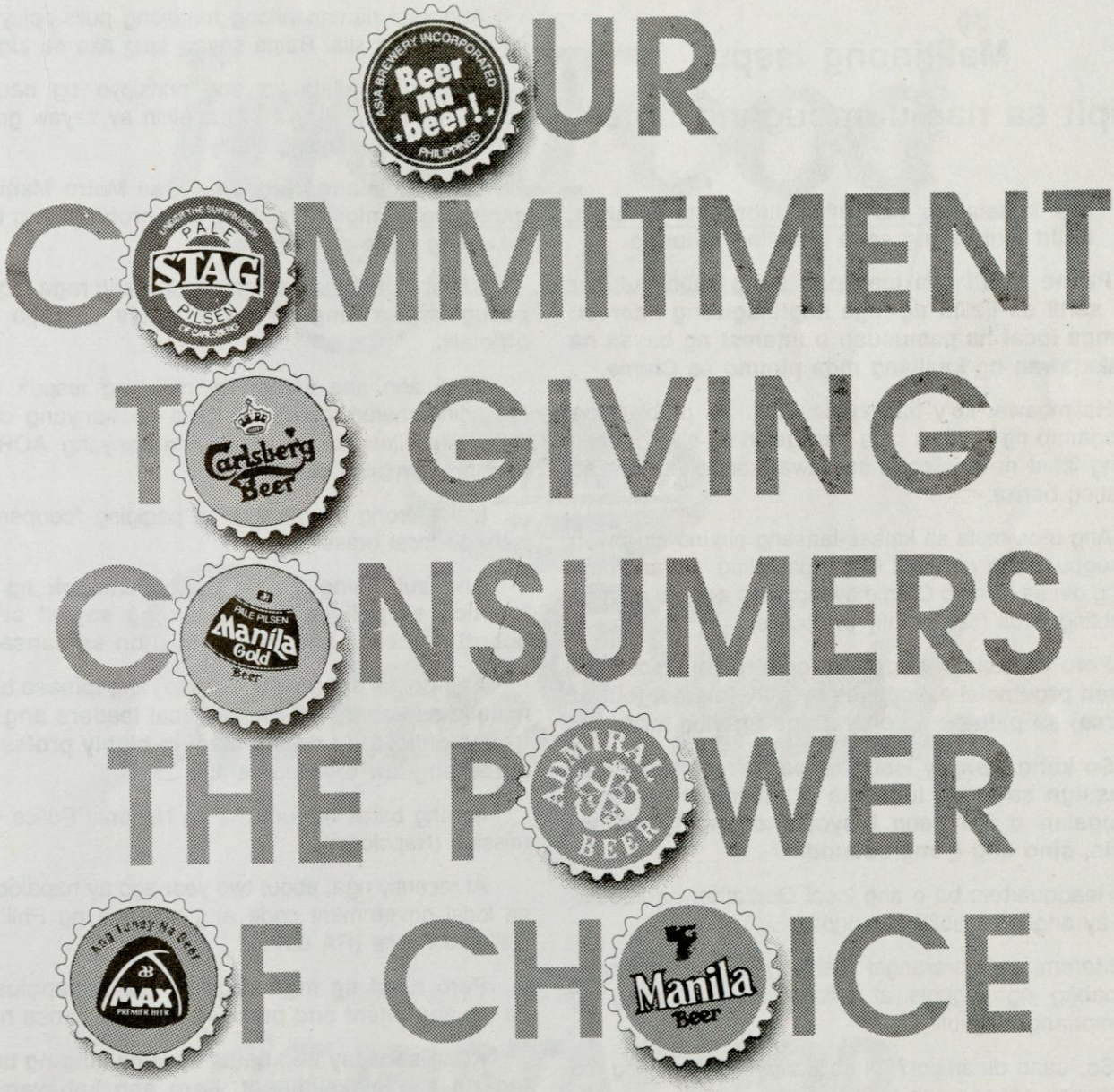

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The mayor discussing peace and order problems with Central Police District Command police officers.

He started his career in the private sector as president of the Association of Filipino Grocers, director of the Philippine Automotive Association, president of Purefoods Corportaion and general manager of the Capitol Motors Corporation owned by Baby Ysmael.

His stint at the Capitol Motors Corporation was his last in the private sector, for Ysmael convinced him to enter politics. Mathay failed in his first bid as Quezon City councilor but won when he ran for vice-mayor in 1967. He was 35 years old then.

He challenged then incumbent Mayor Norberto Amoranto for the top city post in 1971 but lost. He then moved on to the General Auditing Office (now Commission on Audit) as secretary to his father, then Auditor General Ismael L. Mathay, Sr. He later became secretary of the commission and department manager, staying there until 1975.

In 1979, he was appointed vice-governor of the Metro Manila Commission and director of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System. He also became deputy minister of the Ministry of Human Settlements in a

life worth living. Your "goal", according to President Kennedy, "is truth, pure and simple, without regard to changing currents of public opinion." The businessman's approach is on the practical plane, but unfortunately likewise "without regard to changing currents of public opinion."

We, in government, take a more pragmatic approach. Again, quoting from Kennedy, "compromises and majorities and procedural customs and rights affect the ultimate decisions as to what is right or just or good."

I do not imply that our differences are irreconcilable or beyond repair. I have always believed in compromise as the best way of settling differences.

And so, by way of compromise, let us agree at least on one thing: where should our country go?



Mayor ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.

We all know that our country today is confronted by a host of problems, some natural-made and others, man-made. Perhaps, the man-made problems outweigh the natural ones. And unless timely remedied, these man-made problems become more complex and difficult to overcome.

Some doomsday prophets say that our country has no future, no chance to catch up with the rest of the world. I refuse to believe this. What the AY Foundation is doing now should augur well for the future of our youth and this country.

The solution to a problem muddled by complexity and perplexity begins with the first step; we must leave behind the creeping anxiety.

Let us not despair, but continue to hope for the best, when hope springs eternal, when happiness is at hand. As Emerson said,

concurrent capacity.

In 1984, Mathay, who by then had become very visible as de facto governor of the MMA, ran for assemblyman and won, a major feat considering that it was less than a year following the assassination of former Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr. and that the victory came at the height of the Anti-Marcos demonstrations.

After the historic February 1986 revolt, Mathay resigned as Metro Manila vice-governor and thought he would leave public service for good. But a year later, he ran as an independent candidate for congressman of the fourth district of Quezon City and won handily.

In May 1992, he decided to go for the position that had eluded him in the past — the mayorship of Quezon City. It was also a double victory for the Mathay family as Ramon "Bu" Mathay, the mayor's son, also won as councilor for the fourth district.



Mathay addressing barangay officials and councilmen during one of his consultation sorties.

Mathay's running mate was Charito Planas, who was his opponent in the 1971 mayoralty race but

"when it is dark enough, men see the stars."

With hope, nothing is impossible. Without it, nothing is possible. May the light of hope then guide us in the days ahead—inspiring and motivating us to move forward as a people bound to one nation and one fate.

But hope without action will not bring about national redemption. We need to temper our sense of hope with realism.

First, we must come to terms with the truth, however hard or painful. Our failings as a nation stem more from a blindness of the spirit—the lack of foresight, hindsight and at times, insight. This sipiritual blindness, in turn, arises only because we are wanting in that singular quality that enables us to see more clearly and transcend our failings: disciplines

Discipline is the key that unlocks the solutions to our myriad problems.

Why, for instance, is there chaos in our streets creating a monstrous traffic problem? The root cause is basically a lack of discipline among drivers and pedestrians.

Why is there graft and corruption in the various levels of the government heirarchy? Again, this is a failing in discipline. For, it is a matter of self-discipline to be honest and dedicated and true to the public trust.

Why is there a breakdown in peace and order, or disrespect and disregard of the laws of the land? The culprit is lack of moral discipline.

We can go on endlessly from the small problems to the big ones we encounter in our day-to-day lives and we will find that the absence of discipline is often behind these problems.

Only through discipline can we discover the source of our greatest strength. Discipline shapes a nation's character. When both the government and the governed practice discipline as a way of life, we can expect order and harmony to prevail. A disciplined citizen is a law-abiding citizen. A disciplined public official is true to his conscience and calling. He thinks of the nation's good and promotes the people's welfare. He becomes the faithful servant of the people.

Discipline spells the difference between victory and defeat, between success and failure. We all know how an athlete goes through the rigors of discipline and sacrifices to hone his body to a winning form. We are also aware how a ballet dancer disciplines herself to attain grace, speed and beauty of form.

If our country is to achieve economic recovery and to gain the respect of the family of nations, we must be ready to pay the price and this is through sacrifices and discipline.

Disicipline unifies our purposes and our actions, generating a collective strength that enables us to surmount setbacks and shortcomings.

Let me extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the recipients of the AY Foundation Award for National Discipline. I am confident that this award will inspire you to reach greater heights of achievement—and bring honor and pride not only to yourselves but also to your country in the near future.

Disraeli said, "Youth is the trustee of posterity." By this award, you carry on your shoulders our highest hopes. You are the bearers of the country's future. Please don't fail us. ●



Mathay congratulating an awardee during Quezon City anniversary

who joined him in the 1992 elections in their efforts to institute reforms and rescue Quezon City from a lethargic administration.

Mathay's team-up with Planas is just one of the colorful, if ironic sidelights of his career.

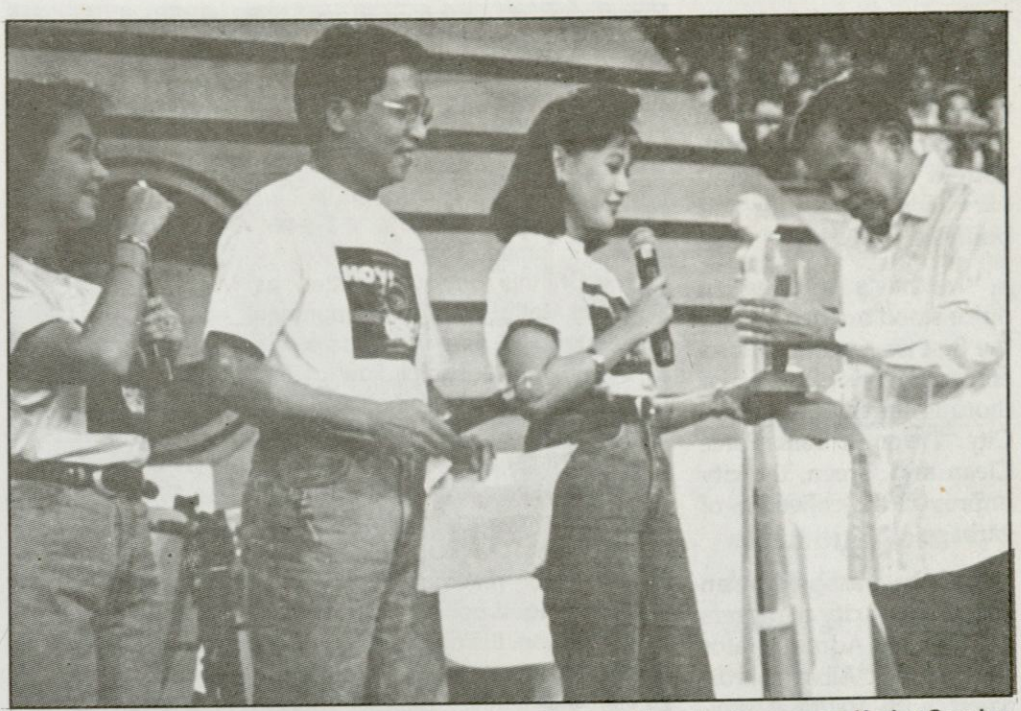
When Mathay was congressman, his long experience as Metro Manila administrator guided his colleagues in the rationalization of the problems of local government administration. Little did he know that as Quezon City mayor, he would be the one to implement the Local Government Code that was born out of those deliberations.



At the launching of the unleaded gas campaign in Metro Manila, MMA Chairman Mathay leads rites with (from left) Senator Heherson Alvarez, Health Secretary Juan Flavier and two unidentified officials.

As senior vice-chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, Mathay worked for the approval of funds for various projects, including public schools in Quezon City which, in a beautiful twist of fate, were the ones he inaugurated when he became mayor. As mayor he initiated the successful takeover of the Amoranto Stadium by the city government. Mathay recalls that it was during his term as vice-mayor that the city constructed the sports complex.

He also vowed to push for the total rehabilitation of the Quezon City General Hospital, the sole city-owned tertiary hospital. He



The Mayor receiving an award from "Hoy Gising" staffer Ruth Abao. Looking on are Korina Sanchez (left) and Ted Faylon.



Mathay greeting Councilor Rey Calalay (left) and other officials during the Quezon City and anniversary recently.

has programmed the building of a new hospital for the QCGH. Again, he was vice-mayor when the Amoranto administration bought the San Jose Seminary from the Jesuits and built the QCGH.

Mathay's first year in office stood out because for the first time traffic enforcers became visible in major thoroughfares in Quezon City. Through Task Force Clean and Green, the city improved the collection of garbage.

Mathay, assisted by an able team of city managers led by City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba, coordinated with national government agencies to facilitate the implementation of vital infrastructure projects.

In February 1993, his fellow Metro Manila mayors voted him as MMA chairman — no small irony because exactly seven years ago, Mathay had to resign as vice-governor of the MMC, the predecessor of the MMA. As MMA chairman, he vowed to act as the "facilitator of the collective will of the Metro mayors." His fellow mayors voted him for another six-month term last August 1993 and a third term, recently.

"I have come full circle," Mathay smiles as he recalls his political career from a young vice-mayor to the corridors of Malacañang, the Batasan, the new Congress, then back again to the city he grew up in, this time as chief executive.

"After 25 years of a long, hard, tedious journey, you voted me and had trust in me to be your city mayor," he said to his constituents.

The Mathay family has lived in Quezon City for decades. Mel Mathay is one of the four sons of Ismael, Sr. and Josefina Austria (whose family owned the famed P. Austria grocery on España during the 1940's and 1950's).

The senior Mathay, who was assistant auditor of the Philippine National Bank, was among the key officials of the Quezon administration when the President decided to pattern the new city after Washington D. C., the United States capital.

When Mayor Mathay first visited Washington, D. C. in the early 50's, he realized the similarity of the plan of Quezon City and the U.S. capital. "I saw the Washington monument and walked towards the Potomac river near the cluster of government and commercial centers," he said.

He said, the area covering the Quezon Circle bounded by Timog, East, West and North Avenues, "is supposed to be the center from where we will radiate the development of Quezon City."

He added: "If you look at the master plan of Quezon City, the Quezon Memorial Circle represents the sun in our Philippine flag and the avenues around it represent the rays of the sun."

Quezon City is a well-planned city, Mathay proudly proclaimed. And this is the reason why he would like the city to re-

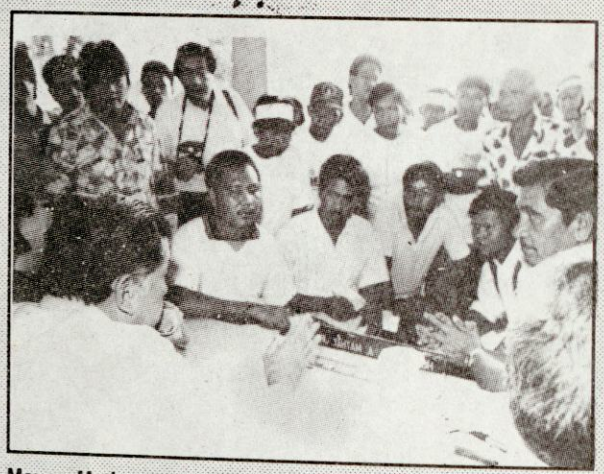
Spending time with the people

MONDAY MORNINGS at the Quezon city hall lobby are usually a picture of busy-ness and business for Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr.

On this day, designated as Mayor's People's Hour, Mathay and his department heads personally attend to the various needs of the city residents, who either want speedier flow of their papers or being able to hear straight from the Mayor his assurance or action on any matter or problem presented to him.

The problems range from matters as dislocating as squatter demolition or as simple and procedural as following up matrimonial papers. One moment, the client is a job applicant wanting some Mayoral referral or recommendation, the next, a group of middle-aged policemen requesting the Mayor's intervention on their impending re-assignment to rebel-infested areas or retired policemen asking for financial assistance.

Thus far, the Mayor's Hour has served some 20,000 "clientele", representing a cross-section of the city residents.



Mayor Mathay talking with barangay leaders during the regular weekly People's Hour.

Antedating even the People's Day of President Fidel Ramos, the Mayor's Hour, not only provides a quick-response system to the needs of its constituents, but also brings the city government closer to the people.

Filipinos, Easterners as we are, are basically person-oriented. The Mayor's Hour goes along this orientation, and in the process, succeeds and gains more from the time and effort invested. It also concretizes the essence of public service, which is simply, service to the people.

The Mayor's Hour is also a reflection of Mathay's leadership style and public service philosophy, which reaches out instead of being an unreachable star which other people in power are.

tain its "territorial integrity" and to push for the transfer of the Senate to Quezon City so that the two legislative bodies will be housed in Constitution Hill as envisioned by Quezon.

The Constitution Hill area was precisely designated and drawn up for the envisioned government center, Mathay noted.

He explained that the creation of a separate city for Novaliches goes against the master plan for the city which has pinpointed this area as the "growth center". Mathay said the dismenberment of the city's second district goes against Quezon's vision for the city, the only city in the country in which the government bought private lands instead of merely carving this out from surrounding towns.



Mathay at the launching of the Quezon City Food Caravan.

Mathay's determination to finally fulfill the vision of President Quezon can be gleaned from his guiding principle that "we have to work hard for the city that we want, for the city we deserve."

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

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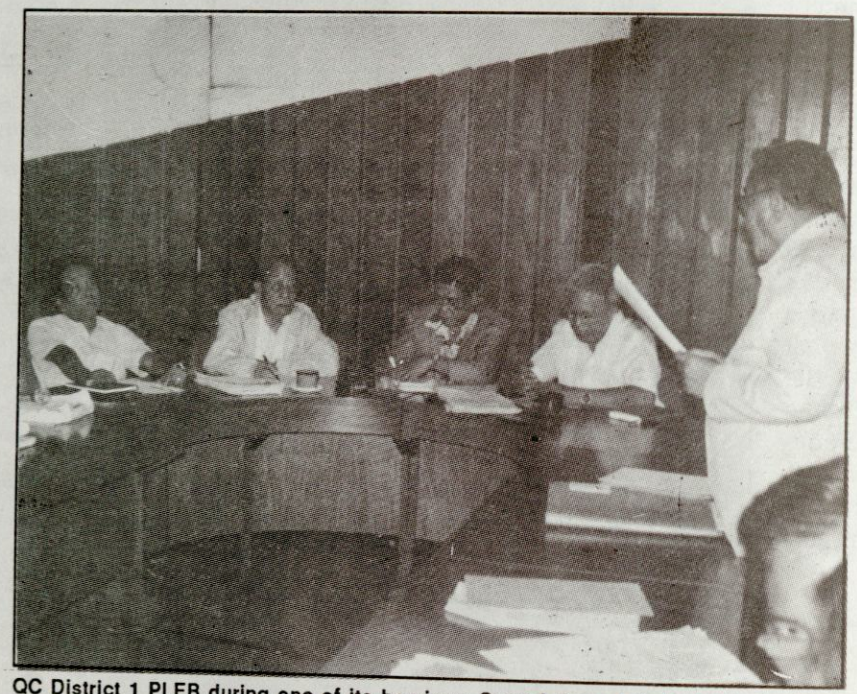
Local police disciplinary board active

by JAY JAYAON

FOR effective police disciplinary action no machinery, can, perhaps, beat the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), the body entrusted with the task of trying cases filed against erring local policemen. That is if the board is functioning properly.

It is not only that the PLEB is a facile instrument in discharging that delicate if often thankless function but also that in a very real sense the board is the people themselves acting and deciding on those cases and with dispatch too.



QC District 1 PLEB during one of its hearings. Seated, from left: Rolando P. Jose, Ex-RTC Judge Himerio B. Garcia, Chairman Fidel C. Bernardo, and Agrifino S. Eugenio. Standing at right is counsel for the defense presenting his client's case.

The PLEB, as in true grassroots democracy, is fundamentally the people thinking and speaking and acting on one of the most vital facets of administering local peace and order, which is police discipline.

In the 1st district of Quezon City, the PLEB is doing exactly that and with encouraging results. Atty. Fidel Bernardo, its chairman, reported recently that of 49 cases brought to the board since its establishment in August 1993, a total of 35 cases have been disposed of.

Of the decided cases, according to Bernardo, two were meted a penalty of dismissal from the service, six suspension and 27 others were dismissed, either for lack of merit, desistance or lack of interest on the part of complainants. He said that the remaining 14 cases are still being heard or about to be resolved.

The PLEB chairman bewailed a recent report which was published in a morning daily on the lackluster performance of PLEBs in Quezon City, especially the slow, long-drawn method of resolving cases. The report cited statistics allegedly provided by the National Police Commission (Napolcom).

Bernardo said that those statistics are inaccurate and misleading, especially the ones on the 3rd district PLEB of Quezon City. "We may not probably be the best-performing PLEBs in Metro Manila but I don't believe our performance is that poor either," he quipped.

He cited his own district PLEB which, based on records, has an impressive batting average of one resolved case a week. He surmised that the other PLEBs in Quezon City's five districts are doing just as well if not better.

Bernardo, however, did not discount certain constraints that work to limit the PLEBs' effectiveness in the discharge of its disciplinary duties. Among these constraints, he said, is the lack of power to cite for contempt which all too often slows down the hearing process.

"Because we cannot cite the parties to a case and their witnesses for contempt of court, we cannot compel their mandatory appearance in hearings, something that works against the speedy disposition of cases," he said.

The other constraint is the lack of an office and hearing room which seems to be a common problem for many PLEBs all over the country. In view of this, PLEBs have experienced difficulty in doing their duties properly and speedily.

"This problem has prevented us from going full-scale in handling the cases brought to the board. If we had our own office we could double our efforts and our outputs," Bernardo said.

The Quezon City District 1 PLEB is composed of Bernardo as chairman and former RTC Judge Himerio Garcia, Coucilman Jun Ferrer, Rolando Jose and Agrifino Eugenio as members.

Today, the board is using Bernardo's residence as temporary office and holds its hearings in one of the conference rooms of the Quezon City Hall, the use of which is alternated among the five PLEBs of the city.

The Skyfox

The Airplane for the Philippine Scenario

By: B/G RODOLFO G. HAUTEA

The SKYFOX is variously referred to as a unique aircraft, a rural aircraft, a practical air transport or an enthusiast's aircraft. The SKYFOX is all of these plus some . . .

As it is, the SKYFOX can very well fit as a multi-role light utility airplane for the military establishment as well as in the civilian sector, government or private in the Philippines. This is considering the predominance of isolated islands and remote localities all over the archipelago. With the super STOL capabilities of the SKYFOX it is no exaggeration to claim that this is the airplane that can link practically all the islands of the Philippine regardless of the existence of an airport. All it needs is an unobstructed clearing, more or less 200 feet long.

To emphasize this point, allow us to first touch on the value of this particular airplane to the military. As we can still recall there has been series of price escalations of oil products which hit the country since 1973. These fuel price increases have adversely affected the flight operations of both civil and military aviation. Its effect was tremendously felt that even the air force had to reduce its flying time program by as much as 20%.

During the 70's the military had the luxury of employing CESSNA U-17's, a single engine 4-seater aircraft, in its missions to support ground troops in tactical reconnaisance as well as in administrative flights.

With the non-replacement of these aircraft after it was phased out in the later 70's, administrative flights had to be performed by heavier type aircraft. Oftentimes, field commanders are forced to employ helicopters, or twin engine aircraft such as the BN ISLANDERS or even the TORA-TORA T-28's, for reconnaisance. The cost comparison between currently utilized military aircraft and helicopters for reconnaisance against the SKYFOX poses a great point of interest to would-be users.



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OPERATING COST COMPARISON

A/C TYPE	TOTAL COST PER HOUR	SKYFOX PER HOUR	SAVINGS WITH SKYFOX
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MD-500	12,428.30	586.00	11,842.30
OV-10	19,048.65	586.00	18,462.65
BNI	8,096.01	586.00	7,510.01
NOMAD	23,733.30	586.00	23,147.30
T-28	15,956.60	586.00	15,370.60
T-41	5,521.40	586.00	4,935.40
SF-26	7,857.81	586.00	7,271.81

When configured back to flying mode the folding wings system is fail safe making the SKYFOX most practicable in matters of deployment and storage.

All the SKYFOX needs is a 200 feet clearing with no obstruction at the end of the strip to get safely airborne. It can take off and land within 100 feet and can climb to 3000 feet in less than 5 minutes. Due to its size and compact engine the SKYFOX is not easy to spot at 2000 feet altitude and is a difficult target to hit and is most suitable for employment as FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC).

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The Utilization Value of The SKYFOX

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The SKYFOX, being a super STOL aircraft has an excellent air recon platform capability and can be well afforded in the brigade level and perhaps down to the batallion levels.

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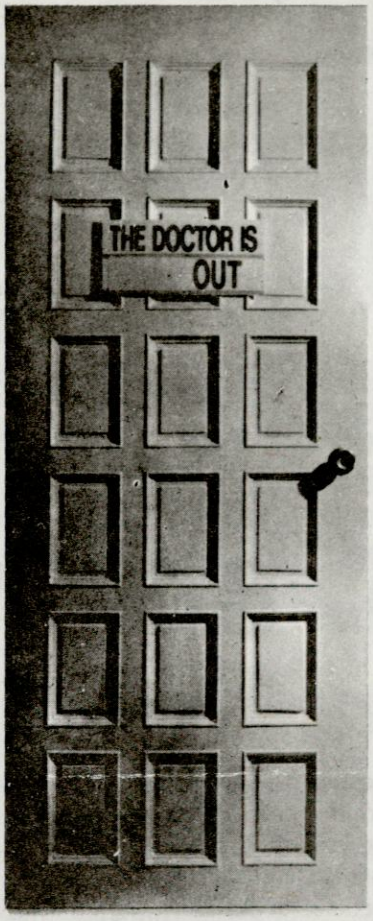

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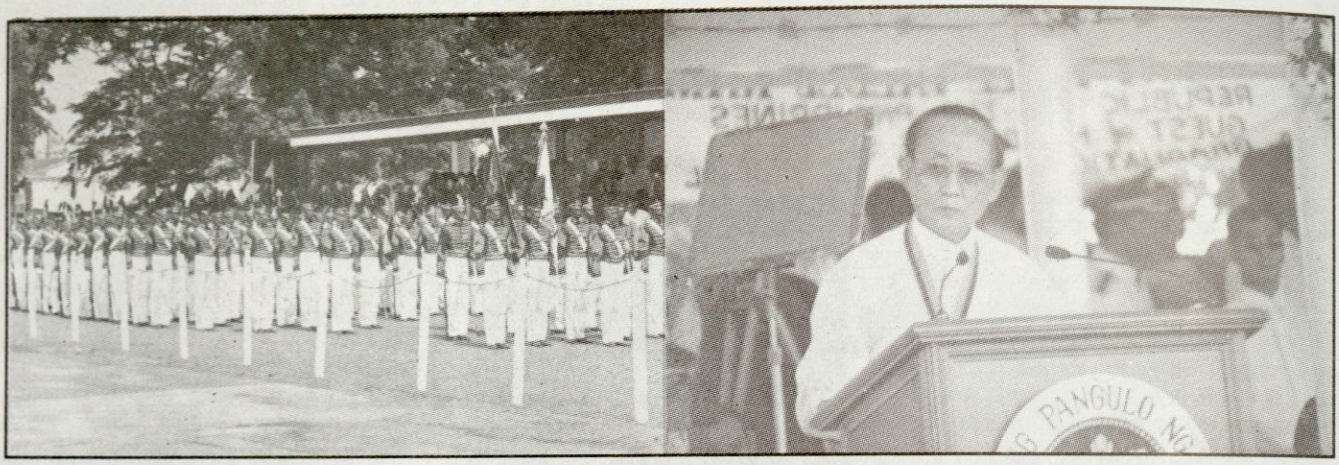


THE PRESIDENT. His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos, guest of honor and speaker, urges the new graduates of the PNPA to work as policemen and to engage in civic projects to keep peace and order in the country.

Farmer's son tops 80 PNPA graduates

By WILLIE IRINCO

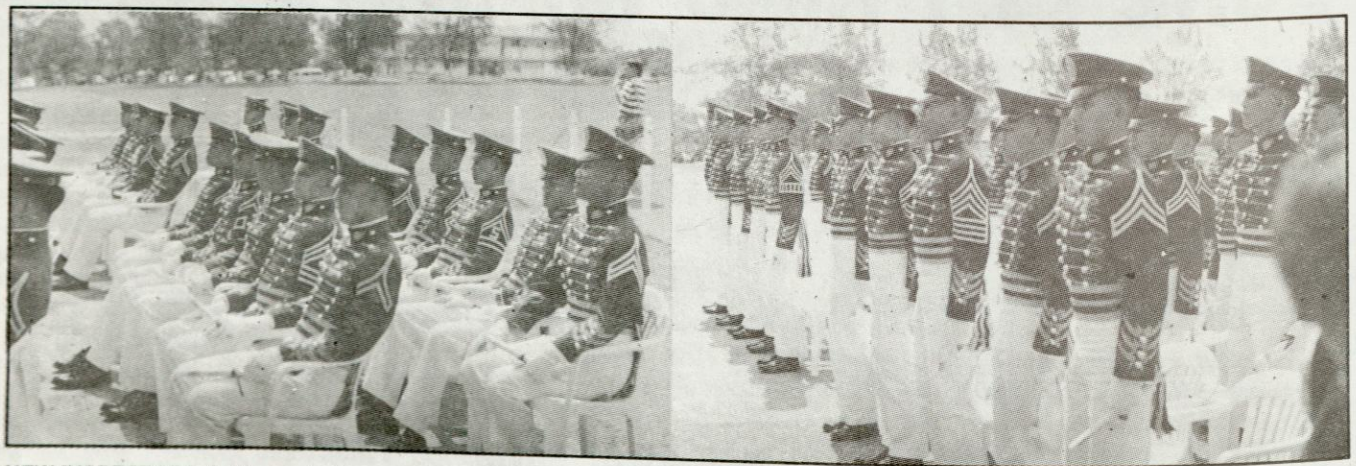
CAMP VICENTE LIM, Canlubang, Laguna — When the 80 new graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) threw their caps into the air, joy erupted among them and their teary-eyed parents, relatives and friends.

For the cap-throwing rites signalled the end of the four-year course the cadets took up in PNPA, leading to Bachelor of Science in Public Safety.

Four years ago, when the cadets first entered PNPA, they groped in the dark in adjusting to the rigorous life of a would-be police officer.

During their graduation rites last April 7, a Thursday, the graduates were given advice no less by His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos, the guest of honor and speaker, to serve as policemen and engage in civic action projects to bring the government closer to the people.

As usual, President Ramos, not a colorful speaker compared to the late President Marcos, zeroed in on the objectives of the graduating cadets future stints aslaw enforcers.



NEW INSPECTORS. In these photos are shown the graduating cadets in their crimson red and white uniform as they stand at attention and sit during the commencement rites at the Camp Vicente Lim Grandstand in Canlubang, Laguna.



TRIUMVIRATE. President Ramos (center), DILG Secretary Rafael Alunan III and Sr. Supt. Dionisio B. Coloma Jr, PNPA superintendent, view the PNPA cadets marching towards the grandstand.

Ramos' rather monologue was not as fiery as Marcos', but his speech simply litanied the new graduates' jobs as soon as they became Inspectors in the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Fire Protection and Safety and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

As a former Filipino four-star general, nobody can expect Ramos to equal the famous five-star Gen. Douglas MacArthur, whose speeches have become classic.

If Ramos is not a great orator, he is in another way a great psychological and operations general, whose exploits in the battlefield are legend.

Ramos, then the Armed Forces chief of staff, quelled six bloody coups d'etat. The President launched the present peace talks between the left-wing, right-wing and Muslim rebels leading to the much improved peace and order situation in the country today.

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Ramos, whose stint as military and police general has given him vital insights to the insurgency problems caused by poverty, unemployment, injustices and other inequities.

Camp Vicente Lim, the site of the PNPA graduation, is so wide, that the guests and crowd that attended the affair could not fill it up.

Only some four helicopters, used by President Ramos and his entourage, straddled at the center of the parade grounds. In the grandstand was concentrated the milling crowd wanting to see their loved ones finish their PNPA course.

Prior to the graduation rites, President Ramos arrived at the camp at 9 a.m. By 9:15 a.m. graduation march of the cadets and the faculty commenced at the parade grounds.

The 80 cadets erect in crimson red and white unifors were handsome and awe-inspiring as they marched towards the grandstand.

Cadet Marlon Solatre Sapla, son of a deceased Cagayan farmer, topped the graduating class.

President Ramos presented to Sapla the Presidential Kampilan as topnotcher of the PNPA Class 1994.

Sapla, also a B.S. Mathematics graduate of Cagayan State University, headed the 80 cadets belonging to the Sandigan Class.

Secretary Rafael Alunan III, of the Department of Interior and Local Government, appointed Sapla and 57 other cadets as police inspectors.

Alunan, likewise, appointed 12 other graduates as inspectors under the BJMP and 10 others as fire inspectors.



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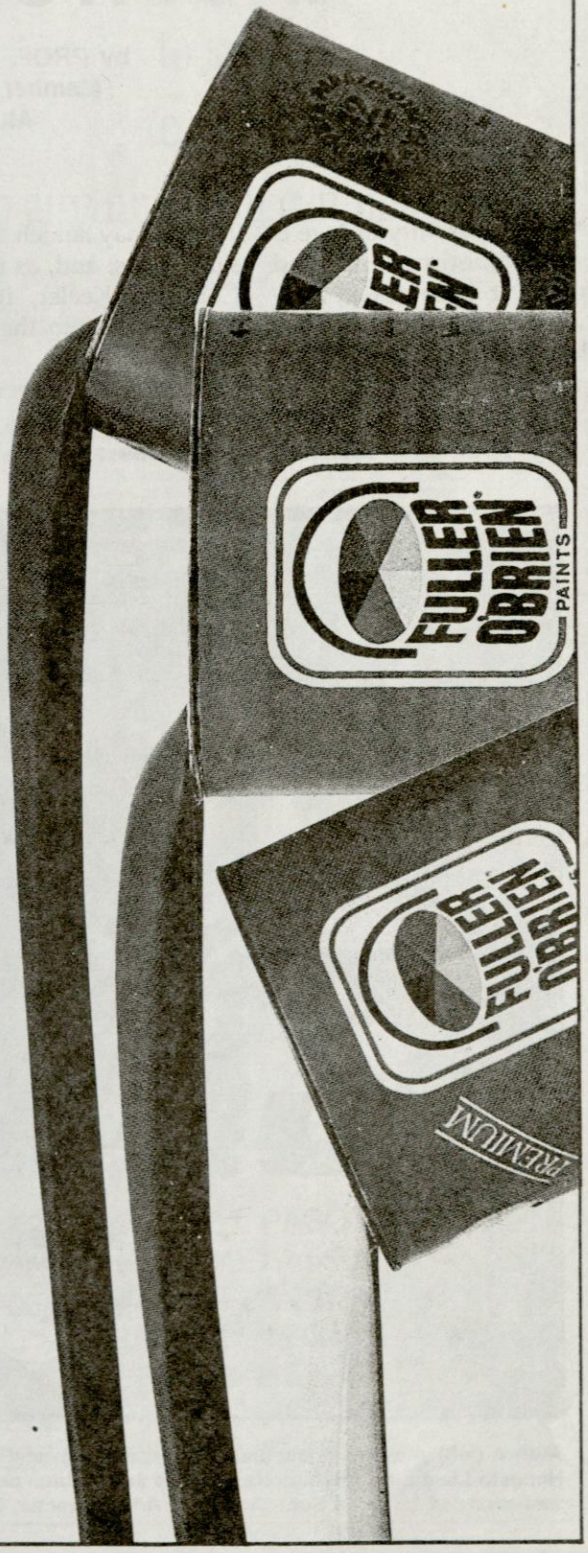

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Love hath no fury like a suitor's spurned

by PROF. JOHN C. CASTRO, MPM
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THE sanctity of love is sometimes mocked when it becomes a wayward romance or a careless lust. Like that of Cleopatra, it may lead to the downfall of an achieved glory; like that of Helen of Troy, it may launch a thousand ships; and, as that of Christine Keeler, it may bring danger to the security of a state.

But what happened in our local drama was not as disastrous as those mentioned. Yet the love triangle involved here revealed another sensational and baffling murder story that made the Manila Police Department (Western Police District Command) twirling to plan one of their biggest chases of an elusive and crafty criminal.

It all began when Gloria Caballero of Francia, Stockton, California came to the Philippines to seek fortune. She was then, 20, seductive, full of charm,



Author (left) receives a certificate of recognition and a handshake from PNP Deputy Director for Administration, Sr. Supt. Honesto Llanto, for meritorious services as resource person in the Citizen's Crime Watch Seminar held recently. The certificate was awarded by Chief Supt. Arturo A. Añas, director, Police Community Relation Command.

delight and lust. After her first year in Cebu High School, she stopped schooling and in 1944 took Guillermo Rodriguez of Pasay City as her life partner. Unluckily for her, she became a young widow after her first year of marital life as her better-half died in Baguio when the Americans bombed the city in the process of liberating our country from the Japanese. She became a nightclub entertainer in order to sustain herself during those hard and critical moments.

Gloria found life so dry and lonesome and what she needed to fill the emptiness and void of her life were the caressing arms of a lover, the passionate love she lost in her first venture in marriage.

In March 1947, while lodging at the New Venus Hotel, she got acquainted with a handsome Chinese businessman born with a silver spoon in his mouth by the name of Arthur Lee who rented a room adjacent to her's. Only 44 years of age, he sported a light-green Packard and managed a big and booming trading company.

From that date on, for Gloria, it was a turning point in her life. She felt the urge of love again. Love, the poison tainting Cupid's arrow, found its way into her heart once more. It was a burning sensation that itched in her heart and after about two weeks, the cold acquaintanceship the duo had, blossomed into a full-scale romance. She became later on Mr. Lee's mistress whereby she used to receive P500 monthly support from her lover.

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cided to leave Mr. Lee, floating and bleeding. Parulan, however, noticed that the Chinese was still alive and ordered to veer the boat near Mr. Lee 's body where few more shots were fired to make certain the Chinese was dead. Parulan warned everybody on the boat that death awaits any informer.

The group returned to Bambang at almost 3:00 o'clock the next morning. They left the Don Matias in the water, rode in Mr. Lee's car and proceeded to the house of a friend where Mariano borrowed a jeep. The friend, however, was ignorant of the incident which just occurred.

The party then proceeded to Sta. Maria, Bulacan where they sought the assistance of a friend in hiding the victim's car. Unable to do so, they abandoned the car after crossing a wooden bridge taking precautions by removing the car's radio and plate number. After that, they proceeded to Gloria's residence in Antipolo St., Manila, where they took their breakfast.

Santos who climbed the stairs later, threw the radio in a canal.

Only Parulan and Gloria were left in Manila as the rest drove back to Bocaue.

The following day, alarm was raised over the disappearance of Arthur Lee. It was reported that he was last seen in his car in front of Avenue Theater in Rizal Avenue with a lady companion.

There was also report that morning that a Packard car was found deserted in Barrio Ibaya, Marilao with the license plate and radio missing, its tank empty and its front seat stained with blood.

The car was brought to the Criminal Investigation Laboratory of the Manila Police Department. It was photographed, stains of blood were examined and fingerprints were lifted. With these leads, the detectives of the Manila's Finest picked Gloria, Parulan and Parulan's legal wife from Gloria's residence in Antipolo St., for investigation.

Gloria claimed that after they (she and the missing Chinese) left Bulalaika Restaurant, they separated in front of Avenue Theater and had not seen each other after that.

For his part, Parulan averred that he stayed in his home the previous nights and had no knowledge whatsoever of the whereabouts of Mr. Lee. The print lifted from the car did not tally with any of the suspects' fingerprints. The trio were released with instructions to report the following morning for further investigations.

But they never returned and instead went into hiding. This prompted the Manila Police detectives' theory that the trio knew more than what they had divulged. Gloria's house was placed under surveillance and after securing a search warrant, detectives probed the house and found two letters from Parulan's sister warning him to go into hiding as detectives and Bulacan MPs were hot on

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their trail.

On June 18, 1947, at about 9:00 o'clock in the evening, the gory sight of Mr. Lee's body was found on the shorelines of Barrio Gasac in Navotas, Rizal. It was already decomposed, the face was beyond recognition, the teeth appeared to have been bashed with a blunt instrument, the head showed two holes. Only the laundry mark on the victim's undershirt made identification possible.

On June 21, Paulino Natividad and Telesforo Andres, accompanied by some Bocaue policemen, surrendered to six detectives at the MPD headquarters. Paulino claimed he saw Parulan fired the first bullet and admitted his having dumped Mr. Lee's body into the sea after the first shot. For his part, Telesforo declared that he launched the boat in the river.

The hunt for "Carding Bocaue", the tough, daring, ex-guerrilla fighter, was intensified.

Detectives in different disguise were sent to Bulacan to gather information. On the second day of the manhunt, it was learned that Parulan was hiding in Sapang Palay in San Jose del Monte at the outskirts of Sta. Maria, Bulacan. Plans were carefully blueprinted and sketches of important landmarks and possible exits made.

Just after midnight of June 24, 15 jeeps loaded with 61 policemen all armed to the teeth, proceeded to their destination. The trail was bumpy and the jeeps bogged down in the mud that the agents were forced to hike to Barrio Bulak. About 500 meters away, the party split into three groups as planned, taking different routes and directions in approaching the quarry. The raiding teams were nearing the target place after past 7:00 in the morning when an old woman who was a friend of Parulan, alarmed by the presence of new faces in the vicinity, ran to Parulan and warned him of what she saw.

Parulan immediately grabbed Gloria and forced her to jump out of the window. When she hesitated, she was pushed by Parulan who followed her swiftly to the ground. Meanwhile, Santos remained in the house. They began the flight and, as they were running, one of the detectives who saw them escaping fired his gun. Gloria stumbled and probably thinking that she was hit, Parulan continued to run and dashed into the nearby woods.

Gloria and Santos were captured, but Parulan was too elusive. He was not even scratched by any of the bullets fired and he made good his escape.

Exhausted, hungry and tired, the gap between him and his pursuers became closer. He hid in bushes away from the road. When darkness fell, he stopped in a farmer's hut and requested for food. From the occupants of the hut, he learned he was in the town of San Jose del Monte.

From San Jose, he proceeded with his flight to Barrio Munzon, then to Bocaue. He arrived in his hometown at 2:00 o'clock in the morning and hid in the town convent. He stayed there the whole day and only came out in the evening of June 26. His wife who received word from him helped him hide in a friend's house.

But the pursuing detectives were alert. They knew fully well that Parulan was in the convent but respected the sanctity of the church. They even knew the exact time he had his haircut.

With the help of a sketch provided by an informer, twenty-one men of the law cordoned the block beside the municipal hall and slightly tightened it until they reached the house where he was hiding.

The operatives shouted for Parulan to come out but only silence answered the call. After a few minutes the raiding team finally decided to assault the house.

A group entered while the rest guarded the surroundings of the house. They searched every room but still the house appeared to have been deserted.

Under a bed, Parulan rolled himself in a buri mat. And as the barrel of a Thompson submachine gun was poked just above his face, he turned around and saw lawmen holding cocked pistols and automatic carbines ready to press the triggers at any false move he makes.

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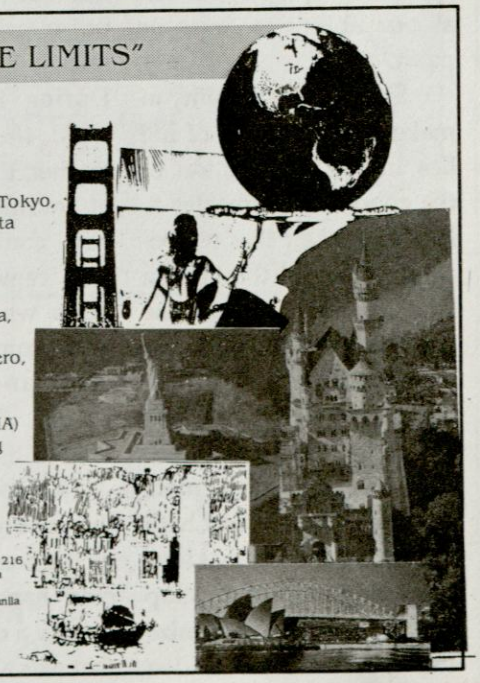

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ESSAY

Where tears shall come no more!

By PROF. JOHN C. CASTRO, MPM

I SPENT part of a recent vacation sketching a view of a lake and some mountains that surrounded the cottage where I stayed. I had not attempted to draw for several years; and as I tried to put the scene on paper, I realized how little attention we normally give to details. We enjoy the over-all beauty of a scene, but there are many important features that we often miss. It is the capacity to appreciate such things that makes us artists, equally as much as our ability to draw or paint.

Similarly, our ability to make a masterpiece of life lies in our recognition of the good that permeates it. Not until then that we become aware of the hidden splendor of life and the good is released to us. As the Scripture says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither harm entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for thee, that love Him". We have to develop our capacity to recognize and appreciate the hidden wonders before we can make them an integral part of our lives.



THE AUTHOR

I remember that Jesus seemed to be the master of every situation in His life. Even through the events leading up to the Crucifixion, He retained His dignity. He did not run away, but with poise calmly and bodily faced what lay before Him. During His ministry He was the authoritative teacher, the fearless breaker of tradition, and the One who could heal everyone who came to Him. It was Jesus who walked firmly to the tomb of Lazarus and commanded in a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth."

Yet, on one occasion—the time after the healing of the man with the withered hand — He seemed to play a different role, one that was almost out of character. With his characteristic command of the situation, He spoke the word of healing to the man, in spite of the fact that it was the Sabbath day and there were those present who would condemn Him for healing on the Sabbath. After the healing had taken place, Jesus' enemies began to plot against Him, but when Jesus proclaimed this He withdrew to another place. Jesus withdrew instead of remaining to see its conclusion, the inharmonious situation between Himself and the established religious leaders. There is an important lesson in this incident, and it is in the words of Jesus Himself, "Resist not him that is evil."

During a period in my life which it seemed I was about to be unjustly treated (by a Police General), I was guided to a certain passage of the Scripture. This passage served as a lifeline to me until I was able to establish myself in peace. "It was the Redeemer/Mediator who will fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." With this reassurance, I began to trust the Lord. I knew that as I lived within Him in thought and action, only good would come to me. My faith was justified, for justice was established in my life at this time, and all factors in the situation worked together for good.

"Life is both faith and love. Without faith life is only one-dimensional and incomplete. Faith helps you to overlook other people's shortcomings, and love them as they are."

"To love all mankind a cheerful state of being is required; but to see into mankind, into life, and still more into ourselves, suffering is requisite for God washes the eyes by tears until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no more!" ●

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Sen. Tito Sotto, in dark suit inducting Stallions new officers and members, led by President Bobby Ganias, second from left.

San Francisco Stallions install new officers

The San Francisco Stallions Club, one of Quezon City's most active socio-civic organizations held its induction of officers and new members at QC Aberdeen Court with the Honorable Senator VICENTE SOTTO III, as Inducting Officer and Guest Speaker.

The ceremony ushered in a new set of officers led by PNP Chief Inspector ROBERTO "BOBBY" GANIAS, as President. Outgoing Club Prexy is Stallion WILLIAM LAO.

In his speech, Sen. Sotto lauded the Stallions for their Club's active engagement in social projects and for the Club's commitment to the education of children of poor families. He said that the Stallions' scholarship program assures the development of the children as productive assets of the community. He likewise praised the Club for its support of the police, stating that the police organization deserves such support because it is a creation of the community.



Changing of the guards. Bobby Ganias taking over from William Lao.

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For his part, Bobby Ganias, the new President, vowed to pursue more meaningful projects for the city and called on his colleagues to help him in programming these civic activities.

The Stallions Club has played prominent roles in numerous civic action projects in Quezon City. It has regularly sponsored free medical and dental services in various depressed areas and distributed free medicines at the same occasions. The Club also holds periodic parties for poor children where its doles out foodstuffs as well as gifts, in cash and in kind. But the area it is most visible in is the scholarship program it sponsors for the poor but deserving and talented students. A big number of these students are in school every year receiving, in addition, free note books and other school supplies. Cash incentives are also given in special cases.

The Club, has likewise been, and continues to be a generous donor of fire and police equipment. For these donations, it has received various commendations from government agencies.

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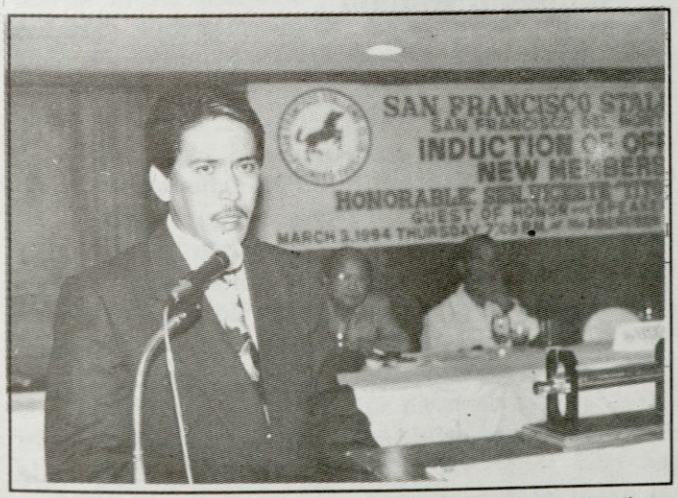

Sen. Tito Sotto, addressing officers and members of the Stallions Club.

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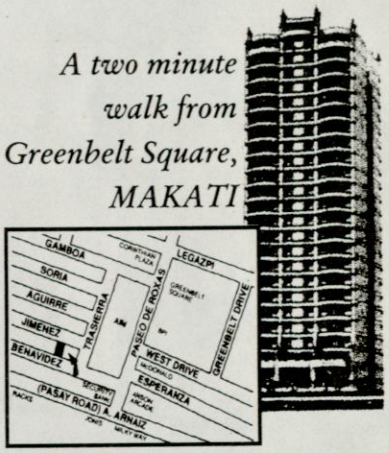

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Sr. Supt Alberto G. Mislang

The PNP legal adviser

By JAN B. MACASPAC



IN THIS TIME and clime of thugs in uniform, of scalawags and misfits in the rank, and of police officers who are partners rather than nemesis of criminals, one wonders aloud whatever happened to that old reliable disciplinary institution of the past which struck fear in the hearts of wayward policemen. They called it the Judge Advocate General's Office, or JAGO, for short, where delinquent cops and constables were hied to face the stern scrutiny of men trained in the law and justice and get their due recompense fast, straight and clear.

The office now goes by the nomenclature of Legal Service, toned down not only in name and size, but also in power and jurisdiction. No longer does it participate in the disciplinary process (which explains why discipline has gone awry?) but fights the battle of the PNP before tribunals, courts and quasi-judicial bodies either as the organization's prosecutor or defense counsel.

"We serve as the legal adviser of the PNP Chief, and provide legal services to the Command before civil courts and administrative bodies, and perform other legal functions, as well," says Senior Supt. (P/Colonel) ALBERTO G. MISLANG, Director of Legal Service.

Mislang, who has been with the former Constabulary Judge Advocate Service, longer than anyone of his colleagues, admits that fundamental changes have taken place as a natural course upon the organization of the PNP. He lament though, that when Congress passed Republic Act 6975, otherwise known as the PNP Law, it either overlooked or intentionally by-passed the formal creation of a legal machinery or directorate in the police establishment. As a result, the PNP leadership has been forced to make do with what remained of the JAGs, which it first renamed as Legal Advocate Command, then absorbed by the Internal Affairs Division which integrated with the Inspector General's Office, in July 1992. By October of 1992, per Staff Memo No. 14, the Legal Advocate Command was reinstated and renamed Legal Service.

The Staff Memo allocated the following functions to the Legal Service, as follow:

1. Serve as Legal Counsel of the PNP and provide legal service to the PNP in civil action proceedings before the civil court and in quasi-judicial and administrative bodies wherein the Command is involved or has interest therein as party thereof;

2. Prosecute cases in proper courts, as directed by proper authority and evidence may warrant, in coordination with the government prosecutors/or the Department of Justice;

3. Draft or study contracts affecting the PNP and submit appropriate recommendations pertaining thereto;

4. Render legal opinions arising from the administration and operation of the PNP;

5. Provide legal assistance and advice to the PNP personnel;

6. Perform such other functions and duties as may be required or by competent authorities.

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Under Mislang, the task of the Legal Service has been well defined and streamlined. Such tasks have been assigned to two (2) division, namely: 1) Legal Assistance Division; and 2) Research and Evaluation Division. The first Division which is composed of lawyer-officers attends to the prosecution of cases brought before the different judicial authorities, as well as render legal assistance to PNP personnel in judicial forums where harassments cases are filed against them, while the other Division concerns itself with researches, studies and renders legal opinion in aid to the formulation of plans, policies designed to improve the management of the command.

The thrust of the Legal Service according to Sr. Supt. Mislang, is to embark on a program of legal education to upgrade the efficiency and the quality of work of not only those assigned with his office, but also of other officers who by reason of their duties are also conducting investigation and prosecution of administrative as well as criminal cases. This, the Legal Service intends to accomplish by sponsoring bi-monthly lecture-conferences.

As part of his projects and goals, Mislang envisions that his office will handle administrative cases filed against PNP personnel involving internal discipline. The rationale be-

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hind this is that administrative proceedings require strict adoption to specific legal procedures specially where the resolution of the issues involves difficult question of law.

Mislang entered the military service in November of 1972, and being a practicing lawyer already at the time, he was immediately assigned with the Philippine Constabulary Judge Advocate Service upon induction. He has been connected with the military legal system for the entire period of his career until the organization of the Philippine National Police which then absorbed both PC and INP establishments.

A career officer, he graduated from regular Command and General Staff Course in 1988. He holds the distinction of being one of the few officers in the active service whose promotion to the rank of Colonel was passed upon and approved by the Commission on Appointments.

With Sr. Supt. Mislang at the head of the Legal Service, it might be possible that his office which was once the bulwark of disciplinary procedures in the service would rise once more and help cleanse the rank of policemen of crooks, scalawags, if not downright criminals. ●

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
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Chief Insp. RAMON P. DOMINGUEZ

Deadlier than the gun and the bullet

By BERNIE TECSON



IN THE exceptionally risky task of maintaining peace and order, do courage and heroism always demand that the police officer engage the enemies of the law in a traditional gunbattle, kill or be killed in the process (or perhaps wound or be wounded) before he could really be worthy of his badge and uniform as a lawman?

Or, does the so-called police heroism circumscribe, likewise, outstanding performance in other aspects of police work — like morale and discipline-building, intelligence, counter-propaganda against the enemies of order, etc. — which may not be so physically risky but just as vital as fighting

Supt. JESUS A. VERZOSA

The PNP officer who broke up tyranny in Laguna

POLICE Superintendent JESUS A. VERZOSA was member of the PMA "Magilas" class of '76. His military/police career started with a field assignment in Parang, Maguindanao in April 1976 as a platoon leader of the 54th PC Battalion. This Battalion was then the main operating unit of the IV PC Zone conducting campaigns against the Muslim Secessionists and the CPP/NPA rebels in the different Mindanao provinces.

After three years of combat duty, his assignments had been chiefly with intelligence and operations units, conducting special operations against syndicated crime groups, lawless elements and communist terrorists, punctuated only by specialization courses towards career advancement. He is a recipient of various awards and commendations. He has been awarded two Bronze Cross Medals, four *Medalya ng Kaakilaan*, six *Medalya ng Kagalingan*, two *Medalya ng Kasanayan*, seven Military Merit Medals, six Military Commendation Medals, two *Medalya ng Papuri* and 33 Letters of Commendation from high ranking government and military/police officials as well as civic and private organizations. He was the PCM Officer of the Year in 1984, the PNP Junior Officer of the Year in 1994 and an Outstanding Awardee during the 3rd RECOM 4 Anniversary this year for his meritorious achievements in the solution of highly sensational cases.

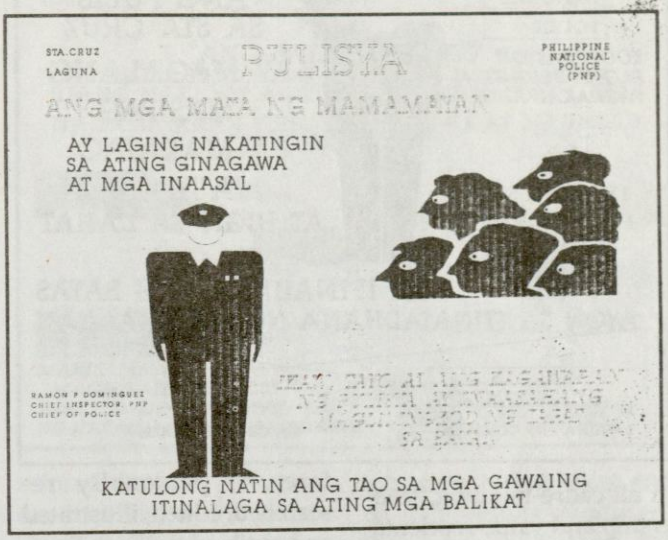
Verzosa has been promoted on-the-spot twice. He was elevated from lieutenant to the captain in 1980 for his valuable ac-

the enemy with a gun in open combat?

These questions usually come to the fore each time the members of the force are scrutinized and their performance weighed for bestowal of awards, promotion or the like for those who measure up to the high standards set for these purposes.

And the question was asked in the case of Chief Inspector Ramon P. Dominguez, Sta. Cruz, Laguna police chief and commander of Task Force Kalayaan, when he was recommended for the prestigious award of the 1993 "Junior Staff Officer of the Year ".

In his recommendation to the Regional Command 4 awards committee chairman, Superintendent Marcelo E. Navarro, Jr., PNP provincial director of Laguna, said that Dominguez had shown "remarkable leadership, dedication to duty, managerial capability, tact and consistency of performance."



Navarro noted that Dominguez was the only officer of the command who occupied two positions of major responsibility — as a staff officer and commander. The superintendent was referring to the positions of Sta. Cruz police chief and Task Force Kalayaan commander, both of which Dominguez occupied.

In those assignments Dominguez demonstrated positive attitude and a high degree of performance and by instilling self-discipline, initiative and hardwork, he transformed the commander's instructions into actions and tangible results.

Dominguez, according to Navarro, had framed and operationalized the SOP on the rotation of police officers and non-commission officers within the province, that is now being implemented by the command and serves as guidelines for district directors, commanders of mobile force companies and chiefs of police.

The guidelines have become the shield of middle level commanders from the "intervention" of local executives in assignments, details and schooling or training of PNP personnel. As principal

complishments in OPLAN "Light-a-Fire" and was again promoted on-the-spot from captain to major for his successful operations in Project Street sweeper in 1987.

Some of his outstanding accomplishments are the following:

In 1979, when Metro Manila was rocked by bombings, burning of commercial establishments and public places and other urban terrorism, his unit launced "OPLAN LIGHT-A-FIRE" which neutralized the light-a-fire movement, an urban terrorist group which aims to destabilize and subsequently to crush the existing government structure.

During the early 80's, when kidnapping-for-ransom was on the rise, he was an active participant in the successful rescue operations of the kidnapped Robina Gokongwei, daughter of business tycoon John Gokongwei, and again in the rescue of kidnapped millionaire businessmen Allen Chiong Roxas. Also during the period, a notorious group of six Army soldiers was neutralized in the operations when Mrs. Rivero, wife of the owner of Jackson Enterprises, was kidnapped for ransom.

In 1981, while assigned with the Metrocom's LRU/SWAT, he led the hostage rescue operations when the bank employees and clients of the BPI Cubao Branch were held hostage for 4 hours by five (5) heavily armed bank robbers.

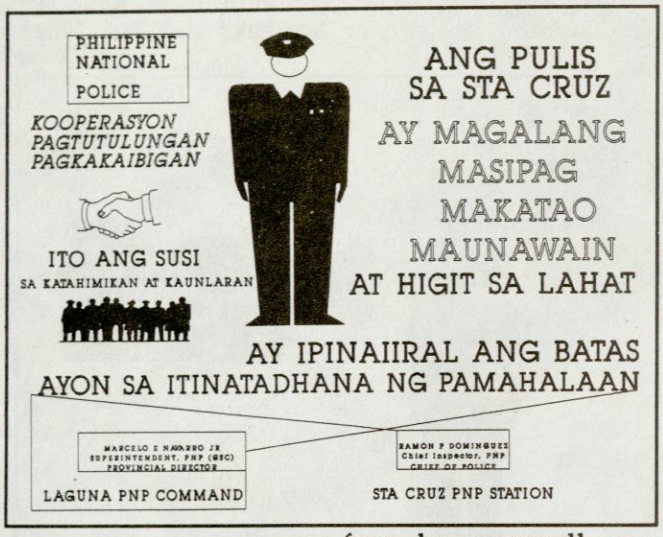
When robbery/hold-up and Akyat Bahay cases were proliferating in Metro Manila's plush subdivisions, he launched "Project Streetsweeper" to go after the notorious Johnny Tango group responsible for the series of robberies, hostage-taking and rape. The group was eventually penetrated, and during the daring robbery attempt of the group at a millionare's house in Gatchalian Village, a bloody encounter ensued which resulted in the killing of Johnny Tango and eight others in a running gunbattle in said subdivision. The Jun Sotelo robbery-holdup group was also neutralized during a shoot-out in Scout Limbaga Q.C. when his 6-man armed group was operated on. In 1992, the Sabater kidnap/robbery group was also neutralized. In that same year, SUPT. VERZOSA also launced operations against the Nava-Pajo Group composed of ex-soldiers and policemen which broke its backbone of robbery operations.

In the Anti-Carnapping Operations VERZOSA has busted the two biggest car thefts groups existed in the country: The Boy Villegas Syndicate and the Bicaldo-Dimatulac group. On the operations against the Boy Villegas syndicate 12 carnappers were captured and 37 carnapped vehicles were recovered including dump trucks, tractor and other heavy equipment. In the Bicaldo-Dimatulac operations, 17 carnapped cars were recovered composed mainly of expensive luxury cars, Pajeros, Land

staff officer on personnel matters, Dominguez had been instrumental in bringing about efficient records management and recommending measures to ensure a state of high morale in the ranks as well as harmonious leader-subordinate relationship.

Dominguez had been deputy commander of Task Force Kalayaan in which capacity he had contributed greatly to the molding of a well-rounded fighting ability among PNP personnel in the province and the Special Action Force whose two battalions had been sent to Laguna to train in Pro-Democracy People's War.

Making use of his wide experience, he helped in exposing the true nature of the conflict between democracy and communism, especially the truth in the lies behind communist propaganda. He likewise served as resource speaker in all cadre-building, leadership and value-reorientation seminars for the youth, which led to the formation of the youth umbrella organization known as *"Pinag-isang Lakas ng Kabataan ng Laguna"*, or PILAK, composed of 286 youth cadres.



In propaganda warfare, he personally researched, edited, illustrated and outlined the Task Force Propaganda material entitled, *"Liwanag"*. The manuscript was made as the command's vehicle in reaching out to all areas in Laguna so that the hearts and minds of the people where the real battle is taking place could be won without bloodshed.

In Economic Warfare, Dominguez painstakingly coordinated, facilitated, sustained and even acted as lecturer in livelihood seminars and skills training that enabled the youth and other members of the community to gain sufficient knowledge and technology to improve their living conditions. Fourteen of these seminars were conducted, benefitting more than 6,000 residents in six municipalities of the province.

Dominguez had figured prominently in organizing 16 cooperatives and a provincial ad hoc committee that oversees liveli-

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Cruisers and Pathfinders.

During his brief stint with the Narcotics Command, he was instrumental in the neutralization of the Nigerian international drug ring resulting in the capture of 2 Nigerians and the seizure of 35 kilos of high-grade heroin about to be transhipped to Europe. SUPT. VERZOSA also launched OPLAN RED SUNSET to go after the Ong-Madrazo syndicate, the biggest drug syndicate in the Philippines responsible for the bringing in of 200 kilos weekly of Methamphetamine Hydrochloride (Shabu); the operations and the subsequent uncovering of the syndicate resulted in a Senate inquiry which exposed the extent of the illicit drug trade of the group and the involvement of high ranking government and police officials.

In the campaign against notorious criminals VERZOSA neutralized the following during armed encounters.

a. Moises Platoon — one of the notorious "Cuadro-de-Jack" killed in a bloody shoutout at Holiday Inn, Manila.

b. Pepe Aragon — The most wanted gun-for-hire who staged the killing of strikers in Polyamide, Phils and the ambush of a Police Chief. Killed in an encounter at Fortunata Village, Muntinlupa, M.M.

c. Ruel Zabagala — Davao's public Enemy No. 1 involved in kidnapping, extortion and robbery. Killed in a shootout at Davao City.

d. Willy Magazine — a henchmen of the Iran Group involved in kidnappings in Region 6. Killed in a shootout at Jaro, Iloilo.

e. Peter Makabenta — one of the notorious Makabenta Brothers and Public Enemy No. 1 of Northern Leyte, involved in kidnapping, rapes and robberies. Killed in an encounter at Carigara, Leyte.

f. Jerry Alega — Public Enemy No. 1 of Cebu involved in robbery, extortion and grenade bombing. Killed in an encounter at Parañaque, M.M.

g. Atanacio Bersabe — Cavite's Public Enemy No. 1 involved in a series of murder and robbery cases. Killed in an encounter at Aguinaldo, Cavite.

In August 1993, VERZOSA was designated as Regional Officer of the 4th CIS Regional Office during the period when Inter-Agency investigation of the UPLB rape/slay was already in disarray and conflicting theories of the case and media pronouncements were eroding the law-enforcement's capability to deal with the highly sensationalized case.

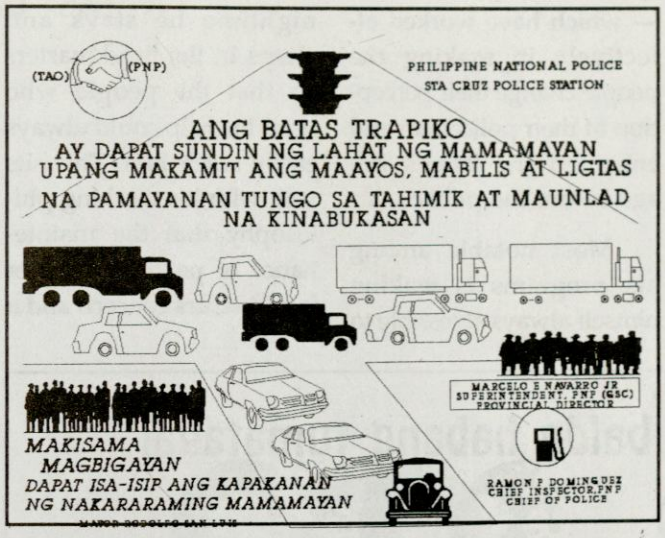
In just 13 days of intensive intelligence and investigation, the 4 CISRO solved the celebrated Gomez/Sarmenta rape/slay. Mayor Sanchez was arrested and seven counts of rape with homicide was filed against Sanchez and his henchmen.

Further investigation in Calauan resulted in the solution of the father-and-

hood projects for rebel returnees. In addition essential services had been extended to the people, such as medical/dental services, sports activities, sources of potable water through the assistance of PAGCOR, as well as donations of school supplies and books and eyeglasses for those who needed them.

Dominguez likewise translated into Tagalog the English book of Chief Superintendent Miguel Coronel, entitled "Pro-Democracy Peoples War", so that ideas, concepts and procedures addressing the insurgency problem could be understood, internalized by the masses and the right attitudes could be developed among them.

As chief of the Sta. Cruz Police station, Dominguez introduced changes in the traffic system and regulation of non-criminal conduct in the municipality. He also introduced reforms both in personnel conduct and in administrative and police procedures. He organized all PNP personnel under him into a multi-purpose cooperative to give them alternative sources of income. All these have raised the morale and performance of his men.



Because of the bold initiatives he has taken and positive results produced, Dominguez had gained the full confidence and support of no less than Sta. Cruz Mayor Rodolfo San Luis, other town officials and the people themselves. The mayor said that Dominguez is the kind of police chief "who knows his job and does his job well, who finds time to associate and inter-act with the common people".

Still, Dominguez has launched a Crime Watch Program that has brought down the occurrence of crimes in Sta. Cruz town and was adopted as model for all the PNP stations in the 4th district of Laguna. The program has clicked with the people who have opened up with their policemen, sharing their problems and ideas with them.

His "door-shaking and rattling procedures", at first suspected by the townfolk, later won their confidence and support thereby enhancing crime watching, crime prevention, crime

son ambush of the Penaloza's which was politically motivated and perpetrated by Sanchez and his men.

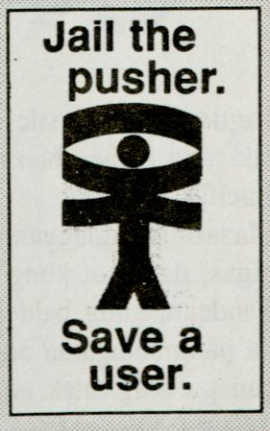
On gun-running, CIS raid against the Alvarez Group in Mindoro Oriental believed to be behind the series of robberies in said province resulted in the seizure of assorted high powered FAS which included 3 M-16s, 2 M-14s, one SPAS 12, one uzi, one .45 pistol and grenades and hundreds of ammunition.

In January this year, the 4CIS investigated and solved the bloody Mindoro bombing wherein one died and 46 were seriously injured. The two bombers were arrested. In Polilio Island, the massacre of the Gunio couple was solved when SUPT. VERZOSA initiated an intensive CIS investigation of the carnage.

Lately, the series of daring highway robberies of Aircon Buses at the South Expressway was stopped upon the launching of 4CIS "Project SUNFLOWER" which finally neutralized the 10-man armed bond composed of Muntinlupa inmates, jailguards and ex-convicts.

The military/police career of VERZOSA has not been without the accompanying risks and dangers inherent to his career. He was ambushed twice in Mindanao. Two soldiers beside him were hit when his platoon was ambushed during operations in Mt. Matanal, Tuburan Basilan. Again, during a combat patrol operation in Tipo-Tipo. Basilan his platoon was ambushed and pinned-down for about an hour. In the clearing operations by government forces in the Makati Commercial Area during the failed coup, a sniper fire missed him by only a few inches, but hit one of his men of the government's counter-sniper group. Again, he luckily survived a close-quarter shootout when his SWAT team engaged a group of bank robbers during a nightime assault on their hideout at Dasmariñas, Cavite. Various threats on his person has also became a part of his police service.

To continuously uplift his career development, he joined and finished specialization courses in Urban Guerilla Warfare, Special Reaction Operations, Jungle Warfare, Airborne Operations, Underwater Search and Rescue Operation, Intelligence Courses and Psychological Operations at Fort Bragg. He graduated on top of his class in the PNP Officer Senior Executive Course and is presently taking up Law at the Jose Rizal College. ●



suppression and law-enforcement activities. Constant house-to-house visitations have been done which further gained the people's support and strengthened their trust in their lawmen.

Dominguez has made use of all media facets — face-to-face communication, billboards, distribution of leaflets, slides and documentaries in moviehouses, mass communication thru public address systems using mobile cars — which have worked effectively in making the people change their perception of their policeman and enhanced the latter's image before the public.

Most notable among his programs is making himself always accessible to the people. Day time he makes the regular rounds all about town and joins the house-to-house visits; nightime he stays and sleeps in the headquarters so that the people who need his help could always easily reach him. This sits well with his working philosophy that the maintenance of peace and order is a 24 hours concern and a lifetime profession.

Dominguez' police records show that he saw actions in Bicol, Quezon, Samar, Mindanao, Metro Manila, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija. He was a former Philippine Constabulary soldier who became the youngest Master Sergeant in 1979 because of his exploits in the traditional battlefields.

This time, however, it's a different arena where he fights equally well, exposing himself to danger beyond the call of duty, although in a different battlefield, fighting a different kind of war which few choose to fight. There is a notion that goes more or less like this: "If we refuse to talk against the enemy, how much more could we fight them in open combat and expect to win?"

In the words of Supt. Navarro, Dominguez in his own courageous and heroic way had killed, not the enemy who carries the gun but the mind that controls the body. He has killed and continues killing the slanted philosophies, beliefs, thoughts and inclinations of people that make men fight against one another. The marked decline in insurgent followings and activities has been brought about by many factors and many men and Chief Inspector Ramon F. Dominguez is certainly one of them. ●

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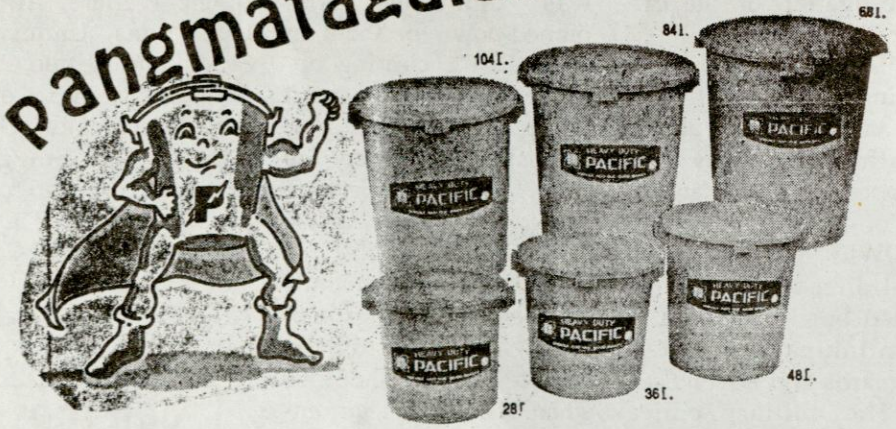

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Lawman brings government closer to the people

By WILLIE IRINCO

FOR FIVE YEARS now since 1989, Senior Inspector Alejandro Nunez of the Makati Police Station's personnel and administrative division, has been contributing in his own "small way" in bringing the government (which he serves) closer to the poor people, especially of Sitio Baligon, Barangay Bagong Bayan Pequeno, in Goa town, Camarines Sur.

S/Insp. Nunez told *METRO POLICE CHRONICLE* that he initiated his "one man" civic action (CIVAC) project, after he saw the poor residents of Sitio Baligon, who need help.

Nunez's CIVAC consists of distributing medicine and foodstuff every December in Sitio Baligon.

He said he solicited donations and voluntary contributions from big Metro Manila Companies, such as the United Laboratories, Inc., Nestle, Inc. and the Panlilio family, so he could gather enough medicine and goodies to be given to Sitio Baligon folk.

So far, Nunez has succeeded in holding his "one-man" CIVAC for the past five years. And by December this year, he will again

Sr. Insp. Alejandro Nunez





RAFFLE. Maricris, the little daughter of Sr. Insp. Alejandro Nunez (with mic), picks up a raffle stub during a "SHARE-A-GIFT & SMILE PROGRAM", part of a civic action project of Nunez, held in his house in Goa, Camarines Sur. Municipal Councilor Crisanto Acetre (left) smiles as Bgy. Councilman Rodolfo Samodia of Bagong Bayan Pequeno, watches.



GIFTS. Councilman Samodia (center) hands a bag of goodies to a woman resident of Sitio Baligon. Sr. Insp. Nunez (left) assists.



DISTRIBUTION. Angeline Nunez, daughter of Sr. Insp. Nunez, (back to camera, standing) helps in the distribution of medicines, including vitamins to the village residents.

BAGS OF GOODIES. Alan (left) and Maricris (right), son and

continue his CIVAC project to make Sitio Baligon's people happy.

Nunez said that in the outset, some 57 poor families were served by his CIVAC in 1989. The following year in 1990, some 128 families attended his CIVAC.

Last year, Nunez reported some 387 families were served by his CIVAC. "And it is still increasing," smiled Nunez.

Two woman doctors, namely Dr. Evelyn Oco Reyes and Dr. Maricar Obias, both of Goa town, have volunteered their assistance to Nunez's CIVAC.

The objectives of Nunez's CIVAC were: 1) To let the people know that there are some other people who care for their well-being, and 2) To share and give to poor people something to start with for the coming New Year.

Sitio Baligon, the recipient of Nunez's CIVAC project, is one-half kilometer hike from Barangay Bagong Bayan Pequeno.

The Chief agricultural products of the sitio are abaca and copra.



RECIPIENT. A woman recipient (right) presents a raffle stub to Councilman Samodia (left) as Nunez (with mic) introduces her to the public.

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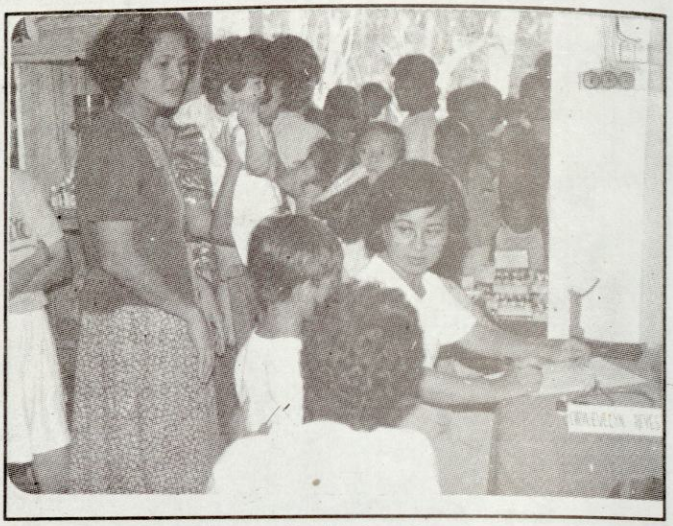
MEDICINES. Woman Dr. Maricar Obias (seated) hands the prescription to one of the patients, who has just received free medicines as other village folk wait for their turn.



FREE CHECK-UP. Woman Dr. Evelyn Oco Reyes, a physician-surgeon (seated) lists the name of a child patient during a free medical checkup of the CIVAC project of Nunez.

The village is located within a rebel-infested area. In fact, Nunez reported two Goa policemen were killed in 1980.

Nunez said he began toying with the idea of holding a self-help CIVAC project, after he was invited as a guest speaker on a program tackling drug addiction and prevention in the Partido National High School in Goa.

He was chosen speaker, after he arrested Corazon Dancel, a suspected woman drug-pusher in the town.

Nunez also reported that when his CIVAC project became known to Goa residents, five unidentified persons, including two carrying "bayong" bags, visited him.

The visitors, suspected to be members of of the New People's Army (NPA), praised Nunez for holding the CIVAC project. They told him that if all policemen were just like him, there would be no trouble.

Nunez expressed surprise that the visitors knew his full work and personal background as a Makati policeman.

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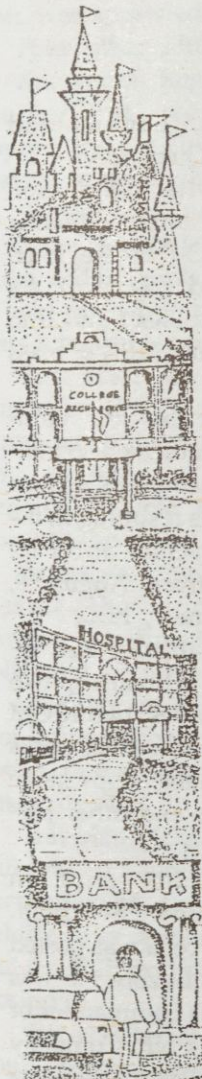



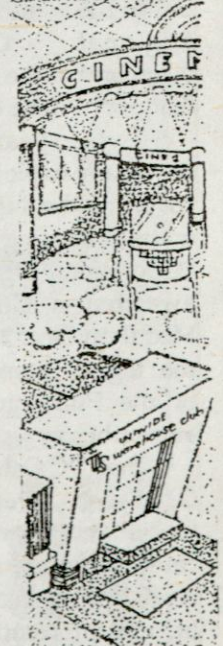

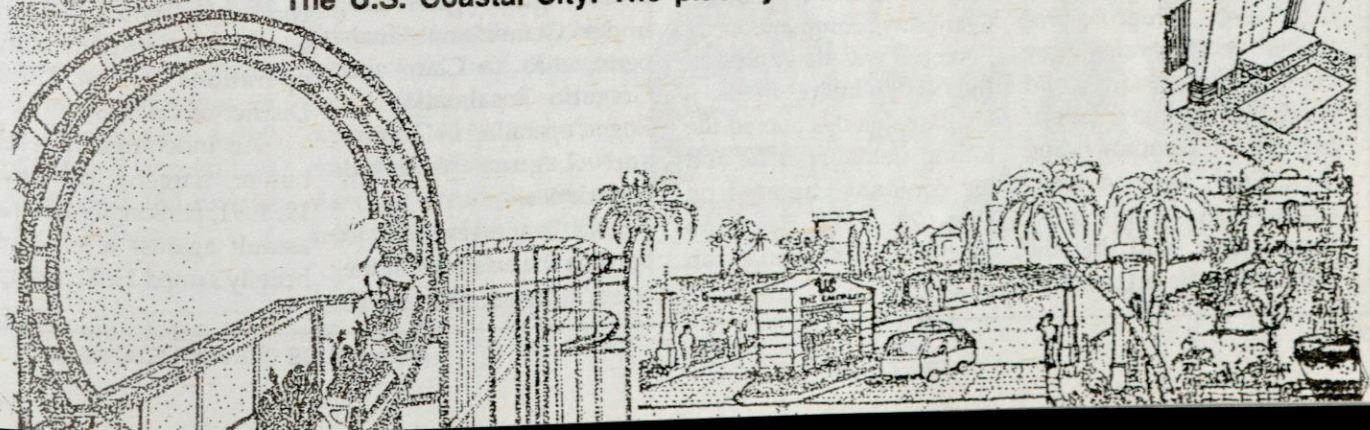

Chief Inspector Manuel R. Barcena

Young captain unearths bloody NPA purge

By WILLY IRINCO

THE BLOODY purge which killed hundreds of suspected deep penetration agents (DPAs) within the ranks of the New People's Army (NPA) in Quezon and Laguna in 1988 could not have been discovered, if not for the dogged efforts of a young intrepid PC captain.



That officer is no other than now Chief Inspector Manuel R. Barcena, chief of the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) of the Quezon City's Central Police District Command (CPDC) under the National Capital Regional Command (Capcom) of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Two years after Barcena's exploits in uncovering the NPA's "Operation Missing Link" or "Operation Purga", he was awarded a Gold Cross Medal on Dec. 20, 1990 by the higher Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) authorities.

Then PC Col. Reynaldo G. Wycoco, Quezon provincial commander (now chief superintendent and chief PNP police relations branch) in recommending then Capt. Barcena for a promotion to the next higher rank, said that the most significant accomplishment of the 237th PC Company, commanded by Barcena, was its expose of the NPA's killing fields.

Barcena discovered the killing fields, after he and his company captured on Dec. 21, 1988 Severino Ruda, alias Ka Benjie, an NPA regular guerrilla, under Gemeniano Gualberto, alias Ka Claro and Gregorio Rosal, alias Ka Roger, operating in Quezon and Laguna forested boundaries.

Ka Benjie revealed to Barcena the existence of the rebel's mass graves in Kalayaan, Laguna and Mauban, Quezon.

This vital information led to the implementation of the PC-INP Regional Command (Recom) 4's Oplan Zombies I and II to dig up the NPA's mass graves.

A fierce PC commander, Barcena also initiated 12 encounters against NPA rebels resulting in the killing in action of six insurgents from August 9, 1989 to June 7, 1990.

His company also recovered 13 firearms, two hand grenades, two ICOM and AVR radios, 560 sticks of dynamites, subversive documents and other personal effects.

After his stint in Quezon now Sr. Insp. (Capt.) Barcena was posted in Central Luzon. He was assigned as commander of the 175th PNP Company conducting counter-insurgency and anti-criminality operations in the Third District of Bulacan.

An indefatigable rebel hunter, Barcena, on Nov. 19, 1991, personally led the assault against a band of heavily armed Hukbalahap

elements at Barangay Pulong Tamo, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.

Leading three PNP teams, Barcena's force encircled the huts occupied by the Huks. A fierce gun battle occurred, when a burst of gunfire came from the target area.

After the smoke of battle cleared, Jose Malonzo alias Kumander Ligaya, a field commander of the Huk's Capadocia Unit, was sprawled dead.

Four other Huks, led by Kumander Reggie, in another hut, were entrapped. But the Huks held hostage seven civilians.

Barcena did not give in to the demands of the Huks, ordering his troops to hold fire while negotiations were under way.

But after an hour, Kumander Reggie did not surrender, prompting Barcena to order a V-150 armored vehicle to inch closer to the house.

Barcena's ploy was to assault the house to threaten the Huks that the PNP troopers were all out to get them at whatever cost leaving them with no option but either to surrender or die.

This plan clicked as the Huks raised a white flag of surrender as the V-150 vehicle was approaching and the PNP troopers were closing in.

Seized after the four-hour operation were four M-16 rifles, two M-14 rifles, nine rifle and hand greandes, 37 M-16 magazines, 29 M-14 magazines, 1,000 rounds of live ammunition for M-16, and 180 rounds live M-14 bullets.

Against criminals, Barcena arrested Ruben Mendoza, alias Bandera, a notorious gang leader, in San Rafael, Bulacan on Sept. 14, 1991.

Mendoza was the No. 2 man in the dreaded 16-Valve Gang operating in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. He was a prime suspect in the Paul Cruz kidnap-with-ransom case in 1988.

Mendoza's gangmates, including three policemen and three civilians were convicted and sent to jail. One Uzi sub-machinegun and one .45 cal. pistol were seized from them. Mendoza was charged with illegal possession of firearms and drug trafficking.

Barcena also captured Ricardo Mangalos, alias Ka Tanggol, a HMB regular in Bgy. Balite, San Miguel, Bulacan on Feb. 27, 1992.

He was instrumental in the surrender of Norberto Cabral, alias Ka Nolie, a member of a Huk breakaway group on March 1, 1992.

Cabral was one of the 20 most wanted persons in Northern District of Bulacan with three standing warrants of arrest for murder, attempted murder and homicide issued by Malolos Regional Trial Court, Bulacan.

For these accomplishments, then Chief Supt. Pantaleon Dumlao, Jr., (now director), Recom 3 (C. Luzon) director, recommended Sr. Insp. Barcena for meritorious promotion on March 6, 1992 for "exemplary performance, outstanding accomplishments and invaluable contribu-

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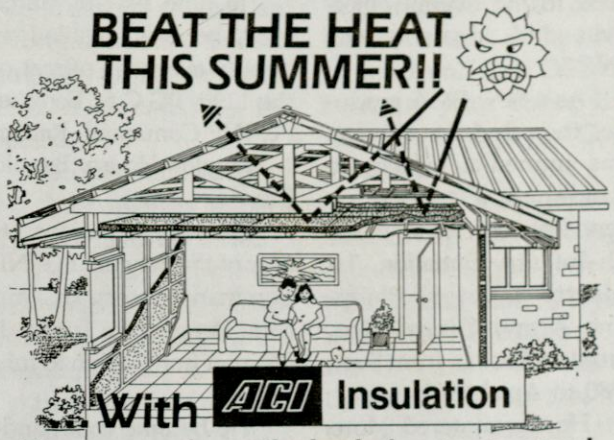

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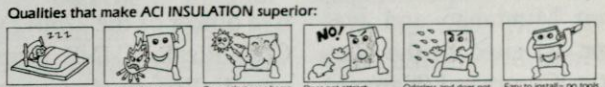

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tions to the overall objectives and ideals of the PNP."

As a new PMA graduate, then 2nd Lt. Barcena was immediately sent to Mindanao. He was assigned platoon leader of the 5th Infantry Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Philippine Army, Campo Uno, Lamitan, Basilan from Sept. 1980 to April 1983.

He encountered Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) secessionist rebels during his tour-of-duty in Mindanao.

Barcena was pulled out from Mindanao and was later assigned to the Narcotics Command (Narcom) from April 1983 to 1987.

While he was with Narcom, Barcena opted for a change of service from Army to PC in Oct. 1986.

In June 1987 to March 1988, he was detailed as deputy executive officer of the 129th PC Coy, Benguet PC-INP Command, Recom 1, Manelon House, Baguio City.

He was operations officer of the Benguet PC-INP Command, Recom 1, Camp Bado Dangwa, La Trinidad, Benguet from March to July 1988.

He became commanding officer of the Regional Provincial Training Unit 4, Camp Nakar, Lucena City from July to August 1988.

He was deputy executive officer of the 225th PC Coy, Rizal PC-INP Command, Recom 4, Cogeo, Antipolo, Rizal from August to Sept. 1988.

Barcena was commanding officer of the 237th PC Coy, Quezon PC-INP Command Recom 4, Candelaria, Quezon from Oct. 10, 1988 to Jan. 9, 1991.

He was senior-aide-de-camp of the PNP Recom 3, Headquarters, Camp Olivas, Pampanga from Feb. 16 to July 6, 1991.

He was posted commander of the 175th PNP Coy, Bulacan PNP Command, Sampaloc, San Rafael, Bulacan from July 12, 1991 to Jan. 23, 1992.

He was district director of the Northern Bulacan Police District Command, Sampaloc, San Rafael, Bulacan from Jan. 23 to June 15, 1992.

He was assigned intelligence-operations officer of the Presidential Escort, Presidential Security Group, Malacañang Park, Manila from July 1, to Oct. 15, 1992.

Aside from his Gold Cross Medal, Barcena received one Bronze Cross Medal in 1989; six Military Merit Medals, one Military Commendation Medal, one *Medalya ng Kagalingan*, AFP *Kagitingan* Combat Badge, Military Civic Action Medal, Feb. 1986 Revolution Ribbon, Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge, Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medal and Ribbon; Luzon Campaign Medal, and Ribbon, Disaster and Rehabilitation Operation Ribbon, AFP Parachutist Badge, SAF's Sure Shock Badge, and four commendations.

Barcena was chosen PC Officer of the Year (1988-1989) of the Quezon PC-INP Command; Company Commander of the Year (1988-1989) of Recom 4;

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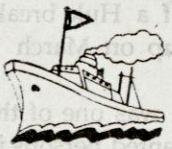

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District Director of the Year (1989-1990) of the Quezon PC-INP Command; and PC Officer of the Year (1988-1990) of Recom 4.

Today, as CPDC DEU chief, Barcena's main efforts zero in on the training of his officers and men to be effective against narcotic peddlers.

"My DEU men are being screened thoroughly. Their backgrounds are investigated to be sure they are fit to be DEU men," said Barcena, a native of Laoac, Pangasinan.

"Quality rather than quantity," stressed Barcena on his standard in choosing his DEU personnel, now numbering 26 non-commissioned police officers and 5 police officers.

"I select those with integrity, because our job is delicate," said Barcena, a 5-foot-7-inch tall and 175-pound Ilocano peace officer.

"The masses will not accept scalawags and those with questionable characters," added Barcena on why he picked the best men for his unit.

Barcena reported that his unit "is a member of the Metro Manila Drug Enforcement Task Force, under the overall command of Sr. Supt. Dominador Resos."

He said his unit was closely coordinating with the Quezon City Drug Enforcement Council, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in its campaign against drug pushers and users.

A non-believer in statistics, Barcena said that the true measure of the law enforcers is when "there is tanquility in the streets as felt and observed by the citizens."

Barcena has adopted this observation as his own ideal for his DEU office.

He was appointed DEU chief by Chief Supt. Diony A. Ventura, CPDC director, on July 2, 1993.

Before he was detailed with the DEU, Barcena took up an advanced schooling at the PNP Training Command (Tracom) in Cavite.

He was chosen DEU chief, because of his four-year stint as narcotics operative from April 1983 to April 1987.

During the People's Power Revolt in 1986, Barcena joined the anti-Marcos soldiers, who supported then Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, PC-INP chief, (now President of the Philippines), and then Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile (now a Cagayan Congressman).

He was a member of Task Group "Delta" which captured Channel 4 from the hands of Marcos loyalist soldiers. The capture of the TV station was one of the turning points that led to the success of the People's Power Revolt that toppled the Marcos regime.

Born in Laoac, Pangasinan on Sept. 25, 1958, Barcena is happily married to Sofia Barcena. They have four children, namely: Carissa 9, Hanna 7, Carlo 5 and Kendrick 4. ●

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Inspector Roberto M. Atienza

Sentinel of the Quezon City Hall top-ranked officials

IT IS COMMON knowledge that the Central Police District Command (CPDC) today is one of the most well-equipped police districts in the National Capital Region (NCR).

In fact, Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr., concurrent Metro Manila Authority (MMA) chairman, has allocated P60 million from the coffers of the city government to finance the modernization of the local police.

In return, the CPDC, under the command of Chief Supt. Diony A. Ventura, has vowed to Mathay to maintain fully the peace and order in the city. In fact, Ventura put up a total of 11 police stations all over Quezon City to enforce a no-nonsense drive against criminals in his area of responsibility (AOR).

The excellent rapport between Mathay and the CPDC did not happen out of magic. This became possible because of the dogged efforts of Inspector Roberto M. Atienza, 52, commanding officer of the District Security and Support Unit (DSSU) and CPDC liaison officer.

Atienza, however, avoids the limelight. He wants to do his work in a low profile. It is only with this story that his silent job of bridging Mathay and the CPDC is being revealed.

And it appears, Atienza has succeeded in his job as the liaison between the QC government and Ventura.



Today, as the DSSU chief, Atienza provides security to Mathay and other QC elected officials, like Vice-Mayor Charito Planas and the city councilors.

So far, Atienza reported, no untoward incidents have ever happened to the QC elective officials since his assignment as DSSU chief in September 1992.

To secure the QC officials, Atienza said he assigned some of his policemen to guard the offices of the mayor, vice-mayor and the city councilors.

This his men do during office hours from Monday to Friday, when an estimated 9,000 people from all over the city converge at the QC Hall to transact business with the city government.

The DSSU policemen are supported by blue-uniformed security guards, who are under Mayor Mathay's supervision.

For the uninitiate, Atienza's DSSU has a strength of some 72 personnel, including three officers.

Also under Atienza's supervision is the Molave Police Detachment, which supervises a detention center for 18 years old and below violators. SPO4 Emil Reyes is the detachment commander.

The QC Memorial Circle Police Detachment is also under the DSSU's supervision. Inspector Felipe Buencamino is the detachment chief.

Other tasks of the DSSU, Atienza said, were receiving and acting on complaints filed by citizens before the mayor's office.

As one of the operating units of the CPDC, Atienza said, the DSSU could receive directly criminal complaints from the citizenry from all over the CPDC's AOR.

The DSSU also assists the mayor's office anti-squatting team and the Engineering Demolition Team during the eviction of squatters illegally residing on government property.

It, likewise, assists the

court sheriffs in executing writs of execution and injunction as ordered by QC Regional Trial Courts.

For the DSSU's drive against criminals in its AOR, Mayor Mathay has commended it twice recently.

Commended by Mathay on April 27, 1994 were Atienza, SPO4 Simeon Gatarin, SPO3 Rolando Menor, SPO3 Cecilio Marcelo, SPO2 Eduardo Fortez, and SPO1 Virgilio Francisco.

In his letter of commendation, Mathay said: "I take great pride in commending you for your splendid performance in the apprehension of a group of robbers identified as Fernando Roxas y Verocin, Jordan Reyes y Legaspi, and Jonathan Reyes y Legaspi, all from Squatters Area, Kalayaan St. QC."

Mathay said the DSSU officers and men recovered the "stolen articles amounting to P18,845.00 owned by complainant Mrs. Lucena Jayuma y Magallanes of 415 Sta. Catalina St., Barangay Holy Spirit, QC, during the robbery which occurred at the vicinity of Kalayaan St., Diliman Mart, QC."

Mathay said: "Your individual and collective efforts, coupled with your devotion to duty are manifestations of your commitment to the cause of justice, and the protection of life and property of our citizenry. I am proud of you. Keep up the good work."

On April 7, 1994, Mathay also commended Atienza, SPO2 Antonio B. dela Cruz, SPO1 Victor B. Azurin, SPO1 Edgar T. Enopia, and TE Allan Florentino, all of DSSU.

Mathay lauded them for "the timely arrest of a notorious snatcher identified as Eduardo Librezana y Hapitana, with no fixed address, and the recovery of a gold necklace owned by complainant Rowena Panis y Faderes of 331 Quirino Highway, Baesa, Q.C."

The snatching incident occurred at about 10:25 a.m. on April 6, 1994 at the vicinity of the QC Hall Complex along Kalayaan Avenue fronting the Quezon Memorial Circle.

"Your individual and collective efforts, coupled with your devotion to duty are visible signs of eliminating crimes and other similar activities proliferating in our jurisdiction," Mathay said.

"I hope that you shall carry on the good work so that other members of the command will follow and emulate," the mayor added.

The DSSU also arrested two construction workers on April 16, 1994 for stealing P1,050 worth of 17.5 kilos of skinless electrical copper wires from the Quezon City Power House owned by the QC government.

Arrested were Reynaldo Laurente y Rodriguez, 24, laborer, of Manila and of 50 Kalayaan C, Bgy. Batasan Hills, QC, and Richard Bandulim y Dasigna, 24, also of same address.

The DSSU also nabbed Wilfredo Reyes y Celis, 38, cigarette vendor, of Sta.

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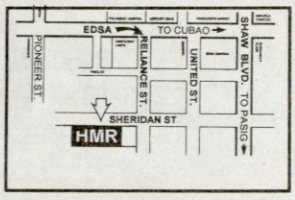

Maria, Pangasinan and of Squatters Area, Makatarungan St., Bgy. Central, QC, for snatching a leather bag containing P45.00 of Lilia Francisco y Vecina, 47, dealer collector, of Catanduanas, and of 194 Int., Damayan St., Bgy. Central, QC.

Reyes was arrested at about 6:45 p.m., on April 23, 1994 at the corner of East Avenue and Elliptical Road, QC.

An organic member of the QC Police Department (now the CPDC), Atienza entered the police service in 1969, during the heydays of the late Maj. Gen. Tomas Karingal, QCPD chief of police.

His police history includes: patrolman (1969-1975), policeman first-class (1975-1976), corporal (1976-1982), sergeant (1982-1990) and police lieutenant and later inspector (1990-present).

A well-rounded law enforcer, Atienza has been assigned to the mobile patrol, operation branch, intelligence and operations bureau of the Galas police substation then.

A native of San Pablo City, Atienza graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Ortañez University (1988).

He took up his primary from the Aurora A. Quezon Elementary School (1955) and secondary from Arellano University (1959).

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Inspector ANGELITA ALVARICO

From lambanog country to the police beat

SHE HAILS from Quezon province, where women are equal if not better in drinking lambanog (coconut wine) than men.

Thus Quezon women are tough and could be an exception to the stereotype rule that they belong to the weaker sex.

From this land of gritty women comes Inspector Angelita Alvarico, chief of the Women's Desk of Makati Police Station.

Appointed to that position on March 14, 1994, Alvarico said that her office handles all crimes committed against women and children, such as rape, acts of lasciviousness, abduction, seduction, concubinage, adultery and child abuse.

Letter of Instruction (LOI) No. 2 of the late President Marcos created the Women's Desk to encourage women to file complaints against persons who abuse and attack them.

President Ramos encouraged the opening of Women's Desk nationwide, noting that Filipinas didn't complain even if they had already been mauled by their husbands.



Inspector ANGELITA P. ALVARICO, chief ofthe Makati police women's desk.

Alvarico, who comes from a family of police and military men, reported that her office has received many cases on women and children's abuse.

But she considered the complaints of three women who were raped and molested, respectively, as the biggest crimes ever received by her unit.

Alvarico referred to one rape and two acts of lasciviousness cases filed against Rene Almanzor y Roxas, a male training consultant of John Clemens Recruitment Agency catering to engineer and executive applicants.

Alvarico said one of the women molested bravely reported to the Women's Desk the crime committed by Almanzor.

The complainant, a woman employee of Jollibee Restaurant based in Greenbelt, Makati, paved the way for the eventual arrest of Almanzor by Makati Detective Unit, headed by SPO4 Danilo Tuazon.

Almanzor is the prime suspect for numerous rapes and acts of lasciviousness committed against Makati's "working girls" for about two to three years now.

If not for the Women's Desk, the so-called serial rapist of Makati could never be apprehended.

Alvarico became a policewoman after she applied on July 1, 1972 with the Makati police department, during the time of the late Mayor Nemesio Yabut.

Armed with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology degree from the University of Manila where he graduated in 1973, she was admitted by the Makati police.

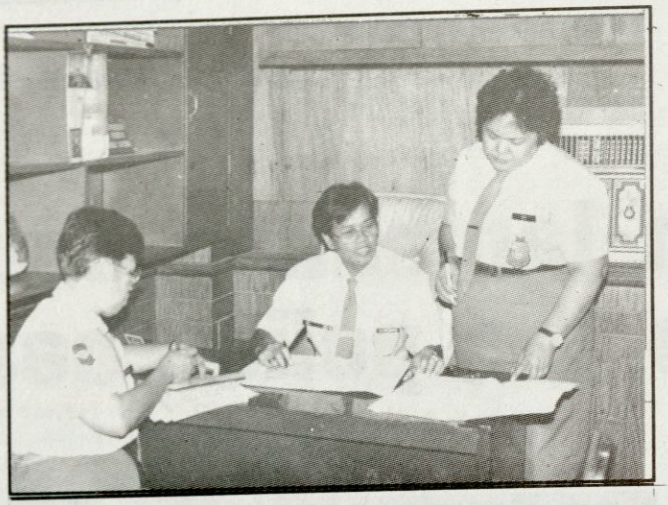
She studied at UM as a working student. She took the National Police Com-

mission (Napolcom) test for policeman, which she passed handily.

For the uninitiate, she comes from uniformed men's family. She has a brother serving with the military. Her uncle, Chief Inspector Sofronio Alvarico, and a brother, also a policeman, are today posted in Batangas.

At the Makati police, she was first assigned to the complaint desk. Later, she was detailed with the investigation division working as a prober for four years.

She was also assigned with the records section working as an evidence custodian.



IN ACTION. Insp. Alvarico (center, seated) refers a woman's case to SPO2 Fe M. Sy (right, standing). Another staff SPO4 Rebecca Pilot (seated, left) records a case.

She was assigned as traffic investigator and later as court bailiff, a liaison officer between the police and the judge.

As liaison officer, Alvarico said, her job was to act as security woman during court hearings. In case somebody is cited for contempt and then convicted, she arrests the suspect.

As bailiff, she also pacifies trouble makers inside the court during trials.

Still single, Alvarico, 45, was promoted to police inspector (lieutenant) on July 14, 1992. She was a police sergeant for six-and-one-half years.

She was promoted inspector, when the new PNP Law took effect.

Alvarico was a former assistant precinct commander of Makati Police Precinct 5 in Palanan St. near the Cash and Carry Supermarket.

She was a former deputy commander of Precinct 2 in Barangay Pinagkaisahan, Guadalupe, Makati.

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OFFICE. The staff of the Makati police Women's Desk wait for complaints from victimized women. At far background (left) is Insp. Alvarico.

Alvarico enjoyed her job in the precincts. "*Marami ang nagrereklamo sa presinto* (Many file their complaints in the precinct)," she said.

Even small cases are filed with the precinct according to her. "It's easier to respond in case of trouble, because the crime scene sometimes is just a walking distance away," she related.

"Policemen swiftly act on cases," she added.

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NBI crack agent in action

By WILLIE IRINCO

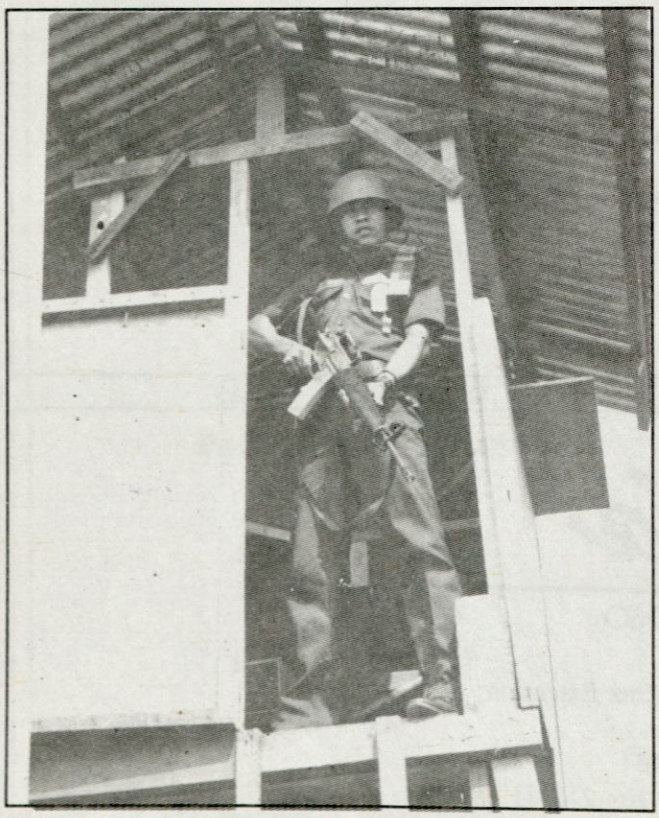


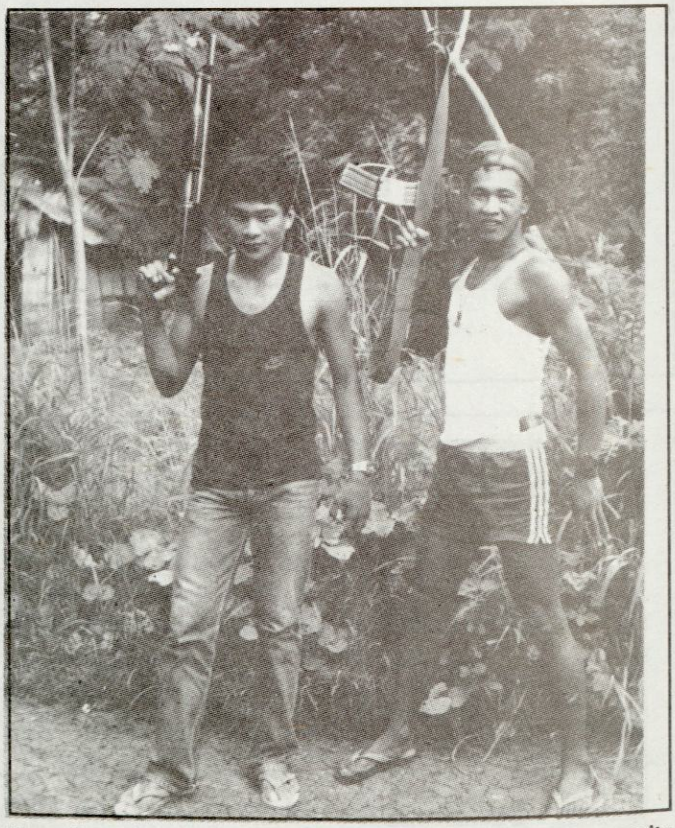
Lawyer ALI C. VARGAS

ON JAN. 29, 1994, a 22-man team of the National Bureau of Investigation's (NBI's) Special Task Force (STF) engaged in a 30-minute gun battle a 15-man squad of security guards accused of committing double murder in Tagig, Metro Manila.

The heavily armed security guards, belonging to Femjeg Security and Allied Services, fiercely fought the NBI and Task Force Matatag of the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (PACC), until one of them was gunned down.

One Cesar Patacsil, a Femjeg security guard, armed with a Carbine, was shot by Lawyer Ali C. Vargas, STF and Task Force Matatag executive officer, after the guard shot in the





FEMJEG GUARDS. In left photo is a Femjeg security guard armed with an M-16 rifle and wearing a helmet. In right photo, two security guards armed with a shotgun and an M-16.

body one of the NBI intelligence agents.

Vargas, told *METRO POLICE CHRONICLE*, his team fired at the security guards who shot them first as they refused to surrender, despite their being charged with double murder.

He said the guards refused to allow them to approach their area, marked with watch towers and fox-holes in Purok 14 South Daang Hari, Bagong Tanyag, Tagig, Metro Manila.

Vargas and his NBI-PACC team were armed with two search warrants issued by Judge Romeo J. Callejo of the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 49, when they executed the orders.

Vargas said that when they overpowered the guards after the gunfight, they conducted a search resulting in the seizure of 17 firearms and ammunitions.

The guards were also arrested and brought to the STF office NBI Headquarter, Taft Ave., Manila.

Later, cases of double murder were filed against the four guards, namely: Loreto Bari, Carlie Alagon, Arnold Ponce and Dominador Rafael, who were positively identified in a police line up, for shooting two alleged squatters.

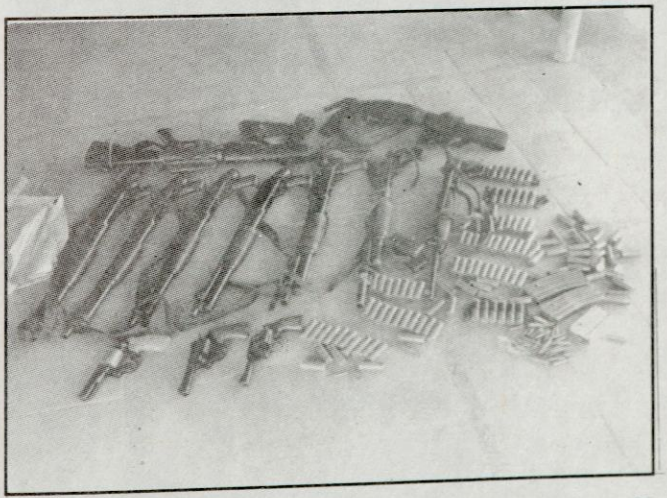
The four guards, armed with M-16 Armalite rifles, shot dead victims Isidro Barcelona and Elardo Magno at 11 p.m. on Jan 17, 1994 at Purok 14, South Daang Hari, who were residents of the area, barricading the road to prevent the closure of a seven-hectare land where a Camella Clubhouse and Security Barracks are located.



STF CHIEF. Lawyer Federico Opinion, (right) NBI Special Task Force chief holds an M-16 Armalite rifle as he presents assorted firearms and ammunition seized from the Femjeg security guards (left) who fought an STF team in Tagig Metro Manila.



SECURITY GUARDS. An NBI agent gets an empty M-16 magazine from one of the Femjeg security guards sitting on the concrete floor after they were arrested by NBI agents.



FIREPOWER. One M-16 Armalite rifle, one M-1 Carbine, three .38 cal. revolvers, six shotguns and several rounds of ammunition used by Femjeg security guards are shown in above photo.

Erlinda Barcelona and Jovina Magno, wives of the victims, filed the double murder cases against the guards.

Direct assault against agents of a person in authority were also filed against the 15 security guards and their operations manager Tomasito Alano.

Illegal possession of firearms against the 15 guards, including Alfaro and Flora Morales, operation manager, and president, respectively of Femjeg Security and Allied Services, were also filed before the DOJ prosecutor's office.

In a joint affidavit issued by Vargas and three other STF agents, they said that the armed encounter between the STF-PACC team and the security guards occurred at about 9 a.m. on Jan. 29, 1994.

Vargas said he divided his team into two groups one to serve the search warrant at the security barracks, and the other at the Camella Clubhouse.

He said that as the NBI operatives entered the area of the security barracks, they introduced themselves and announced their purpose properly to the guards.

But the guards manning the security tower and barracks, responded by shooting at them hitting even NBI intelligence agent Eduardo Dotado in the chest.

NBI agents assigned at Camella Clubhouse overheard through the radio a certain Maj. Tomasito Alfaro ordering the guards to fight, because he was sending two truck-loads of re-

inforcement.

This prodded the guards to fire continuously on the NBI operatives, until they retreated as the STF men pursued them.

Chop-chop murder

Vargas also headed an STF team that solved the gruesome "chop-chop" murder of Glenn R. Catangay, a principal of the San Narciso Vocational School (SNVS) in Quezon on Dec. 29, 1993 in an apartment in Lucena City.

An eyewitness, Marciano Espina y Campos, through an NBI asset, tipped off the STF that Catangay was not a missing person, but was actually murdered.

Vargas said Catangay was investigating Fernando Valencia, a NSVS disbursing officer, for misappropriation of school funds, when the crime took place.

Valencia wanted to do away with Catangay. So the former invited the latter to a drinking session in Lucena City, so they could talk on the money problem.

Valencia and Merle Montalvo, also known as Baby, and Benito Agato, alias Vincent, brought Catangay to the Lucena City apartment.

As soon as Catangay, Valencia and Virgilio Buban began drinking, Montalvo and Agato left.

Later, Valencia left the apartment closing the door behind him signalling Buban to stab Catangay. Buban did as he was ordered by Valencia, stabbing Catangay many times in the chest resulting to his instantaneous death.



VICTIM. Glen Catangay, principal of San Narciso Vocational School, when he was still alive.

Buban then cleaned the crime scene of spilt blood. He also cleansed with alcohol the body of Catangay, plugging with cotton, and plaster the stab wounds to prevent blood from oozing.

Catangay's body was then dragged into one of the apartment rooms, to keep it there temporarily, while Buban and Valencia were waiting for night time so they could dispose of the body. Buban even sprinkled perfume in the room to eliminate the blood's foul odor.

Valencia came back to the apartment after Buban killed Catangay. Valencia later invited Buban and Espina to a beerhouse where they drunk to while away their time.



CORNERED. Virgilio Buban (back to the wall), main suspect in the "chop-chop" murder of school principal Glenn Catangay, is cornered by the NBI-STF team, headed by Lawyer Ali C. Vargas (with cap)

Later Valencia and cohorts went to the house of Agato, a passenger jeepney driver. With Agato, Valencia and his cohorts riding a jeepney, they returned to the apartment and loaded Catangay's body.

Upon instructions of Valencia, they brought the victim's body to the Old Zigzag Road, Quezon National Park, Bgy. Malikboy, Pagbilao, Quezon.

The victim's body, stripped of its clothing, was then dumped. Valencia then ordered Buban to behead the body and chop off the hands. Valencia also ordered that the body be buried.

Later, Valencia and cohorts went to a citrus farm owned by the former in Tagkawayan, Quezon carrying the head and hands of the victim.

In the farm, the Otcharan brothers-Ernani and Elmer, both caretakers of the area, buried the hands and head of the victim.

Vargas said on the basis of Espina's declarations, he led an NBI-PACC team which went to Quezon province to arrest the suspects.

First to fall on Feb. 4, 1994 was Agato, whose jeepney used in dumping the victim's body, was seized. Also on the same date, the decomposing beheaded body of the victim was recovered in a cliff along the Old Zigzag Road.

Early morning the next day, on Feb. 5, 1994, the NBI agents went to Tagka-

wayan arresting Buban and the Otcharan brothers.

Valencia and Montalvo, however, eluded arrest.

When Buban was interrogated, he disclosed that he transferred the head and hands of the victim from the citrus farm to the seashore of Bgy. Cabatbatan, Del Gallego, Camarines Sur.

In a follow-up operation, the head and hands of the victims were recovered in the said place.

All the suspects were later brought to the STF office, NBI Bldg., Taft Ave., Manila.

On Feb. 10, 1994, a case of murder was filed on inquest against Buban, Agato, the Otcharan brothers, including Valencia and Montalvo, before the state prosecutor's office, Department of Justice, Manila.

Espina, the state witness, is now under the protective custody of the NBI. He had already filed his application under the Witness Protection Program of the DOJ.

On March 1, 1994, Regional State Prosecutor Claro A. Arellano of San Pablo City, recommended the filing of an "information" for the crime of murder against all the suspects adopting in whole the NBI's recommendations.



RAILROAD. Suspect Ernani Otcharan (3rd from left), one of the suspects in the murder case, is handcuffed along the railroad tracks in Tagkawayan, Quezon by NBI-STF agents.

Marikina Rape Slay

In another sensational case, Vargas also led an NBI STF team which investigated the alleged rape and killing of Agnes Altarejos of 25 Sampaguita St., Sampaguita Village, Malanday, Marikina.

An NBI probe showed that on Nov. 6, 1992 at about 2 a.m., the victim was then walking alone at Lauman St., Marikina, while going home after her work at Cubao Shakey's Parlor, when she was forcibly pulled into a tricycle driven by suspect Noel delos Reyes.

Also with Reyes in the tricycle were suspects Gerry Padua, Ernesto Boracan, Orlando Singson, Albert Tablatin and Gingging Balongdo.

When Altarejos resisted, Singson boxed her in the abdomen and legs to subdue her inside the tricycle. The other suspects held her in the legs and body and covered her mouth to prevent her from shouting.

Two more suspects, namely Randy Jocson and Chito Doe joined the group as they were going to Garments Center, Bulelak St., Malanday, Marikina.

There, the victim was dragged into a concrete seat, where she was raped by the suspects. Two suspects inserted a piece of wood and a bottle into the sex organ of the victim, while another strangled her to death.

Vargas said a woman witness told the STF of the name of the suspects, identified as Tablatin and Reyes, who were arrested.

The two suspects, when interrogated by STF named their accomplices resulting in their arrest. Balondo and Chito Doe, however, remained at large.

On Dec. 17, 1992, the eight suspects were charged with multiple rape with homicide before the Chief State Prosecutor, Department of Justice.

The inquest prosecutor, Senior State Prosecutor Jovencito R. Zuno subsequently filed a case of rape with homicide against the eight suspects.

Vargas took up a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Ateneo de Davao University in 1986.

He passed the bar examinations in 1987. During his oath-taking as a full-



SEASHORE. NBI medico legal men recover the head and hands of Catangay on the seashore in Del Gallego, Camarines Sur.

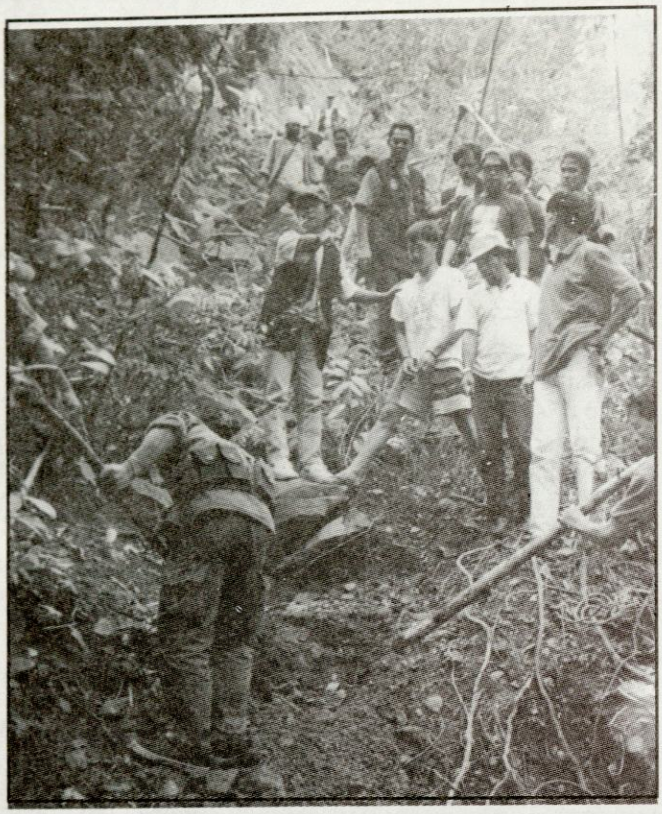
pledged lawyer, he was invited by the NBI to join the agency, during the time of NBI Director J. Antonio Carpio.

Vargas applied as an NBI agent, thinking he would have a hard time if he went into law practice, because he had already a family.

He graduated from the NBI Academy in 1988 as batch topnotcher, excelling in academics.

He was assigned to the NBI National Capital Region office, under Director Salvador Ranin. After one year, he was detailed with the Cagayan de Oro City NBI office.

When NBI Director Alfredo S. Lim organized a Special Task Force under then Assistant Director Epimaco Velasco, Vargas was chosen one of the members of the nine hand-picked NBI agents coming from the provinces to compose the STF.



CRIME SCENE. NBI-STF agents led by Vargas, dig up the ground in a cliff near the Old Zigzag Road, Pagbilao, Quezon where the beheaded body of Catangay was found.

The STF then was under Lawyer Victor Bessat (now chief of the NBI Narcotics Division.)

Directed by Velasco, the STF became the No. 1 NBI office in performance nationwide.

Vargas' performance in the STF urged his superiors to send him to the United States in 1990 to undergo training under the Anti-Terrorist Assistance Program sponsored by the US State Department in 1990.

He took up training in counter sniping, anti-terrorist training in Fort Mead, Maryland, USA, and in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Training Ground and a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Center in Virginia, USA. ●

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Pasay — "Sin city no longer"

PASAY CITY was once called the "Sin City" of Metro Manila, because of its hundreds of honky-tonks, nite spots, beerhouses, and prostitution dens.

But not now, said Senior Police Inspector (SPO)4 Samuel L. Manlongat, chief of the Vice Control Section (VCS) of the Pasay City Police Station.

Manlongat told *METRO POLICE CHRONICLE (MPC)* that his office had a successful campaign against vices in Pasay, including gambling, prostitution and other illegal activities.

"*Manaka-naka* (Once in a while)," commented Manlongat on the frequency of the occurrence of vices in his area of responsibility.

When this writer arrived at Manlongat's office, the latter was preparing his men for a raid in a depressed area where rampant "*tupada*" (illegal cockfighting) is reported being held.

"We are doing continuous operations," said Manlongat on how his office counters vices in Pasay.

He said that if the police stop operating against these vices these would proliferate.

Manlongat, with his five-man team battles vices with the support of the Intelligence and Special Operations Division (ISOD), headed by Supt. Arturo Tolentino.

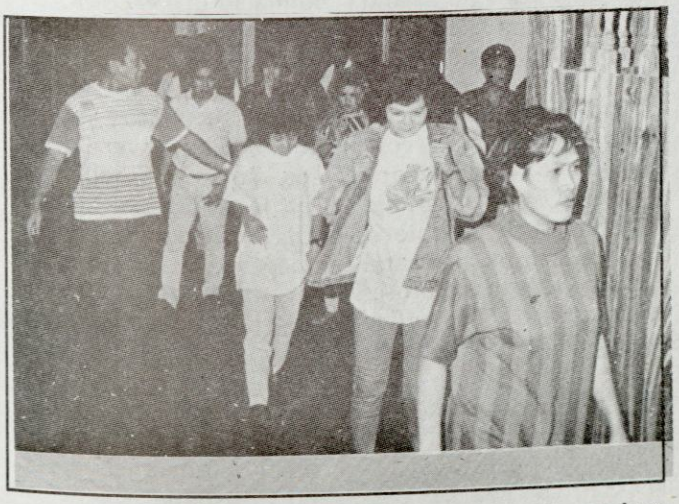
Unlike in the past, Manlongat reported that some 20 nightclubs were plying their trades today in the city.

On the prostitution fronts in Pasay Rotonda, Manlongat said his office had already recommended the closure of these establishments.

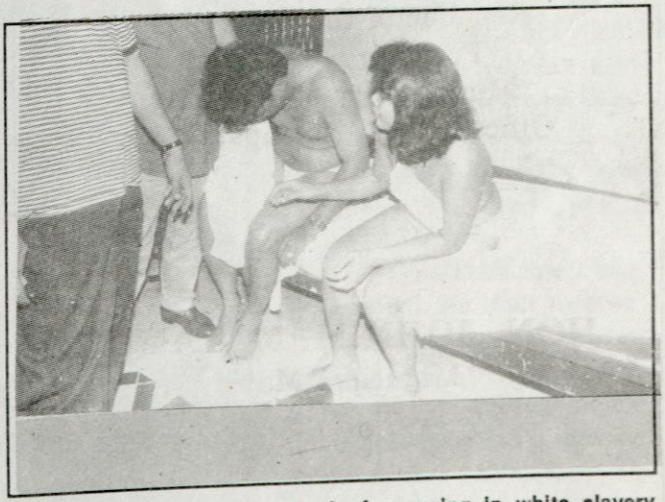
In the past, Rotonda beerhouses and restaurants maintained cubicles on the second floor of their firms utilizing these as prostitution fronts.

In these tabooed areas, customers and the women made their deals ending in going to motels within the city or other hotels in nearby Makati and other areas.

With the closure of these cubicles, police believed that white slavery



NO PERMITS. Policemen from the VCS herd lady waitresses from a nite spot who have no working permits.



TRAPPED. A woman suspected of engaging in white slavery (right) and a police asset are caught after they engaged in sexual intercourse in one of Pasay City's sauna bath parlors.



HOT GUNS. SP04 Samuel L. Manlongat (seated, right) questions the suspects of illegal possession of firearms charge inside his Vice Control Section office.

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would be minimized.

"But, we don't drop our guards (*Hindi kami tumitigil*)," said Manlongat.

"*Pag-nagraid kami, nagliliparan sila tulad ng mga kalapating mababa ang lipad* (If we conduct raids, they fly like low-flying doves)," said Manlongat.

"If there is no more heat from us, they return," said Manlongat on the strategy of the prostitutes and their maintainers.

But, he reported, there were no casas (big prostitution houses) in Pasay today. The dens are only houses, he added.

On gambling, he said, only "*larong lupa*" (small-time) ones occurred in the city, such as *cara y cruz* and *pusoy*. "Jueteng takes place in guerilla fashion," he claimed.

From January to April, 1994, the VCS had conducted 152 operations against illegal gambling, arresting 141 gamblers, charging 145 of them and filing 35 cases in the prosecutors office. The office seized P9,265.00 money bets.

On prostitution and vagrancy, VCS conducted 112 operations, arrested 125 suspects, charged 125 persons and filed 21 cases before the prosecutor's office.

On lewd shows, VCS conducted 118 operations, arrested 10 suspects, charged 10 and filed 10 cases before the prosecutor's office.

On working without permits, VCS conducted 74 operations, arrested 82 suspects, charged 75 of them and filed 10 cases.

Manlongat, 50, a native of Dagupan City, Pangasinan, was assigned as VCS chief on Sept. 1, 1992.

Prior to his present post, he was deputy chief of the anti-vice unit for many years. He was the assistant chief of Inspector Rodelio Vida and SPO4 Angelito Lacap.

He became a policeman in October 1972, when he was appointed by Pasay City Mayor Pablo Cuneta to be a peace officer.

Manlongat has notched 22 years of continuous police service.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Ortañez University in 1989. He took up his secondary from the Pasay City High School in 1961 and his primary education from the Jose Rizal Elementary School in 1957.

He finished his police basic course at the Integrated National Police Training Center in Fort Bonifacio in 1977.

He is a Police Officer 3rd Class eligible.

Manlongat has worked under six Pasay police chiefs. They were Brig. Gen. Rolando Siquijor, Lt. Col. Jesus Garcia, Lt. Col. Rogelio Domingo, Lt. Col. Prospero Barcenas, Lt. Col. Geronimo delos Santos, and Lt. Col. Vicente Raval, Jr.

He is happily married to Emerlita Manlongat. They have three sons, namely Emmanuel, Joseph and Christian.

—W. IRINCO

SPO4 Danilo R. Tuazon

Top Makati sleuth nabs serial rapist

By WILLIE IRINCO

A CAR plate number jotted down by a woman victim led investigators under Senior Police Officer (SP0)4 Danilo R. Tuazon, chief of the Detective Unit (DU) of the Makati Police Station, to arrest a serial rapist preying on innocent victims along Ayala Ave. in Makati.

SP04 Tuazon said the alertness of the victim in writing down the car plate number was the breakthrough in the investigation of the rape cases occurring in Ayala Ave. since four years ago.

After she got the plate number of the four-door Nissan Sentra Sedan, Tuazon and his men went to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) tracing down the car-owner.

An Indian businessman was the first owner of the car. But the Indian sold it to another man, who according to the trader's son, could be seen along Leon Guinto St., and Taft Ave.

Tuazon and his probers patiently put under surveillance the area for two days until about 5 a.m. on March 21, 1994, when they invited the suspect at Zobel Roxas St. fitting the description given by the victim.

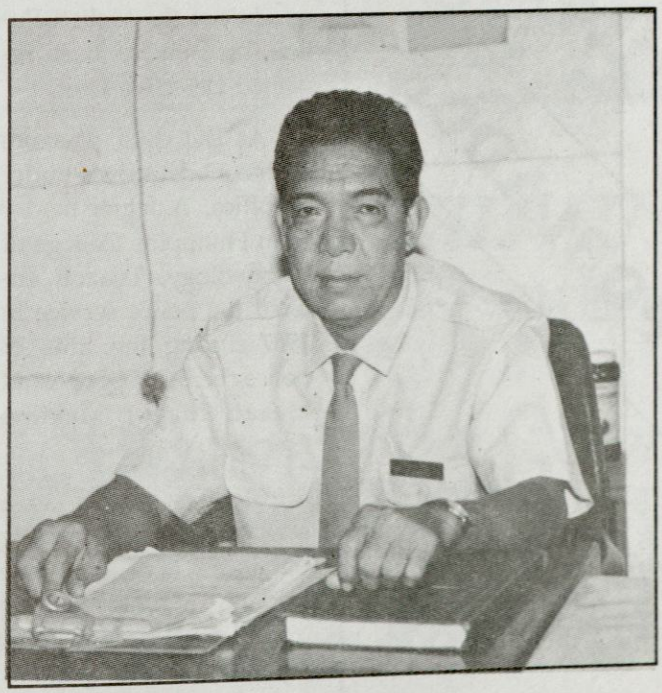
The suspect was identified as Rene Almanzor y Roxas, 35, a trainor-consultant of the John Clemens Recruitment Agency based in Ayala Ave., Makati.

Almanzor is now detained at the Makati jail, after he was charged in a Makati court with one rape and two counts of acts of lasciviousness.

The suspect raped a woman employee in Greenbelt Park, Makati and committed acts of lasciviousness on two women in San Antonio Village and Ayala Ave.

Tuazon said the modus operandi of Almanzor, in a coat and tie, was to drive his Nissan Sentra Sedan car along Ayala Ave.

Then, as soon as he saw a young woman, Almanzor would ask her, if she knew the location of La Salle University.



He would then open his car's door and pretend that he was suffering from heart attack. "He will ask the woman to bring him to a hospital," Tuazon related.

But as soon as the woman entered the car, Almanzor would point his gun at her. The victim could not open the doors, because these have destroyed locks and openers. The vehicles windows are also tinted.

Then Almanzor would bring the victim to a secluded area in the Greenbelt Park and abused her.

These occurred at about 6 p.m. after office hours. The suspect also raped women every three days.

Tuazon said the suspect was intelligent, and a psychiatrist.

When the suspect was arrested, he tried to bluff Tuazon by claiming he was also arbitrarily detained.

But the three women victims came and positively identified Almanzor as their rapist and molester.

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Tuazon said that after the woman victim entered the suspect's car, the woman was ordered to remove her panty.

The suspect started to touch the private parts of the victim, who, however, fought off the assault shouting in the process.

The suspect panicked and allowed the victim to get out of the car. This was the time the victim jotted the suspect's plate number.

Tuazon said the suspect was a homosexual. He suspected that the rapist was a sex pervert who wanted to hurt women to avenge his lack of love from his mother.

The mother is now 67 years old, but she has still a paramour, Tuazon said.

The suspect is still a bachelor.

A native of Hagonoy, Bulacan, Tuazon was the former chief of the Follow-up Unit of the Makati Police. The unit has been renamed Detective Unit.

As DU chief, Tuazon, 50, has 13 detectives under his office. A degree holder from Philippine College of Criminology, Tuazon entered the police service in 1967 during the time of police chief Col. Mateo and Makati Mayor Maximo Estrella.

He has served as a Makati policeman during the times of Mayor Jose Luciano, Mayor Nemesio Yabut and now Mayor Jejomar C. Binay.

He belongs to a family of policemen. His father was the late Lt. Severino Tuazon.

Tuazon cherished his stint with the intelligence division of he Southern Police District under the baton of then P/Brig. Gen. Fernando Angara, in 1987.

During the time, a commander of the New People's Army (NPA) surrendered to him and Sgt. Benjie Sumang, now assigned to the municipal jail.

He was then under Major Juanillo, now with the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

As a member of the SPDC intel unit, Tuazon participated in the solution of robbery cases perpetrated by the notorious 15-member Spider Gang robbing bodegas, houses and other establishments.

The gang used ropes and hooks in climbing and burglarizing their target houses.

Tuazon also was a member of a composite team of SPD, Philippine Air Force, and Central Bank agents who raided the Saudi Publishing Center near old Manila International Airport.

The publishing center printed fake P10-million worth of P50 bills and other monetary denominations.

Former B/Gen. Angara led the raid on the printing press, owned by Jack Lao. Lao and many of his employees were arrested.

The assault came after two weeks of surveillance, Tuazon said. Commotion occurred during the raid as the security guards watching the area attempted to fight back. But they were overpowered by the raiders.

Tuazon was also a member of a Makati police team, which arrested 34 armed rebel soldiers and civilians retreating after the failed December 1989 coup d' etat along Ayala Ave.

Tuazon and the team were manning a checkpoint when the putschists were nabbed.

The 50-foot-6-inch tall and 147 pounds Tuazon is a recipient of a Medalya ng Kahusayan and 31 commendations.

His police training includes a Police Basic Course at the Regional Police Training Center in Camp Panopio, Quezon City and a Supervisory Course at the National Capital Region Training Center at Fort Bonifacio, Makati.

His eligibilities were Patrolman Municipality (1966), Patrolman Chartered City (1967), Police Officer 3 (1988) and Police Officer 2 (1989).

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SPO4 EDGARDO B. MENDOZA
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SPO4 EUFEMIA T. MENDOZA

Their friendship ended in marriage

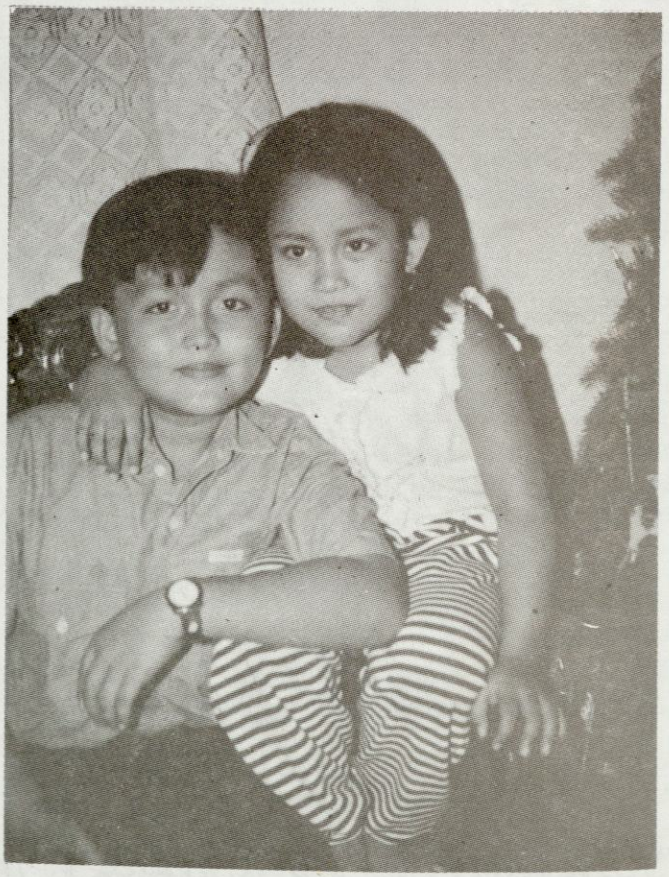




NO SPARKS flew; there were no sparkling eyes from mutual attraction when they first met at the Taguig police station some years ago.

They (SPO4 EDGARDO B. MENDOZA and SPO4 EUFEMIA TAGLE MENDOZA) took a liking for each other as friends, as *barkadas* with other members of their profession sometime in 1989.

Femmy Mendoza said their love and caring for each other was just "nadevelop" in the course of their friendship when they enjoyed each other's company with the rest of their



The two lovely children of the Mendozas — GIAN CARLO and PATRICIA MARGARITA

gang.

And as is well established, proximity with a person evolves concern and later caring. Thus it happened to Egay Mendoza who later paid serious courtship to then 27-year old Femmy, daughter of a former top-ranking Pasay police officer who was chief of the investigation division.

Femmy comes from a family of police officers. She has a brother, Inspector Eladio Tagle, who is with the Muntinglupa police station.

When asked if her mother did not object to Egay's courting her and ultimately marrying her, Femmy said, "No. In fact my husband is my Mother's favorite son in law."

Which is quite rare because as shown by previous installments of this series on police couples, mothers of daughters whose fathers were former policemen were invariably vociferous against their own daughters getting hitched to another cop.



SPO4 Eufemia T. Mendoza stands at ramrod attention as Vice Pres. and PACC tophoncho Erap Estrada pins a medal on her chest for outstanding achievement as a lady cop.

According to SPO4 Femmy Mendoza, who is OIC of the Taguig Police Station's Women's desk, she's under her husband being the chief of the SID.

Femmy happily told MPC that what evolved between them was very natural to happen between friends.

And when Egay really started seriously paying court to his professional colleague they were more or less already familiar with each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"Typical police style

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ang pangliligaw niya," Femmy described her husband's way of laying siege to her heart.

"Yon bang paregalo-regalo. Padalaw-dalaw sa bahay," she explained about the "typical police style."

"I do deeply trust him. Otherwise I wouldn't have married him," she giggly said when apprised of the fact that most male cops were notorious for skirt-chasing.

Egay when told of his wife's absolute trust in his fidelity was most happy and in effect said that his wife's trust was never misplaced.

Their happy union is blessed with two lovely children, Patricia Margarita born 02 April 1988 and Gian Carlo born 17 Oct. 1984.

He also confirmed his wife's viewpoint that their marriage is the success that it is because their courtship stemmed from their long friendship which makes for a most stable marriage later on.



Femmy Mendoza cherishes this photo where she is shown (second from right) with the late lady police heroine Rose Lacay of Makati police when they demonstrated their steady nerves and eagle eyes during a Carlsbert sponsored shootfest. Others in photo are, from right, are Rep. Roy Golez, retired top cop Ramon Montano, and now CID commissioner Manuel Roxas.

Another factor that could have helped their happy marital union even at the beginning was the fact that both of them were already mature when they decided to get hitched way back in 1982. Femmy was 27 years old and Egay was in his early thirties.

The 5'2" comely policewoman mother of two is a Markmanship Medalist. She got that medal for being a deadshot in 1983 by authority of the then commandant of the Integrated National Police Training Center.

This medal ascribing firearms proficiency and expertise is just one of several attesting to her being a highly qualified and efficient law enforcer.

Among her other medals are *Medalya ng Kasanayan,* three *Medalya ng Papuri* and others.

Femmy also has more than two dozens letters of commendation, plaques of appreciation from various awarders including the Taguig town executive.

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The Pasay city born career lady cop is a holder of a BS in Criminology from the PCCR where she graduated in 1976. Before she became a cop, she was already a civilian employee in the Muntinglupa INP.

She got into the police service in Taguig due to attrition and therefore there was no vacancy at the town where she grew up and spent her early school days.

Starting from the basic police course upon entrance to the service, Femmy has undertaken several highly specialized studies/courses aimed at making a career police officer a top notch in law enforcement.

Among these studies she has completed were Forensic Photography, and Law Enforcement photography, criminal investigation for supervisors, criminal investigation, Operation of women's desk and many others such as seminars on narcotic investigation, etc.

When Femmy finished a seminar/workshop in the Women's Desk she cross-trained with Criminal Investigation held at the SPDC Feb. March this year, she romped off on top of her class of 35 participants. She got a general average of 91.66%.

For this feat she got one of her valued commendations from no less than SPDC director Romy Peña who said: "This admirable accomplishment speaks well of your diligence and attention to your studies".

She is also a registered criminologist aside from having eligibilities as Police Officer 3 and PO2.

She was born 16 September.



SPO4 Edgardo B. Mendoza, in gala uniform receives an award as PNP Non-commissioned police officer of the year during the 2nd PNP anniversary rites. Handing over the award is former PC chief Godofredo Mendoza.

SPO4 EDGARDO B. MENDOZA, chief, SID, Police Station 6, SPDC, Taguig, Egay, as friends fondly call the loving husband and father police officer, hails from Infanta, Quezon where he was born 22 March 1951.

He got into the police service on 16 Aug. 1978 and intended to join the Pasig police but there was no slot available so he opted to join his present station though he would have preferred to serve at the town where he spent his elementary

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and high school days. He completed more than the required number of collegiate units at the San Sebastian College in Manila though his biodata did not state what course he was taking.

As SOP with new recruits he also has taken the tough Police Basic police course upon enlistment.

From there on he also has undertaken firearms proficiency markmanship training; anti-carnap operations; anti-arson investigation, special task force action group training, rifle markmanship, narcotics detecting course and other similar tough studies courses geared at making one who has pledged his future to the hazardous law enforcement profession must go through to emerge near the ideal of what a cop should be.

His police career which spans more than a decade of dedicated service encompasses being a investigator from 1978 to 1980 and up to 1984 when he also was into covert operations being an intel member. Then he became chief of the intel division up to his promotion or transfer as chief of the SID.

He also has PO3 and PO2 eligibilities.

Among his numerous service connected medals were five efficiency medals; five *Medalya ng Papuri*. He was also EPD policeman of the year 1986; noncom police officer of the year awardee by the South Capcom and also was NCR Policeman of the year in 1993 also from the regional director of the South Capcom. He also has a *Medalya ng Katapangan* Medal from The Regional Director, South Capcom last 29 Dec. 1992.

Egay was awarded the *Medalya ng Katapangan* for "gallantry in action as team member of a special team of lawmen who went after and bagged the notorious gang of ex-Sgt. Leopoldo C. Tongson during a series of precise raids in various hideouts in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

The citation for the medal stated: "SPO4 Mendoza's and his team members' professional competence and bravery significantly contributed to the uplift of the PNP image, professionalization and credibility of the police organizaton, thus earning lasting honor and prestige not only for themselves but also for the whole Philippine National Police."

In 1991 his town mayor also honored him with a Plaque of Merit for being the town's most outstanding policeman.

And last March this year he was accorded the same honor by the Taguig town executive. ●

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NBI FILES

By Willy Irinco



Case of the illegal flesh trader

Republic Act (RA) 6955 prohibits the matching of Filipino women for marriage with foreigners on a mail-order basis.

But despite this law, Thelma Tienzo, 32, of 116 Sampaguita St., Sitio Militar, Bahay Toro, Quezon city, turned mail-order brides into a profitable livelihood.

Consequently Tienzo was arrested by agents of the Interpol Division of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) on Oct. 7, 1993, when a woman and a friend were offered to find prospective husbands in Germany.

NBI probe showed that sometime in May, 1993, Tienzo struck a deal with complainant Marilyn Jimenez and another young woman to seek future husbands in Germany.

Tienzo assured Jimenez and the other woman that her sister-in-law Edna Galli would act as the contact person who would coordinate the deal in Germany.

The arrangement, however, involved a fee to be given to Tienzo.

According to the deal, Jimenez and her friend will be scheduled to go to Germany after they have chosen their desired German husbands-to-be.

Jimenez and her friend are supposed to leave within a week after arrangements have been finalized for their travel to Germany to meet face-to-face their future husbands.

But by October 1993, the NBI received information from the Philippine Embassy in Bonn, Germany on the illegal activities of Tienzo and her sister-in-law, Galli.

NBI agents put Tienzo and Galli under surveillance and when their illicit operations were confirmed, a search warrant was applied for and was issued by Judge Vicente Hidalgo of the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 37.

Later NBI operatives raided Tienzo's house in Quezon City.

Tienzo was later charged with violation of RA 6955 otherwise known as Anti-Mail Order Bride Law.

In another interesting case, NBI's Interpol agents arrested a Tondo-based illegal recruiter who sent

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many Filipinas to Singapore to work as club receptionists, but ended up as prostitutes on Sept. 2, 1993.

Arrested was Virginia Caillan y Consolacion, alias Viring, 38, vendor of 708 Laong Nasa St., Tondo, Manila.

A partner-in-crime identified as Josephine Caillan Lim of Maypajo, Caloocan City, remained at large.

Investigation disclosed that five of the complainants, all below legal age from Luzon and Visayas, were recruited by Caillan and Lim last may and July 1993 to work as receptionists in a Singapore club.

But, when the complainants arrived in Singapore, they were herded to a place called People's Park, where they were forced to engage in sex with different partners. Lim and her Singaporean husband threatened them to do it.

Last August 15, 1993, two of the complainants escaped from Makenze R.D. Hotel and Restaurant, where they were housed by Lim.

The two Filipinas went to the Philippine Embassy and complained on their predicament. Later the two were repatriated to the Philippines on August 25, 1993.

The NBI Interpol filed charges of illegal recruitment, violation of the Labor Code and white slave trade against the suspects before the Manila prosecutor's office.

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A continuing search for knowledge has become a necessity to assure continuity in the growth of the agency and for the economic progress of the country. In this complex and highly competitive environment of today, employees of any organization must be prepared to meet the enormous challenges if the organization wants to survive.

Private enterprises, as well as some government agencies, are today providing opportunities for their employees to learn new skills and keep abreast with latest technology and trends in quality management for their professional growth and development. Thus, in addition to the on-the job trainings, workshops, seminars and scholarships conducted, educational support programs are also established to increase the level of productivity of its employees and prepare them for positions of greater responsibilities.

An organization which aims to make its manpower effective should create a means for harnessing and releasing human energies, talents and knowledge (Lynch, 1971). Man is the most versatile resource available to the organization yet many of the existing practices in relation to personnel administration tend to limit rather than release human abilities. Thus, human resource development program shall be a priority of any organization.

Pursuant to Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13 s. 1992, all government agencies are directed to establish an Education Support Program for their employees.

Objectives

Thus, this proposal, THE NAPOLCOM EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM shall be established in order to assist the employees to upgrade their educational levels and to give them the opportunities to qualify for appointment to higher appointive positions.

Specifically, this Educational Support Programs aims to:

1. Financially assist permanent employees of the Commission who want to complete their bachelor's degree and/or pursue post graduate studies. Preference shall be given to employees who are holding the positions of Assistant Division Chief.
2. Select the most qualified among applicants who would like to avail of the program;
3. Monitor performance of program beneficiaries in school; and



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4. Ensure re-payment to the Commission of amounts advanced for program beneficiaries, tuition fees and other expenses.

Methodology/Strategy

Once approved by the Commission, the program shall be invisibly disseminated among the personnel of the central and regional offices to generate awareness and encourage availment of the said program. The Human Resource Management Division (HRMD), shall be the Office of Priority Responsibility (ORS) for the processing of applications, evaluation and selection of program beneficiaries and the implementation of the program.

Guidelines for Implementation

A. Qualification of Beneficiaries/Grantees

1. Permanent employees holding first or second level positions who have been in the government service for at least five (5) years;
2. Must not be more than 45 years of age at the time of enrollment;
3. Must have obtained a general average of at least 2 or 85% in the baccalaureate degree;
4. Must have been rendering satisfactory service and have not been criminally nor administratively charged.

B. Responsibilities of the Grantees/Beneficiaries

1. The grantee must enroll in a relevant field of study at the collegiate and higher levels of studies of his/her choice.
2. Each beneficiary shall enroll for not less than nine (9) academic units per semester and not less than six (6) units during summers. In no case, however shall the grantee be allowed more than three (3) years, from the date of original enrollment to finish the course.
3. Each scholar shall be required to submit periodic progress report of his/her studies to the vice Chairman/Executive Officer thru the Director, Administrative Service. This report shall contain the following information:
   a. Where the scholar is enrolled and the subjects enrolled in at the beginning o the semester;
   b. Subjects completed with the corresponding grades and weights in units, at the end of every semester;
   c. Other related matters pertinent to the scholarship which shall be required from time to time by the vice Chairman/Executive Officer.
4. Must maintain a grade of not less than 1.75 or 90% in each subject.
5. For those grantees pursuing graduate courses, the requested research proposals (thesis) to be prepared shall deal on subject matters related to the improvement of the Philippine National Police.

B. Responsibilities of the Office Concern

The Human Resource Management Division (HRMD), Administrative Service shall be responsible in monitoring the implementation of the program and shall submit periodic report to the Vice-Chairman.

The HRMD shall evaluate and screen applicant on the basis of the criteria mentioned in the program.

The Commission shall sponsor a maximum of ten

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(10) scholars at any one time for every academic year. This means that if the Commission has ten grantees already enrolled under the program, it may again sponsor scholars only after all or any of the ten grantees shall have been either graduated or dropped from the study grant for valid reasons.

The Librarian should assist the grantees in their researches by giving them priority in the use of the library materials and in loaning books from other libraries.

C. Funding Source

A contract shall be drawn by the Commission and the grantees/employees on the manner of repayment of the amount advanced for tuition fees and other related expenses. Payment shall be deducted from the payroll in equal six (6) monthly installments to start on the succeeding month upon enrollment. In case of default on the part of the employees to refund the amount advanced by the Commission, such payments shall be deducted from any money which may accrue to the employees in the course of employment.

E. Recognition of Performance

The employee who graduated with academic honors shall not be required to refund the money advanced by the Commission as a form of recognition for, exemplary performance.

Coordinating Instructions

Lateral coordination shall be effective between and among Commission offices to ensure effective implementation of the Educational Support Program.

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(**Editor's Note:** *As anywhere else in the world, in this country, people believe in the universal principle that children are our most important assets, and should get the best of care. But the pressures imposed by adverse socio-political and economic forces have pushed an increasing number of children into a life of deprivation and criminality. Moreover, policemen who are supposed to protect everybody — especially children — have been found wanting in the proper ways and skills in handling children involved in various infractions. The following article, a reprint from the "Police Handbook on the Management of Cases of Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances," will be very useful to our lawmen.)*

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b. Investigation/Interviewing

Investigation, specifically interviewing, is an important aspect of the job of every law enforcer. He constantly interviews the child, parents, witnesses and other persons vital to the case. The experiences that are imprinted in the minds of these children will depend greatly upon how competent, efficient and considerate he is in conducting the interview. The following guidelines will helpthe police in carrying out the investigation efficiently and effectively.

- In no case should a child be investigated by the police or a statement be extracted from him in the absence of his parents, guardian or social worker. In their presence, the child shall be informed of his constitutional rights to remain silent and to counsel in a language that is clearly understood by the child, the parents, guardian or relatives. Such investigations should be

conducted within the legal detention period.

• In no case should deceit, false promises or intimidation, or harsh treatment be employed against the child during the investigation process.

• Third degree methods of physical punishment or any device that will tend to affect the physical and mental health of the youth should never be used.

• In interviewing the child, there should be sufficient privacy, avoiding unnecessary interruptions as much as possible. The child should feel comfortable in a separate interview room.

The following are basic techniques in interviewing the child which have proven successful and therefore can guide policemen in developing better skills in this important responsibility.

The police officer should:

• *Treat the child with consideration.* Remember the child thinks of you and your conduct may influence his/her future attitude to be informed or to be oppsed to social and legal requirements.

• *Be friendly.* Many children feel that the world is against them. Do not let your conduct further the development of an anti-social attitude in the child. Many children are discouraged to face life, feeling that they have lost the chance for a better future.

• *Try to gain the child's confidence and respect.* If the child believes in you, it will be easy to get the information from him.

• *Identify himself properly.* Give your name and rank so that the child knows exactly who you are. This will help facilitate the interview.

• *Be prepared for the interview.* Try to get the details of the offense and significant knowledge about others who may have been involved. Look into the family situation.

• *Conduct and initial interview as soon as possible after arrest or detention of the child.* This will demonstrate your interest and prevent the child from making up an alibi.

• *Tell the child of his willingness to help.* If the child knows of your constructive aims, he will cooperate. He needs to know that you are interested and concerned for his welfare.

• *Discover the child's problems.* If your are able to know his problems, you may be able to help him.

• *Talk his language.* Use simple expression than can be easily understood. Avoid using technical terms. If possible, use the vernacular or the child's dialect.

• *Encourage the child to do most of the talking.* You can learn more about him when you talk less. Most children respond readily to a person who shows interest in their abilities, attitudes, habits, etc. Discuss a common interest like sports or other activities that interest him most. This will help him feel at ease and comfortable.

• *Be a good listener.* Concentrate on the interview so that the child will feel that you are deeply concerned. Avoid turning your attention to another person or any detail while the interview is in progress.

• *Be patient and firm.* Do not expect to settle every case in record time. Anticipate a certain amount of resistance and avoid pressing for the facts. You can appeal to the child's intelligence reason and sense of fairness.

• *Respect the child's personality.* Treat him/her as a person of worth and dignity, and as a human being with problems that need your support and understanding.

• *Allow the child to write his/her story.* This may prevent resistance which the child may likely manifest during the interview. Leave the child alone to do this for as long as you are certain of security measures.

The police officer should not:

• *Resort to vulgarity or profanity.* This will humiliate the child all the more, directly affecting his already battered self-esteem.

• *Brand the child.* Words such as thief, liar, burglar, etc., should never be used toward the child nor shouls such terms be used in reference to him/her in the presence of other people. The use of such words toward the child reflect the character and intelligence of the police.

• *Lose his temper.* The police should be patient.

• *Use physical force.* Rough treatment does not gain respect but tends to develop greater hostility.

• *Take notes immediately.* The practice of interviewing while typing does not help the child feel totally accepted. In taking down notes, the most important data to be established and validated is the age of the child. This should be based on the given birth, or in case of doubt, refernce should be made from available records, such as school records and such other documents.

In cases that do not require action, proper and immediate referrals should be made which should stte what further help is needed by the child such as casework services or other interventions.

c. Fingerprinting

The contention that figerprinting can have a traumatic effect on the child is without merit unless the child is a first offender.

If there is reasonalbe cause to believe that the child in police custody is likely to repeat his offense, or if the offender is a habitual runaway, fingerprinting is necessary to provide identification records for future comparison. Fingerprint files have their

greatest value in the case of recidivists.

Fingerprints of the child should be classified as "civilian" and not in the same category as adult offender.

Detention is the temporary care of the child in a physically restricting facility pending court disposition and/or while awaiting transfer to a rehabilitation center. Detention is for children who have committed offenses and for whom secure custody is required for their own or the community's protection. The following guidelines should be considered in the detention of a child alledged as an offender.

- As much as possible, detention should be avoided. If the parents cannot be found within a reasonable period of time or, if after consulting with the parents and evaluating the conditions at home, the police deems that the best interest of the child or the safety of the community warrants the child's detention, the officer should take the child either to court or to the detention home designated by the court.

- The police should always consult the Senior Social Worker of the DSWD who shall conduct a study of the case and plan the best intervention for the youth.

- If the child is attending school and detention is warranted, the school authorities should be notified immediately. Otherwise, arrangements should be made to avoid interruption of the child's schooling. In instances where the child can be released on recognizance pending trial—and the court grants such a motion—the parents, guardian or a responsible member of the community shall be responsible for the child's appearance on the dates ordered by the court.

- Children should be provided with a separate detention home. If this is not possible, they should at least be kept separately from adults.

- Female child offenders should always be separated from the male child offenders.

- Child offenders, aged 10-13, should be kept separately from older ones if accommodation allows.

Every phase of the detention program should contribute to the treatment process. A trained social worker or a trained policeman should help the other staff in managing the detention center of separate cell to ensure that appropriate methods are used with the child. The following will help guide the police assigned in detention centers:

- Police attitude in handling the child in detention centers is crucial. He should be considerate and understanding while, at the same time, maintaining resoluteness in enforcing policies inside the center.

- The center or room should be free from all factors detrimental to the development of the child. It should have adequate space, proper ventilation, and enough water supply.

- The center should have a separate room or space for socialization, indoor games and other activities.

- Varied activities like sports, skills training, livelihood projects, alternative education, and other constructive activities should be initiated. For alternative education and skills training, coordination with the Bureau of Non-Formal Education of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and the National Manpower and Youth Council should be made.

- The child's health should be one of the primary concerns of the center. The services of a physician from the Department of Health (DOH) should be requested so that health problems of the child can be attended to immedately. "Tatooing" should be strictly prohibited.

- The police should coordinate with the nearest DSWD Senior Social Worker in providing social casework or groupwork inside the detention center. Joint management of cases between the police and the social worker should be observed.

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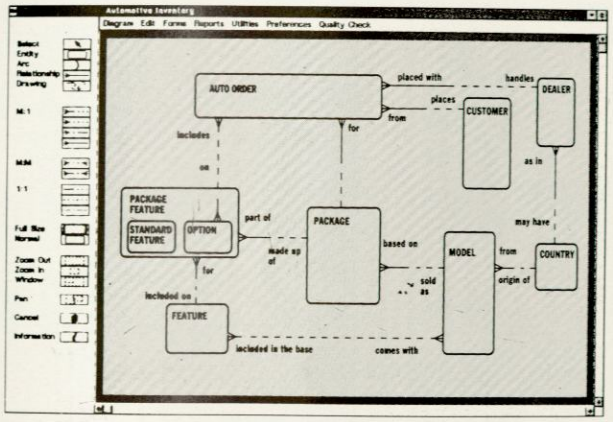

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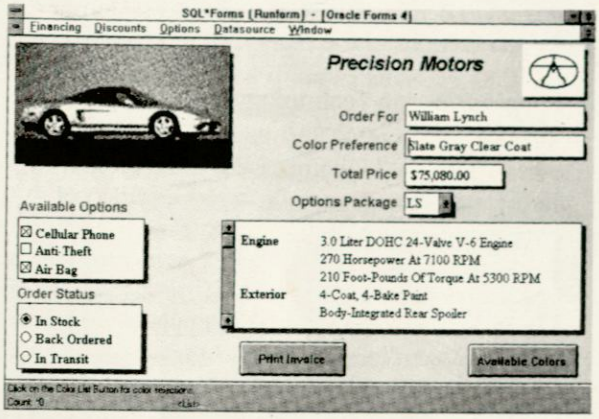

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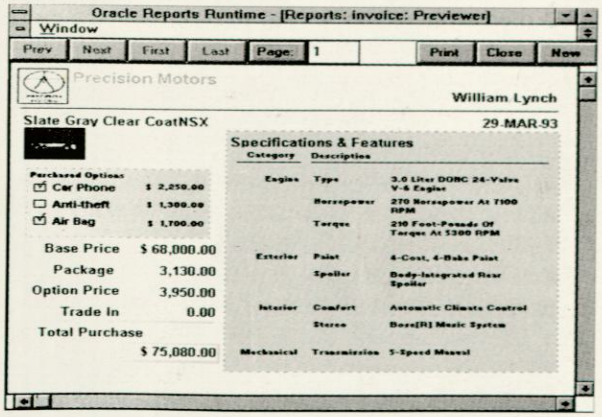

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