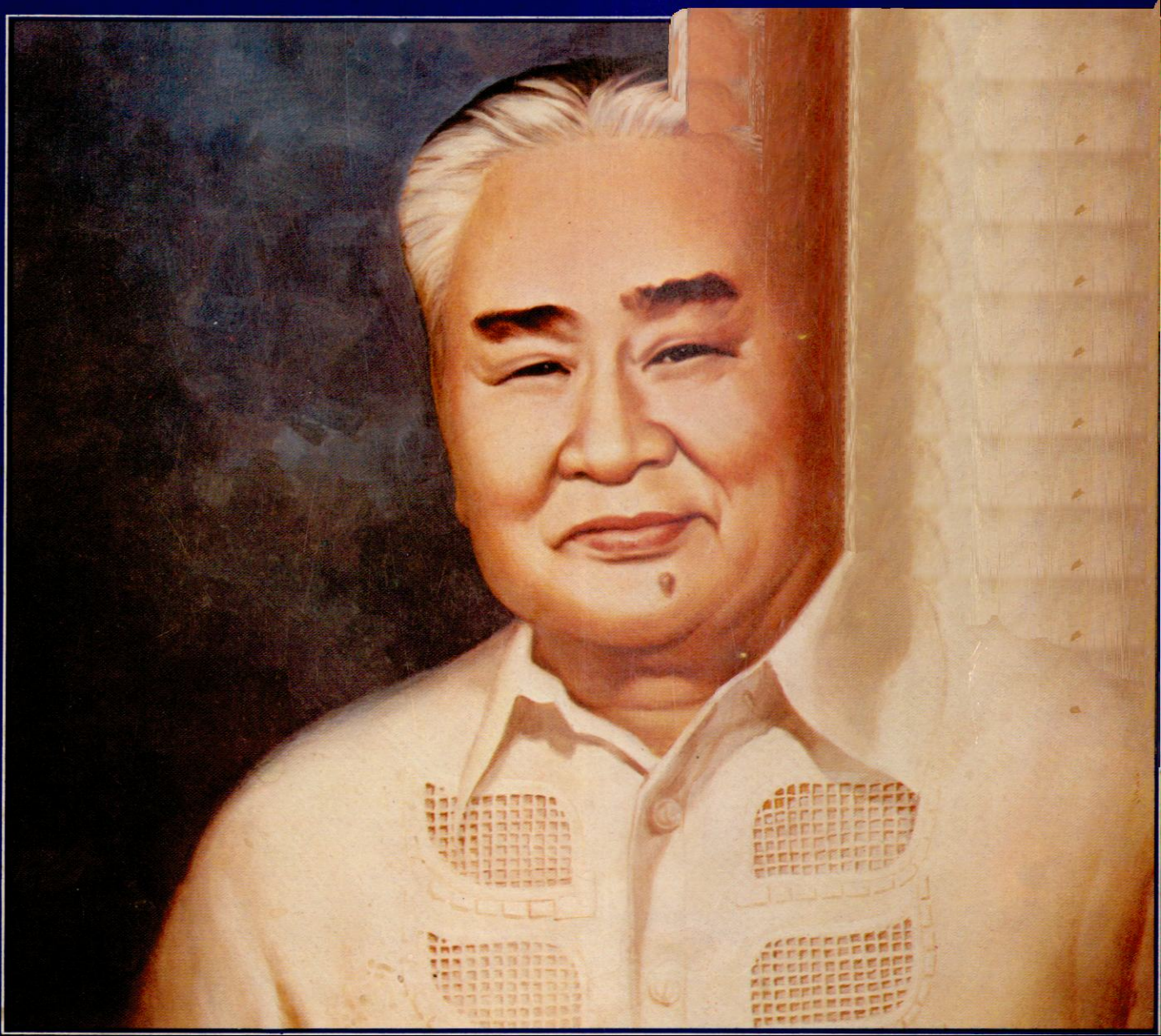
ALAY NG BAYAN KAY

AMANG

Eulogio Rodriguez Day, January 21, 1983



Program of Activities
Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Day

I

Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Week under Proclamation No. 2252 issued by President Marcos, January 16-22, 1983

II

A National Essay Contest sponsored and conducted by the E. Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology.

III

Unveiling of the National Historical Institute marker at the Ancestral Home of Amang Rodriguez and the Inauguration of the Ancestral Home and Rodriguez Museum. Professor Teodoro A. Agoncillo, guest of honor and speaker. Montalban, Rizal, 10 o'clock in the morning, January 21. Cardona, Angono, and Rizal bands participating; Professor Lucio San Pedro conducting.

IV

Film showing: Documentary by Lamberto V. Avellana on the life of former Senate President Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez, Channel 4, and Datu Hall, Rizal Provincial Capitol, January 20 and 21.

V

Lecture series on the services of Amang Rodriguez to the Nation, January 20 and 21, Datu Hall, Rizal Provincial Capitol, Pasig, Metro Manila with the following speakers: Judge Serafin Salvador, former Sen. Geronima Pecson, Atty. Jaime O'Hara, Assemblyman Arturo Tolentino, Col. Simeon Medalla.

Chairman: Prof. Esteban A. de Ocampo (former chairman, National Historical Commission)

VI

"Alay kay Amang Night." Manila Hotel, 7:30 in the evening, Jan. 21, 1983 with President Ferdinand E. Marcos as Guest of Honor and Speaker. Cotillon to be participated in by the grandchildren of Amang. Presentation of frames containing commemorative stamps of the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez centennial. Postmaster General Roilo Golez will present the frames to the Rodriguez family and to the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, Inc.

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PROCLAMATION NO. 2252

DECLARING FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1983, AS "EULOGIO 'AMANG' RODRIGUEZ DAY."

WHEREAS, Friday, January 21, 1983, marks the centenary of the birth of the late Eulogio Rodriguez, outstanding former President of the Philippine Senate; and

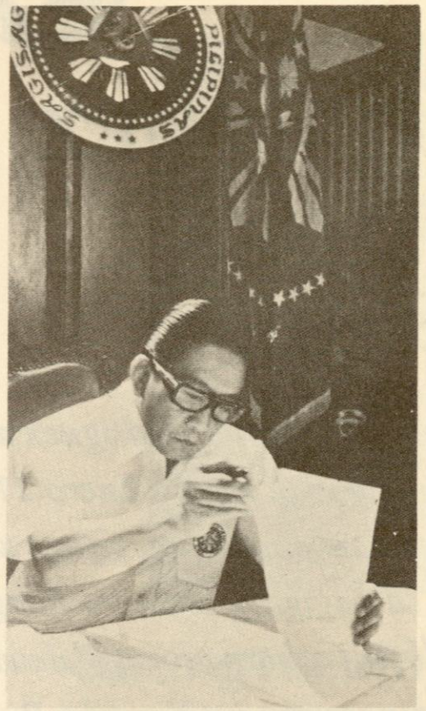
WHEREAS, the people of the Province of Rizal, the birthplace of the late Senator should draw inspiration from his humble beginning, perseverance and dedication to the service of his constituents for which he was fondly called "Amang";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Friday, January 21, 1983, as "Eulogio 'Amang' Rodriguez Day". The day, however, shall be a regular working and school day.

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

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of December in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

President of the Philippines



FM's TRIBUTE TO AMANG

The passing of Senator Rodriguez is a loss not only to the Nacionalista Party which he headed, but to the nation as well. He was one of the last of the old, gallant breed of politicians that the names Quezon, Osmena, Roxas call to mind. His rise to eminence and power represented the opportunity that our free land offers to the humblest youth to make something of himself. The Amang was more than just a success in his outward endeavors. He was an even greater success as a human being. That is why he endured for so many years as a politician, that is why he devoted a good part of a half century of his life to public service. In thinking of the unfortunate, and helping them hours before his death, the Amang revealed clearly and for all time the kind of man he was, the kind of man whose loss we mourn.

* * *

I last saw Amang in his residence at Pasay City just before his death. He asked me how old I was, and when I said 47 he said very sadly, 'death approaches me.' As I ought to protest against this verdict, he waved aside my interruption to say, 'you have many years ahead of you and they will be years of intrigue against you, for you are young. Your political enemies shall fear you, for you are capable, and your colleagues will envy you for you are young. But I want you to remember this: . . . You have been nominated as standard bearer of our party and I shall help you to the limit of my strength and power. My only hope is that we shall achieve victory before I die.'

– President Ferdinand E. Marcos

EULOGIO RODRIGUEZ Y ADONA

(1883-1964)

Anak ng mahirap na mag-asawang Petronilo Rodriguez at Monica Adona, si Eulogio ay ipinanganak noong Enero 21, 1883 sa Montalban, Rizal. Dahil sa kanyang sipag, tiyaga at pagsisikap ay umigpaw siya mula sa pagiging sakatero hanggang maging pangulo ng Montalban, Gobernador ng lalawigang Rizal, Alkalde ng Maynila, kinatawan ng Nuweba Biskaya at ng ikalawang purok ng Rizal sa lehislatura, kalihim ng pagsasaka at likas na kayamanan, Senador, pangulo ng Senado, at pangulo ng Lapiang Nacionalista. Ikinulong ng mga Hapon sa kutang Santiago dahil sa hindi niya pakikiisa sa kanila. Matapat sa tungkulin, maawain, at matulungin sa kapwa. Ang kanyang pagkamatay noong Disyembre 9, 1964 ay iniluha ng buong bansa.

NHI marker, Rodriguez Ancestral home in Montalban, Rizal

Messages



Strengthening Resolve to be a Worthy Son of a Worthy Father

The solemn eulogies delivered, the touching funeral orations said on the occasion of the death of my father on December 9, 1964, still ring in my ears today. And so also, the speeches of a long line of guest speakers every year, on January 21, whenever the people of Rizal, and the members of Eulogio "Amang" Memorial Foundation, Inc. and its precursors, *The Rizalians,* celebrate the birthday of my father. All of them have a meaning for men beyond the measure of words because their ultimate refinements, and the sum total of all of them is that my father, the late Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez, Sr. was a man worthy of the highest esteem and popular adulation. He was, indeed, a great man, a public figure of national consequence and one who, during his entire public life, exercised and displayed those virtues which every public servant should emulate. The members of my family, and myself, are all in debt. The Amang syndrome, made vivid with the passing of years, evoke for me a mixed feeling of gratitude and strengthened resolve to be a worthy son of a worthy father.

My family, and the people of Rizal who I have had the privilege to serve all these years, wish to thank all of those joining us in commemorating the 100th birthday of Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez, Sr.

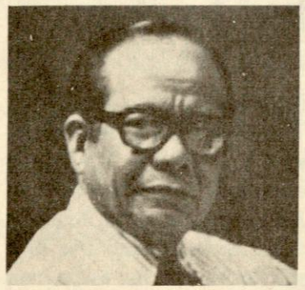
ISIDRO S. RODRIGUEZ
Governor of Rizal

Messages



The Board of Trustees, Officers and Staff of the Eulogio (Amang) Rodriguez Memorial Foundation are pleased to join the nation in honoring and paying homage to the late Amang Rodriguez on the occasion of his Centennial Anniversary. The late Amang has shown how a Filipino with humble beginnings, through hard work, perseverance and concern for the common man can become a successful entrepreneur, an accomplished politician, a dedicated public servant and a nationalist statesman. In many ways the late Amang Rodriguez will be a continuing source of inspiration to Filipinos in various walks of life. A continuing legacy he left to the Filipino people was his simplicity and sincerity as a man, and his unswerving belief in our democracy and in upholding a system of government that would preserve the existence of opposing political parties. In these times of crisis and uncertainty, we can do honor to his memory by upholding the above ideals that he himself had practised in life.

VICENTE R. JAYME
Chairman
Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, Inc.



What is most satisfying to us Filipinos is that we know how to honor our heroes or have learned to remember those who have served our people in war and in peace. Our history books, and our classrooms are filled with texts and photographs of patriots, from Lapu Lapu to Diego Silang, from the three Martyr-priests. to Dr. Jose Rizal. Mabini, the del Pilars, the heroes of our Revolution and those of World War II, wartime Ace Villamor and Ferdinand E. Marcos, among others. We have taught our pupils in the classrooms to emulate, and to revere them.

But they also served who did not wave their swords or risk their lives in the field of battle. We have public servants who, in time of peace, served their country. One of them we are honoring today, Amang Rodriguez Day.

Although he also shed blood in the dungeons of Fort Santiago for seven dark months, he nevertheless belongs to history for his many acts as a public servant and political leader. Amang Rodriguez Day, as authorized in Proclamation No. 2252, by President Ferdinand E. Marcos, is fittingly celebrated to give honor to his name, to his family, and to his province and to instill in the minds of the youth an awareness of the role of public servants in the development of the nation.

D. H. SORIANO
Chairman
Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Centennial Committee

Objectives

The Foundation is a non-stock, non-profit organization. No officials are entitled to any remuneration.

The objectives are defined in the Articles of Incorporation. These are:

"1. To establish and maintain a non-profit civic organization which shall perpetuate the memory and carry on the work of the late Eulogio Rodriguez, Sr., in grateful public recognition of his patriotic services and sacrifices and achievements, and to this end;

2. To acquire, establish and maintain a RODRIGUEZ LIBRARY AND MUSEUM which shall house, exhibit and safeguard for posterity all the works, books, documents, papers, relics, personal collections, manuscripts, and other objects of historical, cultural and educational value of Eulogio (Amang) Rodriguez, Sr. and which shall also serve as a place for public discussion of important problems and issues confronting the country and for cultural exhibition and presentations;

3. To conduct research and publish a biography of the life of Amang Rodriguez, as well as a regular monthly periodical, which will promote scientific, cultural and economic development not only in Rizal Province but throughout the nation;

4. To establish annual scholarship awards for students who have demonstrated exceptional interest and extra-ordinary ability along this line of studies which will be beneficial to the people of Rizal in particular and to the country in general."

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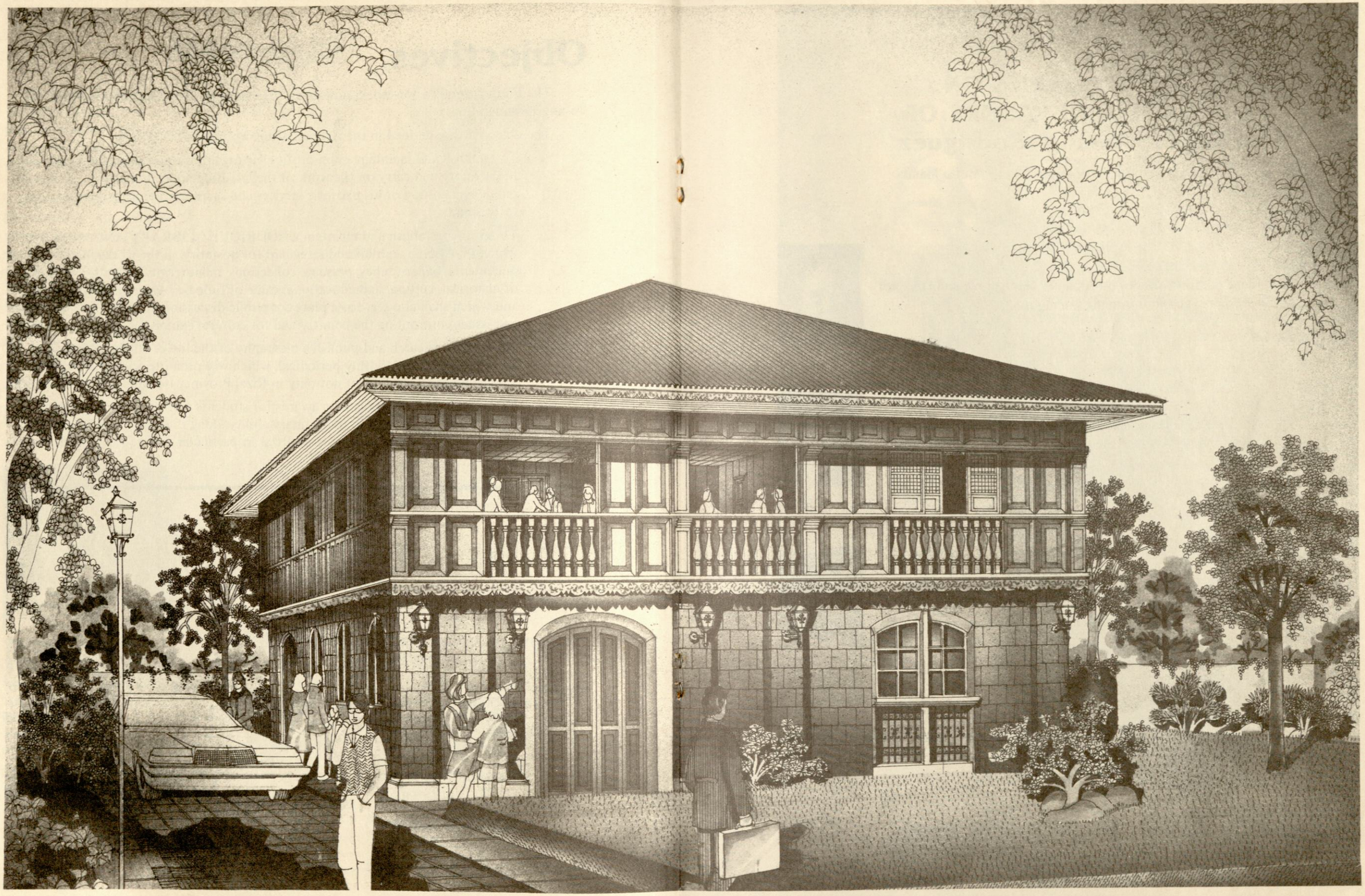
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RODRIGUEZ ANCESTRAL HOME AND MUSEUM in Montalban, Rizal, Design and supervision, Engineer Jose M. Lontoc (member, Sangguniang Panglalawigan)

LECTURE SERIES ON THE LIFE AND LABORS OF Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez

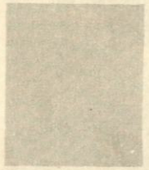
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JANUARY 18, 1983

Judge Serafin Salvador on Amang's colorful life and language
Geronima Pecson on Amang's many roles.





JANUARY 19, 1983

Atty. Jaime O'Hara, on Amang in the Senate.
Assemblyman Arturo Tolentino on Rodriguez the political leader.





JANUARY 20, 1983

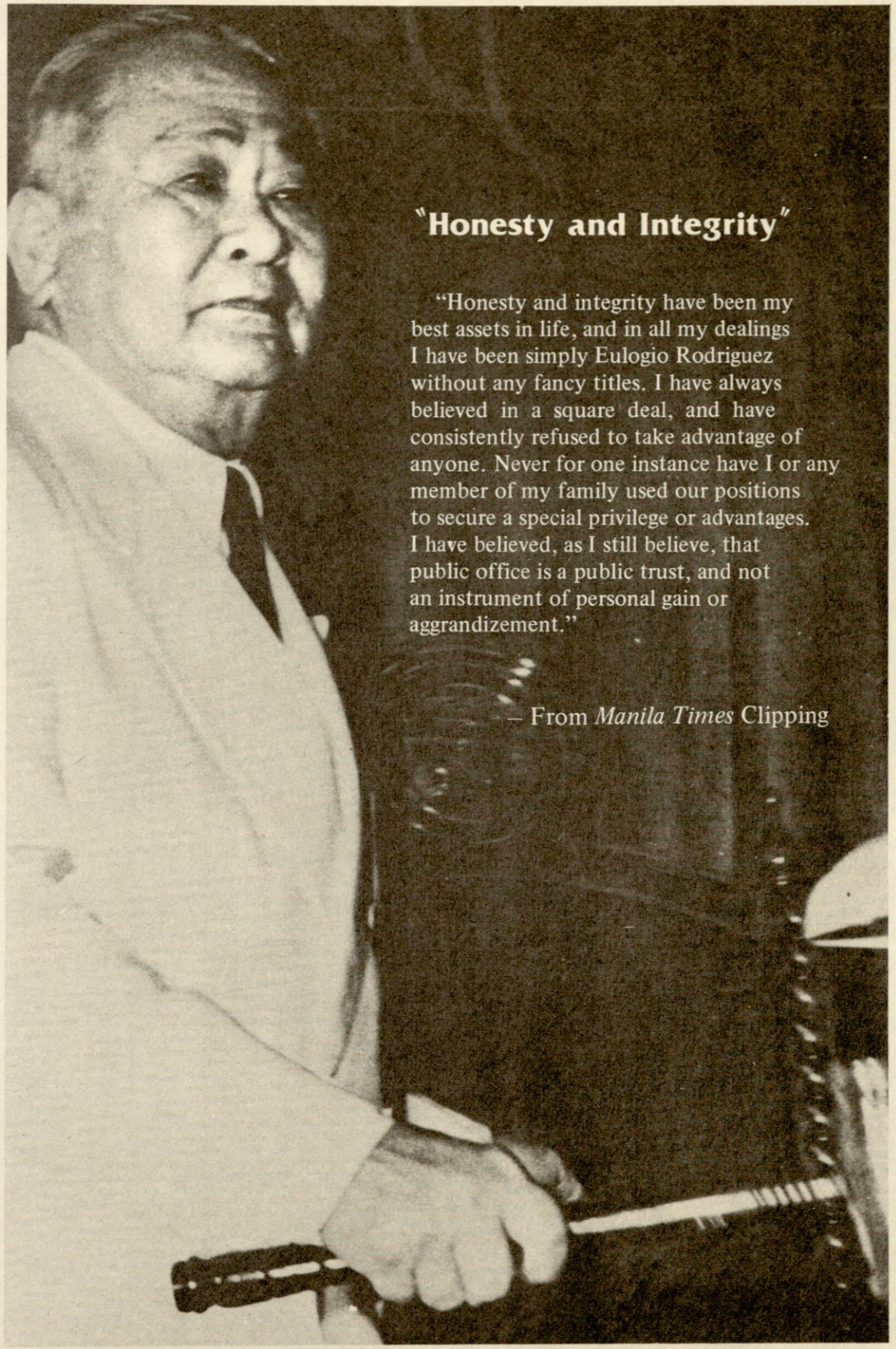
Dr. Gregorio Zaide, historian, on impact of E. Rodriguez in history.

Col. Simeon Medalla on Amang's role as businessman.





Prof. Esteban de Ocampo, former Chairman, National Historical Commission, is in charge of the lecture series and will introduce all lectures.



"Honesty and Integrity"

"Honesty and integrity have been my best assets in life, and in all my dealings I have been simply Eulogio Rodriguez without any fancy titles. I have always believed in a square deal, and have consistently refused to take advantage of anyone. Never for one instance have I or any member of my family used our positions to secure a special privilege or advantages. I have believed, as I still believe, that public office is a public trust, and not an instrument of personal gain or aggrandizement."

– From *Manila Times* Clipping

Oda kay Amang Rodriguez

Enero nang ikaw
Ay nupling sa dilim na animo'y tala,
At Disyembre naman
Nang ang kutitap mo'y masubhan ng luha,
Nguni't ang ngalan mo
Ay parang bulaklak na laging sariwa –
Bulaklak na apoy
Na ang bawa't ningas ay alab ng laya.

Sa kinagisnan mong
Maralitang duya'y yumabong ang diwa,
Umunlad ang dunong,
Nawalay sa dilag na unang nagpala't
Unang kumalinga,
Nguni't di sa mutyang ngala'y Inang-Lupa.

Kaya naman ngayon,
Ang alaala mo ay dinarakila –
Bato ka ng moog
Na di maigupo ng mga banyaga,
Tanod ka ng tagdang
Tatlo ang bituing ibinabandila,
At dugo ng ilog
Na dunong ang hulo at giting ang wawa.

– FEDERICO ESPINO, JR.



Amang talked and they listened

Left page: Monument of Amang Rodriguez in his hometown of Montalban. The bronze plaque below reads:

EULOGIO "AMANG" RODRIGUEZ

BORN – JANUARY 21, 1883
DIED – DECEMBER 9, 1964

MAN OF THE MASSES

HE LEFT A LEGACY WITH HIS PEOPLE WHICH TIME CANNOT ERASE.

THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE WHOM HE LOVED AND WHO LOVE HIM.

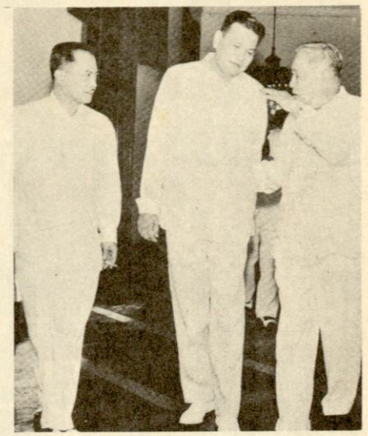
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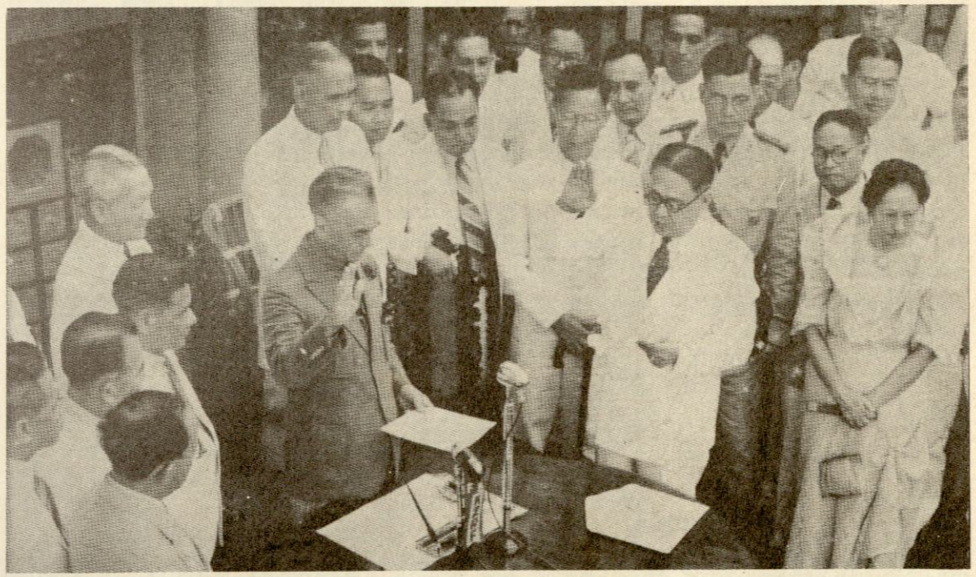
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Leadership talks between President Ramon Magsaysay and Amang Rodriguez, with former Speaker Jose B. Laurel participating. (Photo, H. Vitug).



HISTORIC MOMENT – Eulogio Rodriguez, when he took his oath of office, Jan. 15, 1940, as Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce before President Quezon. In the photo are Mrs. Pura Villanueva Kalaw, Senators Sergio Osmena, Carlos P. Garcia, and Jose Avelino, Jorge B. Vargas, Rafael Alunan, Don Juan Sumulong, former Rep. Teodoro Camacho, Francisco Sevilla, among others. (Photo, H. Vitug).

RECOLLECTIONS OF LOLO

By Maritess Mendoza Pineda



Amang Rodriguez, with the late President Magsaysay. L to R: Dellie (now Mrs. Mendoza), Maritess (now Mrs. Pineda) and RM carrying Lilibeth. Inset: author.

Every Christmas, all the Rodriguezes would gather in my grandfather's house on Broadway Avenue (now Dna. Juana S. Rodriguez St.), Quezon City, some relatives coming from as far away as Montalban, Rizal. Lolo played the role of Santa Claus, handing out envelopes with amounts varying according to age. My childhood memories of Christmas are therefore tied up with Lolo. Sundays in those days were spent with Lolo as he presided over the Rodriguez clan, keeping the whole family close together.

We lived with Lolo on Broadway and I used to sleep in his room. Every night in cotton pajamas he drank hot calamansi juice before going to bed. His favorite chair was a long, sloping, wooden one with woven cane which was called "silya de fraile". He would sit in it in the mornings, receiving visitors, still in his pajamas. At night, before bedtime, he would slouch in the chair quietly reading or chatting with me. I now have his chair in my sala, but although it is filled with memories for me, I have decided to return it, with mixed emotions, to his ancestral home in Montalban, which the family decided to put up in his honor. It will now serve as a museum for all his memorabilia.

I recall rummaging through his drawers once and coming upon a beautiful aqua and gold Parker pen with his name on it, which I eagerly asked for and which I still have to this day, along with the empty tobacco boxes, especially made for him, with his initials on them. I remember Lolo as someone who always had time for his 14-year old grandchild even when he was in the midst of dignitaries discussing serious matters. One of my favorite pictures with him was taken when the late President Ramon Magsaysay visited us at Broadway one Christmas. Lolo was still in his favorite pajamas with his silk robe when we had an informal shot with him and the President in front of a well-decorated fresh pine tree.

I used to visit him in his office in the Senate in the Legislative Building near the Luneta; I would walk in innocently interrupting some important conference no doubt, and he would pause, cock his head, and call out to me "O, anong ginagawa mo diyan? Ano na naman ang kailangan mo?" I would answer, "Wala, Lolo, gusto lang naman kitang bisitahin!" Then he would tell me to just stay around while he proceeded with the conference.

My childhood is filled with memories of Lolo, and many small and simple mementoes I have remind me of those childhood years with him. But his imprints are not just on everyday, physical relics; as I left my childhood and entered the adult world I constantly encountered traces of his presence in countless departments of the government. Both high officials and lowly workers instantly responded with kind words and expressions of admiration and gratitude whenever they learned that I was Amang's grandaughter. Over generations, his memory lives in the hearts and minds of both important and simple people who, like his grandaughter, feel they are a little better for having known him.



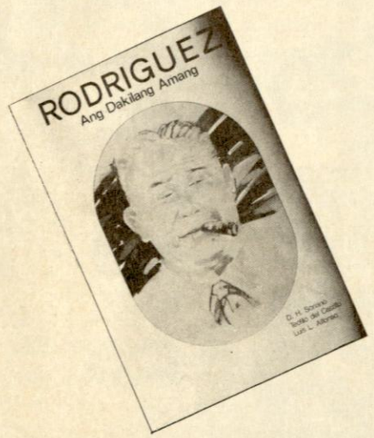
The Rodriguez children and grandchildren, taken during the golden wedding of Amang and Doña Juana

Frame Containing Commemorative Stamps Honoring The 100th Birth Anniversary of the late Senate President Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez, Sr.

Presentation to the Rodriguez Family	– Cmdr. Roilo Golez, Postmaster General
Acceptance	– Hon. Isidro S. Rodriguez Governor, Rizal Province
Presentation to the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Memorial Foundation, Inc.	– Cmdr. Roilo Golez Postmaster General
Acceptance	– Dr. Vicente R. Jayme Chairman, Board of Trustees Dr. P. L. Lim Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees Mrs. Narda N. Camacho Trustee & PRO



Stamp designed by Nemesio Dimanlig Jr.



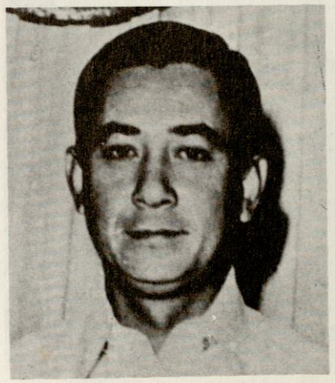
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You can get the handsome 360 page book, RODRIGUEZ, ANG DAKILANG AMANG, for only fifty pesos. The book is authored by D. H. Soriano, president, Philippines Daily Express. The co-authors include Prof. Teofilo del Castillo, formerly with the staff of the Senate President's office, and Major Luis L. Alfonso, former aide of Senate President Rodriguez. Many unknown details in the life of the late "Mr. Nacionalista" are in the book. Inquire for copies at the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Foundation, Inc.

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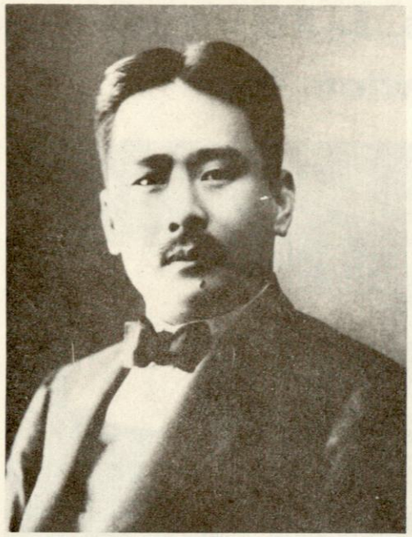
Gov. Isidro S. Rodriguez poses with the officers and trustees of the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Memorial Foundation Inc. L to R – P. L. Lim, vice chairman; Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez, honorary chairman; Gov. Rodriguez, Vicente R. Jayme, chairman; David P. Cruz, treasurer. Standing, L to R – Eligio Herrera, auditor; Dr. Liwayway N. Angeles, Mrs. Francisca Herrera, Narda Camacho, Dr. Amelia S. San Juan, Vice Gov. Jose Hernandez, Pete B. Reyes. Inset: former Sen. Mamintal Tamano, trustee and D. H. Soriano, ex-officio trustee, former chairman of the foundation and over-all chairman, Centennial Celebrations.



Left: Assemblyman Gilberto M. Duavit, Chairman Committee on Sponsors.

Right: Engineer (and member, Sangguniang Panglalawigan) Jose M. Lontoc, who designed and supervised the construction of the Rodriguez Ancestral Home and Museum.





AMANG RODRIGUEZ, as the dashing young Governor of Rizal.

E. Rodriguez Sr., with Doña Juana and children. Left to right: Leonor (Mrs. Lontoc), Doña Juana, E. Rodriguez, Sr., and E. Rodriguez, Jr. Standing: Constancio, Dellie, Jose, Pentong (Dr. Rodriguez) and Isidro (Governor Rodriguez). (From the collections of Mrs. Maritess M. Pineda).

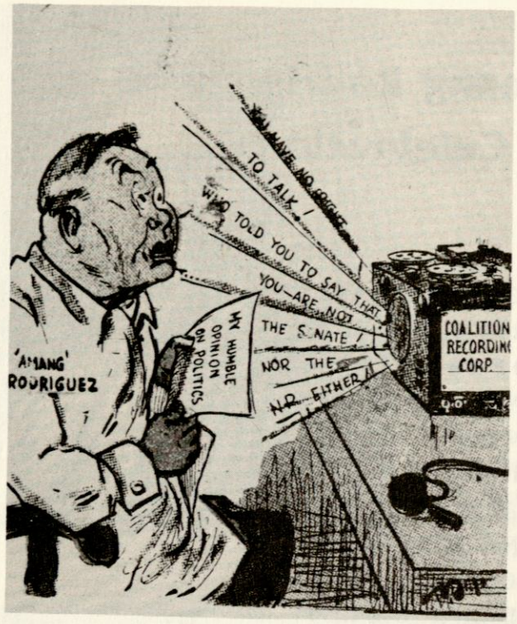


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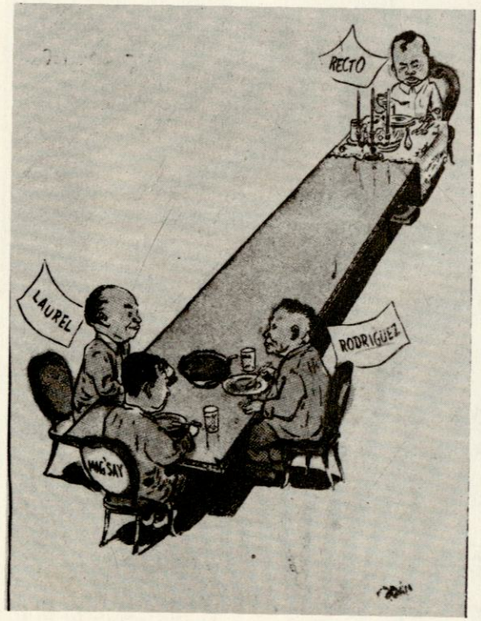
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AMANG RODRIGUEZ IN CARTOONS

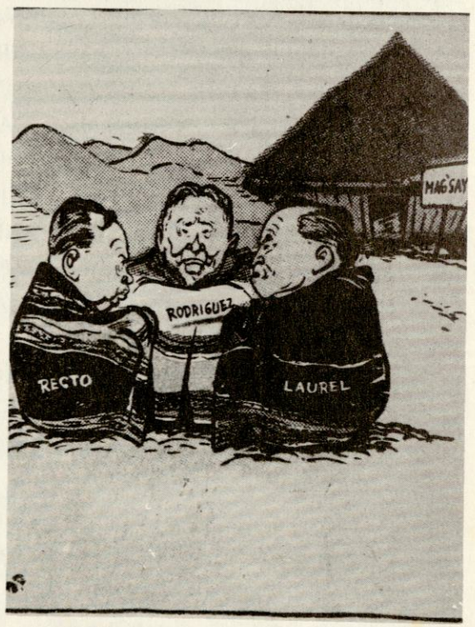
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