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BEWARE! Applicants For Wiring Permit

By Ben O. Flores

Beware: Applicants for Electrical Wiring Permit, otherwise you will be victimized by human vultures at the Office of the City Electrician, headed by Jose Enriquez, in the same way our cousin and photographer Vic Oliver was victimized, as follows:

Ms. Delia Lazo of 39 Tamblot St., Proj. 4, QC asked Vic to apply for a wiring permit needed by Meralco before it would transfer the meter Ms. Lazo wanted to be relocated. The wiring needed to be installed to effect the transfer was less than two meters. The installation was done by an electrician

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STIRRING, INSPIRING SPEECH

Mathay Re-Assures City Hall Personnel on Salary Increases, Productivity and Loyalty Pays

By Ben O. Flores

We were elated to see Mayor Mathay re-appear at the flag-raising ceremonies last March 29 after having been absent in four or five previous Mondays since he assumed office as MMA Chairman. He said that as MMA Chairman, he had been on rotation as guest speaker at the flag-raising ceremonies of the three other cities and 13 municipalities of Metro Manila. He had to come that Monday of March 29 to induct into office the new City Treasurer, Alfredo D. Mercado.

Unity, Solidarity, Teamwork

The Mayor more than made up for his long absence by delivering a very stirring, vigorous and inspiring speech especially in the latter part when he appealed for re-commitment to public service under the President's slogan of "unity, solidarity and teamwork."

Mel was preceded by Councilor Galarpe, Majority

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GHOST PURCHASE

Ombudsman Orders Montiel, Agsalud, Et Al To Submit Respective Answers To Graft Charge

By Ben O. Flores

The Office of the Ombudsman has ordered the nine respondents against whom we had filed in October last year a complaint for violation of the Anti-Graft and Corruption Law to submit their respective answers.

The respondents are led by Rolando Montiel, Chief of the General Services Office (GSO) under the previous administration and Elizardo Agsalud, who was Secretary to Mayor Simon but was demoted to Chief, Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office (CTAO), from which he resigned with the coming of the present administration but is reportedly back as a P12,000/mo. Consultant.

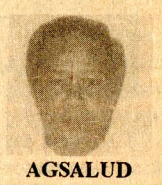
The other respondents are: Perlita Gruba, Tourism Officer I, CTAO; Artemio Mascariña, Fiscal Examiner II, Fiscal Control Unit; Dolores Bobila, Chief Supply Officer, GSO; Mercedes Tarrobal, Supply Officer III, GSO; Catalino Aquino, Procurement Division Chief, GSO; Iluminada Fajardo, Building and Equipment Maintenance Division Chief, GSO; and Alicia de Leon, who posed as the Proprietor/Manager of a ghost establishment.

Ghost Purchase

The complaint has to do with a ghost purchase of about P200,000 worth of materials (21 items) allegedly used in the construction of 90 arches which were used in the Santa Cruzan held in Cubao on May 3, 1991 sponsord by the Cultural and Tourism Office then headed by Agsalud as Officer-in-Charge.



MONTIEL



AGSALUD

Of the 13 documentary evidences (ANNEXES A to M) we submitted to support our complaint, the most positive is a spurious Abstract of Price Quotations prepared by Agsalud after having allegedly caused the canvass of three alleged business establishments which we checked at their given addresses and found to be non-existent.

P50,000 Bribe

But what convinced us even more than the 13 documentary evidences did that there was something fishy with the Abstract

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FLASH

In this, our banner story, we state that we have not yet received copies of the respondents' respective answers. This was true at the time we submitted this story to our printer for typesetting. Very much later, however, we received, one after the other, copies of the answers of Agsalud, Bobila, Tarrobal, Montiel, Fajardo and Aquino in that order. It was too late to make the necessary correction. Since the case is already *subjudice*, we can not discuss said belatedly received answers. Suffice it to say that these answers miserably fail to refute the charge we have filed against respondents. They are full of irrelevancies, assertions without proof and conflicting statements. Obviously, respondents did not coordinate with one other in preparing their answers.

Incidentally, Agsalud's lawyer, the great Dean Antonio Coronel, Imelda's defender, is a fellow GI who is a good friend having once been our columnist when we were still Associate Editor of the *Capitol Mail* published and edited by the Burgoses, Jose Burgos, Sr. and Jr. Obviously, it was not Tony himself who prepared Agsalud's answer but one of his 14 associates. The great Coronel would not be stupid enough to include as an argument to refute the charge against his client the allegation that we have "an axe to grind" against Agsalud because he allegedly refused to "indorse a magazine" I wanted to publish. Agsalud is the *last* person we need to indorse any publishing undertaking of ours. We know his not very enviable record in City Hall. He was removed as Secretary to the Mayor by then Mayor Simon, floated around for some time, until Simon put him as OIC at the Cultural and Tourism Affais Office. He resigned when Mayor Mathay assumed office but, strangely enough, he is back as a Consultant at P12,000 per month. What a mockery!

Council Confirms Appointment Of City Administrator

The City Council has passed a resolution, introduced by Councilors Galarpe and Calalay, confirming the appointment of Dr. Manuel S. Alba by Mayor Mathay as City Government Department Head III (City Administrator).

WHEREAS, the position of City Administrator is co-terminus with the appointing authority;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, Hon. Ismael A. Mathay, Jr., has appointed a City Administrator in the person of Dr. Manuel S. Alba, a Ph.D. in Business Administration with specializations in Marketing, Management Science, Economics, and Social Psychology;

WHEREAS, Dr. Manuel S. Alba is best qualified to the position having been Minister of the Ministry of Budget and Management concurrently also a member of the then Batasang Pambansa;

WHEREAS, said positions are just among those positions he held in the government and in the private sector in the past years;

WHEREAS, said appointee authored several books, papers, articles and speeches on education, development, public policy, fiscal and budgetary matters and such other related subjects;

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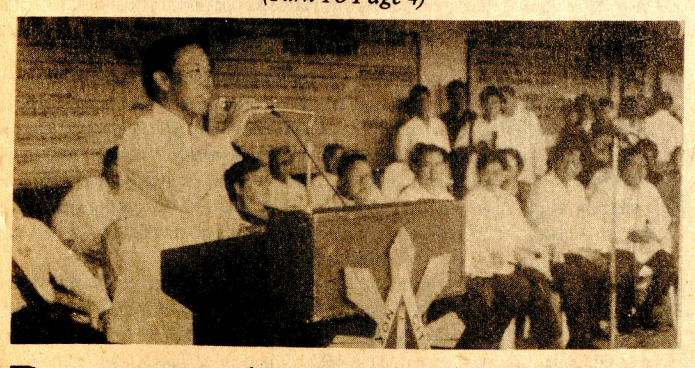

GROSS DISCOURTESY

A REDUNDANCY OF CONTRACTS

By Ben O. Flores

When you use more words than are needed, as when you say "repeat it again," that, in grammar, is a redundancy. When two contracts are awarded to two different contractors for the same job, that too is a redundancy of sorts. But unlike in grammer where the redundancy makes the statement more clear and emphatic, in the case of duplicated contracts, the redundancy could result in confusion and controversy.

This is precisely what has happened in the case of the asphalt-over-laying of 21st Avenue in Bgy. Tagumpay. The city government awarded a P735,890.44 contract for the job to Escudero Construction after a public bidding held on February 7, 1992.

Discourtesy

Through the intercession of then Congresswoman Nikki Coseteng, the Department of Public Works and Highways

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First Nine Months Of Mayor Mathay

(July 1992 – March 1993)

By:

Rosa C. Mercado and Rudy Andres

Public Affairs and Information Services Office

The Quezon City government "can look forward to some quantum leap as it builds on Mayor Ismael Mathay's achievements in his nine months in office."

Thus, concluded the document entitled "Meeting the Current Concerns and Building On for the Future: An Accomplishment Report of the Mathay Administration for the period July 1992–March 1993."

The report said that during the period, Mathay has arrested the stumbling blocks that have hampered the growth and progress of the city for years, undermining the welfare of its residents, through a 10-pronged action program anchored on his overriding objective to make Quezon City a truly deserving place to live in.

Declaring the need to build a responsive and efficient city administration, Mathay has initiated various reforms towards the betterment of traffic management, delivery of basic services, peace and order, education and business development, among others, according to the report.

The report stressed that these achievements are significant because "the fruition of the first six months of the Mathay administration were realized under a situation of serious financial constraint."

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Permanent Appointment Extended City Treasurer Mercado

A permanent appointment has been extended to ALFREDO D. MERCADO as QC Treasurer by the Secretary of Finance, Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr., pursuant to the recommendation of Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr.

The new City Treasurer, who hails from Puerto Princesa, Palawan, is an alumnus of Holy Trinity College from where he graduated with BSEE and BSC (Accounting Major) degrees and a Master's degree in Business Management.

He entered the government service in 1969 as Junior Deputy Provincial Treasurer in Puerto Princesa City and rose through the ranks. By 1988, he was already Assistant City Treasurer of Puerto Princesa, then the following year, he made a big leap to become OIC, Provincial Treasurer of Cavite City. He was promoted to Provincial Treasurer Cavite province in 1989 and held the position for two years until his transfer to Quezon City where he assumed office as OIC, City Treasurer on September 9, 1992, thence to his present position as City Treasurer.

The permanent appointment of City Treasurer Mercado was rec-

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Council Promotes Laude To Acting City Secretary

The appointment of Sotero O. Laude as Acting City Secretary has been confirmed by Resolution No. SP 74, S-93 of the City Council introduced by Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer Charito L. Planas and co-introduced by Councilors Galarpe and Calalay.

accorded the emoluments and privileges appurtenant to that position and for this reason an appointment was issued to Mr. Laude as Acting City Secretary effective January 1, 1993."

Laude rose through the ranks of the Office of the City Secretary



Justification for the confirmation is stated as follows:

". . . it is only fair that the official discharging the duties and responsibilities of a position be

starting in 1963 as Special Barrio Assistant, then Clerk, Action & Corresponding Clerk, Chief of Section, Legislative Researcher,

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Accomplishment Report: Vice Mayor Planas

January 1993 – March 1993

In consonance with her commitment for public service and for action, Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas renders a report of the accomplishments of her Office for the period January to mid-March 1993, with the following as highlights:

1. **On Urban Poor and Community Assistance and Development**

The Vice Mayor has undertaken continuing dialogues and consultations with the urban poor and depressed communities and the agencies to facilitate the installation of essential facilities under existing programs such as the Depressed Area Electrification Program of Meralco. She has also instituted dialogues under the Urban Housing Development Program for more information on benefits and procedures under existing government programs. She has served as mediating channel in the resolution of some disputes among some barangay officials. She has acted as facilitator and mediation point for many issues affecting the urban poor and those with no means to support or protect themselves, under services extended by appropriate units in her Office such as the Legal Assistance and Community Assistance Units.

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Standard FARE

by Ben O. Flores

Reiteration for Umpteenth Time

At the risk of being called "makulit," I am reiterating for the umpteenth time my suggestion that in fairness to my former star columnist and Councilor Miling's better half, Lea T. Castelo, the QC Hymn be sang in its English lyrics every now and then instead of being totally ignored and forgotten. Give credit where credit is due and, in this case, it can not be done by printed words alone. Only a vocal musical rendition of the hymn in its English words can do that. I am sure even the most fanatic advocate of Pilipino will not object, because, afer all, English and Pilipino are co-equal as national languages of the country. And one can not be less Filipino nor elss nationalistic just because he prefers to hear a song in English.

Even in the sessions of the Council which is presided over by the Vice Mayor to whom this suggestion is primarily addressed, she having been responsible for junking the Canseco hymn and reviving the Pajaro hymn at the flag raising ceremonies, English is predominantly used. Only my good friends Rey Calalay and Pingoy Lagumbay restrict themselves almost completely to Pilipino, but despite their ardent attachment to the language of Balagtas, I am sure they will have no objection to my suggestion that the QC Hymn be sang every now and then in its English lyrics.

This suggestion gains added relevance and timeliness with the introduction of two resolutions officially discarding the Canseco hymn and re-adopting the Pajaro compsoed hymn as the official hymn of the city. One of these resolutions has been introduced by Vice Mayor Planas herself with Rey as co-introducer. I suggest that the resolution be amended to include a provision making it mandatory that the QC Hymn be sang in its English lyrics every now and then. Incidentally, the title of the resolution can stand some improvement. I would suggest something like this: "Repealing Resolution No. NC 193, S-88 adopting the Canseco – composed hymn as the official QC Hymn and re-adopting the Pajaro-composed hymn as the official hymn of QC." Re-adopting, because, as pointed out in the resolution, the Pajaro-composed hymn "subsist(s) undisturbed and unsuperseded as (the official) QC Hymn" because Resolution No. NC 193, S-88 does not "provide for its repeal . . ."

"Magnifiene 7" at City Assessor's Office

When I read the front page news story, "Mathay warns fixers" by Brenda P. Tuazon, alleging the existence of a "Magnificent Seven" clique of fixers at the City Assessor's Office sabotaging the tax relief program, I immediately rushed to my good friend and tocayo, Assistant City Assessor Ben Kasala, and with mock outrage pointed an accusing finger at him as one of the "Magnificent Seven." Ben let out a loud guffaw and asked "What magnificent seven?" He said, they are not aware of any such saboteurs in the office. Wala silang *Kasala*-nan tungkol sa bagay na iyan.

Ben, an acorobic dancing enthusiast and a long-time partner in many a misadventure showed me a copy of the letter of his boss, City Assessor Constantino Rosas, to the Mayor giving his reaction to the Tuazon story. To the charge of poor realty tax collection, the letter gives the following statistics:

Realty Tax Collection	Real Property Assessment Valuation (Production)
1990 – P397,779,009.84	– P1,868,163,750.00
1991 – P466,821,890.90	– P3,055,195,630.00
1992 – P503,542,530.84	– P2,059,114,070.00

Collection target for 1993 is P650,000.000.00.

"This is yet the biggest realty tax collection performance in Metro Manila," the letter continues, "if not the highest tax collection efficiency at 85% in the country where the general average is 59%. We are proud to share with you these figures because you are a part of it as our inspiration and support."

$3,000 Scams

Did I say I am not a gossip-monger? Well, maybe I am – once in a blue moon. This item is pure gossip too saucy and novel not to be passed on. I got this from a lady friend in some office in City Hall.

It seems that there is this lady councilor of the past Council who likes to travel abroad. She had a scheme for raising funds for her junkets. Once in Taiwan, she went to the Philippine embassy and in a histrionic peformance that would have earned a Famas award, she wailed to the embassy officials that the $3,000 she had with her had been pickpocketed. Seeing the disgraught lady sobbing woefully, said officials, their sense of gallantry and sympathy aroused, managed to scrape up the equivalent of the pickpocketed amount and gave it to the alleged pickpocket victim. My informant said that the lady councilor repeated the scam at the Philippine embassy in Singapore.

There were four lady councilors in the past council. I'm not going to identify the councilor involved. You make your pick.

"Flyover ho' ba 'yan?"

Asked a lady who happened to be walking side by side with me towards City hall, pointing to the sidewalk cover under construction.

"No, mam," I said, "that is to protect us, City Hall employees and visitors to City Hall like you, from rain, so we wont catch cold."

In my editorial (which was written before this), I was thinking only of us, City Hall employees, which is why I questioned the urgency of the "flyover" and said in jest that we should have been provided instead with umbrellas at far far less cost to the city goverment. But, on second thought, I guess the "flyover" can be justified in the name of public service for the protection of visitors to City Hall like this lady who thought she was seeing a flyover.

Still, I wonder, if I had asked the lady which she would have preferred: Two schools buildings which P7.8 million could build or the "flyover", was there not a good chance she would have answered school buildings?

Bogus Health Certificates

If the expose of Councilor Samson is correct that health certificates were being sold at the Sanitation Division without the necessary medical examination, then there must be hundreds of bogus health certificates in the hands of food handlers and massage attendants who now pose a health hazard to the public. It is suggested, therefore, that all health certificates be recalled and the holders required to get new ones, this time not by buying them but by undergoing the necessary medical examinations.

Speaking of bogus health certificates, I'm told that in Manila the racket is different. It is not the health certificate itself that is sold. What is sold is human feces and urine to applicants for health certificate who come without these specimens for examination. The donors are mostly squatters from depresed areas who find the occupation quite profitable.

Fair Warning To Pat Dumlao

Two and a half years ago, I transmitted to Dumlao the complaint of a "Concerned Citizen" about a big building at the corner of Natib and Arayat Sts. in Cubao owned by a certain Oscar Reyes and his wife, Ms. Felisa Rovita de Reyes. The building is divided into many rooms of various sizes and rented to the tenants who occupy them. The complaint claims that the owners have no leasor's permit. Time and again, I have asked Dumlao to furnish me a report of the investigation which, I understand, he had ordered. But after more than two years of asking, he has completely ignored me. He should not blame me if I suspect that the reason he does not want to make a report is that the investigation has resulted in a profitable whitewash or areglo. If Dumlao continues to refuse to make a report, I am giving him this fair warning: I will file action against him for violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the "Rules Implementing the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees."

An Impotent Anti-Graft Ordinance

Authored by Council Michael T. Defensor, an ordinance supposedly designed to prevent graft and corruption perpetrated in connection with infrastructure projects has been enacted by the Council.

The ordinance "ordains authorized contractors to post information on all public works and infrastructure projects within the City 15 days after the finalization of the contracts therefore," the information to include the following:

1) Name of projects; 2) Name of contracting company; 3) Total amount of funds allocated therefore and the estimated cost of the project; and 4) Performance time alloted thereto.

The signboard must be four by four feet for projects costing less than a million pesos and at least four feet by eight feet for projects costing more than a million pesos.

Penalty for non-compliance: P5,000 fine or imprisonment of not more than one year or both, at the discretion of the court.

When this ordinance was filed by Councilor Defensor, we hailed him "for being the first in both the old and new Council to join the fight against graft and corruption,: but **not** for the merit of the ordinance, which we consider not potent enough to achieve its purpose of preventing graft and corruption. The information required for posting by the ordinance has very little preventive force. As pointed out by the Presiding Officer herself during the discussion of the ordinance, the posted information should include the cost of the project as estimated by the Engineering Office and the price quotations of the losing bidders for comparison with that of the winning contractor. Thus, any concerned citizen or entity, like our paper, would have some basis for questioning the bidding results if the figures show any indication of possible overpricing or disadvantageous terms.

An effective and adequate anti-graft and corruption ordinance should not be limited to infrastructure projects but should include procurement transactions by the General Services Office which, under the past administration, became notorious for malpractices: ghost purchases, ghost suppliers, overpricing, under-deliveries.

If Councilor Defensor cares to take note or some other Councilors, particularly Councilor Samson, whom we have dubbed Mr. Expose of QC, we are printing for the third time the following anti-graft and corruption suggestions of this paper and of the Civil Service Commissioner:

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THE BLOODY ...

Linda recalled Ernesto's admonition: "Don't you ever pluck the rose, I have cast a spell on it."

After her hysterical outburst, a strange calm engulfed her. She stood up and took the rose out of the bottle. A petal or two fell off. She stuck the rose into her hair. After briefly looking into the mirror, she went out of her room, slipped past her father who was still listening to the news, went out of the gate, and walked slowly down to the seashore.

It was almost twilight when she reached the seashore. The sun was about to set. She thought of that afternoon their hands–hers and Ernesto's– had sought each other as they watched the splendor of the setting sun.

Her eyes blurred with tears and her mind blurred with grief, Linda knelt on the sand and pleaded to the sea for a miracle. It was the sea, the cruel yet merciful sea–she recalled Ernesto's words–which had brought him to her.

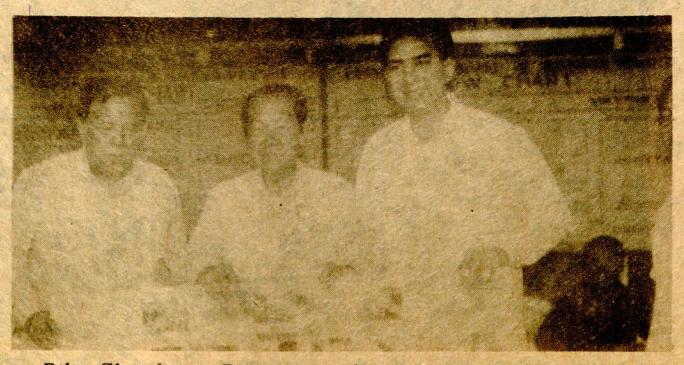
"Oh, merciful sea, bring him to me once more," she cried.

The sea responded with the swishing sound of the waves that continually dashed against the shore, receding as though in frustration that it could not grant Linda's plea.

The sun had already set and the tentative gloom of twilight descended on the seashore. Linda knew that her desperate hope for a miracle had gone down with the setting sun. With her resignation, she regained her calm, even more perfect than when she left their house. The grieving, despondent look on her face vanished and in its place was a look of resolution and exhaltation.

Wiping the tears off her eyes, she fixed her gaze towards the horizon and walked to the edge of the seashore. The waves dashed against her feet as though to protest her advancing farther. But after putting firmly in place the bloody-red rose in her hair, Linda stepped into the sea. Bucking the waves, she continued to move onward, head held high and body erect as though she were sustained by the strength of her resolution. Higher and higher, the waves swept against her. Soon only her head with the bloody-red rose was above the water. Finally, a mighty huge wave swept over her head and swallowed her into the cruel and unmerciful sea.

A full moon rose shortly after the sunset–and shone on a bloody-red rose bobbing up and down with the waves.



Pilot Cleanliness Project introduced by Mrs. Sonia Mathay at Barangay U.P. Village, sponsored by Atty. Marina Abad and residents . Presenting the picture to Hon. Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr., and Hon. Councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay is Barangay Captain MARCIAL BELLEZA. (Photo by Mario Domingo)

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EDITORIAL

Increasing City Government Income

It is indisputable that the success of any government administration, municipal, city or national, depends to a large extent on the extent of its resources. The QC administration is no exception to this dependence. We are fortunate to have a Chief Executive and an Assistant Chief Executive who have a lot of political will, as they have already amply demonstrated, but, in the long run, no amount of political will can overcome that perennial nemesis of government administrations: Lack of Funds.

Maximum Efforts

It is imperative, therefore, that maximum efforts be exerted to increase the city government income to the fullest extent possible. There are two ways of increasing this income: the positive and negative ways. The positive way is to increase tax collection and other sources of revenue. The negative way is to exercise fiscal restraint – a penny saved is a penny earned, so the saying goes.

The procurement arm of the city government, General Services Office, is in one of the best positions to exercises fiscal restraint by avoiding overpricing and ghost purchases. Incidentally, the case we have filed against the grounded GSO head, et al. is meant to serve as a deterrent to GSO indiscretions, to use a kind term. (Our banner story is about this case.)

Another good way to exercise fiscal restraint is to adhere strictly to infrastructure priorities as determined by the Engineering Department. Unfortunately, because of the kanya-kanyang kayod legislation that our honorable Councilors sometimes practice, appropriation measures for infrastructure projects are not in consonance with said priorities. Some Councilors themselves did not exercise fiscal restraint when they had the perfectly intact floorings of their offices dismantled in order to change the tiles with colored ones although they could probably justify the change by invoking aesthetic considerations. Changing the carpets, was quite justified considering the dust they had absorbed during the term of the past Council.

The P7.8 million walk cover is certainly not an example of fiscal restraint. To the layman who is not familiar with construction costs, the amount may look excessive. It has been jestingly remarked that if City Hall personnel had been provided, instead of the walk cover, with umbrellas for 5,000 emloyees, at P100 per umbrella, the cost would amount to only half a million.

As to the positive way of increasing the city government's income, the City Treasurer has taken steps to improve tax, license and permit fee collection. (Please read the news story, "Permanent Appointment For City Treasurer."

But the best way, the most positive way, to increase the city government's income lies in the realty tax which is the biggest source of that income. But even with a 90% tax collection efficiency, the most that could be collected is P650 million, according to the City Assessor's Office, at the present very low obsolete realty tax rates being implemented. This amount can be doubled, the same office avers, if the increased realty taxes based on the revised and updated 1990 Schedule of Land Values is implemented.

But how can these increased realty taxes be implemented when they have only recently been declared "illegal, void and unenforceable?" in a decision rendered by the Finance Department's Central Board of Assessment Appeals (CBAA)? ("Realty tax hike declared illegal," by Brenda P. Tuazon, MANILA BULLETIN, March 17, 1993).

Moot and Academic

It is true that the increased realty taxes based on the 1990 Schedule of Market Values can no longer be implemented because their implementaton has become moot and academic having been overtaken by new provisions in the Local Government Code, particularly Section 219 which mandates a general revision of assessments to be accomplished before 1994. In compliance with this mandate, the City Assessor has submitted to the Council a new Schedule of Fair Market Values for enactment into an ordinance as ordained in Section 212 of the Code. Once enacted as an ordinance – it does not have to be submitted anymore to the Department of Finance – the Office of the City Assessor can then prepare the taxable values or assessment levels of the lands in the 21 Assessment Districts of the City upon which will be based the realty taxes to be collected from these lands. These realty taxes based on the Schedule of Fair Market Values submitted to the Council will be slightly higher than the increased realty taxes based on the 1990 Schedule of Fair Market Values because, we understand, the new Schedule is slightly higher than the 1990 Schedule as a result of the continuing rise in market land values upon which taxable values or assessment levels are based.

False Impression

The charge that these increased realty taxes are "excessive, oppressive and confiscatory" is not valid. The false impression that they are such is the result of erroneous news stories alleging that the increases are "500 to 700 percent" We have taken the trouble to examine the 1990 Schedule of Fair Market Values and our findings belie the "500 to 700 percent increase." These are the facts:

1) There are only **seven** areas in the 21 Assessment Districts into which QC is divided where the increases are above 500 percent. They range from 525 to 694 percent and this is because the areas invovled are prime commercial lands with very high market values upon which their taxable values **are based as provided for by law.**

2) There are only 19 commercial and industrial areas where the increases range from 400 to 500 percent and 26 areas where the increases range from 300 to 377 percent.

3) As to residential areas, there are only two areas where the increases are high: at the Ayala subdivision, 471 percent, and from Congressional Avenue (proposed) to Tandang Sora along Visayas Ave., 344 percent. There are only 10 residential areas where the increases range from 200 to 250 percent. In the overwhelmingly big majority of residential areas – 582 of them – the increases range from 0 to 192 percent. So, where is the so-called "500 to 700 percent increase" in the Tuazon story.

Vital Factor

Another important factor – very vital factor – to consider in determining if the increased realty taxes are "excessive, oppressive and confiscatory" is the depreciation of the peso during the 10-year period between 1980, when the last implemented revision was made upon which the present low realty taxes were based, to 1990. It is safe to say that during that 10-year period, the peso had depreciated by 100 percent. Thus, if a property owner, who is now paying, say, P1,000 realty tax under the present low rates being implemened, is made to pay P2,000 under the increased realty tax rates, he would be paying a **numerically** bigger amount but purchasing value-wise, he would be actually paying **less** or at least, the same. So, where is the validity of the "excessive, oppressive and confiscatory" charge?

Due Process

In fact, in the CBAA decision declaring the increased realty taxes "illegal, void and unenforceable," nowhere is it stated that one of reasons said increased realty taxes are being declared illegal is that they are "excessive, oppressive and confiscatory," The only reason given is that there was no due process in the preparation of the 1990 Schedule – no public hearings were held and there was no participation of the other Metro Manila city mayors

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NINE MONTHS . . .

Among the major accomplishments of Mathay cited in the report were:

Ugnayan

* Bridging the gap between the people and city officials, by regularly conducting week-end dialogues with barangay and community leaders and officials in the communities. These dialogue known as "ugnayan" were intended by the Mayor to bring the people's problems directly to the city officials concerned, thus reducing red tape and making the government directly accountable and transparent to the people who voted them into office.

* Creation of an Advisory Council composed of businessmen, professionals and prominent leaders in various fields of endeavor, thus enabling the active participation of the private sector in the city government's programs and projects. Mathay needs the support of various non-governmental organizations which are committed enough to propel the city to progress, since the governemnt does not enjoy the luxury of resources to respond to all the needs of the residents.

* Enhancement of employment opportunities for unemployed residents through its continuous skills training program and its job fair in close coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the National Manpower Youth Council (NMYC) in an effort to curb the unemployment problem.

Some 3,475 residents were given manpower placement both here and abroad during the fair conducted at the Quezon City Hall lobby last November, dubbed as "Tiangge ng Hanapbuhay."

* Amelioration program to provide cheaper basic commodities to the residents, particularly in the barangay level. The program called Project SMILE (for Social Mobilization for the Improvement of Life and Environment) involves the setting up of a) mobile mini-marts in the city's depressed communities that sell commodities at lowered prices b) mobile clinics which offer medical and dental services for free and c) mobile educational centers which offer free livelihood and skills training programs to promote self-reliance and productivity in the communities.

SMILE

Part of the SMILE program is the setting up of cooperatives all over the city to provide additional income for the city residents.

* Under the program Oplan: Clean and Green, Mayor Mathay sought the preservation of the ecological balance, the promotion of the cleanliness and beauty of the city and the safeguarding of the health of the city's 1.9 million residents against the hazards of pollution.

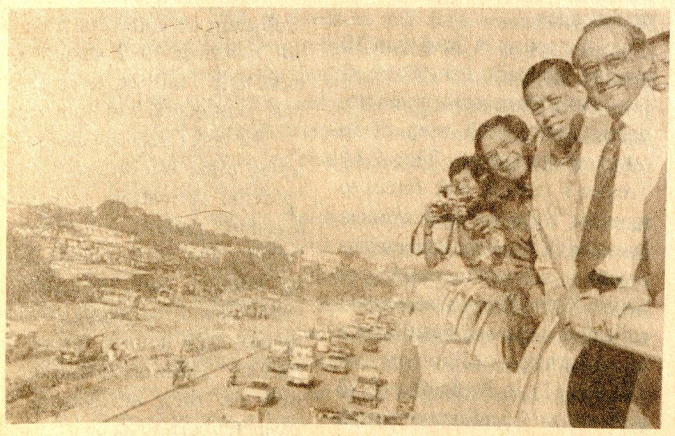
Under this program, the city government has maintained and repaired 1,551 kilometers of city streets, cleaned and dredged 600 canals, creeks and water outlets, planted trees and ornamentals along major roads and highways and actively promoted the total waste management program focusing on the recycling of garbage.

A city-wide anti-smoke belching drive is being spearheaded by Mayor Mathay in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Land Transportation Office (LtO) in an effort to minimize the number of vehicles emitting toxic fumes. The drive, started on January 6, has already netted a total of 3,964 smoke belchers plying the city streets.

Taking cognizance of the problem, the anti-smoke belching drive has now been adopted metro-wide.

Traffic Management Reforms

* Initiation of traffic management reforms and fielding of additional traffic aides in the city's choke points to untangle the perennial traffic grid, even as Mayor Mathay enjoins the commuting public and pedestrians to observe traffic rules and regulations.



At the inauguration of the flyover at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Tandang Sora: President Ramos with Mayor Mathay and Congressman Liban.

* Mathay's economic development plan for QC requires the opening up of major road networks including C3 or 'inner EDSA' and C5 or 'outer EDSA' which would traverse the length and breadth of the entire city and would strategically open up large areas for business and commercial activities.

The Mayor has been consistently campaigning and conducting intensive dialogues with business leaders to pus through with his economic plan and has been encouraging them, with notable success to pay their taxes promptly, honesty and dutifully.

The Araneta Center has responded well to Mayor Mathay's tax campaign by volunteering to pay millions from the proceeds of amusement events. The Novaliches District Center meanwhile was able to collect some P5.9 million tax revenue for the first three months of this year which almost equalled the NDC's P6.9 million tax collection in the entire year of 1992.

* Over and above the physical infrastructure of roads and fly-overs, Mayor Mathay puts greater stress on the "human infrastructure", the uplifting of people's lives through a network of programs and services designed to make people aware that they are active partners and catalyzers in the city's progress and development.

Human Infrastructure Program

*Mayor Mathay's "human infrastructure program" gives top priority to the education of the youth since to his mind, they are the safekeepers and guardians of the city's natural and cultural heritage. Mathay has given to education the highest priority in the city budget's allocation startng with the release of P600 monthly allowance to public school teachers and the granting of more funds for the construction of more school buildings of which 11 schools have been inaugurated since the Mayor assumed office in July, 1992.

This summer, two youth oriented programs are being undertaken by the city government. These are the '93 PALARONG PANGLUNGSOD or the Summer Youth Olympic Program which is designed to promote the athletic potentials and prowess of the youth and the SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM which is designed to give employment to poor but deserving students and make them aware of the values of experience, industry and hardwork.

The city government has also renewed its Scholarship and Youth Development Program where financial asistance amounting to P7,000 and P6,500 was given to valedictorians and salutatorians respectively for their tuition fees and book allowances. This scholarship grant is renewed annually until the scholar finishes his/her four-year college course. Some 1,000 QC scholars are grantees of this program.

Last February, the scholarship program was expanded with the addition of two more scholarship grants from the Urban Bank of the Philippines.



The First Lady, Ms. Amelita Ramos, receives a Plaque of Appreciation from a representative of the delegates to the Global Youth Earthsaving Summit meeting where she was guest speaker at its opening last April 12. Mayor Mathay, beside her, announced that the QC government was hosting a dinner for all delegates. At extreme right is Senator Nikki Coseteng. (Photo by Vic Oliver)

* Last month, Mayor Mathay created the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in Quezon City, tasked to look after the welfare of the city's more than 80,000 elderly residents.

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ACCOMPLISHMENT . . .

II. Sectoral Dialogues

She has convened a number of dialogues with appropriate officials and agencies together with the private sectors involved in order to clarify issues and problems that arise in order to facilitate resolution of the same.

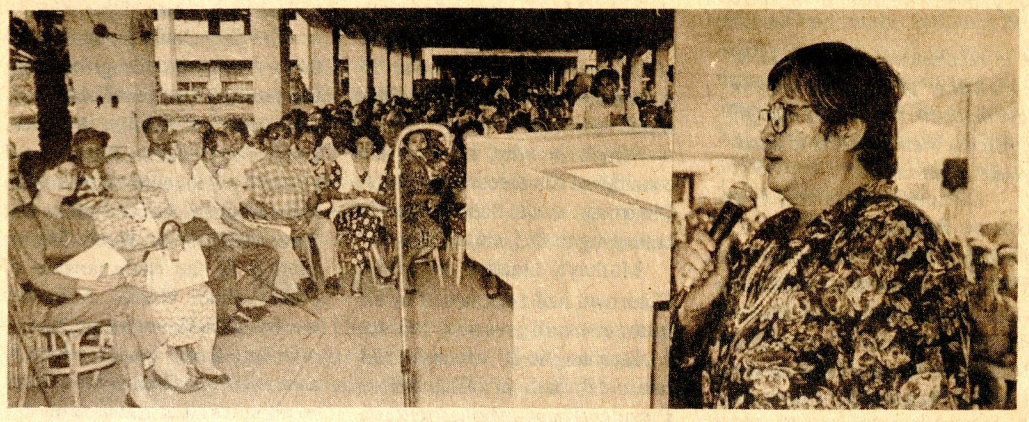
A. Barangay Officials

She has met with barangay officials and the business sector to discuss and clarify issues arising from provisions of law as part of an information campaign such as the barangay powers on taxation and permit clearance issuance. The meetings were a follow-up to the first Barangay-Business dialogue held on January 27 at the session hall with the City Council in attendance. Present during such meetings were resource persons from national and local agencies who provided information on statutory requirements and conditions.

She also has convened meetings with barangay officials and MWSS officials in connection with the regularization of illegal connections for a full discussion of processes and deadlines as well as assistance that can be rendered by the Barangays to the MWSS collectors, in cooperation with the PNP. Appropriate procedures were also discussed to establish an immediate response system to water leaks as well as leaks from open excavations. A Task Force for Illegal connections has been created.



Vice Mayor Planas signs Memorandum of Agreement on "Operation Adopt A Fire Station," a joint project of her office with Lions Club International 301-302 and the QC Fire Department whereby the Lions Club will repair unserviceable fire trucks of the Department and provide fire fighting equipment and gears like helmets, boots, coats and breathing apparatus. Signing with the Vice Mayor are, from left, Gov. Amado Arnaldo of Lions Club International District 310-DI, QC Fire Marshal Manuel Baduria and Ernie Villola of District 310. Standing are Ricardo Castrence of the Legal Action Group, Vice Mayo'r Office, and Chief PRO Irma Villanueva



Vice Mayor Planas addresses some 2,000 senior citizens who attended the forum held last Feb. 20 at the QC Hall lobby to enlighten them on their rights and privileges. (Photo by Butch Alle)

B. Color Coding for Jeepneys

She has concluded arrangements strictly on a voluntary basis for the implementation of a color coding scheme involving members of the PISTON and the Commonwealth Transport Service Cooperative, Inc. in conjunction with the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board. The color coding and number coding to be adopted on a pilot basis will facilitate the identification of jeepney routes and those violating the same. Pacific Paints & Oil Manufacturing, Inc., makers of Boysen and Nation Paints, has been solicited to donate the paints.

C. Senior Citizens Law

She has initiated dialogues with business sectors involved in the implementation of the Senior Citizens Law in order to be able to apply the law in Quezon City as a pioneer and model project. She has prepared the groundwork for the local implementation of the law preparatory to the issuance of proper ID cards for beneficiaries. The Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) has been created by ordinance with the Vice Mayor as one of the proponents. The Mayor has appointed her to head OSCA.

As a result of such dialogues, a number of difficulties have been seen, leading to a consensus that privileges be limited either as to number, amount, or days of application.

A meeting of Senior Citizens of Quezon City was convened on February 20, 1993. It was attended by some 2,000 Senior Citizens who were further informed on existing guidelines already issued by national agencies on the matter.

The following consensus has emerged:

1. For transportation industry/sector – 20% discount will be extended to card holders during slack hours; PAL will extend such privileges to Senior Citizens.
2. For Theaters – members of the Greater Manila Theater Ass. will declare Mondays as Senior Citizens Day. Participating theaters are: Quezon 1&2; Remar 1&2; Diamond 1–3; Sampaguita; Farmers 1&2; New Frontier; Fiesta; Act 1–5; SM Centerpoint 1–10 SM City 1–12; Ocean 1&3.
3. For Restaurants – only card-bearing Senior Citizens will be entitled to a 20% discount
4. For Medicines and Pharmaceuticals Industry – details are still being worked out with drug stores.
5. Acebedo Optical – is committed to a full 20% to all Senior Citizens regardless of status and income.



MMA Chairman and Mayor Mathay and Vice Mayor Planas are not about to start a motorcycle race. The vehicles they have playfully moutned are to be given to the police for special assignments. (Photo by Butch Alle)

D. Quezon City Task Force on Violence Against Women

Pursuant to Q.C. Ordinance No. SP–35, S–92, designatng the Vice Mayor to initiate and implement projects in coordination with the NGO's towards ending violence against women, she has organized a QC Task Force composed of KALAKASAN, CRTS, KALAYAAN, Women Health, WAND, Pilipina, Hasik and GABRIELA and with QC Central Police District Superintendent Leonardo Orig to formulate programs and activities to address this neglected problem. A seminar for police women has been organized regarding proper handling of complaints and cases lodged by women. Other programs involving information, advocacy and women protection, including the establishment of crisis centers and hot lines are projected. A number of activities has been scheduled for the month of March for Women's Month in concert with international community.

III. On Sports Program and Culture Promotion

The Vice Mayor has been designated to be the Chairman of the QC Sports Committee under Executive Order No. 13 which merges the Sports program of the Mayor's and Vice Mayor's under one body. A number of programs and activities has been outlined/scheduled to mid-year of 1993 including Haranahan '93 in February featuring choral singing and choreography; Kapitbisig sa Kapayapaan from March 1 to April 30 at the Bernardo Park which includes a BSDO training program involving the 140 QC barangays; Inauguration of the Bernardo Park Swimming Pool on April 3; the opening of the QC Mini-Olympics at Amoranto Stadium from April 11 to October 12; free swimming and first aid lessons for summer at Bernardo Park for youth; Palarong Pamilya from April 15 to October 12 and Kasaysayan ng Lahi on June 12.

IV. On Anti-Drug Abuse and Youth Programs

As Chairman of the QCADAC, the Vice Mayor had engaged in a continuing program on preventive education, community information and training, in coordination with barangays and the SK's, diagnostics and referral, QCADAC has also participated in surveillance activities and monitoring of drug cases as the civic arm of law-enforcement agencies.

Continuous seminars and information campaigns had been waged with the support and cooperation of NGO's and religious organizatons as well as schools and community organizatons. The Payatas Treatment and Rehabiliaton Center, a project of the Quezon City Government, was opened in January for drug cases. A total of 280 cases had been received for psychological evaluation, counselling, referrals and treatment in cooperation with DARE Foundation, Inc. Under the theme "United Family for a Drug Free encouraged and sponsored to strengthen family ties by providing positive alternative to drug-abuse and drug dependency through sports, culture development and youth-centered programs.

V. On Enviroment Programs

The Vice Mayor has initiated a zero-waste management program in coordination with the Ecology Center geared towards recovery and recycling of waste materials to resource materials. A focal activity for 1993 is the launching of a zero-waste resource management contest among the barangays in the four districts where cash prizes will be awarded to barangays meeting six (6) criteria of cleanliness, ecological balance, beautification, productivity or generating livelihood projects from waste materials, multi-sectoral involvement, and sustainability of the projects. In addition, individual contests will be held on the eight (8) most outstanding recycled products based on percentage of waste materials used, market acceptability and number of workers benefitting in the production. The contest will run from February 13 to September 16, 1993 with the awarding of prizes scheduled for the 54th Quezon Day Foundation Anniversary on October 12, 1993.

A REDUNDANCY . . .

(DPWH) through the office of the District Engineer in QC headed by Engr. Romeo Panganiban awarded a P658,049.00 contract for the same job to Rockville Construction after a public bidding held on March 4, 1992 almost a month later than the February 7 public bidding held by the city government. The contract was awarded without any consultation with the city government, a gross case of discourtesy, even deceit, considering that 21st Avenue is a city street.

In a handwritten letter to us, Senator Coseteng stated that she was not aware that the DPWH was duplicating the contract earlier given by the city government to Escudero Construction Co. the winning bidder. She wrote:

" I do not have a report on all the contracts of the Q.C. government and I cannot say what they have awarded and what they had done about 21st Avenue.

"I only wrote to the DPWH to recommend projects to be undertaken by them. I do not know whether or not they work in coordination with City Hall. I believe that both the DPWH and QC Engineers should get together and discuss their projects to maximize the use of meager funds and avoid duplication."



COSETENG

Obviously, it is this Engr. Romeo Panganiban of the QC District Engineer's Office of the DPWH who is responsible for disregarding elementary courtesy in not consulting the QC government before awarding a contract for a job for which the QC government had already much earlire finalized a contract with Escudero Construction Co. To compound the discourtesy, he has even refused to respond to our letter in stark contrast to Senator Coseteng. We are absolving her completely from having any hand in the duplication of contracts.

In a letter to the City Engineer dated August 17, 1992, District Engineer Cesar M. Andres reported that "the asphalt squaring and patching which is part of the contract was undertaken and completed by the Contractors (Escudero Construction). Andres stated further that "the project . . . was started on March 6, 1992" contrary to the starting date of March 3, 1992 given by Hilario Escudero III, owner of Escudero Construction, in his testimony at the Question and Answer Hour of the City Council which conducted a hearing on the matter on December 7, 1992.

Surprise

Escudero, in his testimony, stated that the squaring and matching work was completed on March 6 and that on March 9 when the main job of asphalt-overlaying 21st Avenue was to be done, his men found out, to their utter surprise, that the job had been done in the interim, March 6 to March 9, by, as it turned out, the DPWH's awardee, Rockville Construction, which eventually collected payment of P658,049.00 for the job – from DPWH's funds, of course.

As to Escudero Construction, it collected payment of P101,123.94 for the squaring and patching which Engr. Andres had reported in his aforecited letter to the City Engineer as having been doen by it.

Now here comes Engr. Reynaldo V. Castillo, Technical Assistant I, Office of the City Engineer, with the accusation contained in a letter to the Mayor dated August 25, 1992 that Escudero Construction had fraudulently collected payment for work it did not do with the connivance of Engineering personnel: City Engineer Alfredo Macapugay, Engr. V. Cesar Andres, Engr. IV Serafin Matias and Inspector Guillermo Carriedo who, Castillo alleged, "executed, prepared, signed and submited a fabricated accomplishment reprot . . . (which) became the basis for the partial payment by the city government to Mr. Hilario D. Escudero, Contractor, the amount of P101,123.94

Affidavit

Castillo supported his accusation with an affidavit of Bgy. Tagumpay officials headed by Barangay Captain Daniel V. Villas that Escudero Construction did not do any squaring and patching at 21st Avenue and that it was Rockville Construction that did the work under the supervision of Engr. Romeo C. Panganiban of the DPWH.

Castillo himself stated in h is letter to the Mayor that "the undersigned (i.e Castillo) together with Mr. Noel Libunao, DPWH Materials Inspector, were on site last Saturday, March 7, 1992 around 7:00 p.m. when the asphalt overlay started. Earlier during the same day ROCKVILLE CONSTRUCTION did some preparation and asphalt patching."

At the Question and Answer Hour hearing of the case conducted by the Council, Escudero alleged that he had "before" and "after" pictures of the squaring and patching his construction company did. This was confirmed by City Auditor Ranulfo Verian to whom all documents pertaining to the controversy had been forwarded by City Attorney Nescito Hilario – documents which complainant Castillo had submited to him. Verian, in turn, forwarded these documents to COA which had created a panel to investigate the controversy upon the request of Mayor Mathay.

A Matter of Credibility

From the foregoing facts of the case, it is obvious that the answer to the question, Which did the disputed squaring and patching work, Escudero Construction or Rockville Construction?, is a matter of credibility. Who are to be believed: Hilario Escudero and the Engineering personnel invovled or the Barangay Tagumpay officials and complainant Engr. Reynaldo Castillo?

The conflicting starting dates given by Engr. Andres and Escudero, March 6, 1992 and March 3, 1992, respectively, constitute a negative factor against their credibility although the discrepancy could be attributed to honest mistake. On the other hand, a very positive factor for the credibility of Escudero consists of the "before" and "after" pictures whose existence is confirmed by City Auditor Verian. We ourself went to see Verian about the pictures and he averred to us that there are indeed such "before" and "after" pictures which he, however, could not show us as he had forwarded them, together with the other documents, to COA.

Councilor Tamayo's Comment

The credibility of Castillo is adversely affected by his statement in his letter to the Mayor that squaring and patching and asphalt-overlaying were completed in one day. He said that to us too when we questioned him about the case. In his testimony at the Question and Hour, Councilor Tamayo said:

"I would like to comment that you cannot complete the squaring and patching and asphalt-over-

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Mathay Election As MMA Chairman, An Honor To Quezon City

Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. said that his election as Metro Manila Authority Chairman is an honor to Quezon City.

"For me, it's nothing new; I had been MMC Vice Governor for nine years," he added.

He pointed out that his three predecessors at MMA, Mandaluyong Mayor Abalos, Makati Mayor Binay and Muntinglupa Mayor Bunye were all municipal mayors.

"I am the first City Mayor to be elected MMA Chairman," Mathay said, "and if you, the good people of QC had not elected me to be your Mayor, I would not be MMA Chairman now."

Which is why, he said, he considered his election as MMA Chairman as an honor properly belonging to QC, not to himself.

Mathay's election as MMA Chairman had been hailed by all quarters and sectors led by Malacañang itself where he had taken his oath of office before President Ramos who had sent him a congratulatory mesage in which he said:

"Your well-deserved election to this position is a manifestation of the trust and confidence by your fellow Metro Manila mayors in your record of public service and your capabilities to effectively serve your constituents."

Members of media – news reporters, columnists, and radio commentators were one in lauding the election of Mathay, who succeeds Muntinglupa Mayor Ignacio Bunye who had been MMA Chairman for three six-month terms. Media which are seldom in perfect agreement, had common grounds for lauding the election of Mathay. They cited Mathay's excellent record at the Metropolitan Manila Commission (MMC) where he was Deputy Governor, then Vice Governor, from February 14, 1976 to February 26, 1986, almost exactly 10 years. They pointed out that during his tenure, garbage collection and disposal was satisfactory, the Metro Aides were happy and diligent moving then MMC Governor Imelda Marcos to praise them as "the exemplars of the dignity of labor," there were no monstrous traffic jams as we have now, jeepney drivers were more disciplined because erring drivers were required to attend seminars, there were no delinquent mayors of the four cities and 13 municipalities who failed to remit their 20% financial contribution to the MMC, and there was good coordination and cooperation among said member cities and municipalities of the MMC.

The City Council also passed three resolutions congratulating and lauding the new MMA head, authored by Councilor Angeles, another by Councilor Samson and a third by Councilor Defensor. In his resolution, Samson states that "the election of Hon. Mayor Mathay to the chairmanship of Metropolitan Manila Authority confirms His Honor's competency and long-tested qualifications to assume the position of an Administrator in a much wider scope and jurisdiction" and that his election "could be considered as another personal achievement for the Hon. Mathay as well as an honor and pride for the entire constituency of Quezon City . . . "

Asked if the added position of MMA Chairman would not adversely affect his performance as QC Mayor, Mathay said that it wont because the MMA has a General Manager, Robert C. Naciano, to take care of the daily activities or operations of the agency. In fact, he added, his being MMA Chairman could be of benefit to Quezon City.

The only dissenting voice from the universal acclamaton of Mathay'y election to the MMA Chairmanship came from the little Mayor of Makati, Jojo Binay – little, physically, not necessarily mentally, although his claim that Mathay's election violated a Gentleman's Agreement could be considered not a very intelligent understanding of that Agreement

P40.3 M Low-Cost Housing Project Underway

By Eddie C. Flores

A low-cost housing project costing P40,321,600 is underway with the approval by Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. of an ordinance enacted by the Council appropriating P6,048,240.00, the initial amount needed for the purpose.

This is the first of several shelter projects which are being prepared to address the problem posed by the 106,470 squatter families Mayor Mathay inherited from previous city administrations.

The amount, appropriated by the Council for which funds are available Mathay said, will be advanced to Jun D'Lan Enterprises of 164 St. Ignatius St., San Jose, Alabang, Muntinglupa owned by Jun S. Tungupon with whom the city government has a Memorandum of Agreement on the undertaking of the project.

The site of the project is a 44,160 sq. m. (4.416 hectares) land in Bgy. San Agustin, Novaliches, which had been purchased by the city government under the previous administration.

Under the Agreement, Jun D'Lan Enterprises will improve and develop the site at a cost of P7,521,600.00 and then construct 410 housing units at a cost of P32,800,000.00 or P80,000.00 per unit. The appropriated amount of P6,084,240.00 represents 15% of the total cost of the project which, under the Agreement, the city government has to advance to the developer, who, in turn, has to finish the project "180 days from the date of commencement of the works unless extended in accordance with (the) Agreement."

The beneficiaries of the project will be mainly the residents in the area who have organized themselves into the Tawad Sapa Association. As stipulated in the Agreement, "QC Barangay Officials and other QC bonafide residents including City Government Officials" will also be eligible as beneficiaries of the project.

The city government will appoint a Project Manager to "monitor the implementation of the projct to ensure that all duly agreed upon plans and requirements are complied with."

Phase II of the project envisions the construction of 610 additional housing units.

ALBA . . .

WHEREAS, Dr. Alba is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Professor of Business Administration in the University of the President;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Dr. Manuel S. Alba as City Administrator of Quezon City will be greatly beneficial to the City government and its people taking into consideration his expertise and experiences;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, othewise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that appointments of heads of departments and offices made or issued by the City Mayor should be concurred in by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, which particular provision is hereunder cited:

"SEC. 454. Officials of the City Government. – (d) Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of all the sangguniang panlungsod members, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations. The sangguniang panglungsod shall act on the appointment within fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission, otherwise the same shall be deemed confirmed."

MERCADO . . .

ommended by Mayor Mathay no doubt by virtue of his competent performance.

In the space of less than 10 months, Mercado has taken effective steps to increase revenues, particularly with respect to amusement taxes. The City Treasurer created task forces to monitor theaters and cinema houses in QC to prevent anomalous practices such as the recycling of tickets. Thereafter, amusement tax collection increased steadily from a monthly collection of P11,663,613 in September 1992 to more than P15 million per month last January this year. Thus, total annual collection increased from P91,671,534.39, as of September 1992, to P118,713,169.00 as of September 1992. With respect to cockfighting; tax collection from the La Loma cockpit has reached an all-time high of P240,000 per month from only P60,000 monthly the previous years. .

As to the derbies at the Araneta Coliseum, tax collection from July to December 1992 amounted to more than 7 million pesos. Previously, collection had been zero.

The task forces are also monitoring other establishments that "provide recreation, relaxation, avocation, pastime or fun" such as "night clubs, supper clubs, cocktail lounges, bars, beer gardens, pub houses, disco houses, circuses, saunas, bath houses, resorts and the like." These are monitored not only for their amusement tax payments but also for their business permits and licenses as well as the occupational permits and health certificates of their employees.

The City Treasurer said that reaction to the tax relief given by the city government to delinquent real property owners has been very encouraging.

LAUDE . . .

Administrative Officer V and Acting Assistant City Secretary (OIC) in 1992 from which last position he has been promoted to Acting City Secretary.

Laude's appointment has been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

The Acting City Secretary is from Infanta, Quezon where he graduated valedictorian from the Infanta High School. He was a College Scholar at U.P. Diliman where he graduated with a B.S. Foreign Service degree in 1956.

Other positions held were:

Executive Assistant to the President, League of Provincial & City Secretaries of the Philippines (1967-72)

Coordinator, national convention-seminars of Provincial and City Secretaries (Cebu City–1968), (Legaspi–1969) (Quezon City–1971)

President, Organization of Public Information Officers of Quezon City (1991–present)

Board Secretary, Board of Assessment Appeals, QC (1974–92)

He also took up first year law at U.P. Padre Faura in 1964-65 and continued it up to third year law at FEU where he was an honor student.

Laude has four civil service eligibilities: General Clerical, Community Development Worker, Personnel Officer and First Grade. He has attended seminars on Personnel Management, Government Budget Administration, Government Supply Management, Cost-Reduction Program and Community Development.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE
By Eddie C. Flores

Orgy of Renovation

At the initial session of the City Council, one of the first acts of the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Charito Planas, was to ask the Councilors to submit their budgetary requirements for the renovation and face-lifting of their respective offices. When I heard this, I nearly fell off my seat in utter disbelief. My God! What had happened to our good Vice Mayor! Had she not, upon assumption to office, made the pronouncement that she would see to it that the people's money would be spent wisely and judiciously, for which pronouncement she got a thunderous and standing ovation? Did she now think that the renovation and face-lifting of the aldermen's offices was a wise and judicious way of spending the people's money?

I am afraid the Vice Mayor was not aware that the offices of the Councilors did not need any renovation and face-lifting. All they needed was some scrubbing with soap and water, some dusting and some polishing with floor wax to restore the old sheen of the vinyl tile floorings of the offices.

The orgy of renovation and face-lifting that took place was a painful sight to see in the light of the strained finances of the city government. At this point, I must stress that not all Councilors went into this orgy. Among those who didn't were Councilors Angeles, Calalay, Mathay, Castelo, Dario, and others.

The renovaton and face-lifting were undertaken at the height of the Christmas season when constituents of the Councilors involved would have been most welcome to their offices but how could they be welcomed when the doors of the offices were closed for the hectic work being done inside.

It was excruciating, the sight of perfectly intact tiles being ripped off to give way to colored ones. It was vandalism, pure and simple. And how were the ripped off tiles disposed? Certainly, they could not be considered junk. Did they go to the contractor who did the renovation and face-lifting? If they did, was the value fo the still usable ripped off tiles taken into consideration in determining the cost of the renovation and face-lifting charged by said contractor?

It has also been very excruciating for me to write this piece, for not being a sadist, I certainly do not enjoy hurting anybody, especially the few friends I have in the Council. But since this Council, unlike its predecessor, which was s a see-no-evil, hear-no-evil Council seems, hell-bent in exposing anomalies in the city government – six or seven anomalies have already been, in quick succession, exposed in privilege speeches – this piece is meant as a reminder, though perhaps an ungentle reminder, that to be credible and consistent, it must avoid anamolous doings itself like unncessarily making borloloys of their offices.

Paging System for the Council

Whenever there is an impasse in the deliberations of the Council caused by tight disagreements, the Presiding Officer calls a recess. In the ensuing huddle of the disagreeing Councilors, their differences are threshed out, no doubt, by horse trading, a dubious parliamentary practice. When it's time to resume the session, it often hapens that there is no longer a quorum. Many Councilors had done a vanishing act ala Houdini.

The Presiding Officer has to send the Sgt-at-Arms to fetch the missing Councilors. This is a tedious and time-consuming way of summoning back the Houdinis to the Council. So, I once suggested to Councilor Mike Defensor, the Benjamin of the Council, that a paging system be installed, and that he makes the suggestion to their Presiding Officer. But the good Councilor demurred and tossed back to me the task of making the suggestion to the Vice Mayor, saying "Ikaw na lang, mas malakas ka naman kay Planas."

But, of course, I am not malakas with Madam Planas: I have no wish, because there is no need, to be malakas with her. My only wish is that the energetic, forceful Ms. Planas mould the City Council into a Strong, Transparent, Resourceful, Innovative, Vigilant and Economical body – STRIVE for short. She can start by minimizing recesses in order to avoid the secret huddles and horse tradings, especially when appropriation measures are involved. As to the paging system, that would avoid the loss of precious time spent in fetching the Houdini-ing Councilors. Perhaps, she can tell them to do their vanishing act in the circus, which, by the way, the Council sometimes turns into when some Clowncilors – or - Councilors in playful mood do some clowning with corny antics and remarks.

But jesting aside, we sincerely wish our esteemed Councilors the best of everything. May the good Lord grant them the wisdom and integrity to perform their legislative work with the public welfare always in mind.

OMBUDSMAN . . .

is the fact that Alicia de Leon, the alleged Proprietor/Manager of the alleged establishment that submitted the lowest prices came to us to offer a P50,000 bribe to desist from filing a case against her and the others. Agsalud also sought us to plead that we desist, saying that we should confine our efforts in the fight against graft and corruption to what he called "the big cases." Obviously, he considered P200,000, the approximate amount involved in the ghost purchase, too picayune or paltry to bother about. We, of course, told Agsalud that P200,000 or P200 million, the gravity of the offense is the same.

The spurious Abstract of Price Quotations after being approved by Agsalud was certified correct by Perlita Gruba. The "delivery of the listed materials, 21 different items, was accepted and inspected by Artemio Mascariña who, when we went to ask a copy of his inspection report, arrogantly barked at us: *"Sino ka bang hihingi-hingi ng report ko."* Mascariña's Inspection Report was confirmed by Bobila and Tarrobal.

All the actuations of the above officials/employees involved in the penetration of the ghost purchase were unavoidedly with the knowledge and approval of Montiel.

Case OMB-0-92-2591

This case docketed as OMB-0-92-2591 has been assigned to Atty. Evelyn A. Almogela-Baliton, Graft Investigation Officer II. We have not yet received copies of the respondents' respective answers. What we have received are copies of their petitions for extension of time (dilatory tactic) to submit their answers. They have a common reason: They are still scouting for lawyers to prepare their answers.

DR. JOSE D. ALEJOS

Heroic Doctor

By Eddie C. Flores

(Editor's Note: The hero in this piece is not from Quezon City, but heroes belong to the whole world; their inspirational appeal and message are universal. And these are critical times when such appeal and message are most relevant and crucially needed.)

It is in the crucible of crisis that heroes are born, most especially in the bloody crisis of war. One such hero who was spawned in the bloody crisis of war was the late Dr. Jose D. Alejos from Gapan, Nueva Ecija, the son of the late former municipal councilor Domingo Alejos.

Operation Brotherhood

Early in 1955, Dr. Alejos, fresh from medical college, joined "Operaton Brotherhood," a life-saving mission organized by the Philippine Jaycees. The mission went to then war-torn Vietnam to render medical services to refugees in remote villages of Vietnam.

One fateful day in August, Dr. Alejos and three other members of the mission, a fellow doctor and two women, were in a motorized banca on their way to home base. A sudden storm caused the banca to capsize throwing them into the swirling and surging waters of the Tainich river. Dr. Alejo's fellow doctor swam to safety, unmindful of his companions, impelled to survive by the thought of his wife and children back home.

Supreme Sacrifice

Dr. Alejos could have saved himself by following the example of his fellow doctor. But in a rare display of selflessness, of raw courage and heroism, he tried to save the two women. But alas! it was all in vain. The three of them drowned together. Dr. Alejos paid the supreme sacrifice for his heroism.

It was a sacrifice that he could have avoided if he had not opted to join "Operation Brotherhood." He could have joined the medical staff of some hospital in Metro Manila or put up his own private practice whereby, in the comfort and safety of his family, he would have prospered. But Dr. Alejos was impelled to join a risk-laden mission by a deepley ingrained humanitarian spirit.

Love of Fellowmen

This humanitarian spirit was manifested during his high school days at he Nueva Ecija South High School, according to a classmate, Justino Padiernos, who says that what made the young Peping, as he was fondly called, stand out was, aside from his innate intelligence and leadership qualities and his being president of the students dramatic guild, his love of his fellowmen.

Dr. Alejos did not die in vain. His heroic death will long be remembered to inspire present and future generations of Filipinos, the youth especially, who, as the fair hope of the Motherland, must strive to be as heroic as Dr. Alejos if they are to survive and prevail over the crippling crises besetting the country. These crises are legion: the energy crisis brought about by the heels at Napocor; the law and order crisis due to a disorganized, demoralized and scalawagized PNP; the graft and corrption crisis in all levels of government; the economic crisis of 70 percent of the population living below the poverty line; the natural disasters crisis of Mt. Pinatubo and Mayon; and scores of other crises of volcanic intensity and ferocity.

Crisis of Apathy and Criticism

But what is even more frightening is the crisis of apathy and cynicism into which the so-called silent majority have fallen as a result of their frustration in being unable to reverse the oppressive situation they are in brought about by a system of governance wherein the so-called blessings of democracy are enjoyed only by the privileged few. The situation, however, is not entirely hopeless and beyond salvation. All that is needed is for a thousand Alejos to be born and rise from the crucible of the myriad crises strangling the country, thence to disentangle her from their grip and lead her to peace, progress and prosperity.

In death Dr. Jose D. Alejos can become even more alive if we keep the memory of his heroic life in our hearts and minds and be inspired by it. Let us reflect on his sterling brand of heroism. He may not have perished in actual combat but that does not make him a lesser hero. In fact, he could be considered even a greater hero when you think how he had gladly, unselfishly and deliberately sacrificed his life and a bright future in order to minister at great risk to the medical needs of thousands of Vietnamese refugees, unwilling victims of the atrocities of war. A soldier in full battle gear, trained in the art of jungle survival, has at least a fair chance of not getting killed. Dr. Alejos had only his stethoscope and medical kit as he went about his work in the midst of the dangers of war which made death always imminent. It was magnificent the way Dr. Alejos faced death without flinching as he performed his humanitarian tasks.

Memorial Foundation

Perpetuating the memory of this heroic doctor is the Dr. Jose D. Alejos Memorial Foundation International. It was established through the loving efforts of the doctor's brother and sisters who are based in the U.S. The establishment of the Foundation was spearheaded by Ms. Lualhati Alejos Samonte of Don Antonio Heights, Bgy. Holy Spirit, QC. The Foundation will continue the humanitarian work of Dr. Alejøs in Vietnam. Under its Manpower and Youth Development Program, free skills training will be provided out-of-school youths to make them employable.

Dr. Jose D. Alejos, a genuine hero if ever there is one, is certainly resting in peace with the knowledge that he had not died in vain.



DR. ALEJOS

LOYALTY SERVICE AWARDEE

Leonardo Jaboli: Mr. Mimeo Machine Man

By Eddie C. Flores

Like honesty, loyalty is the best policy Sadly enough, these virtues are more often than not honored in the breach. Hardly a day passes that you don't hear or read about some dishonesty and disloyalty in and out of the government.

In trading places, unscrupulous businessmen tamper with their products and scales; at Customs, documents are faked to evade payment of taxes and tariff duties; in the DPWH, contracts are duplicated and public biddings are manipulated; in civil service and board exams, test papers are doctored or switched, and ad nauseum. Yes, there is an alarming epidemic of dishonesty and disloyalty in all levels of government.

Heartwarming

It is heartwarming that the QC government is doing something to promote the golden virtues of honesty and loyalty through its annual conferment of Loyalty Service Awards and granting of cash in cash incentive pays to the rank and file of City Hall employees. This year, one of the awardees is Leonardo Jaboli, chief mimeographing operator of the City Secretary's office. Mang Nardo, as he is popularly known, received his Loyalty Service Plaque Award from Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. in grateful recognition of his 32 years of dedicated and fruitful service in the city government. Simple but fitting awarding ceremonies were held recently at the City Hall lobby.

Jaboli, like many an adventurous young boy from the bundocks, left his native province of Samar to venture into the asphalt jungle that is the big city in search of the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. As a neophyte (bagong salta) in said jungle, he started gamely by taking on odd jobs like selling balut and working as gardener in the residence of an affluent family in QC. Inclined to the soil, Jaboli took up a course in agriculture but was not able to complete it.

Green Thumb

Fortunately, however, Jaboli is gifted with a green thumb. Ano mang butil na ipunla niya ay madaling tumubo at nagbibigay ng buhay sa kanyang pamilya. He is married to Remedios Labasan, a genuine and virgin Ilocana from Tarlac with whom he has four kids. The lot where their house stands at the Calderon Compound along Commonwealth Avenue, is a veritable little eden. It is eternally green and lush with a variety of life-sustaining plants, ranging from leafy vegetables like saluyot, kangkong, gabi and others to fruit bearing trees like santol, mango, duhat, guyabano and guava. A generous patch of land is planted to a rare variety of glutinous rice (malagkit) and another patch is the site of a small piggery and poultry. All these are the result of Jaboli's labor of love.

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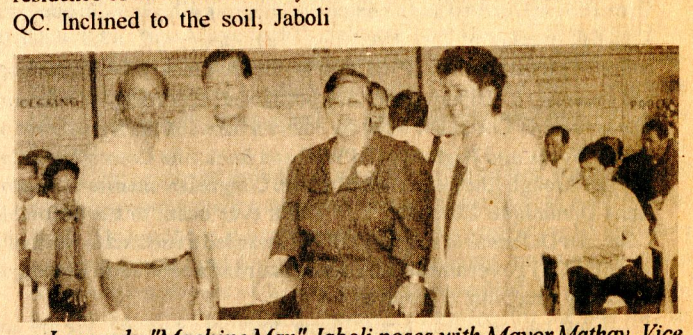
Leonardo Jaboli started as a casual employee at the defunct Department of City Public Services, then City Hall's garbage collection and disposal arm. He rose to his present permanent position through dint of hard work and perseverance. If popular sexpots Gretchen Barreto and Cristina Gonzales ooze with what is known in showbiz parlance as ST (sex trip), Jaboli, City Hall's indefatigable Mr. Mimeo Machine Man, is loaded with his own brand of ST (sipag at tiaga) which he used in his valiant and arduous quest for that elusive pot of gold at rain end. The golden plaque award he received for his 32 years of loyal service in the city government attests to his success in finally finding that pot of gold.

Carry on that golden tradition of loyalty, Mr. Mimeo Machine Man!



Leonardo "Machine Man" Jaboli poses with Mayor Mathay, Vice Mayor Planas and Councilor Biglang-awa after receiving his Loyalty Award.

MATHAY . . .

Floor Leader of the Council, who made the disappointing announcement that the salary increases provided for in an ordinance authored by Councilor "Bu" Mathay had been disapproved by the Department of Budget Management for being contrary to the National Salary Standardization Law.

Favorable Reconsideration

The Mayor re-kindled the hopes of City Hall employees by assuring them that all efforts will be exerted to push through the implementation of the salary increases. He said the proper city officials headed by City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba will meet with Secretary Enriquez of the Budget Management Department to argue a favorable reconsideration of the salary increases. Dr. Alba is especially fitted for the mission having once been Minister of the Budget under the Marcos regime.

Retroactive

With respect to the Productivity and Loyalty benefits, Mayor Mathay also gave the assurance that they will eventually be given. Anyway, he said, they, including the salary increases if favorably reconsidered by the Budget Management Department, will be retroactive to January this year. To show how big are the amounts needed for the benefits in question, Mathay said that for the salary increases alone, P200 million will be needed – as big as the annual income of a first class province like Cavite, he added.

Human Capital Enhancement

To stress the fact that the welfare of City Hall employees was uppermost in his heart and mind, Mathay revealed that on Day One of this administration, he forged a "covenant" with City Administrator Dr. Alba and other city officials to make "Human Capital Enhancement" top priority.

City Council In Session

(This is the fourth of our series of critical reviews of sessions of the City Council. The previous reviews covered sessions for the months of July, August, September, October and November, 1992. The present review covers sessions for December, 1992 and for January and February 1993.)



December 3

Perfect attendance although although Councilors Pumaren and Mathay arrived a bit late.

Call to order at 2:09 P.M.

Councilor Calalay, staunch advocate of Pilipino, reminded the body that, being the first session of the month, it's the native language that should be used in the deliberations. Upon suspension of the rules, however, Councilor Defensor was allowed to deliver his privilege speech in English.



In his speech, Defensor exposed alleged anomalies committed by personnel of the Engineering Department in connivance with certain contractors. We say "alleged" advisedly because at the time of the speech, the guilt of the accused parties had not yet been established; in fact, not established until now. Perhaps, Councilor Defensor, should not have made a positive, absolute and categorical judge ment of "guilty," as he did with his opening statement:

"... I rise before you to expose and assail the anomalous activities committed by the City Engineering Department to abscond with our taxpayer's (sic) money."

Why "abscond"? To abscond is to run away, to flee, but the accused Engineering personnel are still very much around, ready to face the music.

Defensor's expose is obviously based on the complaint of Engr. Reynaldo V. Castillo, Technical Assistant I, Office of the City Engineer, who furnished him documents to support his complaint, for which complaint and documents, the honorable Councilor called Castillo a "hero." Said he:

"We stand together in denouncing this heinous scheme (and therefore punishable with death?) and in calling all Barangay Captains to be as heroic as those who chose to stand against the odds, particularly Engr. Reynaldo Castillo, who is here with us today." *(Underscoring supplied)*

Now, please don't get us wrong. We are not belittling the "heroism" of Engr. Castillo, who is a good friend of ours nor are we discounting the possibiliy that the accused are guilty. The crusading engineer has also furnished us copies of the same documents he gave Defensor, and has been relentlessly urging us to put out a story on his complaint. So please turn to Page 1 for this story, "A Redundancy of Contracts."

In his speech, Councilor Defensor failed to mention that Escudero Construction Co. also had a contract to undertake the work in question – asphalt overlay of 21st Ave., Bgy. Tagumpay, QC – for which it collected partial payment (P101,123.94) for preliminary work (patching and squaring) it claims it undertook but did not, according to Defensor. The honorable Councilor cited the contract between the Department of Public Works and Highway (DPWH) and Rockville Construction Co. "forged through (the intercession of) then Congresswoman now Senator Anna Dominique Coseteng. . . " Did it ever occur to the honorable Councilor Defensor to ask why DPWH awarded a contract to Rockville when the City government had already awarded a contract to Escudero? It is a city street that is involved.

Now, may we plead again: Please don't get us wrong. We are not chiding Councilor Defensor for his speech, except, as already pointed out, for his "positive, absolute and categorical judgement of "guilty"" on the accused parties. On the contrary, we hail the honorable Councilor for being the first member of the Council to have joined the fight against graft and corruption having introduced the recently enacted ordinance purportedly designed to prevent anomalies in connection with infrastructure projects – although the ordinance is not as effective and adequate as it could be.

As to Senator Coseteng and the DPWH, we appreciate their concern in helping the city government with its road repair and improvement projects – although the intercession made by Coseteng might be interpreted by some quarters as an attempt to upstage then Mayor Simon and the Engineering people and earn the plandits and votes of her constituents in the 3rd District.



We think Councilor Galarpe, one of the Council's most perceptive and knowledgeable members, agrees with our own perception of Defensor's precipitate judgement of "guilty." Thus, he said that since "Councilor Defensor has (sic) not talked with the City Engineer about the expose before he delivered his privilege speech, . . he proposed that before the Council act on said privilege speech, the City Engineer be allowed to explain under the Question and Answer Hour, so that the Body may be enlightened on the matter brought up by Coun. Defensor."

It was decided to call the parties involved: City Engineer, City Treasurer, City Auditor, City Attorney, Bgy. Captains of Bgys. Tagumpay and Doquino Zobel, the contractors, Engr. Castillo and QC District Engineer Andres. Senator Coseteng, DPWH engineers and Rockville's representative were key witnesses in the controversy but were not invited. Why?

Eight proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading – all appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds. Only one was a non-appropriatons measure:

1) Establishing rules and regulations in the processing and approval of subdivision plans for residential, commercial or industrial subdivisions and other developmental purposes, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

Two proposed resolutions were taken up on first reading:

1) Calling for an election of the City Council's representative to sit in the Committee on Awards as provided for under Sec. 364 of the Local Government Code, introduced by Councilor Gallarpe.

2) Ratifying the tri-partite Memorandum of Agreement executed by the National Historical Institute, National Parks Development Committee and the QC government for the development and maintenance of the QC Memorial Circle, introduced by Councilor Calalay. This was subsequently approved under suspended rules.

Approved on second reading were these ordinances:

1) Approriating P223,000 for compulsory overtime of P50 per hour for personnel of the City Council's Secretariat and all other personnel involved in the preparation of the Minutes and Agenda of the Council, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas and Councilor Liban.

2) Changing the position title of the Tax Research Assistant under the Board of Tax Assessment Appeals of QC to Assistant Board Secretary at salary grade 22 and appropriating P11,000 for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

The request of Florante C. San Diego, President of La Liga Barangay Kagawads for the increase of cash gifts for kagawads to P2,000 was taken up. Since the amount needed was not included in the 1992 budget said amount will be included in the 1933 budget as prior years obligation. Session adjourned at 6:10 P.M., one minute beyond a four-hour session.

December 7

Absent, not on official time, were Councilors Lagumbay and Sison. Absent on official time were Councilors Medina and Bautista (the son) Medina was reported as conferring with his constituents on matters of peace and order. Councilor Bautista (the son) gave a similar reason for his absence on official time through Councilor Liban. Late were Councilors Tamayo, Ferrer, Altuna, Hipol, Montilla and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:09 P.M.

Present at the Question and Answer Hour were City Engineer Macapugay, City Planning and Development Officer Magat, City Atty. Hilario, Engr. Reynaldo Castillo (complainant), Tagumpay Bgy. Captain Escalano, Dioquino-Zobel Bgy. Captain Daniel Villa, Hilario D. Escudero III, City Auditor Verian and a representative from the Treasurer's office.

Subject was the privilege speech of Councilor Defensor exposing alleged anomalies committed by the Engineering Department in connection with the asphalt overlaying of 21st Ave. and Dioquino-Zobel St. (For what transpired, read the article, "Redundant Contracts," page 1.)

Approved on second reading were:

1) Ordinance appropriating P1,711,100 for the improvement and extension of General Ave., GSIS Village, Bgy. Bahay Toro, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

2) Resolution requesting the City Administrator to designate and mark the smoking areas of the QC Hall and all other city government offices and providing penalties as per Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. ___, NC-89, introduced by Councilor Sison.

Deferred was the proposed resolution, introduced by Councilor Bautista (the son) urging the DPWH Secretary to conduct a feasibility study on the construction of pedestrian overpasses in front of Iglesia Ni Kristo and at Luzon Avenue corner Batasan Road and Manggahan St.

Eight proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading and referred to the appropriate committees. Three were appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds, hence no need to cite them now. The other five ordinances were:

1) Adopting the QC Revenue Code of 1992, introduced by Councilors Liban, Medina, Medalla and Hipol.

2) Authorizing the collection by the City Treasurer of five percent of every compromise agreement involving payment of any amount before the affidavit of desistance is acted upon by the City Prosecutor's Office, allocating part of the proceeds thereof to a trust fund to be expended exclusively for the benefit of the judiciary, introduced by Councilor Dario.

3) Extending the franchises of tricycle operators for 1922 and 1993 by three years from date of expiration, introduced by Councilor Sison.

4) Extending financial assistance to the victims of the fire at Bgy. Balingasa on Nov. 25, 1992, introduced by Councilor Samson.

5) Granting financial assistance to 16 house owners and 24 renter-sharers in Bgy. Balingasa whose houses were demolished on November 24, 1992, introduced by Councilor Calalay. This was taken up under suspended rules but was laid on the table after Councilor Hipol called the body's attention to the lack of quorum with only 12 Councilors left.

The session adjourned at 6:52 P.M., 43 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

December 10

Absent on official time, no reason given, was Councilor Altuna. Late were Councilors Tamayo, Sioson, Bautista (the son), Hipol and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:03.

The Minutes of the previous session (December 7) was approved without any member noting the mistakes on page 4. In line 30, it is stated that it was Bgy. Captain Daniel Villas of Bgy. Dioquino-Zobel who claimed that there was no asphalt squaring and patching done by Escudero Construction . . . " It should be Bgy. Captain Roger R. Escolano. In line 36, Bgy. Captain Villas should be Bgy. Captain Escolano.

Nine proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, six of which were appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds. The three othe ordinances were:

1) Creating the position of one Broadcast Officer and one Production Assistant under the Office of City Secretary and appropriating funds for their compensation and for purchase of radio time and supplies, introduced by Councilors Mathay and Sioson.

2) Converting the QC Skills Training Center into QC Polytechnic University and providing the necessary funds for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa.

3) Creating the QC Department of Environmental Protection and Ecology, defining, its powers, functions and composition; and promulgating the Environment Code of QC, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

This session yielded a bumper crop of proposed resolutions – 12 in all. Not one of them are of great significance; they were all referred to the proper committees.

Approved on second and final reading was the 1993 budget in the amount of P2,023,680,000, introduced by Councilors Bautista (the father) and Sioson.

Also approved was a resolution authorizing the release of P30,000 to be given as financial aid to the legal heirs of Enrique Fabella, a kagawad of Bgy. Bagong Lipunan ng Crame who died last December 4, 1992 while supervising the counting of the SK election at Ponciano Bernardo High School, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.

Approved on final reading was a resolution urging the Mayor to order and direct the Business Permits and Licensing Office to strictly enforce Section 152-C of the Local Government Code of 1991 in relation to its implementing guidelines by requiring the presentation and submission of a "Business-Barangay Clearance" as a prerequisite to the acceptance of a new application and renewal of business permit and license and calling for a massive information campaign for this purpose, introduced by Councilor Hipol.

The above resolution provides that the Barangay Clearance may be dispensed with if not complied with within seven days after receipt of an application for business permit or license.

The session was adjourned at 6:52 P.M., 49 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

December 14

Perfect attendance although many arrived late: Councilors Sioson, Ferrer, Medina, Alonzo, Bautista (the son), Lagumbay, Altuna, Montilla and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:40 P.M.

Under Unfinished Business, the following ordinances were approved

THE SCORE
(July 1992 to March 1993)

ORDINANCE	
Number Filed	404
Number Approved by Mayor	63
RESOLUTIONS	
Number Filed	284
Number Adopted	77

ATTENDANCE RECORD

July 1992 to March 1993

Legend

AOT – Absent on Official Time
ANOT – Absent Not on Official Time
LA – Late Arrival
SL – Sick Leave
OL – On Leave

*(**Editor's Note:** Attendance record is not necessarily a conclusive basis for judging the performance of an official or employee. But generally, it is an indication of how conscienciously and disciplined an official or employee may be. The attendance record of our Councilors hereunder is given objectively and factually without any implied comment, favorable or unfavorable. This attendance record is based on the Minutes of the Council sessions which are presumed to be accurate considering that they are all approved by the Council.)*

1st District	AOT	ANOT	LA	SL	OL
REYNALDO A. CALALAY	0	0	0	0	0
ALBERTO M. GALARPE	0	0	2	0	0
EMILIO G. TAMAYO	0	2	30	0	0
ANTONIO L. SIOSON	4	2	9	0	0
MOISES S. SAMSON	0	0	0	0	0
VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.	1	2	13	6	1
2nd District					
MELENCIO M. CASTELO	3	0	6	0	0
GODOFREDO T. LIBAN	0	0	0	0	0
MA. FRESCA M. BIGLANG-AWA	0	0	7	0	0
ANTONIO V. HERNANDEZ*	0	0	5	0	0
MARCIANO P. MEDALLA	0	0	8	0	0
REYNALDO N. MEDINA	0	0	9	6	0
3rd District					
CONNIE ANGELES	0	0	4	0	7
HERBERT M. BAUTISTA	3	5	25	0	0
MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR	2	3	18	0	0
FRANZ S. PUMAREN	1	7	6	29	0
CESAR A. DARIO, JR.	0	0	13	0	0
EUFEMIO E. LAGUMBAY	0	1	12	0	0
4th District					
GUILLERMO C. ALTUNA**	10	1	22	0	0
JOSEPH PETER S. SISON	0	1	1	0	0
BAYANI V. HIPOL	1	0	14	0	0
ALFREDO A. FRANCISCO	0	2	22	0	0
RAMON G. MATHAY	1	3	13	0	0
HERMINIO G. BAUTISTA	0	2	26	0	0
Sectoral Representatives					
ROBERTO A. MIGUEL	0	0	3	5	0
WENCEROM C. LAGUMBAY (Assumed office Jan. 25, 1993)	1	1	3	0	0

**He has a total of 16 absences but we can not separate them into AOT and ANOT absences because the Minutes, which is our source, is not clear which is which.*

***He has 10 AOT absences but for most of them, no reason is given.*

Councilor Calalay, who was the past Council's "Mr. Perfect Attendance", maintains his right to the title in the present Council. He has some emerging competitors in Councilors Liban and Samson.



CALALAY



LIBAN



SAMSON

1) Granting financial assistance to 16 house owners and 24 renter-sharers whose houses at Bgy. Balingasa were demolished onNov. 24, 1992 P1,000 each for house owners and P500 for renters-sharers. introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Extending financial assistance to victims at Bgy. Balingasa of a fire on November 25, 1992 and appropriating P67,500 for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Samson.

The following resolutions were approved:

1) Authorizing the Mayor to sell to the Old Tenants Association the 5,454.7 sq. m. lot to the 90 members who are presently occupying it at P1,850 per sq. m., introduced by Councilor Tamayo.

2) Extending financial assistance to the Central Police District for repair of Kampo Karingal Headquarters in the amount of P2 million, introduced by Councilor Mathay.

3) Congratulating the QC Cycling Team that won the team title in the recent Philippine Internatonal Inter-City cycling championship, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.

Taken up on first reading was a proposed resolution establishing and creating the QC Polytechnic University, introduced by Councilor Defensor.



Another resolution taken up on first reading is practically a duplication of an existing ordinance enacted by the previous Council. It urges the business sector to give priority of employment to residents in the barangay and in Quezon City, introduced by Councilor Sioson. The existing ordinance referred to was introduced by the late Councilor Isidro Saludes. It provides that business establishments give priority of employment to registered voters of QC.

At this juncture, Councilor Liban read a letter from Digital Telecommunicatons, Philippines, Inc. applying for a franchise in QC to provide its residents telecommunications services. It was referred to the proper committees.

Aside from the measures approved under Unfinished Business, the following measures were approved on second reading or under suspended rules:

1) Ordinance appropriating P250,000 for the construction of a Lying-In Clinic at Bgy. Capri, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas, Liban and Biglang-awa. As with all other appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds, this one could become just another "paper ordinance." But at least the introducers can claim credit for their show of concern for pregnant women.

2) Resolution ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement executed between the QC government and the QC Parks Development for the improvement, maintenance, management and operation of parks and open spaces designated for the welfare and recreation of city residents, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

The resolution introduced by Councilor Bautista (the son) urging the DPWH Secretary to make a feasibility study on the construction of a pedestrian overpass infront of the Iglesia Ni Kristo was deferred because the introducer was absent on official time although no reason was given.

Also deferred was the resolution authorizing the Mayor to fund out of savings from any item in the Office of the Mayor the additional P1,000 cash gift to Bgy. Kagawads, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

Recess was declared at 5:P.M. after a 3-hour session short by two minutes.

December 21

This was a resumption at 2:46 P.M. of the December 14 session – this was a week later.

The Council did nothing except to approve the annual 1992 budgets of 20 barangays and the supplemental budgets of six barangays.

Recess was declared at 3:00 P.M. No adjournment yet.

January 14

This was still a continuation of the December 14 and 21 sessions. The session started at 2:30 P.M.

The resolution pertaining to additional cash gift of Kagawads continued to be deferred.

A complaint against the Barangay officials of Bgy. Dioquino-Zobel for alleged offenses filed by the Lizardo Livelihood Association and Lizardo Homeowners Association was referred to the proper committees.

Councilor Dario, Chairman of the Special Accreditation Committee, made a progress report: As of January 13, 1993, a total of 77 NGOs and POs mainly from the urban poor were already verified and being processed by the Special Committee for subsequent transmittal to the Council for approval.

Councilor Galarpe informed the body that the SK Chairman, Wency Lagumbay, son of Councilor Lagumbay, had already taken his oath of office before the Mayor. The Presiding Officer formed a committee to prepare the recognition and acceptance of the SK Chairman which was scheduled for Monday, January 25.

Session finally adjourned at 3:05 P.M. This twice-resumed 43rd session took 4 hours and 47 minutes.

January 18

Absent on official time, no specific reason given, was Councilor Medina. Late were Councilors Ferrer, Bautista (the son), Defensor, Pumaren, Lagumbay, Altuna, Mathay and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:20 P.M.

The Presiding Officer, under the privilege hour, made a brief report on the accomplishments of the City Council for the year 1992, and on her official trip abroad, December 22, 1992 to January 8, 1993.

Nineteen proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, seven of which were appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds. Of the other 12, some of the more significant are the following:

1) Prohibiting 10-wheeler trucks from parking in any public road, street or thoroughfare any time of the day or night unless for loading and unloading and providing penalties for violations, introduced by Councilor Galarpe. A fine of P2,000 or imprisonment of not more than 10 days is the penalty.

2) Compulsory test for drug addiction and alcoholism for all uniformed men of the Central Police District and the QC Fire Station and forfeiture of the incentive allowance granted by the city government for those found positive, introduced by Councilor Samson. They have to submit a report on the results of the tests within two months after the effectivity of this ordinance. The tests are to be made yearly.

Among the appropriation measures, one grants financial assistance of P50,000 each to the late Councilors Isidro Saludes and Saturnino Bermudez, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

Two other appropriation measures grant financial assistance to fire victims at;

1) Bgy. Del Monte, P2,000 each to house owners and P1,000 to render-sharers, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Bgy. Capri, Area 5 and 6, P2,500 each to house owners and P1,000 each to renter-sharers, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas and six Councilors.

Still another appropriation measure realigns the sum of P359,177.72 to defray the cost of the creation of positions for one Sergeant-of-Arms and three Assistants, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

Under suspended rules, the following ordinances were approved:

1) Sub-allocating the internal budget allocated for the City Council to each and every member including qualified representatives and giving them exclusive administration, supervision and control over their respective allocations, introduced by Councilor Samson. This ordinance also abolishes the Internal Accounts Committee of the Council which previously had the task of monitoring and recording the expenditures of the Councilors.

2) Authorizing the temporary renewal of Mayor's business permit for the year 1993 subject to the condition that the Barangay Clearance required will be submitted not later than March 31, 1993, introduced by Councilor Sioson.

Councilor Dario submitted a progress report on the accreditation of NGOs and POs. He is the Chairman of the Council's Special Accreditation Committee.

Action on the petition of the majority of Barangay Captains of QC for the holding of a special election for officers of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay in QC was deferred for the next session.

The session was adjourned at 8:00 P.M., 20 minutes short of an 8-hour session.

January 21

Absent on official time was Councilor Medina, no specific reason given except the oft-repeated "presently attending to constituents." Absent *per se*, meaning not on official time, was Councilor Altuna. Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Ferrer, and Bautista (the son).

Call to order at 2:07.



Councilor Miguel asked that the phrase "the representative of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay should resign" be deleted from the Minutes of the previous session. This remark was made by Councilor Calalay probably because of the petition of Barangay Captains for the holding of special election of officers of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay of which Miguel is the president. The deletion was objected to by Councilor Defensor. Does this mean the honorable Councilor agrees with Calalay that Miguel should resign?

The Presiding Officer delivered a privilege speech denying the accusation made in an unsigned letter of the Alliance of Concerned Employees that she "had a certain share from the contract for the construction of the sidewalk cover," which was not publicly bidded.



The Vice Mayor challenged the writer to come out openly, she vehemently denounced the letter as an "abrasive lie" and said that, as the city government's Graftbuster, she would be the last person to participate in any anomalous transaction. She cited the case she had filed with the Ombudsman against Cesar Sianghio and Alpha Pools pertaining to the construction of two swimming pools in Novaliches which had not been bidded despite its being not urgent, much less emergency in nature. She also cited the way she had curbed the prices of **some office supplies and how she had rid her office of ghost employes.**

She admitted, however, that the contract for the construction of the sidewalk cover was not bidded but negotiated by the City Mayor pursuant to an authorization given in Resolution No. 41, S-92 of the City Council. She further admitted that the Council had not yet received a copy of the contract, hence had not yet ratified it.

Under Unfinished Business, the following ordinances were approved on second reading:



1) Ordaining authorized contractors to post information on all public works and infrastructure projects within the City 15 days after the finalization of the contracts therefor, the information to include: 1) Name of project; 2) Name of contracting company; 3) Total amount of funds allocated therefor and the estimated cost of the project; and 4) Performance time alloted thereto. Penalty: Not more than P5,000 fine or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both at the discretion of the court. Size of the posted sign: four feet by four for projects costing less than a million pesos and at least four feet by eight feet for projects costing more than a million pesos. Introduced by Councilor Defensor. (Read the article, "An Impotent Anti-Graft Ordinance," Page 1.)

2) Appropriating P1,409,100 for construction of basketball cover at Intersection of Malaya and Angelo streets, La Loma, QC, introduced by Councilor Ferrer.

3) Appropriating P1,409,100 for construction of basketball cover at corner of Road 11 and Road 12, Bahay Toro, Proj. 8, introduced also by Councilor Ferrer.

4) Appropriating P519,330 for installation of artesian wells in Barangays Payatas, Capri, Kaligayahan, San Agustin, San Bartolome, Sta. Monica, Commonwealth, Talipapa and Holy Spirit, District II, QC, introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa. The nine artesian wells will each have an allocation of P57,703.33.

5) Extending by three years Tricycle franchises issued by the LTFRB expiring within the years 1992 and 1993, introduced by Councilor Sison. This will get votes for Sison from the tricycle associations.

6) Providing assistance consisting of financial grant to the Quezon City Parks Development Foundation, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

The following resolutions were approved on second reading:

1) Ratifying Executive Order 10-A dated Jan. 20, 1993 extending the deadline for securing new busines permit license or renewal thereof from January 20, 1993 to January 15, 1993, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Condoling with the family of the late Charlene Mayne Sy who was killed in a foiled kidnap-for-ransom attempt, introduced by Councilor Sioson.

3) Urging the citizenry to report the commission of crimes and provide information to identify the criminals, introduced by Councilor Sioson.

The session adjourned at 6:40 P.M., 33 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

January 25

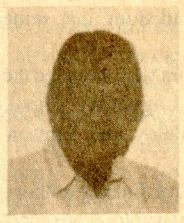
Perfect attendance, although Councilors Biglang-awa, Defensor and Bautista (the father) arrived late.

Call to order at 2:16 P.M.

Wencerom Lagumbay, President of the "Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan," accepted as ex-officio member of the City Council pursuant to Sec. 438, par. A of the LGC. He is the son of Councilor Lagumbay. Councilor Bautista (the son) welcomed and congratulated the young Lagumbay as well as the SK officials and Barangay officials who came with him. Wencerom made a brief acceptance speech.

Councilor Angeles delivered a privilege speech denouncing the "Tarot" and "Zodiac Horoscope" newspaper advertisement. (For more details, please read the news story, "Councilor Angeles Denounces Tarot, Zodiac Horoscope Ads."

Only one measure was taken up: Acting on a petition of Barangay Captains of QC, Councilor Defensor and Samson introduced a resolution urging the City Mayor to constitute a committee to study the possibility of holding a special election of a complete set of officers of the Liga Ng Mga Barangays.



The petition of the Barangay Captains was obviously a manifestation of loss of confidence in the officers of the Liga Ng Mga Barangays including, of course, the president, Councilor Miguel, who brought to the Body's attention an opinion dated Jan. 20, 1993 of the Director of the Legal Counsel of the DILG stating that "it is argued that any reorganization and election of officers of the Liga Ng Mga Barangays would be premature and not in accordance with law."

Despite this opinion, the resolution was approved. It will be recalled that it was Defensor who had questioned Miguel's hold over incumbency as ABC representative to the New Council. Deliadeza dictates that Miguel and his fellow officers of the Liga should perhaps resign to give due course to the desire of the Barangay Captains for a complete new set of officers.

The session adjourned at 5:13 P.M., three minutes beyond a 3-hour session.

January 28

Absent was Councilor Pumaren – on sick leave, up to FEb. 1. Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Bautista (the son), Dario, and Altuna.

Call to order at 2:07 P.M.

There is a new father and son tandem in the Council: Councilor Eufemio Lagumbay (the father) and Councilor Wencerom Lagumbay (the son) as representative of the Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan of QC.



Councilor Samson delivered a privilege speech on "renewed individual and collective discipline, nationalism, patriotism and honesty which are cherished Filipino virtues that require re-introduction and perhaps re-indoctrination as they have now become taboo and alien to some of the present-day crops of public servants." The speech was triggered by his observation of how some city government officials and employees "dastardly and unduly disregard" the playing and singing of the QC Hymn – worse, others leave outright when the playing and singing is still going on. "If we can not respect the QC Hymn, which he considers of equal importance with the national anthem, how much less able are we to respect taxpayer's money," Samson said. We would probably use this taxpayers' money for the purchase of useless things which do not pass COA and Fiscal Control or, he added, we would indulge in juggling government funds.

What intrigued and perplexed listeners was Samson's reference to himself as one not afflicted with "tropical disease." And his parting words were ominous: "BEWARE!!! Again, BEWARE!!!

WE ARE QUIVERING WITH FEAR, Councilor Samson.

Laid on the table was Councilor Defensor's proposed resolution, which was being taken up on second reading, to create an ad hoc committee on illegal drugs to study drug abuse problems in aid of legislation. Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer Planas had said that such a creation was superflous considering that there is already the QC Anti-Drug Abuse Council of which she is the Chairman and to which the Council is alrady represented by the Majority and Minority Floor Leaders.

Eight proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, five of which were approriation measures sans certification as to availability of funds. One of these is worth mentioning: Appropriating P5 million to establish a trust fund for the purpose of granting monetary awards to deserving employees of the city government and/or QC residents who have done or accomplished exemplary service for the city and its citizens, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas. The three other proposed ordinances were:

1) Authorizing the Mayor to expropriate a 658.9 sq. m. lot presently occupied by the Barangay Hall of Bgy. Botocan.

2) Providing for the re-classification/re-zoning of all areas along Commonwealth Avenue from residential (R-1) to commercial, as mandated by the QC Zoning Ordinance of 1992, introduced by Councilor Castelo, Tamayo and Bautista (the father).

3) Allowing all available open spaces, easements, sidewalks suitable for parking space in QC to be used as overnight parking spaces for fees, introduced by Councilor Hipol.

Under suspended rules, an ordinance was passed granting P200,000 to retired Judge Pacifico Punzalan in recognition of his 40 years' exemplary service as member of the Bench, introduced by Councilors Galarpe and Liban.

Five proposed resolutions were taken up on first reading:

1) Authorizing the release of P30,000 to be given as financial assistance to the heirs of Bgy. Commonwealth Kagawad Arcely Adriano who died on Jan. 6, 1993, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

2) Requesting the Mayor to make representations with the NHA for the development fo Kaisahan Kaingin Bukid, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

3) Creating a Committee on People's Participation as a regular committee of the City Council, introduced by Councilor Pumaren.

4) Enjoining Meralco to exempt QC Hall Complex from brownouts, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

5) Ratifying a Deed of Sale involving the sale by the city government of a 114 sq. m. lot to Diogenes Romualdo, Erlinda Velasco and Araceli Antonio.

Taken up on second reading under suspended rules was the resolution urging the Mayor to allocate funds to defray expenses for the preparation of the final form of the QC Local Tax Code, introduced by Councilor Sioson.

Approved on second reading was an ordinance establishing rules and regulations in the processing and approval of subdivision plans for

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residential, commercial or industrial subdivisions, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

The session adjourned at 6:51 P.M., 44 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

February 1

Absent not on official time was Councilor Bautista (the son). On sick leave were Councilors Pumaren and Medina. Late were Councilors Ferrer, and Defensor.

Call to order at 2:14.

Being the first session of the month, it was Pilipino that had to be used. Councilor Lagumbay pointed out that Councilors who can not speak the native tongue should at least ask permission to speak in English. Councilor Calalay remarked that it is sad thing that some Filipinos find it hard to speak our own language.

The Presiding Officer announced the Councilors who attended the flag-raising ceremony: Castelo, Liban, Medalla, Lagumbay, Hipol, Bautista (the father) and Miguel, Councilors Calalay and Samson arrived late.

Taken up on second reading was the proposed ordinance authorizing the Mayor to lease a 1,700 sq. m. lot to the Mariana Neighbornood Association for its management and maintenance, introduced by Councilor Altuna, et al. It was deferred after Councilor Montilla disclosed that a survey conducted by residents of Bgy. Mariana showed that a majority was for using the lot as the site for a Health Center. Only 13% were for using it as a park, 13% also for using it for livelihood projects and others wanted to purchase the lot to be used as site for the construction of their houses.

Approved on second reading was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to grant additional Christmas allowance to the QC Barangay Kagawads for the year 1992 from any available funds, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

Recommitted to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure was the proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a negotiated contract for the construction of a 3-story, 12-classroom school building of the Krus-Na-Ligas Elementary school in the amount of P8,062,920.92, introduced by Councilors Galarpe and Bautista (the father).

Eight proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, six of which were appropriation measurs sans certification as to availability of funds. The two non-appropriation measures were:

1) Authorizing the City Treasurer to deputize Barangay Treasurers who are properly bonded to collect the community tax in their respective jurisdictions and directing the same to grant the Barangays 50% of the proceeds, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

2) Creating the QC Sports Development Council, defining its powers and functions, determining its composition and appropriating funds therefor, introduced by Councilors Defensor and Pumaren.

Taken up on first reading were the following proposed resolutions:

1) Requesting Congress to pass legislation creating at least one Regional Office of the Philippines Overseas Employment Authority (POEA) in each of the 13 regions in the country, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Urging the Mayor to expropriate two parcels of land at West Riverside St., Bgy. San Antonio, QC owned by a certain Franklin Thelmo consisting of 422 and 390 sq. m., respectively, to be awarded to the bonafide and qualified tenants thereat, introduced by Councilor Dario.

3) Urging the DPWH to construct a covered pedestrian overpass servicing Connecticut St., crossing EDSA infront of Camp Aguinaldo, introduced by Councilor Dario.

4) This 4th proposed resolution is not worth mentioning.

Approved on suspended rules was a resolution enjoining Meralco to exempt the QC Hall Complex from brownouts, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

Approved on second reading was the ordinance appropriating P1,409,100 for the construction of the cover of a basketball court at Bgy. Bahay Toro, introduced by Councilors Ferrer and Galarpe.

The session adjourned at 7:17 P.M., three minutes beyond a five-hour session.

February 14

February 4

On sick leave were Councilors Medina, Pumaren and Bautista (the son). Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Sioson, Castelo, Alonzo, Montilla and Mathay.

Call to order at 2:07 P.M.

Only one proposed ordinance was taken up on first reading: An appropriation measure sans certification as to availability of funds, hence no need to mention it now.

Two proposed resolutions were taken up on first reading:

1) Urging QC Local School Board to convert the QC Skills Training Center and the A. Roces, Sr. Vocational High School into a Polytechnic Institute, introduced by Councilor Liban.

2) Calling for the reconsideration of the disapproval of the proposed resolution allowing the CCC Neighborhood Association to use a portion of the park-strip along a creek in Bgy. Paltok, SFDM, as site for a multi-purpose building to house the CCC Credit Cooperative, introduced by Councilors Calalay and Galarpe.

Taken up on second reading was a proposed ordinance creating the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) pursuant to R.A. No. 7432. It was deferred due to the absence of its proponent, Councilor Tamayo.

The rest of the session was devoted to a lengthy discussion and approval of the proposed resolution, introduced by Councilor Liban, updating the Rules of the City Council and amending certain provisions thereof.

Among the amendments were:

1) The number of votes required to suspend the rules of the Council shall be two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, that is, if there is a quorum.

2) An additional committee was created: "Committee on People's Participation," which shall have these powers and functions: "All matters relating to the exercise of the rules, rights and responsibilities of the people of QC with regard to institutions of more responsible mechanism or consultation with and participation in the affairs of the city government."

3) There shall be a once-a-year regular session to be held in each district, date and venue to be set by the Councilors of the district and the City Secretary.

4) As required under Section 50 of the LGC, a new provision under Rule IV (Internal Goverment) entitled, "Disorderly Behavior and Absences without Justifiable Cause," provides that "members who may be found guilty of disorderly behavior or of incurring abcenses without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions may be censured, reprimanded, excluded from the sessions or suspended for not more than sixty (60) days, or expelled; provided, that the penalty of suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members; provided further, that a member convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from City Council."

The condition that disorderly conduct and absence without justifiable cause has to be committed "for four (4) consecutive sessions" to be a punishable offense virtually makes the above cited new provision useless. (For more comments on this provision,, turn, if you please, to the column, Standard Fare.)

The session adjourned at 7:00 P.M., seven minutes short of a five-hour session.

February 8

Still on sick leave: Councilor Pumaren. Absent on official time: Councilors Altuna who attended a meeting of the Cavite Councilors League and Bautista (the son), who had joined the committee that welcomed the Chiba City delegation. Late were: Councilors Defensor, Lagumbay, Montilla, Bautista(the father), and Lagumbay (the son).

Call to order at 2:16 P.M.



Councilor Samson delivered a privileged speech in which he exposed an alleged anomaly in the payment of the P1,000 incentive pay to QC's 2,062 policemen and 591 firemen for the period July 1 to December 31, 1992: The anomaly consisted in several policemen having received and continue to receive the incentive pay despite the fact that: 1) they have pending cases in court; 2) they are under preventive suspension; and 3) they are presently abroad. As to the fire personnel, incentive pay was given even to civilian employees such as clerks, electricians, drivers, utility personnel, bookbinders, laborers, engineers, record officers and others. Samson asked an investigation by Central Police District Superintendent Gen. Rodolfo Garcia and by "higher-up in the Fire Department." He also asked for suspension of the payment of the incentive pay. Councilor Medina was against the suspension; he said wait for result of investigation. We disagree with Medina. If not suspended, those not entitled might continue receiving the incentive pay. Anyway, when resumed after suspension, those entitled will get their back incentive pay so they will not be prejudiced.

The Presiding Officer's proposal to form a committee to investigate Samson's expose with Councilor Hipol as Chairman and Samson and Medina as members was rejected. Instead a sub-committee under the Blue Ribbon Committee was formed with Councilor Bautista (the father) as Chairman and with Councilors Hipol, Sison, Ferrer, and Dario as members.

Approved on second reading were the following:

1) Ordinance creating the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) pursuant to R.A. No. 7432 and providing the encessary appropriation, introduced by Councilor Tamayo.

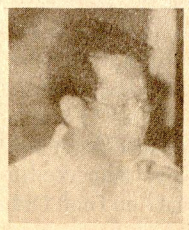
OSCA will be under the Office of the Mayor as per LGC. Qualified senior citizens will be issued identification cards. As of this date (Feb. 8), 1,600 senior citizens had already registered.

2) Ordinance granting a one-time real property tax incentives and/or reliefs to delinquent taxpayers for interests and penalties in QC until June 30, 1993 subject to certain terms and conditions. This was a substitute version provided by the Committee on Laws, Rules and Internal Government of a proposed resolution introduced by Councilor Samson urging the President to issue an executive order proclaiming the one-time amnesty granted by said ordinance.

ordinance.

3) Resolution urging DPWH Secretary de Jesus to construct a flyover at the corner of North Avenue, EDSA and West Avenue, introduced by Councilor Ferrer.

4) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate for donation to the city or acquire by expropriation that parcel of land consisting of 122 sq. m., more or leess, located at Feria Road, Bgy. Old Balara . . . for road-right-of way for some 500 families in Old Balara, introduced by Councilor Angeles.



An amendment proposed by Councilor Liban intended to improve the sentence structure of the Ordinance makes it more awkward:

"x x x to authorize the Hon. City Mayor to negotiate by donation or to acquire by expropriation, that parcel of land x x x "

We propose the following sentence structure:

"x x x to authorize the Hon. City Mayor to negotiate for the acquisition, either by donation or by expropriation, of that parcel of land x x x ."

Taken up on first reading were six proposed ordinances, four of them appropriation measures, one of which is worth mentioning, although like the three others, it is not supported by a certification as to the availability of funds. This is an ordinance introduced by the Presiding Officer appropriating P2 million to establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students residing in QC.

The non-appropriation measures were:

1) Requiring restaurant owners/operators in QC to provide a water tank duly provided with purifier and providing penalties for violation thereof, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Regulating the use of over-the-counter drugs such as cough preparations and volatile substances which are subject to abuse and providing penalties therefor, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.



One of two proposed resolutions taken up on first reading was the following:

"Urging the City Mayor to cause the recording and reproduction of the QC Hymn and to allocate funds necessary for the said recording and reproduction," introduced by Councilor Sioson.

This resolution reminds us of a similar measure introduced by then Councilor George Canseco of the old Council. Canseco, who was the author of the QC Hymn which has been junked in favor of the original hymn adopted under late Mayor Amoranto, wanted to appropriate P2.2 million for the tape recording of his hymn for free distribution to schools, NGOs and other interested parties. After charging P60,000 for his hymn, Canseco wanted P2.2 million to boost what he must have considered a "masterpiece," although Vice Mayor Planas thinks otherwise. She has called the Canseco hymn a "**ponebre,**" good for funerals. We were actually the first to complain about the dirge-like tune of the Canseco hymn in a news story in the August 30, 1990 of our paper.

Councilor Sioson wans to emulate Canseco. At least the QC hymn, the version now being played/sang, is not a **ponebre; nevertheless,** its recording and reproduction is not a priority for which the Mayor's not too ample funds can ill afford to defray. Sioson wanted his resolution taken up under suspended rules – he considered it that urgent. But his more prudent colleagues wont allow it; the resolution was referred to the proper committees.

The resolution introduced by Vice Mayor Planas confirming the appointment of Sotero O. Laurel as Acting City Department Head III (City Secretary) effective January 1, 1993 was deferred when Councilor Lagumbay (the father) pointed out the lack of a quorum. The following Councilors had taken French leave: Tamayo, Ferrer, Castelo, Medina, Alonzo, Medalla, Defensor, Dario, Montilla, Bautista (the father) and Lagumbay (the son).

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Laws, Rules and Internal Government. It's a cinch this committee will recommend the approval of the confirmatory resolution, for Laude is most deserving – certainly more so than his predecessor who is with Senator Sotto and incidentally, is currently facing a charge for violation of certain provisions of the Code of Ethics and Moral Standards for Public Officials and Employees. Defending.

The session adjourned at 7:13 P.M., four minutes beyond a five-hour session.

February 11

Absent on official time was Councilor Medina – no reason given. Absent per se was Councilor Sioson while Councilor Pumaren continues to be on sick leave. Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Ferrer, Bautista (the son), Altuna, Montilla and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:22 P.M.

Councilor Samson, who is emerging as a mini-version of Senator Maceda, as Mr. Expose, delivered a privilege speech exposing another anomaly, this time, in the QC Health Department, particularly the Sanitation Division, headed by Dr. Leonito Catarroja. The anomaly consists in the sale of health certificates without the required medical examinatons and immunizatons. The modus operandi is as follows:

Health certificate forms printed at Dr. Catarroja's expense and bearing his signature are sold for P20 to a Certain Norma Sanchez of the Food and Drugs Section and to somebody from the Business Permits and Licenses Office (BPLO). Sanchez and the somebody resell the spurious health certificates to fixers for P50 who re-resell them for P70 to those who need them to get occupational permits at the BPLO. Fixers, according to Samson, are City Hall jani-tors/tresses, security guards, and outsiders. Those in need of the health certificates are applicans for jobs as wait-ters/tresses, cooks, security guards and others. The privilege speaker demanded the immediate resignation of Dr. Magdalena Ybañez, QC Health Department Head as well as Dr. Catarroja, Norma Sanchez and their co-horts.

The Presiding Officer, whose slogan is "Action Agad," wanted to immediately call the involved officials for interrogation but the Council demurred. It was decided instead to refer the alleged anomaly to the Blue Ribbon Committee. It was given 10 days to submit the report. It will probably need 10 months or more, judging from its past peformance.

Approved on second reading was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to lease two parcels of land to the Mariana Neighborhood Association, to be used as a park introduced by Councilor Sison.

Taken up on first reading were six proposed ordinances of which three are worth mentioning:

1) Requiring operators of theaters and cinema houses, stadiums and other similar places holding and/or exhibiting cinematographic films, stage shows, concerts, sports competitions and similar activities to obtain compulsory insurance cover against bodily injuries and/or death in favor and for the benefit of paying patrons therein, and providing penalty for violations thereof, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Creatng a committee to conduct a project study on the establishment of a modern city jails for QC, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

3) Authorizing the use of designated city streets and properties as tricycle terminals and requiring the imposition of terminal fees on all tricycle units franchised in QC, introduced by Councilors Sison, Mathay and Vice Mayor Planas.

Taken up on first reading was a proposed resolution ratifying the maintenance agreement entered into by and between the QC government and Multi-Factor Bismatees Trading covering the maintenance of the 26 NCR Class 41-HBI validating Machines from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

Councilor Hipol requested that the QC flag be likewise raised during the flag raising ceremony.

The session adjourned at 6:30 P.M., eight minutes beyond a four-hour session.

February 15, 1993

Absent, without any reason given, was Councilor Alonzo. Absent on official time was Councilor Lagumbay (the son) who was, according to Councilor Liban, in conference at the Department of Interior and Local government. Still on sick leave was Councilor Pumaren. Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Medalla, Bautista (the son), Defensor, Dario, Lagumbay, and Mathay.

Call to order at 2:05 P.M.



Councilor Calalay thwarted Councilor Altuna's motion to dispense with the roll call. Unfair to those who arrived early and stayed up to the moment when session was called to order, Calalay said.

Session was suspended at 2:15 P.M. to allow the Councilors to join the Mayor at the inauguration of the Tandang Sora-Commonwealth Avenue flyover.

Session was resumed two days later on Feb ruary 18 at 2:15 P.M.

Upon motion of Councilor Samson, the rules were suspended for the reconsideration of the ordinance, previously approved on third reading, granting amnesty to delinquent real property taxpayers. As proposed by Samson, the title was amended to read as follows:

"Granting relief to delinquent real property taxpayers of QC with respect to interest and penalties on their real property tax until June 30, 1993, subject to certain conditions."

Also, as proposed by Samson, the third whereas was amended to read as follows:

"Whereas, the Mt. Pinatubo erruptions, the flash floods and the recent eruption of Mt. Mayon have greatly affected adversely the residents of QC especially the real property owners through the sudden increase in the prices of basic commodities and services."

ROTARY . . .

Memorandum of Agreement approved by the Quezon City Council the city government allows the use of the 2nd floor of the Ocean Theater Building. Also, under another Memorandum of Agreement, the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) provides trainors through its faculty.

Conforming with the Mayor's inspirational talk that "those who have less in life should be provided with tools with which to work out their own destinies with dignity and in freedom", the Center's mission is to provide opportunities for unemployed adults and out-of school youth to gain training in various skills now being offered or can be set up for a group such as what is now on the drawing board of the City's Industrial Relations Office.

Students are sponsored by QC Rotary Clubs, city councilors, government officials and civic-minded individuals. Among these sponsors are: the Rotary Clubs of Fairview, Biaknabato Silangan, Roxas, SFDM-East, Fairview Neopolitan, Inner Wheel of RC Cubao; Councilors "Butch" Bautista, "Pinggoy" Lagumbay, Cesar Dario, Jr. Presca Biglang-awa and Mrs. Annie Alcala of the City Treasurery's Office, Dr. Rene Santos, Alfie Co of Modern Rest, and many others. Students may also walk in to enroll and the Center will look for sponsors to underwrite their training.

CITY COUNCIL . . .

We fail to see why real property property owners have been more adversely affected than non-property owners as implied by "especially". We should think it is the real property owners who are less adversely affected considering that, generally, they are more affluent than non-property owners.

Two proposed ordinances were taken up on second reading but were deferred for further study:

1) Regulating diggings and excavations in the streets/thoroughfares in QC and providing penalties for violatons thereof, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

2) Enjoining the submission of appointments of heads of departments and offices in the QC government to the City Council for confirmation as required by law and providing for the procedure for such submission and confirmation, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

Approved on second reading were the following ordinances:

1) Establishing a QC Medical Care Program (QC Medicap), and appropriating P250,000.00 for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Angeles.

2) Appropriating P948,684.00 for the improvement of Trinidad Avenue, San Antonio Subdivison, Damong Maliit St., Bgy. Nagkaisang Nayon, Novaliches, QC., introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa.

Laid on the table for lack of quorum during the later part of the session brought about by the practice of Councilors of doing a Houdini (disappearing act):

"Appropriating the amount of P3,500,000 as standby public assistance fund to cover hospitalization and medical expenses of indigent patients in the various hospitals located in QC," introduced by Councilor Calalay. The session adjourned at 6:41 P.M.,

(Due to space limitations, the review for the Feb. 22 session will be in next issue)

Mathay Awards Certificates Of Recognition To Book Donors Of QC Public Library

Donors and supporters of the Quezon City library were awarded certificates of recognition recently by Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay Jr. and Quezon City chief librarian Blanquita L. del Barrio.

The awarding ceremonies highlighted the celebration of Public Library Day in the city.

Mathay, who is the chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Authority (MMA), was guest of honor and speaker during the awarding ceremonies while Councilor Michael Defensor gave the inspirational talk.

Del Barrio, who is also the president of the Public Librariana Association of the Philippines, said that the awardees were lawyer Carlton Ames, Director of the Thomas Jefferson Cultural Center,

Esther A. Vival, president, Vibal Publishing House; Thormjorm Wallenberg, president, Scandinavian Children's Mission; former Quezon City councilors Jorge Banal and Felicitas Biglang Awa; Virgilio Almario, executive director, Children's Communication Center; Alfredo Macapugay, Quezon City city engineer; Cesar Sianghio, chief, Quezon City Parks Administration Office; Antonio G. Ocampo, district governor, Lion's Club International District 301 D-2; Iluminada Fajardo of QC General Services Office; Judge Jose Aquiling of the Quezon City Knights of Rizal; Alito Tan, former administrator, Novaliches District Center; Dean Rosa Vallejo, Susan Samaco, QC Hall of Justice.



Mayor Mathay is guest at a Kuro-Kuro sa Q.C. sponsored by young journalists of "Citizens Mass Media Services"held every Friday morning at the Aberdeen Court. To his left are Bert Felipe, one of panelists on public health, Rev. Aniceto Q. Lazo, spiritual adviser of QC Mass Media services and Jaime Gaffud representing the business sector

3-Year 110 M Equipment Program Submitted By City Engr.

City Engr. Alfredo Macapugay has submitted a 3-Year (1993 to 1995) Light & Heavy Equipment Acquisition Program prepared by the Equipment Pool Operations & Maintenance Division.

The equipment to be acquired consists of 12-ton 6-wheeler D-trucks, Motor Graders (125 HP), Payloaders (2.5 cu. yd.), Tandem Rollers (10 tons cap), VAC-ALLs (16 cu. yd.), Sewer Jet (4,500 psi), Back Hoe/Escavators (0.5 cu. m.), Transport Trailers (low bed), Dump Truck 10-wheelers (low bed), Asphalt Pavers (3 mtr. pneumatic), Pneumatic Tire Rollers (8 tons), Multi Workers, Pick-Ups (single cab) and Water Tankers.

It is projected in the program that this year, 1993, P50 million worth of equipment will be procured. Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer Charito L. Planas has already introduced an ordinance appropriating this amount.

In the second year, 1994, P35,750,000 worth of equipment will be acquired and in 1995, P24,450,000, for a total of P110,200,00.

Macapugay said that with the acquisition of the above light and heavy equipment, infrastructure projects of the city government could be undertaken by administration, that is, by the Engineering Department itself, resulting in big savings for the city government.

EASTER . . .

Tell me, can it be otherwise? If true knowledge of the wonderful fact of the resurrection and its meaning dwell within the heart, there will also be a burning desire to let others know the glorious truth which will dispel all gloom and sadness for them and fill them with assurance of eternal life.

May God graciously grant that you and I rejoice today from the very depths of our hearts! The Easter message furnishes abundant cause for joy. Let us swell the anthems. Let us sing praises unto our Savior who has procured indescribable blessings for us. Filled with exuberant Easter joy, let us address ourselves to the tasks which God has set before us. Let us faithfully perform our duty towards the millions who need the joy of Easter as well as we need it. May everyone of us come and see, and then, go and tell! Amen.

NINE . . .

In line with Mayor Mathay's declaration making QC a mother-baby-friendly city, a Day Care Center was opened recently at the premises of the City Hall where working employees can entrust their pre-school children to trained child educators.

The day care center is a pioneering effort of the city government to concretize the mayor's vision that "the children are our only hope for a brighter future, let us plant the seeds now so we can reap a good harvest in the future.

With all these accomplihments of the Mathay administration in less than one year, it is certain that the goal of making Quezon City the premier city' of the country would be realized in the very near future.

ACCREDITATION . . .

COALITION
NGO COALITION FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
60 Kamuning Rd., Kamuning, Quezon City
KAPATIRAN KOMUNIDAD PEOPLES COALITION, INC.
ROTC Hunters, Tatalon, Quezon City
KONGRESO NG PAGKAKAISA NG MARALITA NG LUNGSOD
23 ROTC Hunters, Tatalon, Quezon City
DAMAYAN LAGI KOALISYON, INC.
2-D 14th St., New Manila, Quezon City

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
LABOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK, INC.
Unit 502 Berelon Bldg., 1186 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City
PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH AND ORGANIZATION TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT
109 15th Avenue, Murphy, Cubao, Quezon City
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX, INC.
142-A Scout Rallos, Kamuning, Quezon City
LANGKUMAN NG KABABAIHAN SA PAGKILOS, INC.
20 Escaller St., Loyola Heights, Quezon City
FORUM FOR RURAL CONCERN, INC.
Unit 336 Eagle Court Compound, 26 Matalino St., Central District, Quezon City

PEOPLES ORGANIZATION
SAMAHAN NG MGA WALANG KURYENTE SA DAMAYANG LAGI, INC.
2-D 14th St., Damayang Lagi, Quezon City
KRUSSIANS INCORPORATED
Bgy. Krus na Ligas, Diliman, Quezon City
BAGONG BAHAY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
2-D 14th St., Damayang Lagi, Quezon City
KAISAHAN AT UGNAYAN TUNGO SA ADHIKAIN, INC.
21-B La Pelonia St., Damayang Lagi, Quezon City
BICOL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
Araneta Avenue, Tatalon, Quezon City
ARANETA TATALON IBABA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
Lot 9 Blk. 523, 6 Araneta Avenue, Tatalon, Quezon City
SAMAGKADAUP – SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG DAAN TUBO AT U.P.
Sitio Libis, U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City
DAMKA II NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
11th St., Damayan Lagi, Quezon City
THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF KALIRAYA VICTORY AND AGAW AVENUE, TATALON QUEZON CITY
59 Kaliraya St., Tatalon, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MARALITA PARA SA KATIYAKAN NG PANINIRAHAN
65 Kaliraya St., Tatalon, Quezon City
SAMAHAN TAWID SAPA DOS
San Agustin, Novaliches, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG IMMACULATE CONCEPCION, INC.
6 Constabulary Rd., Area 6 Veterans Village, Holy Spirit, Quezon City
KALAYAAN D EXTENSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
6 Kalayan D Extension, Batasan Hills, Quezon City
630 ARANETA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
630 G. Araneta Avenue, Tatalon, Quezon City
ROTC HUNTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ROTC Hunters Tatalon, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY SA BARANGAY MARIANA
Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City
TORCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF MARIANA, INC.
4-7th St., Mariana, New Manila, Quezon City
TOMANA PEOPLES ORGANIZATION, INC.
4th/F Macdalton Bldg., 768 EDSA cor. East Avenue, Quezon City
SILBING GABAY ASSOCIATION OF QUEZON CITY, INC.
118 Mother Ignacia Avenue, Quezon City
LIKOD KAPILYA SAMAHAN NG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY
10 11th St., New Manila, Quezon City
SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE VOTING CITIZENSHIP
Scout Ybardolaza, Sacred Heart, Quezon City
MAHIHIRAP – SAMAHAN NG MGA API – CUBAO
53 Banahaw St., Cubao, Quezon City
MATANG TUBIG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
4 C. Benitez St., Cubao, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG PUROK 6 SA E. RODRIGUEZ, INC.
199 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Avenue, Quezon City
SAMAHANG HANDANG MAGLINGKOD SA KAPWA
U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City
PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
NIA Rd., East Triangle, Pinahan, Quezon City

SECTORAL
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NA WALANG LUPA
13 Manungal St., Bgy. Tatalon, Quezon City

PEOPLES ORGANIZATION
UGNAYAN NG MAMAMAYAN SA BAGO BANTAY
10 Samar St., Bago Bantay, Q.C.
SAMAHAN NG MGA NANAY SA DAMAYANG LAGI, INC.
2-D 4th St., Damayang Lagi, Q.C.
TANGLAW NG PANGARAP SA TALAYAN, INC.
Lot 10 Blk. 500 Talayan St., Barangay Talayan, Quezon City

SINAGTALA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Sitio Sinagtala, Bahay Toro, Project 8, Quezon City
UGNAYAN NG MARALITANG NAGNANAIS NG IKAUUNLAD NG BARANGAY (UMAMB)
San Jose Seminary Compound Bahay Toro, Quezon City
SEMINARY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Sitio Militar, Bahay Toro, Quezon City
MAGKAKAISANG KAPISANAN KAPITBAHAYAN SA MINDANAO AVENUE, Q.C.
Catleya St., cor. Mindanao Avenue, Bahay Toro, Tandang Sora, Quezon City
BAHAY TORO LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
2 B.S. Aquino, Jr. St., Sitio Militar, Quezon City
SAMAHANG NAGKAKAISANG DIWA, INC.
Bahay Toro, Project 8, Quezon City
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE ASSOCIATION
San Roque, Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City
ASSOCIATION OF LANDLESS RESIDENTS OF NORTH TRIANGLE
San Roque II, Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City
SAN ROQUE II HOMEOWNERS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Sitio San Roque I-II, Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG BARANGAY SAN JOSE, INC.
Tinagan St., Bgy. San Roque, Quezon City
AKKAPKA – FRISCO BASE GROUP
224 Sto. Domingo St., Bgy. Balingasa, Quezon City
SAMAHANG TINIG NG MAHIHIRAP NG MASAMBONG
18-A Capoas St., Bgy. Masambong, Quezon City
SAMAHANG KAPITBISIG NG ROTC HUNTERS, INC.
8 ROTC Capoas St., Bgy. Masambong, Quezon City
KAHIRAPAN NG SAMAHANG PINAGBUKLOD
8 Don Pepe St., Sto. Domingo, Quezon City
SAMAHAN NG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY SA AIB, INC.
11-C AIB Segada St., Bgy. Sto. Domingo, Quezon City
BUKLURAN NG MAMAMAYAN NG BGY. STO. DOMINGO
9 P. Florentino St., Bgy. Sto. Domingo, Quezon City
FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATION OF TATALON ESTATE, INC.
9 G. Araneta Avenue, Bgy. Sto. Domingo, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG ARANETA AVENUE Cor. Quezon Avenue, Inc.
SAMAHAN NG LAHING KAYUMANGGI NG TAGUMPAY, INC.
Barangay R. Magsaysay, 56 Tagumpay St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City
BLK. 17 OLD TENANTS ASSOCIATION
23 Blk. 17, Bgy. Bungad, Quezon City
SAMAHANG MARALITA LTO 20, INC.
192 Moore St., S.F.D.M., Bgy. Bungad, Quezon City
SAMAHANG NAGKAKAISA SA KAUNLARAN
125-A West Riverside, Bgy. San Antonio, Quezon City

Compliments of:

AMARANTH TRADING CONSTRUCTION
Lot 5 Blk. 1-B-9, Road 9, Phase 5
Cogeo Village, Antipolo, Rizal
FLOR VILLANUEVA
Proprietor

APPROVED ORDINANCES

(July 1992 – March 1993)

ORDINANCE NO. SP 5, S-92

ESTABLISHING THE "QC HALL YAKAP", A DAY CARE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 6 OF PARENTS EMPLOYED IN QC HALL AND APPROPRIATING P50,000.00 THEREFOR FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Introduced by Councilor Connie Angeles
Enacted: August 3, 1992
Approved: November 23, 1992

The site of the Center within the City Hall Compound will be determined by the Mayor. It will be under the administration of the Social Services Development Department, which will provide the teaching staff and the needed equipment and materials.

The QC Public Library will furnish instructional materials; the Health Department, nutritional intervention; and NGOs will be tapped for other forms of support.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 11, S-92

CREATING THE "QC PROJECT MT. PINATUBO" UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION PESOS AS THE CITY GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BE CONSIDERED AS THE INITIAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and Councilor Cesar A. Dario, Jr.
Enacted: September 10, 1992
Approved: November 13, 1992

The Mt. Pinatubo Project will be chairmaned by the City Mayor with the Vice Mayor as Vice Chairman. Members will be appointed by the Mayor. A city-wide relief effort will be undertaken for the Mt. Pinatubo victims.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 15, S-92

FRANCHISING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED TRICYCLES IN QC TO BE KNOWN AS THE "QC TRICYCLE ORDINANCE OF 1992"

Introduced by Councilor Joseph Peter S. Sison
Enacted: September 21, 1992
Approved: November 17, 1992

Sec. 459, 3(vi) of the LGC gives the City Council the authority to grant franchise to tricycles.

The Tricycle Regulation Unit (TRU) under the Office of the City Mayor is tasked to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

The QC Tricycle Franchising Board under the City Council is created with the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Communication as Chairman and the following as members:

1. Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means
2. Chairman of the Committee on Barangay Affairs and Community Relations.
3. The Federation District Representative of the concerned District Operators and Drivers Association.
4. The Chief of the Tricycle Regulation Unit.

All motorized for hire tricycles must register with the Tricycle Regulation Unit and apply for a franchise with the City Council through the Tricycle Franchising Board.

Franchise for motorized tricycles for hire is valid for three years, renewable for another three years.

Registration fee – P50 for every unit
Supervision fee – P80 per unit
Confirmation fee – P10 per unit
Annual Sticker – P10 per unit
Specific Francise fee – P250 per unit and supervision fee or P100.

A surcharge of 25% of the franchise fee is collected for renewal of franchise.

Tricycles for hire will be provided with numbers starting with 001 to be painted at the front and at the back and inside the sidecar.

Routes and terminals and color schemes will be determined and allocated to tricycle operators by the City Council through the TRU and the TFB. A tricycle wanting to travel outside its route must get a special permit from the TRU. The fee is P50.

Tricycles for hire are not allowed to traverse national roads except when crossing it, provided, it is the only access road to its destination.

The prescribed fare is P2.00 per passenger for the first kilometer plus P.50 per kilometer in excess thereof.

Penalties for violations of the provisions of this ordinance are: Fine of not less than P200 but not more than P1,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 17, S-92

APPROPRIATING P217,500.00 FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY FOR RELIEF SERVICES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT FLASH FLOOD IN QC.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and all Councilors
Enacted: September 24, 1992
Approved: October 14, 1992

The flood occurred on September 15, 1992. It submerged certain areas in QC particularly Bgys. Old Balara, Commonwealth and Culiat where 59 houses were totally damaged and 70, partially.

This ordinance extends assistance of P2,500 to each owner of the totally damaged houses and P1,000 each to owners of partially damaged houses.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 18, S-92

APPROPRIATING P350,000, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BARANGAY HALL LOCATED AT ALIMUDIN ST., BGY. VILLA MARIA CLARA, PROJECT 4, QC.

Introduced by Councilors Herbert Bautista, Connie Angeles, Michael Defensor, Cesar Dario, Jr. and Eufemio Lagumbay.
Enacted: October 8, 1992
Approved: November 27, 1992

ORDINANCE NO. SP 23, S-92

CREATING A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) AND PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (PO) ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE WHICH WILL PROCESS APPLICATION FORMS FOR ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPRESENTATION IN THE LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES OF THE QC GOVERNMENT.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and Councilor Alberto Galarpe
Enacted: November 12, 1992
Approved: January 13, 1993

The local special bodies are: 1) Local Development Council; 2) Local Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee; (PBAC) 3) Local School Board; 4) Local Health Board; and 5) Local Peace and Order Council.

Chairman of the Accreditation Committee is the Chairman of the Committee on Public Affairs and Information of the City Council. Members are:

a) Community Relations Officer, Office of the Mayor; b) Chairman of the Committee on Barangay Affairs and Community Relatons; c) City Secretary; and d) Vice Mayor's representative.

Functions and Responsibilities:

a. To conduct an inventory of existing NGOs, POs and other private organizations;
b. To prepare a master list of all organizations above-mentioned;
c. To process the application forms and documents submitted in accordance with Art. 64, Rule XIII of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the LGC and guidelines issued by the COMELEC;
d. To recommend to the City Council all the organizations that fulfill the prescribed requirements.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 24, S-92

REGULATING AND IMPOSING FEES FOR THE TESTING AND SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND IMPOSING FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFENDERS AND VIOLATORS.

Introduced by Councilor Ramon G. Mathay and Alberto M. Galarpe
Enacted: November 16, 1992
Approved: January 11, 1993

The annual fees imposed are as follows:

a) **For sealing linear metric measures of capacity;**
   1. Not over one meter – P20.00
   2. Measure over one meter – 30.00
b) **For sealing metric measures of capacity**
   1. Not over ten (10) liters – 20.00
   2. Over ten (10) liters – 30.00
c) **For sealing metric instruments of weights**
   1. With capacity of more than 30 kgs. but not more than 300 kgs. – 30.00
   2. With capacity of more than 30 kgs. but not more than 300 kgs. – 40.00
   3. With capacity of more than 300 kgs. but not more than 3,000 kgs. – 50.00
   4. With capacity of mor than 3,000 kgs. – 60.00
d) **For sealing apothecary balance or other balances of precision**
   1. Over 3,000 kgs. – 80.00
   2. Over 300 to 3,000 kgs. – 60.00
   3. Over 30 to 300 kgs. – 40.00
   4. 30 kgs. or less – 20.00
e) **For sealing scale or balance with complete set of weights**
   1. For each scale or balance with complete set weights for use therewith – free
   2. For each extra weights – P10.00
   3. For each and every re-testing and re-sealing of weights and measures instruments including gasoline pumps outside the office upon request of the owner or operator, and operator an additional service charge of P50.00 for each instrument shall be collected.

Exemptions:

a) All instruments for weights and measures used in government work or maintained for public use by any instrumentality of the government shall be tested and sealed free.
b) Instruments or weights and measures intended for sale by dealers are exempt from the fees imposed in this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 26, S-92

APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF P10,240,000.00 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NOVALICHES HEALTH CENTER SO AS TO EXTEND MEDICAL SERVICES THEREIN.

Introduced by Councilor Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa
Enacted: November 16, 1992
Approved: December 12, 1992

In the Novaliches area comprising 13 barangays, there is need to reconstruct the Novaliches Health Center so as to expand the medical services program thereat, to include the Lying-In Clinic, Mental Hygiene Services, Drug Prevention Center, Adolescent Counselling Services, Acute Care Services, Day-Care Services, Family Planning Services and Laboratory Services.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 27, S-92

APPROPRIATING THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF P2,497,700.00 TO COVER THE EXPENSES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS WHICH WERE RESET FROM OCTOBER 9 TO DECEMBER 4, 1992 UNDER COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 24499-B THE AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN FROM THE KABATAAN BARANGAY FUNDS.

Introduced by Councilors Herbert M. Bautista and Roberto M. Miguel
Enacted: November 16, 1992
Approved: November 24, 1992

This ordinance creates an Operations Organization to effect an efficient and effective implementation of the SK elections pursuant to COMELEC Resolutions No. 2499 and 2520. Operation Organization shall consist of the Executive Committee, Board of Election Supervisors, Barangay Registration Committee, Board of Election Tellers and Board of Election Canvassers.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 31, S-92

PROVIDING FOR A NEW SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE QC GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Councilor Ramon G. Mathay
Enacted: November 23, 1992
Approved: December 21, 1992

Section 81 of the LGC empowers the City Council to determine the compensation of local officials and employees, provided such compensation is based on pertinent provisions of "AN ACT PRESCRIBING A REVISED COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Section 3. Coverage – This Ordinance shall apply to all City Officials and Employees occupying elective and plantilla positions now existing or may hereafter be created in the City Government including contractual and casual employees; Provided, further, that the increase in compensation of elective local officials shall take effect only after the term of office of those approving such increase shall have expired. The corresponding salary grades of existing positions are hereby adopted.

Section 4. Salary Schedule – The salary rates of all plantilla positions shall be in accordance with the salary Schedule prescribed herein below:

GRADE		STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
1	P	2,510.00	2,560.00	2,810.00	2,660.00	2,710.00
2		2,761.00	2,811.00	2,861.00	2,911.00	2,961.00
3		3,012.00	3,062.00	3,112.00	3,162.00	3,212.00
4		3,263.00	3,313.00	3,363.00	3,413.00	3,463.00
5		3,514.00	3,564.00	3,614.00	3,664.00	3,714.00
6		3,765.00	3,815.00	3,875.00	3,925.00	3,75.00
7		4,016.00	4,068.00	4,116.00	4,168.00	4,216.00
8		4,267.00	4,317.00	4,367.00	4,417.00	4,467.00
9		4,518.00	4,568.00	4,618.00	4,668.00	4,718.00
10		4,769.00	4,819.00	4,869.00	4,919.00	4,969.00
11		5,020.00	5,070.00	5,120.00	5,170.00	5,220.00
12		5,271.00	5,321.00	5,371.00	5,421.00	5,471.00
13.		5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
14		5,773.00	5,823.00	5,873.00	5,923.00	5,973.00
15		6,024.00	6,074.00	6,124.00	6,174.00	6,224.00
16		6,275.00	6,325.00	6,375.00	6,425.00	6,475.00
17		6,526.00	6,578.00	6,626.00	6,676.00	6,726.00
18		6,777.00	6,826.00	6,876.00	6,926.00	6,976.00
19		7,028.00	7,078.00	7,128.00	7,178.00	7,228.00
20		7,308.00	7,358.00	7,408.00	7,458.00	7,508.00
21		7,988.00	8,038.00	8,088.00	8,138.00	8,188.00
22		8,760.00	8,810.00	8,880.00	8,910.00	8,980.00
23		9,641.00	9,691.00	9,741.00	9,791.00	9,841.00
24		10,645,00	10,895.00	10,745.00	10,795.00	10,845.00
25		11,895.00	11,945.00	11,985.00	12,045.00	12,095.00
26		13,160.00	13,210.00	13,280.00	13,310.00	13,360.00
27.		14,425.00	14,475.00	14,525.00	14,575.00	14,625.00
28.		15,690.00	15,740.00	15,790.00	15,735.00	17,781.00
29		17,585.00	17,835.00	17,685.00	17,735.00	17,781.00
30		19,485.00	19,535.00	19,585.00	19,635.00	19,685.00

Step 1 of the above-salary schedule shall be implemented on January 1, 1993; Step 2 to Step 5 maybe implemented for the succeeding years subject to the availability of funds; Provided, that if a particular step in the salary schedule has been implemented, the same shall be considered as the minimum or starting pay for all positions concerned; Provided, further, that the implementation of the increase in compensation of elective officials shall be subject to the provisions of Section 81 of republic Act No. 7160;

Section 5. Wages of Casual or Emergency Employees – Effective January 1, 1993, all casual or emergency employees shall be paid a minimum rate of One Hundred Eighteen Pesos (P118.00) per day; Provided, that the compensation of casual or emergency employees shall likewise be adjusted every year at an amount approximating but not exceeding the increment for Salary Grade 1 of the Salary Schedule.

Section 6. Contractual Employees – The salary of the contractual employees may not exceed by more than twenty percent (20%) the rates assigned to plantilla positions performing substantially similar duties and responsibilities.

Section 7. Committee on Salary Adjustment – A Committee on Salary Adjustment is hereby created to undertake necessary steps for the proper implementation of this Ordinance. The Committee shall be composed of the City Administrator as Chairman, the City Treasurer, the City Budget Officer and the City Personnel Officer as members.

The Committee may issue guidelines, rules and regulations for the implementation hereof.

Section 8. Seperability Clause – If for any reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declard to be uncosntitutional or invalid, the other sections thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in, full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, orders, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Funding – The City Mayor, City Treasurer and the City Budget Officer shall include in the annual budget of Quezon City the amounts necessary to implement this Ordinance.

Section 11. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1993.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 32, S-92

EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF TRICYCLE FRANCHISES ISSUED BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD EXPIRING WITHIN THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 1992 UP TO JUNE 29, 1993.

Introduced by Councilor Joseph Peter S. Sison
Enacted: November 23, 1992
Approved: December 2, 1992

ORDINANCE NO. SP 33, S-92

CREATING AN ELECTRICAL DIVISION UNDER THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF QC AND PROVIDING ITS PERSONNEL REQUIREEMNTS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor Emilio G. Tamayo
Enacted: November 26, 1992
Approved: January 26, 1993

SECTION 1. There is hereby created an Electrical Division "under the Engineering Department of Quezon City which shall be subdivided into three sections, namely: The Planning Section, the Inspection Section, and the Processing Section.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created thirty six (36) new plantilla positions to complement the staffing requirements of the Electrical Division, as follows:

1 – Electrical Engineer V (Professional Electrical Engineer)
1 – Electrical Engineer IV (Professional Electrical Engineer)
1 – Electrical Engiener I (Assoc. or Asst. E.E.)

Clerical Staff:

2 – Clerk III (Senior Clerk)
2 – Clerk I (Clerk)
1 – Utility Worker II (Utility Worker)

Planning Section:

1 – Electrical Engineer III (Asoc. or Asst. E.E.)
1 – Electrical Engineer II (Assoc. or Asst. E.E.)
2 – Draftsman II (Draftsman)
2 – Cost Estimator (Assoc. or Asst. E.E. or Master Electrician)

Inspection Section:

1 – Electrical Engineer III (Assoc. or Asst. E.E.)
1 – Electronics Communication Engineer II (Electronic & Communication Engineer)
12 – Electrical Inspector II (Assoc. or Asst. E.E. or Master Electrician)

Processing Section:

1 – Electrical Engineer III (Assoc. or Asst. E.E.)
1 – Electrical Engineer II (Assoc. or Asst. E.E.)
2 – Clerk II (Senior Clerk)
4 – Clerk I (Processing Clerk)

Employees of the erstwhile Electrical Division of the Quezon City Government absorbed by the Quezon City Fire Department may be hired for the aforsaid positions, provided that they shall have the necessary qualifications.

SECTION 3. The Electrical Division shall have the following duties and functions:

A. Formulate, evaluate and supervise the electrical aspects of the construction projects undertaken by the City;
B. Inspect the electrical installations of the newly constructed structures the City and undertake annual inspections of existing electrical installatons;
C. Evaluate and process applications for wiring permits and electrical certificates; and
D. Perform other related functions as may be required by the practice of Electrical Engineering as per requirements of the Philippine Electrical Code, the R.A. 184 and other related laws and ordinances.

SECTION 4. The City Engineer shall coordinate with the City Budget Officer for the inclusion of the budgetary requirements of the Electrical Division in the 1993 Annual Budget of the Department of Engineering.

SECTION 5. The City Engineer, subject to existing hiring policies and personnel qualifications in Section 2, shall as soon as possible fill up the newly created positions at the start of calendar year 1993.

SECTION 6. Fees for Inspection and Test. – Electrical fees shall be collected based on the list of National Building Code of the Philippines. (Latest Edition)

SECTION 7. Penalty. – Penalty shall be collected based on the requirement of the National Building Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 8. Copies of this Ordinance shall be furnished the Bureau of Fire Protection, the Quezon City Fire Station and all its sub-stations, all Barangay Councils in Quezon City and shall be posted in all public places such as the bulletin boards in and around the Quezon City Hall, barangay halls and other public buildings, public markets and similar establishments, for the proper information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 9. All existing electrical records of the Quezon City Fire Station shall be transferred to the Electrical Division within fifteen (15) days upon the approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 36, S-92

REQUIRING ONLY ONE SINGLE ENTRY POINT IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARKETS IN QC FOR THE DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEAT, ANIMAL CARCASSES, ORGANS OR PARTS THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Councilor Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.
Enacted: November 26, 1992
Approved: January 21, 1993

SECTION 1. There shall be established only one (1) entry point in every market, whether public or private, for the delivery and distribution of meat and/or carcass of hogs, cattle, carabaos, horses, goats, etc. slaughtered at all abattoirs withtin and outside Quezon City.

SECTION 2. No person, firm, corporation or partnership shall store, transport, sell or otherwise dispose of meat, carcasses, organs or parts thereof which have not been previously inspected and passed the single entry point legally established in every market whether public or private, or who shall falsify, counterfeit, alter, deface or destroy any certificate, pass, tag, and other papers issued by the duly authorized government officials shall suffer a penalty consisting of a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 4. Meat or carcasses of animals or parts thereof which are stored transported, sold or otherwise disposed of without inspection or passing through properly designated entry points shall be confiscated and properly disposed of. The confiscation of the cascass as herein provided shall be in addition to the penalty provided in the immediately preceding section.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 43, S-92

APPROPRIATING P250,000.00 FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE CITY TREASURY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LYING-IN EXTENSION OF BARANGAY CAPRI HEALTH CENTER, QC

Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and Councilors Godofredo T. Liban, II and Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa.
Enacted: December 14, 1992
Approved: January 11, 1993

ORDINANCE NO. SP 45, S-92

APPROPRIATING P650,000.00 FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BARANGAY CAPRI WET MARKET IN QC

Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and Councilors Castelo, Liban, Biglang-awa, Medalla, Medina and Hernandez.
Enacted: December 14, 1992
Approved: January 26, 1993

ORDINANCE NO. SP 55, S-92

GRANTING RELIEF TO DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS OF QC WITH RESPECT TO INTERESTS AND PENALTIES ON THEIR REAL PROPERTY TAX UNTIL. JUNE 30, 1993, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Introduced by Councilor Moises S. Samson and co-introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas and all other Councilors.

As of January 30, 1993, collectible delinquent realty taxes including interests and penalties are as follows:

Taxes	–	P399,193,548.40
Penalties	–	95,806,451.60
TOTAL	–	493,000,000.00

SECTION 1. A one hundred percent (100%) relief on interests and penalties for delinquent real property tax is hereby granted to real property taxpayers until June 30, 1993, with respect to the following real properties:

(A) Those which are undeclared and subject to back taxes;
(B) Those which are declared but the real property taxes thereon have not been paid;
(C) Those included in public auctions conducted by local government but were not purchased by private persons entities.

One-hundred percentum (100%) of the accumulated interests and penalties of the delinquent real property taxes, till June 30, 1993, shall be condoned, except real properties which are undeclared and subject to back taxes which may avail of the fifty percent (50%) of the accumulaed interests and penalties. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the City Assessor and the City Treasurer and approved by the City Mayor, the amount of the real property tax and under this tax relief may be paid in installments. Should any installment not be paid on its due date, the total unpaid balance of the delinquent real property taxes and the entire amount of interests and penalties shall become automatically due and demandable and shall be enforced in accordance with law.

SECTION 2. This tax relief for delinquent real property taxpayers shall not apply to any of the following:

(A) Delinquent real properties which have been disposed of at public auction to satisfy the real property tax delinquencies;
(B) Real properties subject of pending cases in court for real property tax and delinquencies;
(C) Real properties with tax delinquencies which are being paid pursuant to a compromise agreement.

No public auction of delinquent real properties shall be held during the period of this relief.

SECTION 3. The application for the real properties tax relief on interest, penalties shall be filed in the form prescribed by the City Treasurer and the Office of the Mayor.

SECTION 4. The relief granted herein may be availed of only until June 30, 1993.

SECTION 5. The City Assessor and the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Mayor, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances, resolutions, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or pats thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

REQUIRING THE ACCREDITED AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR TO POST INFORMATION OF (SIC) ALL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING FUNDS ALLOCATED THERETO, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor
Enacted: January 28, 19 **ORDINANCE SP 53, S-93**
Approved: February 11, 1993

SECTION 1. Accredited contracting parties shall post information of all public works and infrastructure projects within the City at the expense of the contractor undertaking the project fifteen (15) days after the finalization of the contracts therefor which shall include the following;

1. Name of project;
2. Name of the contracting company;
3. Total amount of funds allocated therefor and the estimated cost of the project;
4. The performance time alloted thereto.

The size of the sign shall at least be 4ft by 8ft for projects costing over a Million; and 4ft by 4ft for projects costing less than a Million; and the bill of materials and scope of work shall be readily presented upon inquiry of any person.

SECTION 2. A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year shall be imposed as penalty for failure to comply therewith.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
IMPLEMENTING
ORDINANCE NO.SP-55, S-93

RULE 1. Coverage. – The 100 percent relief from payment of penalties/interests for delinquency in realty taxes granted therein shall apply to the following:

(a) Real property undeclared for taxation purposes subject to back taxes;
(b) Real property already declared for taxation purposes but the realty taxes due thereon have not yet been paid in full or in part; and
(c) Real property sold at public auction for non-payment of realty taxes to the Quezon City Government.

RULE 2. Period of availment. – The relief from payment of penalties/interests granted therein may be availed of only up to June 30, 1993.

RULE 3. Time and manner of payment. – Payment of delinquency without penalties/interests shall be made in full or in two (2) equal installments as agreed upon by the taxpayer/owner and the City Treasurer as embodied in a written compromise agreement; Provided, final and complete payment of the delinquency shall be made not later than June 30, 1993. The remaining unpaid balance, if any, after June 30, 1993, shall be due and demandable together with the accrued penalties/interests.

RULE 4. The relief therein graned shall not apply to the following:

(a) Real property sold at public auction for non-payment of realty taxes to private persons or entities;
(b) Real property subject of litigation for non-payment of realty taxes; and
(c) Real proprety with tax delinquencies which are being paid pursuant to a valid compromise agreement.

RULE 5. Effectivity. – These rules and regulations shall take effect upon approval by the City Mayor in accordance with Section 5 of the Ordinance.

COLLECTION OF REALTY TAX UNDER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM
(For the period March 5 to April 2, 1993)

Main Office	P 15,268,543.20
La Loma Branch	93,729.38
Novaliches Branch	73,663.11
Cubao Branch	68,125.03
Sangandaan Branch	20,773.90
Galas Branch	15,659.82
TOTAL	P15,540,394.44
TOTAL COLLECTIBLE	P200,000,000.00 (more or less)

Tax Relief Program expires on June 20, 1993
The five biggest realty tax delinquents are:

1. Getulio A. Fernando – P241,904.94, 1988 to 1991
   118-A 15th Ave., Cubao, Q.C.
2. St. Francis Cond. Corp. – P123,651.31, 1981 to 1991
   941 Aurora Blvd., cor. Potsdam St., Cubao, Q.C.
3. Jesus dela Cruz – P93,691.72, 1981 to 1991
   10 Harvard St., St. Ignatius Village, Cubao, Q.C.
4. Francisco Cruz – P66,178.06
   1202 C.M. Recto Ave., Manila

ORDINANCE NO. SP 57, S-93

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) AS EMBODIED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SENIOR CITIZENS LAW, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATION FOR ITS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas, Councilors Emilio G. Tamayo, Alberto M. Galarpe, Melencio M. Castelo, Roberto A. Miguel, Alfredo A. Francisco and Reynaldo N. Medina.
Enacted: February 11, 1993
Approved: February 29, 1993

WHEREAS, based on the 1988 Population Estimate of the National Capital Region for Health and Philippine Health Statistics of the Department of Health, five out of every one hundred citizens of Quezon City belong to the sixty (60) year old and above age bracket;

WHEREAS, the early and full implementation of the said Senior Citizen's Law will redound to the benefit of the nearly eighty thousand (80,000) affected citizens of Quezon City;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Creation – There is hereby established the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) as embodied in Section 7 of said Republic Act No. 7432.

SECTION 2. Composition – The OSCA shall be headed by the Chairman of the Committee on Health and Social Services of the Quezon City Council with the Community Development Officer and the Social Welfare and Development Officer as members, all of whose terms shall be co-terminus to their positions. Additio... Staff for the office shall be provided by and in accordance with a staffing patten. be determined by the City Mayor.

SECTION 3. Functions – The OSCA shall be under the Administrative jurisdiction of the Office of the City Mayor and shall function in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7432 and the implementing rules and guidelines as may be promulgated jointly or severally by the Department of Finance, the Department of Tourism, the Department of Health, Department of Transportation and Communications, and the Department of Interior & Local Government more particularly as follows:

a) to plan, implement and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of R.A. 7432;
b) to draw up a list of available and required services which can be provided by the senior citizens;
c) to maintain and regularly update on a quarterly basis the list of senior citizens and to issue temporary individuals identification cards which shall be valid within the territorial limits of Quezon City pending the issuance of the nationally uniform individual identification cards which shall be valid in any part of the country for entitlement of the privileges enumerated under Section 4 of .A. 7432.
d) to service as a general information and liaison center to serve the needs of the senior citizens.

SECTION 4. The Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary in the *implementation of R.A. 7432 shall be promulgated by the office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) for proper guidance of all concerned.*

SECTION 5. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ORDINANCE NO. SP 60, S-93

DECLARING MARCH 15 TO 21 AS WOMEN'S WEEK IN QC AND MANDATING ITS OBSERVANCE EACH YEAR.

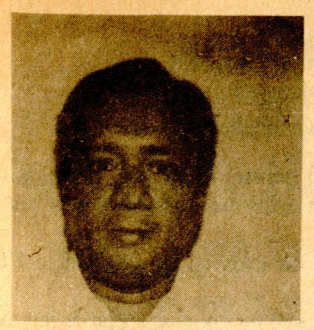
Introduced by Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas
Enacted: March 4, 1993
Approved: Pending

Compliments of:

NOVALICHES SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Banahaw Street, Nagkaisang Nayon
Novaliches, Quezon City

JOSE A. VISCAYA
Proprietor



Report of NGO and PO Accreditation Committee

The City Council has created a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and People's Organization (PO) Accreditation Committee to process the application forms and documents submitted by NGOs and POs that want to be accredited with the city government.

Councilor CesarDario, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Public Affairs and Information of the City Council, heads said Accreditation Committee. Members are: Alberto I. Feliciano, Jr., Community Relations Officer, Office of the Mayor; Councilor Roberto Miguel, Chairman of the Committee on Barangay Affais and Community Relatons; Sotero Laude, Acting City Secretary; and Ybonne Galgana, representative from the Vice Mayor's Office.

The application forms and documents submitted by the NGOs and POs were processed for accreditation based on the following criteria prescribed in Art. 64, Rule XIII of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code:

Government Code:

(a) Accreditation – The sanggunian concerned shall accredit the organizations based on the following criteria:

(1) Registration with either the Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperatives Development Authority, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Social Welfare and Development, or any recognized NGA that accredits people's organizations, NGOs, or the private sector. If not formally registered, the said organizations may be recognized by the sanggunian for purposes only of meeting the minimum requirements for membership of such organizations in local special bodies;

(2) Organizational purpose and objectives include community organization and development, institution-building, local enterprise development, livelihood development, capability-building, and similar developmental objectives and considerations.

(3) Community-based with project development and implementation track record of at least one (1) year;

(4) Reliability as evidenced by the preparation of annual reports and conduct of annual meetings duly certified by the board secretary of the organizaton; and

(5) In the case of PBACs, the organization or any of its members shall have no conflict of interest in the awarding of infrastructure or other projects.

The Accreditation Committee has so far processed and accepted for accreditation NGOs and POs. Councilor Dario has submitted a master list of NGOs and POs eligible for accreditation to the City Council for its approval. Hereunder is the list:

NAME OF NGOS/POS WITH THEIR ADDRESSES

First Batch

COVENANT EVANGELICAL CHURCH PHILS., INC.
Rm. 300 P.B. Dionisio Bldg., 27 Roces Ave., Q.C.
SAMAHANG ATI-ATIHAN AQUINIAN TRIBE, TATALON, Q.C., INC.,
96 ROTC Hunters, Tatalon, Q.C.
CHURCH OF CHRIST JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY, INC.
Rm. 205 Remedios Bldg. Roces Ave., Q.C.
CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR RCONCILIATION AND EVANGELISM, INC.
102 Sct. Rallos, Diliman, Q.C.
ALLIANCE OF BIBLE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES OF THE PHILS., INC.
102 Scout Rallos, Diliman, Q.C.
CHRISTIAN LIGHT FOUNDATION, INC.
31 Sct. Borromeo, Timog Ave., Q.C.
AMPS IN THE PHILS., INC.
46 Maamo St. Q.C.
FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO OPTOMETRISTS,
100 Cor. D. Tuazon Cor. N. Roxas, Q.C.
PARTNERSHIP OF PHIL. SUPPORT SERVICE AGENCIES, INC.
77 B. Rosa Alvero St., Loyola Heights, Q.C.
COMMONWEALTH AVE., MUSLIM VENDORS FEDERATION, INC.
Litex Market, Commonwealth Avenue, Q.C. 4H Club Federation,
Calderon Bldg., EDSA Q.C.
SILAHIS NG BAGONG PAG-ASA NG PHILS.
45 Magondon Ave., Imee R. Marcos Village, Phase III, Area II,
Manongdos Hills Capitol Dist., Payatas, Q.C.

HILLVIEW UNITED SETTLERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Lupang Pangako Phase IV Area B, Payatas, Q.C.
SITIO PALAYAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION,
Gen. De Dios Extension Bgy. Bagong Silangan, Q.C.
ALYANSA NG MARALITA SA PAYATAS, 252 Evergreen St.,
Payatas B, Q.C.
SAMAHANG NAGKAKAISANG DAMDAMIN ISIP AT GAWA,
Group 13, Area B, Payatas, Q.C.
NAGKAKAISANG SAMAHAN SA LOWER EVERLASTING,
Brgy. Payatas A, Q.C.
LEYTENO-PAYATAS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Litex Rd. Gr. 7 Area B. Payatas, Q.C.
KAPISANAN NG NAGKAKAISANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG HASMIN,
Hasmin St. Payatas A. Q.C.
PAYATAS VILLAGERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Phase II, Area A, Payatas, Q.C.
GABRIEL,
32 Sct. Delgado, Roxas Dist., Q.C.
WOMENS ACTION NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT
142 Sct. Ramos St., Q.C.
PHILIPPINE NGO COUNCIL ON POPULATION HEALTH AND WELFARE,
36-A Main Ave., Cubao, Q.C.
NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE PROMOTION OF BREAST FEEDING AND CHILD CARE
5 Basilan rd. Philam Life Homes, Q.C.
KATIPUNAN NG MGA SAMAHAN NG MAMAMAYAN SA KOMUNIDAD, INC.
15 J. Escaller St., Loyola Heights, Q.C.

ST. EUPHRASIAS SCHOOL, INC.
1043 Aurora Blvd., Q.C.
PHIL. LEPROSY MISSION, INC.
22 East Avenue, 1100 Diliman, Q.C.
PHIL. RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.
62 Molave St., Project 3, Q.C.
PHIL. BAND OF MERCY, INC.
22 East Ave., Q.C.
HOUSE OF ANDREW FOUNDATION, INC.
c/o NATIONAL CITY UNITED CHURCH
96 Times St., West Triangle, Q.C.
KAPATID KITA MAHAL KITA FOUNDATION, INC.
Lonergan Centers, Loyola House of Studies, Ateneo De Manila, Q.C.
KAISANG BUHAY FOUNDATION, INC.
58, 10th Avenue, Cubao, Q.,C.
TATALON STO. DOMINGO LIVELIHOOD FOUNDATION, INC.
53 Victory Ave., Tatalon, Q.C.
AMURT IN THE PHILS., INC., 46 Maamo St., Sikatuna Vill. Q.C.
BISIG NG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY ASS., INC.
Spiritual Compound Litex Rd., Payatas, Q.C.

Respectfully submitted, 19 January 1993.

Second Batch

ABS-CBN FOUNDATION INC.
Mother Ignacia cor. Sct. Esguerra Ave., Q.C.
AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES FOUNDATION
12 Eleven Ave., Murphy, Q.C. (ACES Foundation)
AGHAM ASSOCIATION OF THE PHIL. INC.
Agham Road, San Roque II, Bagong Pag-asa, q.C.
ALYANSA NG MGA KRISTIYANONG MAG-AARAL
Center for Community Services, Ateneo de Manila University,
Loyola Hts., Q.C.
ARBA-TALANAY MULTI-PURPOSE COOP.
Talanay, Batasan Hills, Q.C.
ASIAN CHRISTIAN CHARISMATIC, INC.

222-D P. Tuazon, Cubao, Q.C.
ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS OF GSIS VILLAGE, INC.
No. 21 Dividend St., GSIS Village Sangandaan, Q.C.
BUENAVISTA FOUNDATION, INC.
34 Road 13 Pag-asa, Q.C.
BUKLURAN PARA SA KALUSUGAN NG SAMBAYANAN
Rm. 2-D La Paloma Bldg. 233 Mayon Cor. N. Roxas Sts., Sta. Mesa Hts., Q.C.
CENTER FOR LABOR AND DEVELOPMENT
7 Big Horseshoe Drive, Horseshoe Village, Q.C.
CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION CENTER, INC.
22 Escaller St., Loyola Heights, Q.C.
VENDORS ASSOCIATION INC. (FIGA MARKET)
Commonwealth, Q.C.
CONGRESSIONAL VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PHASE II
160 Congressional Avenue, Project 8, Q.C.
DEV. OPTIONS PHIL. FOUNDATION, INC.
G/F, El Nino Apts., N. Domingo cor. Banahaw Sts., Cubao, Q.C.
DIAMOND PHASE I COMM. DEVT. ASSN., INC.
Riverside Unit IV, Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
DULAANG BONIFACIO FOUNDATION, INC.,
18 P. Garcia St., Bgy. San Antonio, SFDM, Q.C.
FAMILY PLANNING ORG. OF THE PHIL.
50 Doña M-Hemady St., New Manila, Q.C.
FATIMA CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE DEV. COUNCIL INC.
44-B 19th Ave., Murphy, Q.C.
FEDERATION OF CONCERNED CITIZEN ORGANIZATION IN PAYATAS
#43 Ilang-Ilang St., Area "A", Bgy. Payatas, Q.C.
FILHOMES II HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Clubhouse-Atlas St., Filinvest II, Batasan Hills, 51 Malaya St., Q.C.
FOUNDATION FOR THE ROTARY SOUP/KITCHEN/FOOD BANK/TRAINING CTR.
51 Malaya St., Q.C.
FRISCO MARKET VENDORS & RETAILERS CREDIT COOP., INC.
Frisco Public Market, Q.C.
GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILY LIFE, INC.
Rm. 407-409 J&P Divine Arcade, 961 Aurora Blvd., Proj. 3, Q.C.
HARNESSING SELF-RELIANT KNOWLEDGE AND INITIATIVES, INC.
2-A Malusog, cor. Matiwasay St., UP Diliman, Q.C.
INSTITUTE FOR POPULAR DEMOCRACY
17 Matulungin, Central Dist., Q.C.
INSTITUTE FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
11 Banawe St., Q.C.
KABALIKAT NG KABABAIHAN SA LUPANG PANGAKO MPC
Phase IV, Lupang Pangako, Area B, Payatas, Q.C.
KABUTIHAN RESIDENTS ASSN., INC.
91-B Batasan Hills, Q.C.
KALIKASAN FOUNDATION, INC.
91-B Bansalangin, Proj. 7, Q.C.
KALUSUGANG BAYAN FOUNDATION
Rm. 8, 39 Harvard St., Cubao, Q.C.
KAPISANAN NG MGA PAMILYA NA TAGA-TALANAY, INC.
Area-C, Sitio Talanay, Bgy. Batasan Hills, Q.C.
KAPISANANG PANLIPUNAN NG COMMONWEALTH, Q.C. INC.
2099 Don Fabian Village, Unit 6, Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
KASIYAHAN ELECTRIFICATION AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
Kasiyahan St., Bgy. Holy Spirit, Diliman, Q.C.
KASUNDUAN ROAD VENDORS ASSOCIATION, INC.
014 Kasunduan St., Unit 1, Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
KATIPUNAN NG MAYKAPANSANAN SA PILIPINAS
Quezon Memorial Circle Cor. Elliptical Road, Diliman, Q.C.
KAUNLARAN MULTI-PURPOSE COOP.
2 New York St. Cor. Lantana, Immaculate Con., Cubao, Q.C.
KILUSAN ANDRES BONIFACIO – KAMAO INC.
6 Malinis St., UP Village, Q.C.
KRUS NA LIGAS COMMUNITY DEV. ORG., INC.
Krus na Ligas, Diliman, Q.C.
LAKAS AT PAG-ASA NG BAYAN, INC.
880 Quezon AVe., Q.C.
LOVING ABANDONED MALNOURISHED BABIES SELFLESSLY
19 13th St., New Manila, Q.C.
LUNGSOD QUEZON TRICYCLE TRANSPORT SERVICE COOP., INC.
13 Isabela St., Bago Bantay, Q.C. MMA
MAGKAKASAMA CONSUMERS COOP.
38 Laura St., Purok 3 Area Old Balara, Q.C.
MANGGAHAN COMMONWEALTH LIVELIHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
137 Villongco St., Area I, Unit VI, Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
MANOBO DATUS FOUNDATION, INC.
New Republic VFP Feria Rd., Old Balara, Q.C.
MENDEZ CREEKSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASS., INC.
Domingo Village Ext., Mendez, Baesa, Q.C.
METANOIA FOUNDATION, INC.
111 New York Ave., Cubao, Q.C.
METRO MANILA PEOPLE'S CIVIC ORGANIZATION, INC.
#19 Sto. Domingo St., Holy Spirit, Q.C.
N-G-C PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY INC.
38 Kaunlaran St., (ext.) Unit 1, Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
NIA COOP.
4th floor, NIA Bldg., EDSA Diliman, Q.C.
NIA VILLAGE KILUSANG BAYAN FOR CREDIT, INC.
27 Angat St., NIA Village, Tandang Sora, Q.C.
NAGKAISANG SAMAHAN NG MAGKAKAPTIBAHAY
Purok I-A, Bgy. Culiat Luzon Ave., Q.C.
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF LABOR
Rm. 412 JIAO Bldg., 2 Timog Ave., Q.C.
NATIONAL GREENING MOVEMENT FOUNDATION
Rizal Bldg., I, UL Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig, M.M.
NATIONAL UNION OF WORKERS IN HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES
Union Office, Bonanza Restaurant, EDSA, Q.C.
NORPHIL FOUNDATION, INC.
16 Mother Ignacia Ave., cor. Roces Ave., Q.C.
PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC COUNCIL Q.C. DISTRICT IV
1706 E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., Q.C.
PHIL. CHILDREN'S TELEVISION FOUNDATION
821 EDSA, Q.C.
PUGAD LAWIN SA FAIRVIEW DISTRICT II
Cor. Dahlia and Lilac Ave., Fairview Par, Q.C.
QUEZON CITY, III PEC FOUNDATION, INC.
956 Aurora Blvd., Quirino Dist., Q.C.
ROTARY CLUB OF ROXAS, Q.C.
133-B Tomas Morato Ave., Q.C.
SACRED HEART PARISH CREDIT COOP.
141 Scout Fuentebella St., Kamuning, Q.C.
SAMA-SAMA HOUSING ASSOCIATION, INC.
257 San Simon St., Bgy. Holy Spirit, Q.C.
SAMAHAN NG LAGING MAGTUTULUNGAN, INC.
702 Commonwealth Ave., Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGULANG AT KABATAAN NA NAGKAKAISA
Area I, Bgy. Capri, Novaliches, Q.C.
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG FREEDOM PARK
Freedom Park, Batasan Hills, Q.C.
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAYAN NG STA. LUCIA HOMEOWNERS ASSO., INC.
145 Jose Abad Santos St., Sta. Lucia, Novaliches, Q.C.
SAMAHANG MARALITANG LINGKOD NG NITANG
Nitang Ave., Gulod Novaliches, Q.C.
SAN ANTONIO COOP., INC. SIKAP SAMAHAN YOUTH (4H CLUB)
15 Lopez St., SFDM, Q.C. 19th Ave. (Ice Plant) Murphy, Q.C.
SIKATUNA VILLAGERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Sikatuna Village, Q.C.
STA. MARIA EXTENSION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
Sta. Maria St., Bgy. Holy Spirit, Q.C.
STO. DOMINGO PARISH CREDIT COOP. INC.
Sto. Domingo Convent, Quezon Ave., Q.C.
TNM CREDIT COOP. INC.
Tuayan Cor. Cabalata Sts., Tatalon, Q.C.
TANGLAW PANGSAMBAYANAN FOUNDATION, INC.
G/F, YSDU Bldg., Bernardo Park, Kamuning, Q.C.
TASK FORCE DETAINEES OF THE PHIL. – NCR
44 Banahaw St., Cubao, Q.C., 796202 Telefax
TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF THE PHIL. (TUCP)
TUCP-PGEA Compound, Masaya cor. Maharlika St., Diliman, Q.C.
TULAY SA PAG-UNLAD, INC.
Rm. 308 Anita Bldg., Quezon Ave., Q.C.
UP BOOKSHOP COOPERATIVE WOMANHEALTH PHIL., INC.
UP Diliman, Q.C.
5 Legaspi Rd., Philam Homes, Q.C.
5 Legaspi Rd., Philam Homes, Q.C.

Third Batch

BUSINESS
SOCIETY OF PHIL. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS INC.
2/F IIEE Bldg. #41 Monte de Piedad St., Cubao, Q.C.

CHARITABLE
LINGAP PANGKABATAAN INC.
158 Ermin Garcia St., Cubao, Q.C.

CIVIC ORGANIZATION
SILANGAN HILLS VILLAGERS HOMEOWNERS ASS'N.
Purok 5 Area C, Bagong Silangan, Q.C.
JASMIN-ILANG-ILANG NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
122 Jasmin St., Holy Spirit, Q.C.
WATERHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Waterhole A, Unit II Commonwealth, Q.C.
COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES ON MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD INC.
178 Tolentino St., San Francisco Del Monte, Q.C.

ALLIANCE FOR ECOLOGICAL SANITY
7 Kingsville St., White Plains, Q.C.
PUGAD LAWIN PHILS. INCORPORATED
967 Quezon cor. Roosevelt Ave's. Q.C.
ASSOCIATION OF BARANGAY KAGAWADS
2 Col. Delgado St., Kamias, Q.D.
VANGUARD ANTI-GRAFT TASKFORCE
14 I.B.P. Rd. Batasan Hills, Q.C.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
6TH CAPITOL KAGAWAD INC.
101 Broadway cor. 18th St., New Manila, q.C.
ATS CENTER FOR TRANSFORMATION STUDIES, INC.
54 Scout Mandrinan, Q.C.
BALIKATAN SA PAGGAWA PHIL. INC.
Rm. 412 JIAD Bldg. #2 Timog Ave., Q.C.
BUILDERS INITIATIVE FOR LABOR DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Rm. 308 JIAD Bldg. #2 Timog AVe., Q.C.
LABOR INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
111 Tomas Morato Ave., Bgy. Obrero, Q.C.

FOCUSED ISSUE
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHILDRENS HOME INC.
124 A. Luna St., Proj. 4, Q.C.
CHAMBER OF REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS ASS'N., INC.
3/F Creba Center, D. Alejandro, Roces Ave., South Malaya Q.C.
METRO MANILA FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATION, INC.
876-B 2/F Aurora Arcade II, Aurora Blvd.
FILIPINA INCORPORATED
142-A Scout Rallos, Q.C.
SALING-LAHI FOUNDATION, INC.
265-C Katipunan Rd. Q.C.
ENLISTED PERSONNEL ASS'N. OF THE PHIL. (EPAP) INC.
No. 120-126 Bon Serrano Rd. or Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C.

SECTORAL
FAIRVIEW ISLAMIC VENDOR'S AND LIVELIHOOD INC.
Alea St., Northview Subd., Fairview, Q.C.
GARDA LUZON MUSLIM VENDORS ASSOCIATION
No. 11 Condominium Area 6, Garcia Heights, Luzon Ave., Q.C.
NOVALICHES MUSLIM VENDORS AS'N.
Sarmiento St., Bgy. Sta. Monica Extn. Nova., Q.C.
AURORA BLVD., COR. EDSA MUSLIM VENDORS ASS'N.
Pinatubo Muslim Restaurant, Cubao, Q.C.
LITEX TALIPAPA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION
363 Kaunlaran St., Ext. cor. Commonwealth Ave., Q.C.
PAYATAS MUSLIM VENDORS AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.
32 Rosal Ext. Payatas A, Q.C.
KALIGAYAHAN MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
#20 Skulark St. Zabarte Subd. Novaliches, Q.C.

PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATON
SITIO CABUYAO NEIGHBORHOOD ASS'N. INC.
Bgy. Sauyo Novaliches, Q.C.
OLD CABUYAO COMMUNITY ASS'N. INC.
Old Cabuyao, Bgy. Sauyo Novaliches, Q.C.
PINAGKAISANG SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGULANG
Bgy. Kristong Hari, Q.C.
NAGKAKAISANG SAMAHAN NG MARALITA
Richland V Bagbag Novaliches, Q.C.
SAMAHANG PINAGPALA NG IBAYO BAGBAG
Ibayo II Bagbag Novaliches, Q.C.
SAMAHANG VETERANOS, KAPATID AT KAANAK
Sitio Veterans, Bagong Silangan, Q.C.
KAPISANAN NG MGA PAMILYA NG TAGA-TALANAY INC.
Area C, Sitio Talanay Bgy. Batasan Hills, Q.C.

ADDITIONAL
CALAMBA EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
199 Calamba St., Talayan, Q.C.
RECONCILIATION FOR PROGRESS MOVEMENT (KPM)
RM. 304, Margarita Bdlg. Matalino cor. Masikap St., Bgy. Central, Q.C.
CONFEDERATION OF SETTLERS OF THE PHILS.
#8 Batasan Hills, Q.C.
METRO MANILA URBAN REFORM ASS'N. INC.
81 BP Rd. Batasan Hills, Q.C.
LA TRINIDAD VILLAGE HOMEOWNER'S ASS'N. INC.
La Trinidad Village, Talipapa Novaliches, Q.C.
LITEX NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
777 Masters Compound, Litex Rd. Bgy. Commonwealth
DAMAYANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG CARINOSA, INC.
Carinosa Comp. Villa Verde Ave., Bgy. Sta. Monica, Q.C.
PEOPLE'S FOUNDATION OF ORGANIZERS FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
E-71 Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.
SAMAHANG WALANG HANGGAN, INC.
Sitio Aguarddiente, Bgy. Sta. Monica, Novaliches, Q.C.
KRISTONG HARI FOUNDATION, INC.
11 Pag-ibig St., Commonwealth, Q.C.
BEACON LIGHT FOUNDATION, INC.
48 Tomas Benitez St., West Triangle Homes Diliman, Q.C.

Respectfully submitted, 16 February 1993.

4th Batch

FOCUSED ISSUE
SAMAHANG MALAYANG KABABAIHAN NA NAGKAKAISA
Bgy. Bagong Silangan, Quezon City
EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER SPORTS CLUB, INC.
East Avenue, Quezon City
NUCLEAR RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.
Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) Compound Diliman, Quezon City
BLUE BERET ASSOCIATION, INC.
13 Maimpok St., Sikatuna, Quezon City
ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL AUTHORITIES OF METRO MANILA
4-B Filinvest Rd., Phase I, Batasan Hills, Quezon City
KATIPUNAN NG MGA PHASE PROJECT SA NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
Commonwealth, Quezon City
SAMAHANG KAPIT-BISIG NG BGY. TALIPAPA, INC.
23 San Antonio de Padua, Villa Sabina, Bgy. Talipapa Novaliches, Quezon City

SECTORAL
FEDERATION OF WOMEN CIVIC ORGANIZATION OF QUEZON CITY
Women's Federation Building City Hall Compound, Quezon City
BGY. BAGONG SILANGAN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
190 Corner General Villamor and Gen. del Pilar Sts., Bagong Silangan, Quezon City

PROFESSIONAL
WOMENS MEDIA CIRCLE FOUNDATION, INC.
96 Maningning St., Teachers Village, Quezon City

COALITION
VISAYAN FORUM
8-A Marilag St., UP Village, Diliman, Q.C.
NOVALICHES URBAN POOR COUNCIL
42 Aguardiente, Sta. Monica, Novaliches, Q.C.

FOCUSED ISSUE
BAGO BANTAY TRICYCLE OPERATIONS & DRIVERS ASS'N. INC.
5-c Abra cor. Ilocos Norte St., Bago Bantay
WORLD UNITED HOSPITALS FOUNDATION
Quezon City
BGY. SECURITY ASSN. OF THE PHILS. (BASAG)
RM. 212 Mariwasa Bldg., No. 917 Aurora Blvd., Q.C.

COOPERATIVE
GOLD WHEAT BAKESHOP & FOOD SERVICES PRODUCERS CORP., INC.
79-D Corregidor St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City
KASAMAKO MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
15 J. Escaler St., Loyola Heights, Q.C.
COMMONWEALTH MARKET VENDORS MULTI-PURPOSE COOP.
681-C Commonwealth Ave., Brgy. Commonwealth, Quezon City

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WOMENS HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION, INC.
1589 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City
FOUNDATION FOR RESOURCES INDUSTRIES AND INTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Unit 2-L, Wil-er Bldg., No. 34 Kamuning Road, Q.C.
ACTUATOR FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS, INC.
25 Maginhawa St., UP Village, Q.C.
MANAGEMENT ADVANCEMENT SYSTEM ASSN., INC.
3rd Floor House of Architect, 2 Matulungin St., Diliman, Q.C.
INITIATIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE
2 Matulungin St., corner Malakas St.
SENTRO NG BATAS PANGTAO, INC.
Room 322 PSCC Bldg., Commonwealth Ave., Diliman, Q.C.
LABOR EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOMENT, INC.
921 EDSA, Q.C.

SECTORAL
MAPAYAPA VILLAGE III HOMEOWNERS ASS'N.
Mapayapa Village III, Capitol Site, Q.C.
LUZVIMINDA YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC.
125 Banlat Rd., Tandang Sora, Q.C.
KAUNLARAN NG MANGAGAWANG FILIPINO, INC.
6th Floor, SSS Bldg., East AVenue, q.C.
UP-ABOT-KAMAY PARA SA KAUNLARANG PAMPAMAYANAN
Diliman Quezon City, 1101 MM
TATALON YOUTH FEDERATION, INC.
58 Victory Avenue, Tatalon, Q.C.
SAMAHAN NG MGA KAWANI SA KALAKHANG MAYNILA, Q.C. CHAPTER
908 Carbungco Bldg., Quezon City
SAINT LUKES MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEES ASSN.
E. Rodriguez Avenue, Q.C.

PEOPLES ORGANIZATION
SAMAHANG MARALITA NG MATANDANG BALARA
168 Road 2 Sapang Kangkong Old Balara, Q.C.
ASSOCIATION OF LOT AWARDEES & BENEFICIARIES ESCOPA III
PUD Site Escopa III, Proj. 4 , Quezon City
BATASAN HILLS SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY SA TRES
Sitio 3, Barangay Batasan Hills, Q.C.
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY SA PUROK SAN AGUSTIN
Ilang-ilang & Sun Flower St., Payatas, B.
BELLESTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN., INC.
74 Sto. Domingo St., Holy Spirit
UGNAYAN NG MARALITA PARA SA IKAUUNLAD NG BAGBAG AT KARATIG
Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.
BIGKIS TINIG MARALITA, INC.
Abbex Rd., Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.
ALYANSA NG MARALITA SA NOVALICHES
Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.
STA. LUCIA ELDERELY ASN.
No. 9 Trinidad St., Sta. Lucia, Novaliches, Q.C.
SAMAHANG NAGKAKAISANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY
160 Sauyo Rd., Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.
BUKLOD MARALITA ASSOCIATION, INC.
Bagbag, Novaliches, Quezon City, Inc.
SAMAHANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY NG COMMONWEALTH
1937 F. Castillo Don Fabian Village, Commonwealth
BIGKIS PAGKAKAISA NG BARANGAY COMMONWEALTH
637 Apple St., Unit VI Commonwealth, Q.C.
COMMUNITY RIVERSIDE EXTENSION, ASSOCIATION
Riverside Extension, Unit IV Commonwealth, Q.C.
SAMAHANG NAGKAKAISANG DAMDAMIN NG TALON, PAYATAS
Carmencita St., Dona Carmen, Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.
MAGTULUNGAN I NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN., INC.
San Pedro St., Commonwealth, Q.C.
CASTRO COMPOUND HOMEOWNERS ASSN., INC.
Castro Compound Sta. Lucia, Novaliches, Q.C.
GOLDEN AGE ELDERLY ASSN.
Unit V Commonwealth, Q.C.
BICOLEYTE AREA HOUSING ASSN.
Bicoleyte St., Commonwealth, Q.C.
SAMAHANG NAGKAKAISA, INC.
036 Kaunlaran St., Commonwealth, Q.C.
PUROK 10 FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS HOMEOWNERS ASSN.
Purok 10 Unit V Bgy. Commonwealth, Q.C.

PROFESSIONAL
TRIPLE M COUNCIL OF LEADERS, INC.
Area 7 Dist. II, Q.C.
Q.C. CHAMBERETTE WHITE PLAINS, Q.C.
White Plains, Q.C.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
LOYOLA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.
48 Jocson St., Loyola Heights, Q.C.
BALINTAWAK INTERCHANGE ASSN., INC.
476 A. Bonifacio Extension Balintawak, Q.C.
NORTH EDSA VENDORS ASSCIATION, INC.
San Roque Bgy. Pag-asa, Q.C.
INNER WHEEL CLUBS OF THE PHILS.,
101 Broadway Cor. 18 St., New Manila, Q.C.

CHARITABLE
MARIA CORZON TORRES Y JAVIER ORGAN TRANSPLANT FOUNDATION
Nat'l. Kidney Institute, East Ave., Q.C.

RELIGIOUS
SANCTUARY OF THE LIVING WATER MINISTRIES, INC.
Sitio Talanay Batasan Hills, Q.C.
AM SAI, INC.
(P.P.) 1354 Paz St., Paco, Manila

5th Batch

COOPERATIVE
UNITED CHRISTIAN MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, INC.
12 Maranding St., NIA Vill., Tandang Sora, Q.C.
LACBAI DEV'T. COOPERATIVE INC.
Blk. 15 Lot 20-6 Lagro Subd., Novaliches, Q.C.
COOPERATIVE UNIONS OF THE PHILS.
CLIP Bldg., A. Roces Ave., cor. M. Ignacia St., Q.C.
PAYATAS AREA-A MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
Area A., Payatas, Q.C.
BATASAN-CONSTI MULTI-PURPOSE COOOPERATIVE INC.
Talipapa Ibaba, Batasan Hills, Q.C.
URBAN FARM PRODUCERS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
San Francisco HS., Misamis St., Bago Bantay, Q.C.
UP EMPLOYEES HOUSING COOPERATIVE, INC.
Bahay UPHECD, Magsaysay Ave., UP Diliman, Q.C.
BAGONG PAG-ASA CREDIT COOPERATIVE, INC.
Road 9 Bgy. Hall, Bagong Pag-asa, Q.C.
ALAMAT-IMPOK PALUWAGAN MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
Bgy. Tatalon, Q.C.
CLARET SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
Mahinhin St., Diliman, Q.C.
TATALON ESTATE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE, INC.
13 Cabalata St., Tatalon, Q.C.

RELIGIOUS
TOUCH MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, INC.
13 Miller St., San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City
CAPITOL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, INC.
56 South Maya St., Phil-Am, Quezon City
INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN ASIAN CHURCH AND CULTURE
Rm. 107-A Phil. Social Science Building, Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
JEMNARDS FAITH FOUNDATION, INC.
14 Hunter St. cor. Camara, Fairview Park, Quezon City
MISSION MINISTRIES PHILIPPINES, INC.
54 Scout Madrinan, Quezon City
CORPUZ CHRISTI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.
771 Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City
MORNING STAR MINISTRIES, INC.
6 Manga Rd., New Manila, Quezon City
PHIL. CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
2/F Lolataya Bldg., 1165 Avenue, Quezon City

CIVIC ORGANIZATION
YWCA of QUEZON CITY
Don Victorino St., Don Antonio Heights, Quezon City
MINDANAO GLORIA V EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, INC.
Barangay Talipapa, Novaliches, Quezon City
1199 EDSA RECOLLECTION ASSOCIATION
Area B Sitio Talanay, Batasan Hills, Quezon City
PAMAYANAN NG NAGKAKAISANG MAGKAKAPITBAHAY, INC.
Area 6 Purok 5 Veterans Village, Bgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL OF WOMEN
NCWP Q.C. Red Cross Building, City Hall Complex, Quezon City
CIVIC ACTION WOMENS ASSOCIATION, INC.
20 Hereford St., Bahay Toro, Quezon City
PUGAD LAWIN SA FAIRVIEW DISTRICT II
Dalia Cor. Lilac Ave., Fairview Park, Quezon City
PANININDIGAN NG MARALITANG NAGKAKAISAHAN
65 Kaliraya St., Tatalon, Quezon City

COOPERATIVE
DAY AND NIGHT DRIVERS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, INC.
Nueva Ecija St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City
PAGLALIM MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
309-A Pumalay St., Novaliches, Quezon City
SAN SIMON MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
Area B Phase II, Payatas, Quezon City
COOPERATIVE FOUNDATION PHILS., INC.
3/F Our Lady of Perpetual Help Building
937 Quezon Blvd., Quezon City

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Galarpe Claims "Dirge" Still QC Official Hymn

Councilor Alberto Galarpe in a letter to Councilor Reynaldo Calalay claims that he dirge-like hymn which had been composed by former Councilor George Canseco and for which he had charged the city government P60,000 is still the official QC Hymn by virtue of the fact that it had been adopted as such by Resolution No. NC-193, S-88 which, he says, has not been repealed.

We are afraid the honorable Councilor Galarpe is wrong. It is the official adoption of the hymn composed by the late Dr. Eliseo Pajaro with English lyrics written by former Fiscal Lea T. Castelo that has never been revoked. The hymn was launched on March 10, 1976 at the Quezon Memorial Circle in ceremonies which were the subject of the banner story of the March 10, 1976 issue of THE (OLD) CAPITOL STANDARD, reprinted hereunder:

The Resolution cited by Galarpe was anomalous because it adopted a new QC Hymn **without** repealing or revoking the official adoption of the old QC Hymn for which reason it is still this old QC Hymn composed by Pajaro that is legally and rightfully the official hymn of the city.

The anomalous Resolution would have been rectified if the honorable Councilors of the past Council had bothered to read our article, "Two QC Hymns" in the February 14, 1989 issue of THE NEW CAPITOL STANDARD in which we wrote:

"If Councilor Wilma Sarino and Councilor Melencio Castelo had not played mum (when the Resolution in question was being discussed), the Council would have been informed that there was already an official QC Hymn. But it was out of delicadeza that Sarino and Castelo refrained from dredging up the old QC Hymn. It was during the regime of Sarino's old man, the late Mayor Amoranto, that the old QC Hymn was composed and adopted and it was Castelo's better half, Fiscal Lea Castelo, who wrote the English lyrics. (To set the records straight), our suggestion was that the Resolution adopting it (the Canseco hymn) be amended to append the following: "superceding the old QC Hymn adopted during the regime of the late Mayor Norberto S. Amoranto."

If the past Council had followed our suggestion, Galarpe would be right now in wanting the Canseco hymn to be maintained as the city's official hymn.

It was at the instance of Vice Mayor Planas that the old QC Hymn had been revived and is now the version being played and sang at flag raising ceremonies and at other official functions of the city government. Planas had likened the Canseco hymn to a **ponebro.** In our column in the August 30, 1990 issue of this paper, we wrote: "It sounds so much like a dirge or a funeral march – gloomy, depressing. A hymn, I

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EDITORIAL . . .

So, if the Council shoiuld act on the new Schedule of Fair Market Values submitted to it by the Assessor by enacting it into an ordinance, the resulting increased realty taxes can no longer be declared "illegal, void and unenforceable" because there would be no violation of due process. Unfortunately, the Council has freezed the Scheduled fearful perhaps of political repercusions. We urge the Council to forget politics in the meantime and act on the Schedule in the interest of the public welfare which can be served better if the city's income is made more adequate, – an adequacy that can be achieved most effectively by increased realty taxes. No doubt property owners will raise a howl but if, through an information drive, they are made to realize and understand the truth of the matter, we are certain our property owners, especially the more affluent ones, are civic-spirited enough to graciously accept a fair and just obligation to supp their government.

Now, what is the truth of the matter? Simply this: the increased realty taxes are not "excesive, oppressive and confiscatory." On the contrary, as we have shown, increased realty taxes may be **numerically** bigger than those presently implemented but purchasing value-wise, they, the increased realty taxes, are actually smaller than or at least the same as those being presently implemented.

We realize our stand on this crucial issue of increased realty taxes rans counter to the Mayor's benign policy of keeping them at present levels. But this contrary stand is motivated by the fact that this paper wants nothing more than to see his administration succeed as no other past administration had or had not succeeded. And we feel that increasing the city's income which is an imperative to that success can be achieved substantially enough to matter only through increased realty taxes, even if only partially enforced, as had been suggested by the Finance Department: one third the first year, two thirds the second year and full enforcement the third year.

REDUNDANCY . . .

laying of a 350-meter long street in one day (actual length of 21st Avenue is 357 meters). That is my observaton as a professional architect."

There are other negative factors affecting the credibility of the DPWH. Foremost of this is the surreptitious way it awarded the contract to Rockville Construction which incidentally, was finalized on March 27, 1992 twenty (20) days after the asphalt-overlay had been undertaken by Rockville. Copies of the Notice of Award and the Accomplishment Report which was the basis for the collection of payment by Rockville Construction were both undated.

So far, no representative of Rockville Construction or of the DPWH has made any statement claiming that it was not Escudero Construction that did the squaring and patching. We sent our son, Eddie, to interview Engr. Romeo Panganiban of the DPWH but he was out at the time. His assistant refused to talk about the case. Such refusal gives the impression that maybe DPWH is hiding something dubious like perhaps it is its contractor, Rockville Construction, that had fraudulently collected payment more that it was entitled to, as it would be the case, if it was Escudero Construction that had actually done the squaring and patching.

While the oldds seem to be against DPWH on the matter of credibility, a verdict of "not guilty" can not yet be rendered for Escudero Construction and the Engineering personnel involved. Anyway, COA, as requested by the Mayor, is now investigating the case. The investigation, it is hoped, will ferret out the truth.

STRUCTURES CONTRACTORS, INC.

EDGARDO S. CABRETA
Proprietor

RM M-07 Caly Building
Aurora Blvd., cor. F. Castillo, Q.C.

One-Entrance To Markets Not Effective Vs. Hot Meat

The ordinance authored by Councilor Victor Ferrer, Jr. requiring a single entrance to each of the 9 public and 34 private markets has been ineffective in curbing the hot meat traffic due to the appointment of casuals, instead of qualified meat inspectors, who are not yet available.

This was learned from City Veterinarian Dr. Irineo Encomienda, Jr. who said that he had recommended to Councilor Ferrer the creation of 52 positions for qualified meat inspectors; the qualification acquirable in training seminars conducted by the National Meat Inspection Commission.

Compounding the lack of meat inspection know-how of the casuals is the delay in the payment of their salaries, as long as three months, sometimes, which makes them not very enthusiastic in the performance of their duties.

In the meantime, Dr. Encomienda, for unknown reasons, has been placed under a Task Force for Slaughterhouses and Public Markets created under Executive Order No. 11, S-92, Feb-



DR. ENCOMIENDA

ruary 16, 1992 headed by a certain Atty. Aramis B. Aguilar with a certain Dr. Henry B. Baldivino as Supervisor.

Pending is an ordinance authored by Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer Charito L. Planas elevating the City Veterinarian's Office to department level in consonance with a provision in the Local Government Code.

BEWARE . . .

friend of Vic.

Strictly speaking, a wiring permit should have been obtained first, but considering how short the wiring needed was and how simple was its installation, a wiring permit was deemed not absolutely necessary by Ms. Lazo and Vic. But Meralco required it, so Vic had to apply for one and so begins this story of his victimization.

Vic went first to the Engineering Department, thinking that this was the office to issue the permit. He was told by an employee there that it was to the Office of the City Electrician that he should go. (This Office is under the QC Fire Station but a recently approved ordinance has created an Electrical Division to be under the Engineering Department.)

Vic asked that employee who directed him to the proper office how much would a wiring permit cost. P306.00 was the answer.

At the premises of the City Electrician's Office, there were several men loitering about. One of them met Vic and when told his purpose, he volunteered to take care of securing the needed permit. The cost? P306.00 the volunteer said. Since it jibed with what that engineering employee (he was obviously an accomplice) had told him, Vic was convinced, that was really the prescribed wiring permit fee. A very trusting fellow, Vic handed P306.00 to the volunteer who told him to return the following day.

True enough, the following day he had the wiring permit ready for Vic. The receipt he gave was for only P6.00, not P306.00. Vic did not bother to question it.

But when he told me about it, I went to City Electrician Jose Enriquez to question the receipt. Enriquez explained that the receipt was for the prescribed P6.00 wiring permit fee. The unreceipted P300 went to the fellow who volunteered to "help" Vic. It turned out he was a certain E. Merida, a master electrician, one of those loitering in the premises of the Office of the City Electrician waiting for clients and possible victims. The P300 was supposed to be Merida's fee in installing the wiring for which he got a permit for Vic. But he did not have to do any installation – Vic had made this clear to him when Merida offered his "help" – yet he collected P300.00. Even if he had done the installation, the maximum charge allowed is only P70.00 as admitted by Enriquez and Col. Wenceslao Romero, retired QC Fire Chief, who happened to be around the time I went to see Enriquez.

As to the electrical inspector, Narciso Padue, who was supposed to inspect the wiring installed for the relocation of the meter, he never made any inspection, according to Vic and his fellow residents in the apartment at 39 Tamblot St.

We wrote Enriquez asking him to investigate this E. Merida and Nicanor Padua; more than a month has passed already but we have not received a word from the city electrician. If Enriquez continues to ignore us, we will have no choice but to take the necessary action against him.

Councilor Tamayo is the author of the ordinance creating an Electrical Division. He should be interested in seeing to it that it is staffed with personnel not in cahoots with master electricians like Merida and inspectors not like Padua.

Dismantle Your Houses, Go Back To Your Province – Planas

"Dismantle your houses and go back to your respective provinces," Vice Mayor Charito Planas told a group of some 25 squatter families residing at the Recona Compound, Bgy. Holy Spirit, who had gone recently to seek her help in staying the demolition of their houses.

This was learned from one of the threatened residents, Ms. Victoria Azardon, an employee of the Parks and Playgrounds Office. She said that at the time they went to seek the Vice Mayor's help, the city government's demolition team known as ASSET with the help of uniformed men, had already demolished one house.

Upon the Vice Mayor's inability to help them, the residents went instead to Councilor Mike Defensor who wrote the chief of the Urban Poor Affairs Office (UPAO) Zosimo Ungpongan, under whose jurisdiction ASSET operates. Defensor asked the UPAO Chief to hold the demolition in abeyance.

Meantime, Councilor Melencio Castelo advised the squatters to file a case in court for possible violation of an ordinance enacted by the past Council, authored by the late Councilor Isidro Saludes, which prohibits the demolition of squatters' houses without a court order.

Azardon said that a certain Ms. Valdez who claims to be the wife of a Congressman is behind the move to eject them from the compound which is owned by the Acosta family of Ilagan, Isabela.

Azardon and her fellow squatters ask:

"Bakit kung bahay ng mahirap na squatter walang pakundangan kong gibain nila kahit na walang court order? Pero kung bahay ng mayaman na squatter na may kapit sa matataas na tao sa gobyerno, ay hindi nila magiba-giba kahit na may sampung court orders."

Ito ang nakakadurog ng puso na bulalas at hinagpis ng Acosta family.

From the Pulpit



Shared By

Rev. Aniceto Q. Lazo,

The Twofold Easter Message

I
COME AND SEE

The women who entered the sepulcher were filled with fear when they saw the stone that was rolled away and the heavenly messenger with a countenance like lightning and with raiment white as snow. The angel assured them, however, that they need not fear. He knew that they expected to find Him still cold in death; he had come to announce to them that He was risen. To encourage and convince them, he urged them: "Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

What was it they saw? We ought to be eager to know, for we, too, should come and see. While we can not go bodily to the grave near Golgotha, we can go to the record of Holy Writ and there see what the women saw as though we stood right at the grave with him. The Scripture brings God's account of what happened on that first Easter day.

Convincing Evidence in Scripture

"Come and See" is the message I would proclaim unto you today. In the Bible, God has furnished a great mass of evidence to convince you that Jesus Christ, the Crucified, had actually risen from the dead. The angel proclaimed it. Individual disciples saw Him. More than 500 beheld Him at one time. The disciples ate with him. They talked with Him. They touched Him. They saw His nail prints. Even a doubting Thommas, who would not believe reports of the Christ's resurrection, was so convinced that he cried out: "My Lord and my God!" I say: "Come and See." You will be convinced yourselves.

II
GO AND TELL

The Easter message, secondly, bids us to go and tell. The angel told the women they should go quickly and tell the disciples, who were still groping about in the gloom of sorrow. The women now had the news which could dispel all gloom. They should go and tell the disciples that Christ crucified is risen even though they did not deserve such good news for they had acted shamefully. They had forsaken Christ at the crucial moment. Peter had thrice denied Him. Of the twelve, only John had gone to Golgotha to witness the crucifixion. None of them took interest in Christ to attend His burial. They acted as though all hope was gone. Which is why the angel bade the women to go quickly to tell them the wonderful news of the resurrection. The disciples needed it desperately.

Believers Must Confess

"Go and Tell." This is the message which Easter impresses upon us. Just as the women had been told by the angel to go and tell the disciples the good news of the resurrection, so also should we go and tellothers that we ourselves have heard of the glorious victory which Christ gained for us by His resurrection, that it has established beyond all doubt the certainty of our redemption, that sin, death and hell have been overcome, that salvation is now a reality and that all men may have part of it by faith in Christ.

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think should be stirring, able to fire up one's emotions to love of country or, in this case, city." The Pajero hymn with its moderately fast tempo and inspiring lyrics can do just that.

Two resolutions repealing the resolution adopting the Canseco hymn and re-adopting the Pajaro hymn as the official QC Hymn have been introduced, one by Vice Mayor Planas and Councilor Calalay, the other by Councilor Sioson.

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The Bloody-Red Rose



Had he really cast a spell on his rose plant? It seemed incredible to her, but the prolonged freshness of the flower reassured her of his return.



by Ben O. Flores

From the gate of the house, the road sloped gently down to the seashore about one hundred fifty meters away. Standing at the gate, Linda could see a portion of the sea. This afternoon, two days after a typhoon, the first for the year, she noted how the sea was still billowy.

Suddenly, she espied in the distance a figure coming up the road. As the figure came nearer, she saw that it was a man with clothes drippingly wet, his dishevelled hair almost covering his face. He was staggering up the road and seemed on the verge of falling down.

He did fall down when he was in front of the gate. Alarmed, Linda shouted: "Tomas, come over quickly!"

The houseboy responded with alacrity. He and Linda helped the straggler to his feet and brought him up the house and into a vacant room. Linda rummaged in her father's cabinet for a towel, underpants, a T-shirt, and trousers. She asked Tomas to bring them to the stranger.

After half an hour or so, the man, escorted by Tomas, came out of the room into the sala where Linda and her father, in his wheelchair, were discussing their perplexity over this castaway. He apologized for the trouble he had caused them and was very profuse in his expression of gratitude. Then he told his story:

He was a seaman in a ship that plied between Mindoro and Manila with stopovers at Masbate and Marinduque. The ship had been wrecked in the recent typhoon. For two days he had hung on to a log that providentially came his way until he was washed ashore this afternoon in this coastal town of Mogpog in Marinduque. He said that his name was Ernesto Imperial and that he was a native of Albay.

Linda studied him with great but unapparent interest. He was about her age, twenty-three, tall, lean of build, fair-complexioned with clean-cut facial features. The dishevelled hair was now neatly combed backwards reaching down in waves to his nape. Linda decided that he was quite handsome although the ordeal he had gone through made him look haggard and subdued. It was his eyes that impressed–or attracted–Linda most. They were the eyes, she fancied, of a poet instead of a seaman. They were the eyes that would appreciate the beauty of the roses in her garden, she caught herself thinking. She didn't know why such a thought suddenly darted into her mind.

But she was right about his eyes. She found this out some days later when she brought him out into the garden. By this time, he did not seem such a stranger anymore–he had already given her more details of his life. An only child, he lost his parents when he was barely out of high school. An uncle, who was a minor official in a shipping company, took over his upbringing and this was why he had gravitated to the sea.

In the garden, Linda saw how his eyes glowed with intense admiration for her roses. He went from pot to pot, caressed each rose tenderly and sometimes went down on his knees to smell a rose that was exceptionally large and beautiful.

"It must be wonderful living in the midst of all this beauty and fragrance," Ernesto said. "I'm reminded of that song, 'Stardust,' where the nightingale sings his fairy tale of paradise where roses grow.' "

He quoted the lyrics of the song to the tune of the 'Stardust' melody. Linda was delighted by his lavish admiration for her roses. She was very proud of her roses. They gave her a sense of achievement despite a life of captivity, confined as she was to this house by the sea, taking care of an invalid father.

Also an only child, she had to stop schooling three years ago when her mother died leaving her to take care of her father who, after suffering a stroke, had been bound to a wheelchair.

Fortunately, it was not only an invalid father that her mother had bequeathed to her. A few days before she was stricken ill, she had procured ten potted rose plants of different varieties from the town's flower plant breeder. With cuttings from this floral legacy from her mother, Linda went to work, and, after three years of continuous propagation, she had filled their 100-square meter backyard with hundreds of potted rose plants bearing flowers of all sizes and colors.

"Without these roses, my life would probably be unbearable," Linda said. "Do you know that your coming out of nowhere is the first incident that has broken the monotony of my life?"

"Not exactly out of nowhere," Ernesto corrected. "The sea out there, the cruel yet merciful sea, brought me here, remember? I hope the trouble I have caused you is not as bad as the monotony."

"Of course, not," Linda answered. "You can stay here as long as you care to."

"I have been wondering," Ernesto said, "do you have to be a captive of your father's incapacity? Is there nobody–a relative, perhaps–who is available to take care of your father."

"He has an unmarried older sister, a retired teacher," Linda answered, "But. . ."

"Then, why don't you let her take your place," Ernesto interrupted, "and resume your studies?"

"But" Linda continued, "I can not go against my mother's dying words: 'Take good care of your father. Don't ever leave him.' "

Ernesto had no argument to refute the reason she gave. Moved by her filial devotion, he looked down on her–she came up to only his shoulders–tenderly, admiringly. Here was a girl, he thought, with a spiritual strength that was belied by her stature but showed on her face: the noble forehead, the proud aquiline nose, the dark bright eyes that should have been tinged with sadness but were not, the faintly brownish hair–a hint of alien blood? Ernesto wondered–which fell down straight to her shoulders and had a silken glow. She had a slightly tanned complexion no doubt due to constant exposure to the sun in her rose garden. She was as beautiful as her roses, the simile occurred in Ernesto's mind.

Late one afternoon, after their usual going around the garden, Linda and Ernesto strolled down to the seashore. The sun was about to set. It was a glorious sight: the vast shimmering sea, the flaming red sun sinking slowly and, Linda and Ernesto fancied, rising simultaneously in the lower half of the earth.

They watched the wonderful spectacle in silent rapture. As they were absorbed in the beauty of the spectacle before them, their hands moved towards each other without their being conscious of the movement–until the hands touched and clasped. It was as though they needed each other's sustenance to withstand the intensity of their enthrallment. When they realized what had happened, neither made a move of withdrawal. The sun had set and they turned their eyes from the horizon to look at each other. They saw new, more beautiful horizons in each other's eyes.

The inevitable day came when he had to leave. He changed to the clothes he had on when he was cast ashore; they had been laundered by the family lavandera. He was to take the bus to Boac, the capital of Marinduque, where he would take the PAL flight to Manila. Linda had given him the money for his fare.

"I will return the amount as soon as I reach our shipping office," Ernesto said. To which Linda countered that he should think more of returning himself–not the money. It was barely a week since that afternoon he had collapsed in front of the gate, but love has a way of germinating quickly in hearts of compatible fertility. No direct expressions of affection had passed between them but sentiment can be communicated subtly, yet more eloquently, in many wordless ways.

Before leaving for the bus station, Ernesto asked Linda to go with him to the rose garden. He went around as if searching for something and finally found a young potted plant that was yet to bear a flower.

"How soon will this bloom?" he asked.

"In about three months," Linda answered. "Why?"

"I'm making this *my* rose plant," he said. "I shall return when it blooms. Do not pluck the flower before I come. I must be the one to pluck it myself–nobody else."

"But suppose it starts to wilt before you come?" Linda asked.

"No, it will not." There was positive assurance in the way Ernesto said this. "I cast a spell on the rose plant by making its flower the symbol of my love for you. The flower will wilt only if I die or I stop loving you–which I never will. So, don't you ever pluck the flower. Wait for me."

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After Ernesto had left, Linda lifted the potted rose plant he had marked as his own and set it apart from the other plants. In the days, weeks and months that followed, she tended Ernesto's rose plant with tender, loving care, diligently watering, cultivating, fertilizing and spraying it with insecticide. The plant grew and developed well, branching into many stems. And on the third month, Linda watched eagerly for the first sign of a rosebud. Dear God, she would pray, is there no way of hastening the blooming–and hastening the return of Ernesto? But she had to contain the ardor of her heart, for she realized that there is a definite time schedule for the blooming of a plant in accordance with the course of nature as determined by God Himself who can not be pressured by the impatience of a girl for the return of a loved one.

It was a blissful and exciting day for Linda when the first rosebud appeared in one of the stems of the plant. The rosebud grew bigger and bigger every day and soon started to open. The petals that gradually unfolded turned out into a gigantic bloody-red rose.

Linda was ecstatic. The time for Ernesto to return had come. But how soon? She wondered.

A week passed but there was no Ernesto. There was no cause for anxiety, Linda said to herself. The rose, the magnificent bloody-red rose, was the guarantee of his coming.

Another week of fruitless waiting passed. Perhaps, his ship, the M/S Doña Rosa–she learned the name of his ship from the letter he had written her when he remitted an amount in payment of what Linda had given him for his fare–was still far out in the high seas, Linda consoled herself. Soon it would reach port and Ernesto would come to pluck the bloody-red rose.

Many times during the day, Linda would go down to the garden to look at the rose. It was now in full bloom, crimson, and resplendent. She looked at the rose entreatingly as though it had the power to hasten Ernesto's coming.

A third week passed. Still no Ernesto. Doubt assailed Linda for the first time. She looked at the rose with rebuke in her eyes. Would it fail her? But although three weeks had passed since it had come to full bloom, the rose seemed as fresh as ever, with no sign of imminent wilting. Had Ernesto really cast a spell on his rose plant? It seemed incredible to her, but the prolonged freshness of the flower reassured her of his coming.

But after a month had passed without the appearance of Ernesto, Linda was ready to believe that the rose had failed her. In a moment of anger, she suddenly plucked the bloody-red rose. In the process, a thorn pricked one of her fingers and blood oozed out matching the color of the rose she had plucked. The prick did not pain her much–she had been pricked many times before–but she was smitten with regret that she had plucked the rose. She recalled Ernesto's admonition: "Don't you ever pluck the rose. Wait for me."

To preserve its freshness, she immersed its stem in water contained in a small bottle. She placed it in front of a framed picture of the Sacred Heart in her room. She prayed and continued to plead to the rose.

That night the second typhoon of the year hit the Visayas, including Marinduque.

A week after the typhoon, the rose showed signs of wilting, although it still retained much of its freshness. Late in the afternoon, Linda was gazing disconsolately at the rose when the radio in the sala, turned on by her father in his wheelchair, started to blare forth the afternoon edition of the news. Linda, absorbed in her grieving thoughts, did not pay much attention to what the newscaster was reporting until–

"The search for survivors of the M/S Doña Rosa which was shipwrecked off the coast of Mindoro during the last typhoon has been discontinued. No survivors have been found after a week of seaching. . ."

The name of the ship struck her ears like a thunderbolt, jolting her out of her absorption. She froze–chilled to the bone. Her heart seemed to have stopped beating. She had to exert all her might to stifle a scream of anguish. She collapsed to the floor in front of the Sacred Heart picture and sobbed convulsively. Then a horrifying thought seized her: The storm came that night of the day she plucked the bloody-red rose! This time she could not stifle a scream.

"I killed him! I killed him!" she shrieked hysterically. "I plucked the rose–the bloody-red rose. His blood is in my hands! I killed him!"

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Angeles Denounces Fake Soothsayers

Councilor Connie Angeles, highest ranking member of the Council, has denounced in a privilege speech entitled, "Tarot: A Hoax?"' alleged soothsayers who put up advertisements in the newspapers, the tabloids particularly, offering to give advices, via the telephone, on financial matters, love problems, employment opportunities and cure for incurable illnesses.

The advertisement in question is shown hereunder:



Note that it is divided into two sections, one with the heading "Tarot" and the other, "Zodiac Horoscope." Tarot gives three different phone numbers. The number on top tells the caller what to expect:

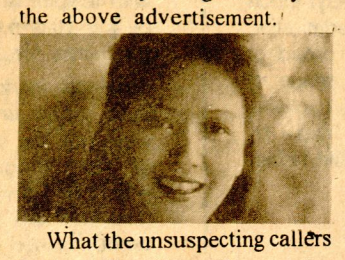
"Alamin ang inyong Suwerte sa Salapi, Trabajo at Pag-ibig sa Pamamagitan ng Tarot Cards."

The number in the middle promises to answer this question: Sino ang inyong Mapapangasawa?"

The bottom number promises to give "Ang inyong kapalaran linggo-linggo batay sa Chinese Horoscope."

Zodiac Horoscope gives an incomplete phone number. The caller has to add the number corresponding to his zodiac sign. The caller is promised to be given "Ang (kanyang) hinaharap ayon sa mga bituin bawat linggo."

Since, it is said, that a sucker is born every minute, there is no dearth of gullible persons who are victimized by the gimmickry of the above advertisement.



What the unsuspecting callers do not realize, Councilor Angeles said, is that they will be charged $2.48 (P62.00) for every minute of phone conversation and an additional $0.187 for every succeeding six seconds.

Many city residents have been surprised and perplexed, Connie disclosed, that, lately, with the proliferation of the Tarot and Zodiac Horoscope ads in the newspapers, their telephone bills had correspondingly shot up. Upon inquiry, they found out that their domestic help are the ones habitually communicating with the fake "soothsayers."

Councilor Angeles appealed to newspaper editors and publishers to be more discriminating and investigative in the sale of advertising space, seeing to it that they reject those who buy advertising space to deceive the public.

"Let the welfare of the reading public be their primary objective before just profits," the lady Councilor concluded.

AN IMPOTENT . . .

*In the interest of transparency, why not an ordinance requiring the posting on a bulletin boards all purchase/requisition requests; purchase orders; canvassing results; public bidding results; payment vouchers and other pertinent documents for the public's information. This way "Concerned Citizens" can keep vigilant track of government purchases and denounce anomalies that may be noted. Thus, it was a "Concerned Citizen" that furnished us with that spurious Abstract of Price Quotations which started us to do some research and investigation resulting in a fully documented case of a ghost purchase which we filed with the Ombudsman (Please read our banner story, "Ombudsman Orders Montiel . . . "

*Revise the existing GSO List of Registered Dealers/Suppliers and purge it of the non-existent ones. The existence of these non-existent dealers/suppliers is one of the findings stated in the City Auditor's 1990 Annual Audit Report, as it was with us in the aforementioned ghost purchase case.

*GSO should adopt as a policy that, all things being equal, in making purchases, preference should be given to QC-based dealers/suppliers.

ROTARY TRAINING CENTER GRADUATION

City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba, representing the City Mayor, Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. addressed the 3rd batch of 150 graduates in computer literacy, high-speed sewing, and practical electricity at the Rotary Training Center last March 26, 1993.

The Rotary Training Center, located at the 2nd floor of the Ocean Theater Building on EDSA, Cubao is a joint project of four entities. The Rotary International District 3780, under District Governor Melito "Bimbo" Salazar, and the R.I. District 3780 Educational Foundational, Inc. of which Antonio P. Pascual is the president, administer the various livelihood programs at the Center.

The Center was inaugurated last August 15, 1991 by Dr. Armand Fabella of the Department of Education, Sports and Culture and City Mayor Mel Mathay. Under a

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Dr. Alba addressing the graduates of the Rotary Training Center.

REPORT

Official Trip To San Francisco And Washington D.C.

(December 22, 1992 to January 9, 1993)

(Editor's Note: This is the second trip abroad for which the Vice Mayor has submitted a report. The first, we published in our October 1-15, 1992 issue. She has set an example for Councilors who might get the itch to travel. Councilors of the past Councils did a lot of traveling without rendering reports like those who faked "official trips" to Daly City.)

I have the honor to report on my official trip to the cities of San Francisco and Washington D.C., U.S. The trip was approved by the Department of Interior and Local Government in its letter dated December 15, 1992. All expenses for the trip were on a personal basis and did not involve the expenditure of government funds. The purpose of the trip was to obtain first-hand information on the various approaches and programs adopted by different cities in the United States with wide-ranged experiences on the drug abuse problem.

San Francisco

In San Francisco, a more seriously drug-prone city of the U.S., I saw at first hand the operations of a project of the Filipino community thereat, which engaged the efforts of the community in addressing the serious problems of drug addiction and alcoholism specially among the youth.

The Pilipino Early Intervention Project (P E I P)

The Pilipino Early Intervention Project (PEIP) in 1986 is a proactive community-based effort which addresses the needs and concerns of the Filipino children, youth and families in the San Francisco area. Its main objective is to provide services for the Filipino community especially where the problems of alcohol and drugs are concerned.

In January, 1992, it published the "Alay as Kabataan: A Youth Resource Guide", a resource directory or listing of the services available to the Filipino youth and families in fulfillment of one of its goals: to enhance the services delivery system through coordination and cooperation with other services and organizations. In other words, it is a directory of its linkages. It also listed the services made available by the PEIP itself.

The motivation behind the directory is that with the growing problems which bear on the Filipino youth and families in an American setting, there is need to support them by giving them information on where help can be obtained. It is based on the philosophy: "Kapwa Ko, Pananagutan Ko".

Implications to our programs:

With the same problem confronting us today, there is need for us to reach out. This is precisely why our anti-drug abuse program is focused on prevention with the youth as our main target. This, too, is in line with philosophy that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure".

Implications to our Q.C. drug-abuse programs

In a 2-month survey conducted by QCADAC, it has been revealed that all localities and districts of Quezon City registered "high risk" ratings which indicate that the incidence of drug addiction is on an alarming level. Accounts of many recent incidences on crime show that many of our crimes are directly related to drug-addiction. One does not have to cite here the various unsolved crimes that have been committed to establish drug use as an aggravating factor.

And yet, despite the proliferation of drug abuse and drug-related crimes in our midst, the approved budgetary allocation of P3.89 million for the Quezon City Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center has not been released. What exist are merely the structure and grounds which contain the shell of the 200-bed capacity Center but without the necessary funds for the purchase of basic facilities necessary to service the needs of drug dependents. The opening of the Center has been postponed time and again pending the release of funds for its operation.

And yet, notwithstanding the limited funds that have been made available to it, the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (QCADAC) has conducted several activities ranging from an intensified preventive education and information campaign and training courses held at various schools, business establishments and barangays in Quezon City. A total of 57 seminar-lectures with an audience of more than 19,000 has been conducted to date.

I have also proposed to my colleagues in the Vice Mayor's League, the establishment of a unified anti-drug abuse council to establish effective linkaging and networking among the four cities and 13 municipalties of Metropolitan Manila for more effective and concerted solutions to the serious drug menace that afflicts our citizens.

It might also interest this august body to note that the QCADAC has been responsible for the arrest and/or surrender of 266 drug victims to QCADAC, all of whom were either referred to existing drug rehabilitation centers or hospitals. QCADAC has also participated in several drug-bust operations together with law-enforcement agencies and has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the various agencies directly concerned with the enforcement and prosecution of laws/measures relative to apprehension, issuance of search warrans, plea bargaining, operation, surveillance, buy-bust and monitoring activities. Despite many of its deficiencies, such as lack of communication equipment and transportation facilities, QCADAC has been able to conduct surveillance activities leading to the arrest of several pushers and users. Appropriate charges have been filed in cout.

In Washington D.C.

The state government of Washington D.C. has instituted an innovative program that recognizes the prevalence of self-ministration of drugs. It has approached this problem keeping the health and safety factors of drug victims and dependents securely in mind.

The Needle and Syringe Exchange Program (NSEP) of the ADASA

ADASA stands for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Administration of Washington D.C., the equivalent of the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council. It derives its authority to undertake the NSEP from the Prevention of Transmission of Human Immunedeficiency Virus (HIV) Emergency Amendment Act of 1992 which amended the Drug Paraphernalia Act of 1982.

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to prevent the spread of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and other related infectious and communicable diseases among the active injection drug users (IDU) or current drug users, their sexual partners and babies.

Concept: The NSEP is a new program provided for by the ADASA wherein as many as three clean and sterile needles and syringes are provided each day for free to active injection drug users (IDUs) on a "one for one" exchange service, meaning one set of clean and sterile needles and syringes for every one set of used needles and syringes. In addition, they are given the following services:

Education on what are the high risk behaviors that could lead or result to HIV infection; and

– Information on what treatments are available for persons identified as IDUs or those having HIV.

Eligibility: Following are those who can avail themselves of the service:

1. A resident of the District of Columbia or one referred for treatment by the District Court;
2. At least 18 years old;
3. An active IDU as verified by a physician.
4. One who has been determined to be eligible for treatment as certified by the Central Intake Division with a Patient Routing Sheet indicating that the necessary screening had been completed which shall be on file for one month before the client can avail himself of the service;
5. One who has received counseling on substance abuse and on HIV.

Procedure: An IDU patient is assigned to a substance counselor who will provide all the necessary and basic instructions; validate the returned needles and syringes and provide new ones based on the "one on one" exchange; maintain the activity log of the client, among others.

Supply and Security: Every IDU receives a "kit" complete with the needs for injection, such as a syringe and capped needle, alcohol preps, cotton balls, etc. and even an instruction sheet for cleaning needle and syringe. Only the authorized substance abuse counselor can make the exchange.

Supplies are kept in a locked safe or cabinet in a room that is locked when not in use. If the room is left unattended, all needles, syringes and log books are returned to the safe.

Implication to our program: While we do not yet need this kind of service, it is wise for us to be aware that this kind of program can exist and be succesfully implemented.

We are fortunate that we do not have a real problem of hard cores in our society and that the likes of heroin and morphine are almost non-existent from our experience. But we can derive our lesson from this program and similar programs conducted by other drug and alcohol abuse centres in other parts of the world.

Recommendations

It is strongly recommended that the following measures be undertaken to enable a more vigorous campaign to aleviate the drug menace:

1. Immediate release of the P3.89 million approved budgetary allocation for the Q.C. Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center at Payatas;
2. Strengthening of the Q.C. Drug Abuse Program through continued financial and legislative support by this body;
3. Enactment of various measures in both national and local levels such as the establishment of half-way centers to detain suspected users pending investigation and filing of court cases as well as the laying down of carefully-defined policies separatng hard core users and pushers from once-a-time users.

A CAPITOL IDEA

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Of men and machines

AS Metro Manila Authority (MMA) chief, Mayor Mel Mathay has four cities and 13 municipalities under his administrative care. That's a lot of territory. That's a lot of responsibilities, too. And one of those responsibilities is environmental, which is literally suffocating because of the problem that it poses. In one big, black ugly puff, smoke-belching!

Everybody remembers that Mel's campaign against this most notorious hazard on the road got off to a, well, smoking start. Scores of errant vehicles were apprehended, fined and let off with the warning to do something about their *tambutchos* – or else. For days Mel's anti-smoke belching squads patrolled C streets, stopped vehicles of all types and subjected them to detection tests. Those that were found positive were ordered to go back to their garages and stay there until their owners or operators did something to check the deadly fumes.

For a while things were going good. But no sooner had Mel and his men relaxed in their vigilance than the violators were back in the streets belching more than ever before. Those that were able to avoid arrest, nay, those who were simply defiant of the campaign continued to ply their routes – and put people to a slow death. In Manila alone people are already being advised to wear masks if they want to stay healthy. Yes, it's that serious. Only, people concerned with other things in life don't take the matter seriously. They just don't realize that each time they step out they are taking poison into their system.

For the campaign against smoke-belching to be more effective, here's a simple proposal: why not check the violation before it can happen? And where may this be? At the Land Transportation Office, of course! Linkage between the MMA and the LTO should be no problem at all. Once this is established, each and every vehicle should very well apply the brakes. Any vehicle found positive for smoke-belching doesn't get its registration papers. Without the LTO go-signal, it won't be allowed to run or operate. Like any other process in government, this one is open to graft and corruption. Thus, the detection test is at the same time an integrity test. Man-and machine. Will both pass the scrutiny?

What do you say, Your Honor?

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