

Disappointing Additional Revenue From New Schedule Of Market Values

Except to the real property owners, the rich especially in elitist enclaves like the Corinthian Gardens, the very minimal additional revenue from the New Schedule of Market Values as adopted by the City Council is very disappointing. This additional revenue amounts to only about P200 million, way, way below the more than P1 billion additional revenue that would have been realized if it was the Schedule originally submitted by the City Assessor that the Council had adopted instead of the revised Schedule that the Council ordered the City Assessor to prepare in which the market values were drastically, excessively reduced, resulting in an average increase of only 100 percent.

The Council justified the reduction by alleging that it was in response to the clamor of the people against the high market values in the Schedule. But, of course, the people had no choice but to howl; the market values in the Schedule presented in the public hearings were double the market values in the Schedule submitted by the City Assessor. Thus, in its Report to the Council, the Ways and Means Committee headed by Councilor Galarpe, which conducted the public hearings, recommended that the market values in the Schedule it had presented in said hearings be slashed by more than 50 percent.

Had the Council adopted the Committee's recommendation, it would have killed two birds with one stone: (1) It would have ingratiated its members to the real property owners, thereby boosting their political stock (the 50+ percent slash would make them appear pro-property owners) and (2) it would have adopted a New Schedule of Market Values that would have yielded updated realty taxes that were truly fair, just and equitable, not only to the real property owners but to all other interests, such as the city government, which needs more funds, and the people in general, especially the propertyless poor who need fund-necessitating social welfare services.

In its Report the Committee clearly stated that the "more than fifty (50) percent" slash it recommended would yield fair, just and equitable realty taxes:

"The Committee is allowing an increase in the valuation of properties but recommends the SLASHING of the proposed valuation by the City Assessor (falsely presented in the public hearings) by more than fifty (50) percent which is very much lower than the present Zonal Valuation of Properties established by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The increase in the valuation was allowed since the ASSESSMENT Level to be applied to the Market Value of the property in order to obtain the Assessed Value to which the rate of tax of 2 1/2% will be applied, was already previously REDUCED in the Quezon City Revenue Code of 1993 from 30% to 15%. Accordingly, the corresponding increase on the realty tax is estimated to be fair and just." (underscoring not supplied).

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Reasonable Taxpayers

Many taxpayers refuse to pay the increased realty taxes even if the increase is very slight and those who pay, do so grudgingly and under protest. What in heaven's name do our taxpayers want? Haven't our Councilors slashed the rates to the bone? We're afraid these protesting taxpayers are being unreasonable.

This hostile attitude of the city's property owners is giving City Treasury personnel a big headache. The trouble with payments made under protest, they pointed out, is that the amount of increase in the payment made cannot be availed of by the city government for expenditure until the protest is resolved.

We wonder what is the legal basis for the protests? The ordinance adopting the New Schedule of Market Values has not been declared null and void by the court unlike that of Pasig City which the Supreme Court, in an en banc decision, had consigned to what it picturesquely calls "statutory graveyard." In our article, "A Questionable Supreme Court Decision" (on this page), we believe we have successfully shown that it is the en banc decision of the Supreme Court that should be cast into the "statutory graveyard."

Since the ordinance adopting the New Market Values is valid, cannot the city government enforce it by taking the matter to court -- a mandamus, perhaps, to compel payment? Then the protesters would be forced to contest the order and pave the way for the resolution of the issue: Is the taxpayers protest valid? It is important that the issue be resolved as soon as possible because, as we have already stated, the amount of the increase in the payments made by a protesting taxpayer is frozen. With a cash-strapped city government that has to be provided with more funds for its multifarious expenditures, collection must be maximized.

Castelo Rebukes Lotto Management For Violation of 500-Meter Radius Rule

(Reprinted from KALIBLIKAT NATIN newsletter)

A Quezon City councilor rebuked yesterday the management of Philippine Lotto of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office for allowing several of its betting centers to violate the 500 meter distance rule from any educational, religious institution, hospital or government building.



CASTELO

Councilor Winston Castelo said that betting centers within the 500 meter radius from the educational institutions in Quezon City are detrimental to the moral fibers of students causing them to engaged in this addictive game of chance.

Castelo explained that the presence of lotto in nearby schools would induce students to spend their money, supposedly intended for food and other school projects, in "luck"

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Amazing Disgrace -- Samson False and Reckless Charges -- Rosas

By Ben O. Flores

In a privilege speech titled "The Amazing Disgrace," Councilor Moises S. Samson, Majority Floor Leader, charged City Assessor Constantino Rosas, an employee under him, Nestor Dagaraga, and another City Hall employee, Isabelita Estorco, with having received huge amounts of money in consideration of the issuance of a tax declaration to a certain Rodolfo Francisco who claimed to be the "sole legal heir of a dead person who owned a vast piece of land covered by a Transfer Certificate of Title No. 36049." The dead person is not identified in the speech.

Samson related that it was Estorco who introduced Francisco to Dagaraga and asked him to prepare a tax declaration for payment of realty tax on Francisco's alleged property. But before consenting to do so, Dagaraga demanded P200,000 from Francisco who was forced to give the amount. "What a simple way of earning money disgracefully from the needy and the powerless," remarked Samson. But when the tax

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R.I.P. Our printer of many years, Mr. Rowie Manangan, died last Feb. 6. We had to shop for another printer, hence the delay in the coming out of this issue. Our new printer is the Meridian Communications, 88-N Kamias Road, Q.C. In charge, is someone who speaks the same language as we do. Mr. A.G. Rodriguez, Jr. is the Editor of a quality magazine, Lawmakers Today, which has just come out. We have been invited to contribute. And when we do, our subjects will necessarily be about QC officials and their doings -- good, bad or indifferent. -- BEN O. FLORES

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A QUESTIONABLE SUPREME COURT DECISION

By Ben O. Flores

(Author's Note: It is with some trepidation and a sense of being impudent and presumptuous that we dare to question the decision of such an stratospheric body as the Supreme Court. But we are encouraged by the thought that the honorable Justices would be the last to claim infallibility, a non-claim which is an ingredient of the true wisdom they generally possess. Though a non-lawyer, or rather a frustrated lawyer—we were in 2nd year law, UP, when we shifted to journalism thinking that this profession has less need to be clever—we were assisted in the preparation of this article by our good friend and toyo, Atty. Ben Kasala, Asst. City Assessor and prospective City Assessor to replace outgoing City Assessor Constantino Rosas—that is if we can persuade the Mayor that Ben's promotion would be in the interest of the service. We also took into consideration the arguments of Judge Aurelio Trampe of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 163 of the National Capital Region, whose decision on the matter was reversed by the Supreme Court. This Supreme Court Decision prompted the Mayor to withdraw his approval of the Ordinance adopting the New Schedule of Market Values.)

In an en banc Decision of the Supreme Court, the increased realty taxes imposed by the Pasig City government were declared null and void because, so the Court stated, the Schedule of Market Values upon which said taxes were based had not been prepared by the Pasig Municipal Assessor (at the time of the preparation of the Schedule, Pasig was not yet a city) in accordance with Section 9 of PD 921 which requires joint preparation. Section 9 is as follows:

"Sec. 9. Preparation of Schedule of Values for Real Properties within the Metropolitan Manila Area.—The Schedule of Values that shall serve as basis (underscoring supplied) for the appraisal and assessment for taxation purpose of real properties within the Metropolitan Manila Area shall be prepared jointly by the City Assessors of the Districts created

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The Mayor's Budget Message

I respectfully submit to the Honorable Council, the Proposed Executive Budget of Quezon City for the Fiscal year 1996 in the total amount of TWO BILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE MILLION PESOS (P2,845,000,000). (This was subsequently increased by P150,000,000 to make a total of P2,995,000,000.00).

THE CITY GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AND PROGRAMS: OVERVIEW

This Budget sets to contribute to the achievement of the Mission and Strategic Plans and Programs for the City, guided by the Vision of the Founding Father Manuel L. Quezon, as enunciated in our State of the City Address in July 1992 when we first assumed the leadership in the governance of the City.

Succeeding budgets since then have provided for the various programs and projects of the City -- particularly in education (school buildings and improvement of the teachers welfare and competencies) and the establishment of the Quezon City Polytechnic, road constructions, repairs and rehabilitation (some 180 kilometers of City and interneighborhood roads), street lighting, environmental improvement particularly solid waste collection and disposal, basic services in health (Medicap and the construction of branch hospitals and barangay health centers, including the renovation of the Quezon City General Hospital) and social welfare services (including relief and rehabilitation of calamity victims), provision of utilities, as water systems (some 540 artesian wells have been constructed and several deepwells), and electricity through the Depressed Area Electrification Program, improvement of Police and fire fighting capabilities, facilities for the youth and the senior citizens, improvement of our administrative services and operations, as well as outreach community service programs such as SMILE, and programs like the Business Development Project. And many more that have benefited the general public.

All of these programs and the accomplishments have given the City Government over the last three years the overwhelming approval of 78 percent of our people as revealed in the series of Social Weather Station Surveys.

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VERDICT

Case Considered Closed And Terminated Insofar As This Office Is Concerned -- OMBUDSMAN

"This case (is) considered closed and terminated insofar as this Office is concerned."

This is the verdict of the Office of the Ombudsman with respect to the request of Domingo G Alivoso in a letter dated August 28, 1995, for the investigation of the alleged non-existence of 12 units of ICOM Radios and 2 units of motorcycles purchased by Barangay Socorro headed by Bgy. Captain Bonifacio M. Rillon who is also the President of the Liga ng mga Barangay, QC Chapter, and ex-officio member of the City Council.

The investigation was conducted by Associate Graft Investigation Officer III Erlinda S. Rojas. In her Evaluation Report, Rojas stated that "No other evidence was presented, to substantiate the allegations in complain-

ant's letter" except that "The said purchase is indicated in the Inventory duly signed by Bonifacio Rillon, the punong barangay of Barangay Socorro."

"Inasmuch as the issue in this case involved verifiable barangay matters against a barangay official," the Report continued, "the same should be referred to the City Council of Quezon City for proper investigation and disposition."



2,995 BILLION

Realistic, Implementable 1996 Budget For QC Gov't -- Mathay

By Ben O. Flores

Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. said that this year's budget for the city government, in the amount of P2,995,000,000.00 which was enacted by the City Council on December 19 last year as Ordinance No. SP-358, S-95 and approved by him last January 9 is P409 million less than last year's P3,364,000,000 budget but it is more realistic and implementable because, he said, last year's budget was based on over optimistic and unrealized revenue target such as, particularly, the expected additional income from the implementation of the New Schedule of Fair Market Values which, however, was not acted upon by the Council.

Fiscal Policies and Guidelines

In his budget message, Mathay said that the proposed budget he was submitting to the City Council had been prepared by his Finance Committee and the Budget Office in accordance with fiscal policies and guidelines designed precisely to insure a realistic, implementable budget supportive of the programs and projects of the city government. He cited the excruciatingly difficult task of his Finance Committee and Budget Office in paring down the budget to an expenditure ceiling of P2,845,000,000.00 from the P4.8 billion total of the budgetary requests or proposals from city government departments and offices, City Council and national government agencies with offices in QC. But despite the severe financial limitations encountered in its preparation, the approved budget, the Mayor stressed, is adequate to sustain the pace of the city's growth and development the past three years which had earned the high rating of 78 in the Social Weather Station survey and also earned a new mandate for the city's administration.

"We are confident," Mathay said, "that in spite of these limitations for 1996, we will be able to undertake similar magnitudes of projects and services for our people and with the hope that with greater vigor and resourcefulness in revenue collection, we will have expanded program and project efforts during the latter part of the year, as revenue increases.

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Architects of the 1996 Budget



Mayor Mathay set the Policies and Guidelines



Dr. Alba, Finance Committee Chairman, had difficult task of paring the budget: P4.8B to P2.8B



City Treasurer Mercado provided estimate of available funds.



Budget Officer Fernandez took over from Ms. Gerardo, retired. She was assisted by Asst. Budget Officer Petronila Bagui.



Councilor Sison presided over session that enacted the budget.

Confirmation By Council Of Budget Officer's Appointment: Is It Mandatory Or Ministerial?

By Ben O. Flores

The City Council has disapproved the Resolution introduced by Majority Floor Leader Moises Samson confirming the appointment of the new Budget Officer, Ms. Bella Fernandez.

Reconsideration

In a letter to the Presiding Officer and Members of the Council, Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. requested the reconsideration of the non-confirmation. He attached to his letter the bio-data of Ms. Fernandez to show her high qualifications. She holds Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degrees from the MLQ University and took up a Master in Public Administration Course at U.P. and an Advanced Management Program Course at the Australian Administrative College, Melbourne, Australia. A career public servant, the new Budget Officer has been in the government service for the last 26 years since 1970 starting as Management Analyst I, Malacañang Budget and Management Office. She was the Chief Budget Analyst of the Department of Budget and Management, Region IV, Quezon City, before her appointment to the city government.

"Ms. Fernandez had to resign her permanent job at the Department of Budget and Management," Mathay wrote. "It will therefore jeopardize her career in the government if her present appointment as Budget Officer in the Quezon City Government is not confirmed."

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Standard Fare

By Ben O. Flores

Employees Sue Mathay" -- INQUIRER

This news story appeared in the Jan. 1, 1996 issue of the INQUIRER. That was the Happy New Year greeting to the Mayor of the four employees who had filed a complaint charging him with refusing to implement Executive Order No. 218 of the President providing an increase of P1,000 a month for all government employees. The E.O. has a conditional clause: "Subject to the availability of funds." So I don't know how EO No. 218 can be the basis for the four employees' complaint, who are, according to INQUIRER, "a clerk, Christopher James Cutler; a community affairs section head, Orlando A. Abad; the chief of the Sanitation Division, Dr. Leonito L. Catarroja; and the department head of the City Hall's Registry, Ramon Matabang."

So, my good friend Leonito still calls himself "chief of the sanitation division?" From what I know, Dr. Catarroja had been grounded after Councilor Samson's privilege speech exposing a racket involving health certificates. They were being sold for P70 a piece, no questions asked, no medical examinations needed. They were being sold by Sanitation Division personnel right under the nose of their boss, Catarroja. As to Matabang, he was grounded right after Mayor Mathay assumed office in July 1992, almost four years ago. As to Abad, I don't know him from Adam. I have met the fourth complainant, Alexander James Cutler. He works at the Office of the City Secretary headed by my good friend, Atty. Gene Jurilla. Alexander impressed me as a fine young man, good looking and intelligent. It is a pity that he should be associated with persons the likes of Matabang and Catarroja. As to this Abad, like I have already said, I've never heard of him nor met him. I asked Alex for a copy of their complaint, but he said he had to get the consent of his colleagues first. Obviously, they didn't want me to have a copy because, the last time I met Alex in the office of his boss, he had no copy to give me. He suggested that I get a copy from the court where the complaint is filed but I know a better source, my good friend City Attorney Mario Laqui who is handling the case. But I didn't have the time to get a copy in time for this issue. I can not discuss the merits of the complaint until I know what it is all about. But if it is true that the complaint has to do with the Mayor's failure to implement E.O. 218, like I said in the beginning, E.O. 218 has a conditional clause: As soon as funds are available. I'm sure the Mayor will implement E.O. 218. Employees certainly need and deserve the increase. I doubt, however, if so-called Registrar Matabang and so-called Sanitation Division Chief Dr. Catarroja deserve the increase. As grounded officials, it can not even be said that the pay they are getting now is deserved.

I'm Terribly Disappointed -- Mayor Mathay

At the December 11 Monday morning flag raising ceremony, Mayor Mathay was irked by the very sparse attendance of City Hall personnel. The non-attendees were led by Vice Mayor Bautista himself, who seldom attends, and most of the 26 Councilors -- I saw only Councilors Banal, Medalla, Liban and Daza. Most department and office heads were also absent. I saw only Architect Gerry Magat of the City Planning and Development Office, Ms. Tessie Mariano of the Department of Social Services and Development, City Assessor Constantino Rosas, and a few others.

The Mayor said Mayor Lim of Manila angrily scolded Manila City Hall personnel using very harsh words when, at the program commemorating Bonifacio's birth anniversary last November 30, only about 1,000 out of 20,000 Manila City government officials and employees attended.

"But it is not in my character to scold with harsh words," the Mayor said. "All I can say is that I'm terribly disappointed."

The following Monday, December 18, there was a big turnout. Was it because of the Mayor's "terribly disappointed" statement? Maybe, but I am inclined to think that the main reason was that a long-awaited announcement was being expected. It did come but it wasn't the Mayor who made the announcement. He could not make it that morning due to an appointment elsewhere. It was the City Administrator, Dr. Manuel Alba, who announced that the 13th month pay would be paid within the week, one half now, the other half early January next year -- hopefully.

Too Many Intersections, Cause of Traffic Jams

As I have already stated, I am no traffic expert, but, if I may be so presumptuous enough to talk like one, I would say that one of the main causes of traffic snarls is the presence of so many intersections -- sidestreets crossing main thoroughfares perpendicularly. So what happens is that vehicles running along a main thoroughfare have to stop every so often at these intersections when it's the turn of the cars in the sidestreets to be flashed the green light. As proof of this bit of traffic "expertise" we are giving, we cite the case of traffic at Commonwealth Avenue. This is a two to three kilometer stretch of road but it has only two or three intersections so that after leaving the area in front of the Coconut Administration, the cars move on smoothly and continuously most of the way. I know this for a fact because I go to Fairview quite often to visit a brother who resides there.

It is now too late, however, to revise the layout of the road network in Metro Manila to reduce intersections but the efficacy of this strategy I have pointed out can, perhaps, be tested in some thoroughfares by closing to traffic a few of the sidestreets crossing it.

In our January 1-15, 1995 issue, I had an article titled: "Infrastructure: Key to Solution of Traffic Problem." I reiterate here my contention that it is INFRASTRUCTURE that will provide the ultimate solution to the monstrosity that is the traffic problem. By Infrastructure, I mean more alternate roads where still possible, widening of existing roads also where still possible, skyways to facilitate traffic at intersections, which, as we have already stated, cause traffic jams, more LRTs, more overpasses and underpasses, and, of course, subways, the best infrastructural solution, but unfortunately, impossible even in our wildest dreams due to the prohibitive cost.

Snail's Pace of Judicial System, Very Discouraging

The snail's pace of our judicial system is very discouraging to those like myself who administratively or judicially pursue our exposes. For instance, anent the ghost purchase case I had filed against grounded GSO Rolando Montiel, et al., in 1992 it was only recently that I was notified by the Ombudsman, through its Head Executive Assistant, Lawyer Francisco G. Zarate, that the case, OMB-92-2591, "has been transferred to the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office for the filing of information." So far, I haven't received a word from the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office. As to the falsification of public document case against former Secretary to Mayor Simon, Elizardo Agasalud, also 1992 vintage, it was transferred by the Ombudsman to the Regional Trial Court, sala of Judge Monina A. Zeñarosa who set the pre-trial hearing last December 11, 1995. But when I went there on said date, I was told the case had been transferred to Branch 223 which until now has not sent a word. As to the other cases filed recently, only God knows when action will be taken on them. But I am not giving up. In fact, I am preparing to file other cases, particularly against former Bungad Bgy, Captain Carmelita Bilgera and her treasurer Antonio C. Marnayson for a ghost multi-purpose hall for which they were able to withdraw about P400,000 allegedly for the purchase of construction materials. I made this expose in our September 1-15, 1995 issue, but, as usual, no Councilor gave a damn.

Lagumbay, Planas Found Guilty Of Disorderly Conduct

By Ben O. Flores

Councilors Eufemio C. Lagumbay and Michael F. Planas, both of the 3rd district, have been found guilty of disorderly conduct for having staged an impromptu boxing bout during the October 19 session. This verdict was rendered by the investigating committee which the Presiding Officer had created to look into the incident.

The Committee, which stated that Lagumbay and Planas "committed disorderly conduct as defined and penalized in Sec. 25 of the Internal Rules of the Council, Resolution No. SP-66, S-93," recommended the following sanctions:

a. Councilor Eufemio C. Lagumbay is hereby suspended for Seven (7) consecutive working days which shall include three (3) consecutive regular sessions.

Councilor Mike F. Planas is hereby suspended for Five (5) consecutive working days which shall include two (2) regular sessions.

This period of suspension shall include their non-participation in the committee hearings.

b. Repetition of similar acts by aforementioned councilors will warrant an imposition of more severe actions in accordance with the Internal Rules of Procedures of the City Council.

c. This sanction shall take effect on the first Monday upon approval by the City Council.

The more severe sanction against Lagumbay implies that he was more guilty than Planas. This is born out in the findings of the Committee, as follows:

"During the recess -- (the protagonists had been in a heated argument over a resolution of Lagumbay opposed by Planas) -- the following incident transpired:

"Councilors Lagumbay and Planas were seen conferring with each other. A few minutes later, Coun. Lagumbay stood up, pushed (Planas) and simultaneously uttered the words 'PUTANG INA MO, BASTOS KA AH'. Coun. Planas, in turn, stood up... and attempted to box Coun. Lagumbay but the latter managed to keep a distance. Then Coun. Lagumbay kicked Coun. Planas (which caused him) to lose his footing and to fall on his behind. Seeing Coun. Lagumbay fallen, Coun. Planas approached (him) and kicked him twice on the calf. (Thereupon), Coun. Mathay intervened and separated the two and brought Coun. Lagumbay out of the... Session Hall. Even while being brought out of the session hall, he kept on hurling invective(s)... (at) Coun. Planas. On the other hand, Coun. Plans uttered some explanatory words." (The Committee does not say what were these explanatory words.)

The Committee report, probably because it was being rushed, is not very thorough. It does not, as just stated, quote the "explanatory words"; it does not state who were the witnesses upon whose testimony the findings were based; and it did not summon the respondent Councilors to testify and be cross-examined; they were merely asked to submit a written account of their respective versions of the incident.

Planas did not admit in his version that, as stated in the Committee findings, "he attempted to box Lagumbay" when the latter uttered "PUTANG INA MO" at him. He merely answered, Planas said, "Pare, huwag kang magmura dito sa loob ng Session Hall." (Puede ba sa labas?) Planas also denied that he had kicked Lagumbay twice on the calf as stated in the Committee report. He said he was not able to do so because he was restrained by some Councilors, Mathay and Liban. (At least there was an intent to kick.)

The written "version" of Coun. Lagumbay was not a version of the incident at all. He merely said that the fight was caused "by a misunderstanding of (two) colleagues, Hon. Michael F. Planas and myself, which (had) been settled immediately after the session..." He did not deny that he had cursed Planas with the words "PUTANG INA MO" and that he had kicked him twice as stated in the Committee report. (In fairness to Pingoy, he was provoked by what he said was the habit of Planas of opposing every resolution he introduced.) He made this apology: "I would like to issue an apology, not only to the Chairman and members of this special committee but also to our colleagues in the august body." Planas is not specifically mentioned in the apology but he is included, of course, in "our colleagues." Lagumbay also gave the "assurance that what (had) transpired won't happen again..." (Amen to that)

Apology

I hereby apologize to the Hon. Councilor MICHAEL F. PLANAS of the 3rd district for the inaccuracies, which put him in a bad light, in our news story, "Kid Planas vs. Fighting Pingoy," in a previous issue which, he said in a letter of complaint to us, "scandalized" him for its "brazen distortion of the TRUTH."

Mike, who is a nephew of my good friend, former Vice Mayor Charito Planas, was referring to the following account in our news story of his fight with Councilor Lagumbay during the October 19, 1995 session of the City Council:

"The Carlos Albert Session Hall became an instant boxing arena last October 19 when Councilor Michael Planas suddenly lunged at Councilor Eufemio Lagumbay with whom he was in a heated argument and punched him on the face. Taken by surprise, Lagumbay was not able to parry the blow. He slipped and fell down and even in his prostrate position, Kid Planas, unmindful of boxing rules, continued to attack his foe -- with his foot. Fighting Pingoy managed to get up and retaliated with a hard straight to the Kid's kisser."

I must admit that the above account of the fight is a "brazen distortion of the truth" -- perhaps not too brazen. I don't want to make excuses but I did try to get at the truth, but the Councilors and some members of the City Secretary's staff whom I managed to talk to claimed they did not see how the fight started. The one who misinformed me -- he was neither a Councilor nor member of the City Secretary's staff -- was obviously partial to Councilor Lagumbay and my fault, a grievous fault, was I took his account hook, line and sinker without making further inquiries but this was because I no longer had the time.

What actually happened is told in the report of the Special Committee which investigated the incident, which we presume is the TRUTH.

As per report, it is not true that it was Councilor Planas who started the fight, by suddenly lunging at Councilor Lagumbay, although it does seem that it was Planas who provoked Lagumbay with his persistent and obstinate opposition to the resolution Lagumbay was sponsoring. Here is the version of the Committee report on how it started: "A few minutes later, Coun. Lagumbay stood up, pushed (Planas) and simultaneously uttered the words (censored)." Stung by the push and the censored words, Planas, in the words of the Committee report, "in turn stood up... and attempted to box Coun. Lagumbay but the latter managed to keep a distance. Then Coun. Lagumbay kicked Coun. Planas (which caused him) to lose his footing and to fall on his behind. Seeing Coun. Lagumbay fallen, Coun. Planas approached (him) and kicked him twice in the calf."

In his written version of the incident, sent to the Committee in response to its directive, Councilor Planas denied that he "attempted to box" Lagumbay even after the latter had said the censored words against him. He said he merely retorted with: "Pare, huwag kang magmura dito sa loob ng Session Hall." Planas also denied that he succeeded in kicking Lagumbay twice in the calf because he was restrained by some Councilors.

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The Mayor was in favor of the recommendations in the Committee Report and it was on the expectation that the Council would abide by them that he gave the assurance that the property assessment revision would result in fair, just and equitable realty taxes. When it turned out that the Council had adopted a Schedule that would yield only about P200 million in additional income (P178 million actually, according to the Office of the City Assessor), the Mayor is reported to have said in disgust: "If it is going to be only P200 million, we might as well stay with the status quo!" (Read the reprinted column of Manila Bulletin columnist Willie Ng on Page 1.)

It is safe to say that the Mayor is one of those who share the general disappointment over the minimal additional revenue from the New Schedule of Market Values adopted by the Council. He has every good reason for his disappointment: This year the city government is saddled by a very limited budget of only P2,995,000,000. Although it does not include the P200 million (or P178 million) additional revenue, this year's budget will still be less than last year's budget of about P3.4 billion, which had been based on a certified statement of estimated income which assumed that the Council would adopt the new Schedule of Market Values as originally submitted by the City Assessor. The Council did not take any action on said Schedule in 1994 when the 1995 budget was being prepared. It finally did, last year when the 1996 budget was being prepared but paid no heed to the Ways and Means Committee Report and instead razed the market values in the Schedule it adopted almost to the ground resulting in a very disappointing additional revenue from realty taxation.

The pity of it all is that, aside from the misrepresentation at the public hearings, the "high rates" perception of the people, prompting their opposition, was a misimpression caused by their inability, to borrow the reported words of the Mayor, "to figure out the numbers," meaning to say that they only looked at the percentages of increase without making the necessary computations to get at the actual amounts to be paid. The same observation as the Mayor's was made in the Council by Councilors Banal and Lagumbay, the elder. They said that in consultations they held with their constituents -- both Councilors from the 3rd district -- they, their constituents, at first, expressed opposition to any increase in realty taxes but, after proper explanation, they were enlightened enough to withdraw their opposition. The 3rd district Councilors said that their constituents' opposition had stemmed from the fact that it was based on the percentages of increase instead of on the actual amounts to be paid as increased taxes.

It is even a greater pity that in spite of the Council having razed the market values almost to the ground to produce very minimal realty tax increases, many property owners, according to the Office of the City Treasurer, still refuse to pay under the new slightly increased rates and, if they do, payment is made under protest, which means that the entire payment can not be availed of by the city government for expenditure until the protest is resolved.

We wonder, what is the legal basis for the protests? The Ordinance adopting the New Schedule of Market Values has not been declared null and void by any court unlike that of Pasig City which the Supreme Court had nullified, and voided.

(Editor's Note: Before writing the above Editorial, we referred the points taken up therein to Councilor Galarpe for comment but we failed to receive any response. In the past, Bert, whom we consider of the Council's Outstanding Councilors, had always responded. Probably he was just too busy this time. Or is it possible, he agrees with all the points raised in the above Editorial?)

We trust that we have sufficiently straightened the "brazen distortion of TRUTH" Councilor Planas has charged us with. We trust that he will accept this apology. As to my good friend Pingoy, I assure him, the unfortunate incident has not diminished my esteem for him. I do realize that he must have been provoked beyond endurance and forgot himself.

Happy Valentine Greetings from:

Hon. GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II

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BUDGET MESSAGE...

In September 1995 we again presented our general mission and goals including the strategic policy and program proposals as enunciated in my State of the City Address before the Honorable Council.

For the next three years we will continue the basic programs that we have pursued particularly in the areas of basic services, education, environmental improvement, infrastructures, business development and promotion.

Specifically, we outlined our ten priorities over the next three years from 1995 to 1998.

1) **Housing and Resettlement** -- to resettle squatter families into well-planned housing communities so that valuable properties of the City and property owners can be opened for improvement and development contributing to the City's overall development and environmental improvement, while improving the urban poor's welfare;

2) **Improvement of Basic Services**, particularly in health services with improvement of the Quezon City General Hospital and establishment of four hospital branches, as well as more health centers, providing for better personnel and maintenance and operating needs; social services for the youth (particularly in anti-drug campaign), the elderly, the handicapped, the underprivileged sectors, and the victims of calamities and disasters;

3) **Educational Development**. Much has been done for education, but given the 4.3 per cent growth each year in enrolment, or approximately 9,000-10,000 new entrants to the school system of the City, we need to continue the school building program, improving teachers competences (by retraining in several subjects), and welfare (by upgrading their compensation), as well as provide general assistance in the improvement of the operations of the schools and their environments.

4) **Infrastructure Development**. Because Quezon City is geographically expansive, it will continue to urgently need the necessary infrastructures -- particularly city road systems and inner city roads (plus opening up of interneighborhood roads in subdivisions) to make population mobility and traffic easier. This should include improvement and renovation of City Office buildings (renovation of the City Hall building, construction of the Legislative Building), among others.

5) **Business Development**. This is an imperative strategic program for the City. We need to attract investments and businesses to the City, not only for the overall development and economic progress of the City but to provide livelihood and employment to the large population of the City. In addition, it is business development that will generate quantum increases in the revenue sources and financial resources of the City.

6) **Environmental Improvement and Promotion**. Of topmost priority in this regard is the improvement in the solid waste collection and disposal system of the City. Major efforts in this respect should be undertaken to deal with daily 1,600 tons garbage of the City. The barangays will now carry a substantial degree of responsibility in implementing the waste collection system.

In addition, the continuing initiatives in cleaning and greening of the City must continue.

7) **Peace and Civic Order**. The campaign against criminality and social and civic disturbance must be accelerated. Included in this priority is the improvement in the operational capability of the Police through provision of transport and mobile equipment and communication systems and equipment. Improved monitoring and surveillance and improved community action should be pursued.

Expanding the complement of Police personnel including activating auxiliary personnel (in traffic and anti-crime campaign) is likewise a necessary program.

8) **Cultural Development**. Our mission is still that of making and realizing the goal of Quezon City being the Capital City of this country. And any capital city must aim to develop its cultural, historical, and artistic milieu to raise the quality of life of its population as well as to promote and develop artistic talents of the City. Part of this concern is to realize that Quezon City is the origin of the movement for independence and that the Centennial Celebration will begin here in Quezon City -- with some historical touristic and artistic projects, under the joint auspices of the Centennial Commission and the City Government.

9) **Revenue Development**. Because any substantive development towards Quezon City progress and the long-term or sustained implementation of our programs and projects for an increasing population need to be supported by financial resources, revenue development is a strategic imperative. This includes the acceleration of business development where the City needs to attract investors and business to the City through some supportive fiscal policies, improved government business assistance services, and the development of major infrastructures for investments.

Thus among the major project developments in this regard, are the various national and City road infrastructures (C-5, C-6, Mindanao Avenue, Republic Avenue), mass transit infrastructures (LRT 3 and LRT 2 and the City's own planned UPTOWN LRT), a business center development project (in the North Triangle, U.P. Campus, and North Fairview) as well as development of economic zones alongside major thoroughfares such as Commonwealth Avenue.

A Payatas Development Program is now underway with some project development work for the long-term development of one of the City's most depressed communities. This would include housing, small-scale manufacturing, waste to energy projects, road infrastructures, and some commercial development. No less than the President has directed the formulation of this Payatas Development Program.

And 10) **Continuing Improvement in Administrative Operations of the City**, the better for the City Government to deliver the basic services, provide assistance to the general public and the business sector. On the overall, the program includes reorganization and reinvention improvement in systems and procedures, improvement in the competences of personnel, installation of management information services, specifically the computerization of treasury, business taxes and real estate tax processing operations, better linkage among the various districts and barangays through information network, and overall improvement in governance of the City.

The above programs will be further translated into specific projects in order that clearer budgetary allocations annually can be determined.

This 1996 Budget Program, therefore, takes guidance from this program priorities as outlined above, and in terms of current needs, simply to provide for continuing smooth and efficient operations of the City government administration -- both of the executive and legislative branches.

*Sana'y maging mapayapa ang taong 1996
para sa lahat ng Pilipino!*

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QUESTIONABLE...

under Section one hereof (underscoring supplied), with the City Assessor of Manila acting as Chairman, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree No. 464, as amended, otherwise known as the Real Property Code, and the implementing rules and regulations thereof issued by the Secretary of Finance."

In its decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Section 9 of PD 921 had not been repealed by RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, along with PD 464, the Real Property Tax Code governing real property taxation before the enactment and effectivity in 1992 of RA 7160. We contend otherwise: The purpose of Section 9 of PD 921 was to provide a rule in the implementation of Section 15 of PD 464, which is as follows:

"Sec. 15. Preparation of Schedule of Values.--Before any general revision of real property assessment is made as provided in this Code, there shall be prepared for the province or city a schedule of market values for the different classes of real property therein situated in such form and detail as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Finance."

Since PD 464 was repealed in toto by RA 7160, it follows that Section 15 of said PD 464 was also repealed. Now, if Section 15 of PD 464 had been repealed, it follows further that Section 9 of PD 921 had lost its purpose for existence which was to provide a rule in the implementation of Section 15 of PD 464 that is the requirement for joint preparation. If Section 9 of PD 921 had lost its purpose for existence, it follows finally that Section 9 of PD 921 had been consigned to what in legal parlance is known as "statutory graveyard"--in brief, it was repealed.

But, we can even grant that Section 9 of PD 921 had not been repealed as ruled in the Supreme Court Decision because it has really no relevance to the Supreme Court Decision, as we will show in the course of this brief. Let us look closely at the provisions of Section 9:

It ordains "the City Assessors of the Districts created under section one hereof" (Section one of PD 921 created four districts, the same number as the four City Assessors at the time, namely, the City Assessors of Quezon City, Manila, Caloocan City and Pasay City) to prepare jointly a schedule of Values that shall serve as basis for the appraisal and assessment for taxation purposes of real properties within the Metropolitan Manila Area. . . .

It is vitally important to note that the above provision calls only on the four City Assessors to prepare jointly the required Schedule of Values. No Municipal Assessors are involved in the joint preparation required. Obviously the intent of the provision in question is for the Assessors, City as well as Municipal, of the different local government units in the Metropolitan Manila Area to use the Schedule of Values jointly prepared by the four City Assessors as their basis in the preparation of their individual or respective Schedules of Market Values.

Yet in its Decision, the Supreme Court prescribes a procedure in the preparation of individual Schedule of Values by the City and Municipal Assessors of local government units in the Metropolitan Manila Area which is not in accordance with Section 9 of PD 921. Said procedure is prescribed in Steps 1 to 3, page 17 of the Decision, as follows:

"1. The assessor in each municipality or city in the Metropolitan Area shall prepare his/her proposed schedule of values, in accordance with Sec. 212, R.A. 7160."

Section 212 of RA 7160 is as follows:

"Sec. 212.--Preparation of Schedule of Fair Market Values.--Before any general revision of property assessment is made pursuant to the provisions of this Title, there shall be prepared a schedule of fair market values by the provincial, city and the municipal assessors of the municipalities within the Metropolitan Manila Area for the different classes of real property situated in their respective local government units (underscoring supplied) for enactment by ordinance of the sanggunian concerned. The schedule of fair market values shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the province, city or municipality concerned, or in the absence thereof, shall be posted in the provincial capitol, city or municipal hall and in two other conspicuous public places therein."

Step No. 2 is as follows:

"2. Then, the local Treasury and Assessment District shall meet, per Sec. 9 of P.D. 921. In the instant case (the Pasig City Schedule of Market Values which is the subject of the Supreme Court Decision under consideration), that district shall be composed of the assessors of Quezon City, Pasig, Marikina, Mandaluyong and San Juan, pursuant to Sec. 1 of said PD. In this meeting, the different assessors shall compare their individual assessments, discuss and thereafter jointly agree to produce a schedule (underscoring supplied) of values for their district, taking into account the preamble of said P.D. that they should evolve a progressive revenue raising program that will not unduly burden the taxpayers."

Please note that the procedure prescribed in Step 2 in the preparation of individual schedules by the city and municipal assessors of local government units in the Metropolitan Manila Area is for all the city and municipal assessors of a district to meet and compare each others schedules which, according to Step 1, must be prepared "per Sec. 212 of R.A. 7160." But while both Steps 1 and 2 speak of individual schedules, there is this confusing statement in Step 2 which provides that the different assessors after comparing each others schedules must "jointly agree to produce a schedule of values (underscoring supplied) for their district. . ." Now, which is which? Individual schedules for each city or municipality in the district or just one schedule of values for the district? Step 3 also refers to a single common schedule for a district. Step 3 is as follows:

"3. The schedule (singular) jointly agreed upon by the assessors shall then be published in a newspaper of general circulation and submitted to the sanggunian concerned for enactment by ordinance."

Now, this Step 3 is also confusing: Which of the sanggunians of the different local government units composing the district is referred to by the phrase "the sanggunian concerned?"

Whichever is meant in Steps 2 and 3, individual schedules for the cities and municipalities composing the district or a single common schedule for the entire district, the fact is that the procedure prescribed in Steps 2 and 3 in the preparation of schedule of market values is entirely different from the procedure prescribed in Section 9 of PD 921. Please read this section again. It involved only the City Assessors of the Metropolitan Manila Area, only four of them at the time of the enactment of PD 921. Absolutely no Municipal Assessor is involved in Section 9 of said PD 921.

It is very clear that Section 9 of PD 921 and Steps 2 and 3 in the Supreme Court Decision contradict each other or, to say the least, they do not jibe. It is very important to note that the procedure prescribed in Steps 2 and 3 is clearly, unashamedly a case of judicial legislation because, to repeat, it is entirely different from the procedure prescribed in Section 9 of PD 921, issued by then Dictator Marcos who had assumed

Improved, Expanded Library Services

A. LIBRARY BENEFICIARIES

a.1 Provided library services to city residents and neighboring cities and municipalities from a total number of 983,059 in 1994, with an average of 3,276 daily users, to 987,976 in 1995, with an average of 3,293 daily users.

Library clients who are senior citizens and economically disadvantaged citizens such as: street children; out-of-school youth; and illiterate adults increased by 5%, from 20% of the total number of beneficiaries in 1994 to 25% in 1995. High school students dropped by 5% from 30% to 25% of the total number of beneficiaries in 1995. Those in elementary, college and professional levels constitute 25% each of the total number of users in 1995.

The above statistics on library users indicate that the City Library is expanding its services to the less privileged city residents who make up the priority target sector of city government programs and services.

B. OUTREACH SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICES

b.1. Provided outreach services to 50 barangays in depressed areas through the bookmobile; 10,000 books were distributed free. In addition to free book distribution, the following services were also provided:



Mayor Mathay receives on behalf of the Public Library a donation consisting of 6,500 volumes for students in all levels from Rev. Father Pierre Tritz, SJ, President of the Educational Research Assistance Foundation (ERAF), and Gerry Baldonado, President of the Rotary Club of Novaliches. Looking on is QC Chief Librarian Ms. Blanquita L. Del Barrio.

storytelling and practical art activities, lectures or demonstrations on livelihood and health education. Estimated beneficiaries numbered 5,000 residents.

b.2 Provided library services through community based branch libraries. Last year, QCPL already had 22 branches, two of which were established in said year. These libraries provided information and other services that could enhance the cultural, economic, educational, and spiritual needs of their respective community constituents.

C. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATION

c.1 Acquired a total number of 9,500 volumes in 1995, increasing the total number of volumes of 53,056 in 1994 to 62,556 volumes in 1995.

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the legislative power and function. It also dispenses with the public hearings required per section 187 of RA 7160.

The question to resolve now is: Is the Supreme Court Decision declaring null and void the increased realty taxes imposed by the Pasig City government valid? It is not valid if the ruling supporting the Decision is that there was no joint preparation of the Schedule of Market Values upon which the increased realty taxes was based in accordance with Section 9 of PD 921. The joint preparation required in Section 9 does not apply to assessors other than the four City Assessors of Quezon City, Manila City, Caloocan City and Pasay City. It is not the fault of the Pasig City Assessor (Municipal Assessor at the time of the preparation of the Schedule in question) if the four City Assessors had not jointly prepared a Schedule of Values to serve as his basis in preparing his Schedule of Market Values. At this point, it is clear what is meant by our statement that Section 9 of PD 921 has no relevance to the Supreme Court Decision.

Neither is the Supreme Court Decision valid if the ruling supporting it is that the preparation of the Pasig Schedule of Market Values was not in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Steps 2 and 3 which also requires joint preparation but dispenses with public hearings. Said procedure can not be invoked because, as already stated, it is a case of judicial legislation. If the Supreme Court claims that it is judicial interpretation of section 9 of PD 921, it is a grossly incorrect interpretation.

The Pasig City Schedule of Market Values was prepared in accordance with Section 212 of RA 7160, as per Step 1 of the Supreme Court Decision, which does not require joint preparation with the other assessors of the cities and municipalities composing the district to which Pasig City belonged. If it was the intention of Congress to require joint preparation, it would have been very easy to provide in Section 212 a conditional clause or proviso, such as "provided that the preparation of the Schedule of Market Values is made jointly (or in consultation) with the assessors in the district to which the city or municipal assessor preparing the schedule belonged." But even without such a proviso, an assessor can, on his own initiative and free will, consult other assessors if he thinks such consultation would enable him to prepare a more proper Schedule of Market Values. He can do that because Section 212 does not expressly prohibit joint preparation or consultation, in the same way that it does not compel said joint preparation or consultation. By not requiring compulsory joint preparation or consultation in Section 212, Congress obviously assumed that assessors have the competence to prepare their individual Schedules of Market Values by themselves considering that they have all the data and information needed for said preparation. But neither does Section 212 close the door to joint preparation or consultation by an express prohibition against assessors seeking advice or assistance from their colleagues.

The adverse Supreme Court Decision against Pasig City's increased realty taxes prompted QC Mayor Mathay to withdraw his approval of the Ordinance adopting the Schedule of Market Values submitted by the QC City Assessor, who had to produce and submit certifications from his fellow City Assessors in the Metropolitan Manila Area that they had been consulted. These certifications of consultation were far from being in accordance with the kind of joint preparation required in Section 9 of PD 921 but the Council and the Mayor deemed them satisfactory token compliance to the joint preparation requirement. The Council re-enacted the Ordinance adopting the Schedule and the Mayor restored his approval.

If the en banc Supreme Court Decision on the Pasig City realty tax case is indeed not valid, as we have tried to show in this brief, the Mayor, Council and City Assessor of Quezon City would not have found it necessary to go to the rigmarole of simulating a joint preparation which was not, after all, in accordance with the kind of joint preparation required in Section 9 of PD 921 which the Supreme Court has replaced through judicial legislation with Steps 2 and 3--steps which contained confusing inconsistencies, as we have pointed out.

PICTORIAL REVIEW

THE PAST YEAR

The first day of the past year was a Sunday. The first working day at City Hall started with the traditional Monday flag raising ceremony. In their talk, the Mayor, Ismael Mathay Jr., and the Vice Mayor, Charito Planas, wished everybody a happy new year and enjoined them to close ranks and prepare to meet the tasks and challenges, old and new, that the incoming year may bring, resolving to meet said tasks and challenges in a manner that will bring about a more joyful and prosperous year.

Joyful Prospect

Already there was the joyful prospect of a papal visit. Pope John Paul II (Karol Josef Wojtyla) was due to arrive the following week, Jan. 12 to be exact. It was the Pope's second visit to the Philippines. He first came in 1981. He celebrated mass at the Quezon Circle and at the Araneta Coliseum. This second visit, however, was confined to Manila. The youth of Quezon City, however, joined the other youths who attended the mass the Pope celebrated at the Luneta in connection with the observance of World Youth Day on Jan. 15. Mayor Mathay had met with officials of the church, non-government organizations and government agencies in charge of preparations for the celebration of World Youth Day (See picture below).



Mayor Mathay (hand upraised) discusses preparations for World Youth Day celebration with (from left) City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba; Apolonio V. Dionisio, QC lay coordinator; and Monsignor Felipe Ocol, Episcopal Vicar, QC North.

One of the features which marked the papal visit was the launching of a book of poems written by Pope John Paul II. (See picture below).



Mayor Mathay and Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin at the Villa San Miguel in Mandaluyong City where the launching of the book "Mga Tula," a collection of poems by the visiting Pope translated into Pilipino was held.

The City Council

At the start of the past year, the previous Council which came into being in July 1992, after the May 11 elections of that year, was already on the last six months of its term. It held its last session on June 29, 1995.

19 Re-Electionists

The new Council held its first regular session on July 6, 1995. It was composed of 19 re-electionists who made it in the May 11 elections and five newcomers, plus the same ex-officio members, Bonifacio Rillon, ABC President, and Youth Sectoral Representative Wenceron Lagumbay. Only two re-electionists, Herminio "Butch" Bautista and Reynaldo Medina, failed to make it. They were replaced by newcomers Councilors Nanette Castelo-Daza and Enrico S. Serrano, respectively. Three-time Councilor Melencio Castelo, who was no longer eligible for re-election, was replaced by his son, Winnie. Councilor Herbert Bautista ran for Vice Mayor and won over Charito Planas while Councilor Michael T. Defensor ran for Congress and won over Dennis Roldan. Both of the 3rd district, they were replaced by Councilors Michael Planas and Jorge L. Banal, a Balik-Consejo.

New Officers

New officers were elected during the first regular session. They were Connie Angeles, President Pro Tempore; Moises S. Samson, Majority Floor Leader; Joseph Peter Sison, 1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader; Ramon G. Mathay, 2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader; and Godofredo T. Liban II, Minority Floor Leader. In a later session, Councilor Jorge Banal was elected 1st Asst. Minority Floor Leader.



ANGELES SAMSON SISON MATHAY LIBAN

A covenant was signed by 18 Councilors to form the new majority group. They were Councilors Sarino, Samson, Alonzo, Dario, Montilla, Lagumbay (the elder), Sison, Tamayo, Biglang-awa, Pumaren, Angeles, Hipol, Sison, Rillon Lagumbay (the son), Mathay, Castelo, and Daza. The remaining eight Councilors became the minority group, namely Councilors Ferrer, Liban, Medalla, Serrano, Banal, Planas, Altuna and Galarpe.

The Score

During the period June 30, 1995 to December 31, 1995, the Council held 31 regular sessions and one special session. It filed 194 ordinances of which 28 were enacted or adopted and 166 still pending. As to resolutions, 213 were filed, 40 were approved and 173 pending for a total of 405 measures, of which 68 were enacted/adopted, and 339 pending. All of the 28 enacted/approved ordinances were also approved by the Mayor.

Of the 28 approved ordinances, only the 1996 Budget and the Ordinance adopting the New Schedule of Market Values are of special (P20,000,000.00) as previously authorized by the City Council under Ordinance No. SP-86, S-93 with the City Mayor as authorized signatory, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

An Ordinance exempting taxpayers who declare business taxes of more than thirty percent (30%) of the same taxes paid in 1995 from inspection of business records, books and other similar documents by the Quezon City Government such that the taxes due for the year 1996 may be collected by the City Treasurer, introduced by Councilor Ferrer.

An Ordinance extending the period for payment of business taxes, fees and charges and renewal of business permits and licenses from January 20, 1996 to January 31, 1996 without surcharges and penalties, introduced by Councilor Samson.

significance. Eight are ordinances approving subdivision plans introduced by Councilor Cesar A. Dario, Jr. Six are ordinances providing re-classification/re-zoning of certain areas in QC introduced by Councilor Emilio G. Tamayo. Other approved ordinances of some significance are the following:

An Ordinance ordaining the withdrawal of that strip of land lying between Lot 94-B and Lot 95-B-5, PSD-36854, covered by TCT No. 22030, in Bgy. Sta. Monica, Novaliches, Quezon City, consisting of 324 sq. mtrs., more or less, from its present status as road lot and for other purposes, introduced by Councilor Liban.

An Ordinance authorizing the City Mayor to renew the Domestic Bills Purchase Line Agreement with the Land Bank of the Philippines and hereby increasing the Domestic Bills Purchase Line from Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) but not to exceed Twenty Million Pesos

State of the City Address

In the September 5 Session, Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. delivered his State of the City Address. We have no picture of the Mayor delivering his address because our photographer was not allowed to enter the session hall. His press card was not honored. City Secretary Jurilla had this bright idea of allowing only VIPs who had been issued invitations to enter the session hall. We ourselves had to be content to hear the Mayor's address at the City Hall lobby where TV sets were installed for the benefit of VUPs (Very Unimportant Persons) like us.

The Mayor started his address by reading from a prepared speech but after a few paragraphs, he discarded it and went extemporaneous at which, as a former UP champion orator, he is very good at. He cited significant accomplishments of the past three years, but to us the most significant part of his address was his vigorous espousal of the 1995 Schedule of Market Values. We considered this very significant because Mathay had opposed the 1992 Schedule and even went to court to get a restraining order. The Mayor's change of mind was no doubt induced by the glowing prospect of an additional income of P1.5 billion from the implementation of the new Schedule. Little did he dream that the Council would mercilessly raze to the ground the market values in the Schedule, reducing the additional income of P1.5 billion expected by Mathay to a pittance of P200 million.

MAY ELECTIONS

The May 8 elections was, no doubt, the outstanding event of the past year at least in Quezon City. Politics is never dormant in this country and Quezon City is no exception, but its stirrings became more pronounced as early as the first week of January when former Judge Oscar Inocentes, NCR chairman of LAKAS-NUCD-UMDP, announced Mayor Mathay as the party's official mayoralty candidate and, for Congressmen, by virtue of the principle of the equity of the incumbent, Renato Yap for the first district, Dante Liban for the 2nd, Dennis Roldan for the 3rd and Feliciano Belmonte for the 4th. Three other parties, LDP, NPC and the Liberal Party, adopted Mathay as their official candidate, the first time in the history of QC politics that so many parties backed a candidate.



Mayor Mathay and Vice Mayor Planas filed their certificates of candidacy on the last day for filing, March 20.

Expected Opponent

Former QC Mayor Brigido R. Simon Jr. was the expected opponent of Mathay. Miriam Defensor Santiago was also rumored to be eyeing the QC mayoralty position but like most rumors it was unfounded. In fact, Miriam came out endorsing Mathay. As to Jun Simon, realizing no doubt, that he did not have a Chinaman's chance against Mathay, opted to run for the Senate and teamed up with Miriam. But a brigade of Simon loyalists assaulted him at a certain restaurant and pressed him to run for Mayor, driving the beleaguered Simon to closet himself in the restaurant's comfort room and had his wife called to join him. After prolonged thinking and praying, Simon came out and announced that he yielded to the demand of his loyalists.

But Comelec won't allow him to change his candidacy from senator to Mayor. In an en banc decision, Comelec ruled that the change could not be allowed because the candidate Simon was supposed to replace, a certain Dr. Franklin R. Reyes, belonged to the same party, PDP-Laban, as his.



Former QC Mayor Brigido R. Simon, Jr. could not make up his mind -- to run for the Senate or for the QC mayoralty. It was the Senate first but Simon loyalists pressured him to run for mayor. He is shown filing his candidacy at the last hour (upper photo). He really didn't have a Chinaman's chance of winning, perhaps even less, had he run for the Senate. But to his great credit, he lost very graciously, conceding even before the counting had been completed, following it up with a letter (lower photo).

Vilification

But Simon ignored the Comelec ruling and started to campaign just the same. He had only 18 days to do that. Since he had no valid issue

against Mathay, Jun Simon resorted to vilification. He filed a graft case against his opponent with the Ombudsman charging him with the purchase of an overpriced P15 million tract of land intended as relocation site for squatters but, the charge alleged, was not fit for the purpose because the land, 42,991 sq. m. in area, was too hilly and near the Payatas dumpsite. Mathay commented: "The charge is entirely baseless. It shows the method of those who can not stand on their own performance." Aside from the baseless charge, Simon's men were caught, arrested and jailed for posting that infamous, slanderous octopus poster, the masterpiece of a malignantly creative mind. Commented Joe Guevara in his Point of Order column: "Jun Simon is throwing everything but kitchen sink at Mayor Mathay to make up for lost time."

High Level

In response to Simon's dirty campaign tactics, Mathay told his supporters to keep the campaign on a high level -- no personal assaults, stick to issues, he ordered.

To the eternal credit of Jun Simon, however, he conceded even before the counting of votes was completed. He even wrote Mathay congratulating him, letting bygones be bygones. The score: Mathay, 341,548 votes, Simon, 92,212. By the way, there were two nuisance candidates: Victor Renac in and Nicandro Cautane.



Re-elected Mayor Mathay leads motorcade to thank QC residents. With him are Vice Mayor-elect Herbert Bautista, Congressman-elect Mike Defensor and re-elected Councilor Connie Angeles.



Re-elected Mayor Mathay took his oath of office before Chief Justice Andres Narvasa at the Supreme Court.

Comedian actor Herbert Bautista, who had prevailed on Councilor Connie Angeles to step aside for him to be the vice mayoralty candidate, scored an upset victory over Charito L. Planas which goes to show that performance is not always a winning factor in an election. A certain Jeantely Bautista, a businesswoman tried to foul up Bautista's candidacy with their common surnames. Planas attributed her defeat to the failure of intelligent but indolent voters to go to the polls, the preponderance in the number of young and unintelligent voters and to what she suspected was the lukewarm support of her running mate. We don't think Charito's suspicion was justifiable, however. After all, Mathay support is no sure guarantee of victory at the polls. Some candidates he supported lost, like Yap and his own son, "Chuck," who ran for Congress in the 2nd district against Liban.

In the battle for Congress, in the 3rd district, former Councilor Mike Defensor trounced incumbent Dennis Roldan in a convincing manner which was no surprise considering the almost zero performance of Roldan. In the 4th district, incumbent Feliciano Belmonte ran unopposed, former Councilor Francis Pangilinan having chickened out despite the romantic and political support of mega star Sharon Cuneta.

Gracious Manner

In the 2nd district, Chuck Mathay succumbed to incumbent Dante Liban. The Mayor's son accepted his defeat in a very gracious manner, expressed poetically, beautifully. He said: "What has happened is a humbling experience which tells me that whatever we may do, however we may want to catch a dream, if its time has not yet come, if its transformation into reality is not yet willed by the Lord, we must have patience and fortitude to see it float beyond our reach." We predict that, sooner or later, Chuck's dream will come within his reach. He should remember that it took his father more than 20 years before he could realize his magnificent obsession to become Mayor of Quezon City. Despite his defeat, Chuck continues to pursue his "Oplan Bayanihan" public service projects in the 2nd district.



In the first district, former Councilor Reynaldo "Mr. Perfect Attendance" Calalay chalked up a stunning political feat. He beat the well-entrenched incumbent, Renato Yap, who was supported by Mayor Mathay. Yap was so confident of winning that a day after the elections, leading by 18,047 votes, he started thanking his voters.

EDUCATION

During the past year, the Mayor continued to make Education the "Centerpiece of My Administration," earning for him the title, "Education Mayor." He had once expressed the desire to be known as "the Mayor who has done the most for education in Quezon City." He has manifested the great importance he places on education in statements like "It is only through education that a level playing field can be achieved for rich and poor."

School Building Program

The massive 42 school building program the Mayor launched when he assumed office in July 1992 designed to generate 560 classrooms was continued during the past year. The first three months of 1995 saw the inauguration in quick succession of some 15 new school buildings; starting with the inauguration on Feb. 8 of the biggest school building project under the P800 million PNB loan. (See picture below)



Quezon City's 56th Foundation Day, Oct. 12, was marked by the inauguration of 10 school buildings. The school buildings inaugurated were, as follows:

Tatalon Elementary School, 2-stories/14 classrooms; Judge Juan Luna High School, 3-stories/12 classrooms; Lagro Elementary School, 3-stories/12 classrooms; Maligaya Park Elementary and High Schools; QC Science High School; Flora Ylagan High School; Nagkaisang Nayon Elementary School, 3-stories/12 classrooms; Aurora Elementary School, 3-stories/18 classrooms; Carlos Albert High School, 3-stories/12 classrooms, which had a Mathay Hall; Sauyo Elementary School; Placido del Mundo Elementary School, 3-stories/12 classrooms; Holy Spirit Elementary School, 3-stories/18 classrooms; Bayanihan Elementary School, 2-stories/12 classrooms; Banlat Elementary School, 2-stories/12 classrooms; Fairview Elementary School, 2-stories/12 classrooms; Doña Josefa High School, 4-stories/16 classrooms; and GSIS High School.



Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. and Vice Mayor Charito Planas lead the ceremonies renaming Imelda Elementary School to Betty Go-Belmonte in Barangay Doña Imelda, Tatalon, in honor of the late president of the Star Group and wife of Rep. Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte of the city's fourth district.



Mayor Mathay greets the students after the ribbon cutting ceremony inaugurating two three-storey 12-classroom school buildings for the Maligaya Park Elementary and High Schools at Lagro, Q.C.

Teacher Retraining, Scholarships

The teacher retraining and scholarship programs of the City Schools Division were continued. Eighty four (84) more teachers took short courses in English, Mathematics and Science at U.P. bringing the total number of teachers to 1,300. Sixty one (61) Colleges in QC continued to participate in the scholarship program for valedictorians, salutatorians, and honorable mentioneds. Allowance for tuition fees was increased to P7,000, P3,000 for books and P2,000 for stipends. For salutatorians, book allowance was only P1,500 and P1,000 for honorable mentioneds. The scholarship program, as of the past year, had already cost P6.1million for a total of 1,422 scholars since the program was started. For the assistance given them, scholars reciprocate by teaching the 3 Rs to street children, "a magnanimous gesture of returning in kind what the city government has given them," according to Mayor Mathay.



Mayor Mathay greets Ronaldo Palad, one of the city government's 1,400 scholars last year, during the launching of QC Scholars "Working for Progress Philippines 2000 Project" whereby the scholars work with the city government in areas of major concern like health and education. They had, for instance, been teaching the 3 Rs to street children. Palad is taking up a Bachelor of Science in Computer Course at Arellano University.

Aside from the P1,000 monthly allowance, Quezon City's public school teachers were further assisted by the establishment of a Teachers Cooperative which set up a Commodity Trading Post capitalized at P9.9 million raised as follows: 45% put up by participating producers; 45% from teachers' contribution, P600 each; and 10% from an interest-free city government loan.

Started in 1979, last year's Search for 10 Outstanding Teachers conducted by the City Schools Division and the QC Jayceettes Foundation, Inc. was different from previous years' searches. It was limited to teachers of non-academic subjects or courses, such as SPED (Special Education Value Development), Home Economics, Journalism, Physical Education, Industrial Arts and Agriculture, Music, and Guidance Counselling. Fifty five (55) teachers were nominated, eight (8) were chosen outstanding and 8, runner-ups. They were awarded cash, trophies and medals.



Mayor Mathay congratulates QC's outstanding public school teachers for 1995 in rites held at the QC Bulwagan.

Polytechnic Institute

The Quezon City Polytechnic Institute (QCPI) observed its first anniversary on March 1. It was marked by consultative meetings between QCPI staff and representatives of industrial establishments in the City to discuss their cooperative efforts pursuant to the so-called Germany originated Dual Tech Training System adopted by the Institute, whereby the responsibility of training is divided between the school and the industries. On its second year, QCPI added three more courses: computer technology, electronics technology and machine shop technology. First year courses offered were: automotive mechanics, industrial electricity, welding and fabrication, industrial electronics and garment trades (dressmaking and tailoring), aside from a three-year technical education course. The Mayor signed a Memorandum of Agreement with U.P. whereby the latter provided voluntary teachers for the QCPI.

Three months later, in June, Mathay signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Director Jose Lacson on a Five-Year Development Program designed to make QCPI the Center for technical education in the country. City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba presented an overview of the program with the aid of film slides. He was assisted by QCPI Administrator Dr. Vergara and Asst. City Administrator Melissa Macapanpan. The Mayor said: "Education for employment is one of the surest means to free people from the poverty trap."



Mayor Mathay signs a Memorandum of Agreement with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Director General Jose Lacson on a five-year-development program for the QC Polytechnic as the Center for technical education in the country.

HEALTH SERVICES

Expanded Medical and Dental Services Program

Under the program, the Quezon City General Hospital was renovated and two branch hospitals were put up: Novaliches District Hospital and Sta. Lucia Primary Hospital or Acute Center. With the inauguration of seven more Health Centers last year, the city had a total of 53 Health Centers. They were chosen by the World Bank, the Australian Agency for International Development and the Department of Health (DOH) as beneficiary sites of their Urban Health Nutrition Project. (For more details read caption of picture below.)



QC Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. presents to QC Assistant City Health Officer Dr. Maria Paz Ugalde one of the Urban Health Nutrition Project Markers given to the 53 Health Centers chosen as sites of the Urban Nutrition Project. Looking on are Dr. Guia Ison of DOH who is the Coordinator of the Project, which has four components: health service delivery, institutional development, community partnership and research and evaluation.

As the beneficiary sites of the Project chosen by the World Bank, Australian Agency for International Development and the Department of Health, the 53 QC Health Centers were to be given prioritization for renovation, equipment and facilities upgrading and continuous education for their staff. Equipment donated to the 53 Health Centers included Timers and Nebulizers used in the diagnosis and treatment of acute respiratory infections, respectively. Apart from these, the QC Health Department received an overhead projector, slide projector, screen, filing cabinets and electric fans. A total of 396 personnel were hired on a contractual basis to carry out the project in the 53 Health Centers: nine physicians, 56 nurses, 206 midwives, 22 sanitary inspectors, 19 nutritionists, 42 medical technologists and Barangay Health Aides.

P100,000 Mathay Donation



An indigent resident (inset) in Quezon City, afflicted with paranasal cancer, is treated at the Head and Neck Surgery Department of the East Avenue Medical Center. He is one of the beneficiaries of the P100,000 donated by Mayor Mathay to the Center for patients afflicted with oral, paranasal and laryngeal cancer.

Medical Mission From Michigan

Early last year, in January, a group of Filipino doctors, members of the Philippine Medical Association in Michigan (PMAM) arrived in Quezon City on a mission to render medical services to the city's indigents. The group, headed by Dr. Mila Mojares, a QC resident before migrating to the States, was composed of 20 doctors, 10 nurses, 1 medical technologist, 1 pharmacist, 1 pace maker representative, 1 physical therapist. They added up to a task force of 93. (For more details, see picture below.)



Members of the Michigan Medical Mission in a courtesy call on Mayor Mathay. They had conducted consultations, lectures and clinics in Bgys. Payatas, Commonwealth and Nagkaisang Nayon and other depressed areas. They had served 2,223 indigents including 14 surgical procedures and five heart transplants. They had been assisted by 37 personnel of the QCGH, 6 from the QC Health Department and 16 support personnel from SMILE (Social Mobilization for the Improvement of Life and Environment.) With the help of the Mayor, the group had brought in medical equipment and medicines.



Libreng Katarata Operation Program

Mayor Mathay signs a Memorandum of Agreement with Potenciano Ilusorio (right, seated), Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ophthalmological Foundation of the Philippines (OPPHIL), which was to provide the city's indigent residents free cataract surgeries and other ophthalmological services. An "Eye Van", a 10-wheeler, had been set up at the QC General Hospital. Also in the picture are QCGH Director Dr. Marina Yulo-Bringas (left, seated); Dr. Albert de Leon, Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the QCGH; Aurora Montemayor, Assistant Chairman of OPPHIL; Gloria Sayson, General Manager of OPPHIL; and Hospital Consultants Socorro Anna Unson and Ernie Velosa.



Mayor Mathay watches as 84-year old Magno dela Torre, one of the beneficiaries of the city government's "Libreng Katarata Operation Program," is treated for his cataract by US-based Filipino eye specialist Alberto Tolentino at the launching of the Mobile Eye Clinic at the QC General Hospital. A ten-wheeler eye van was put up to provide the city's indigent residents access to state-of-the-art cataract surgeries and other ophthalmological services. With Mathay are Potenciano "Nonoy" Ilusorio, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ophthalmological Foundation of the Philippines; Ever Macatulad, President of the Makati Rotary Club; and Dr. Romero Saludo, Training Officer of the Department of Ophthalmology of the QC General Hospital.

December 3, "International Day of the Disabled Person"



Mayor Mathay signs the Manifesto of Commitment for the "National Registration Day for Persons with Disabilities" in ceremonies held at the QC Hall lobby. Under the Manifesto, its signatories pledged to fully support the registration drive for persons with disabilities which were to be held on December 3, the "International Day for the Disabled Person." Other signatories are (from left) Venus Ilagan, KAMPI president; Health Secretary Hilario Ramiro, Jr.; and Social Welfare Secretary Lina Laigo.

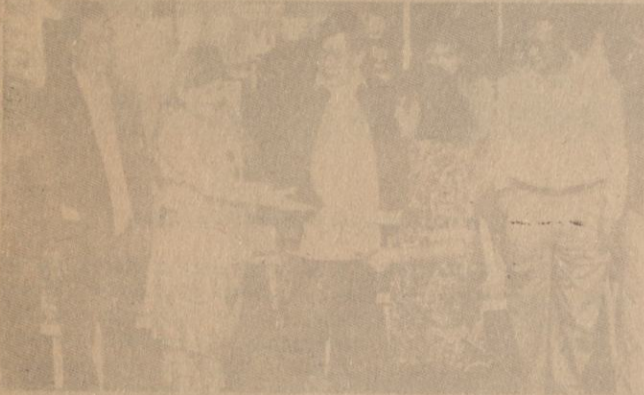
National Immunization Day



Mayor Mathay tries his hand in administering polio vaccine at the Cubao Health Center during the observance of National Immunization Day. Looking on is Health Secretary Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan. Quezon City designated 1,100 "Patak Centers" where free vaccines were given to children below five years old and tetanus toxoid to women 15 to 44 years old. Quezon City registered the highest percentage of immunization in Metro Manila.

Red Card Recipients

The Red Card is the symbol of the city government's free health program for indigents known as MEDICAP. It was established by an ordinance introduced by Councilor Connie Angeles. A Red Card holder, who must be a bonafide resident of Quezon City and belongs to a family with a monthly income of not more than P3,500, is entitled to P5,000 a year worth of medical and hospital expenses at the QC General Hospital and other hospitals participating in the program.



Councilor Connie Angeles, who had authored the ordinance establishing MEDICAP, the city government's free hospitalization program for indigents, has just handed a Red Card to a recipient which will entitle her to the benefits of the program. The recipient is one of many others who were awarded such cards during a Monday flag raising ceremony last year. Looking on are Mayor Mathay, who is congratulating the recipient, Councilor Willy Altuna (at left), Councilor Bert Galarpe (at right) and Vice Mayor Herb Bautista (partially shown behind the recipients). (Photo by Vic Oliver)

QC, Launching Site of TKO Program

Quezon City was chosen by the Department of Health as the launching site of its "TKO Against Cholera" program. TKO stands for Tubig, Kubeta and Oresol. The program called for a nationwide campaign on cholera prevention. The launching of the program was held at the Taraville in Bgy. Sta. Lucia with Mayor Mathay and Health Secretary Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan as the guests of honor. Launching activities included the installation of water facilities and sanitary toilet bowls and the distribution of Oresol packs to the residents of Sta. Lucia. Under the TKO program, all doubtful water supply sources were to be analyzed and water found to be contaminated disinfected. Toilet bowls were to be installed while barangay workers were to campaign for oral dehydration therapy.

Health Services Assistance from Private Sector



Mayor Mathay and Dr. Fe del Mundo lower a cornerstone and time capsule to signal the start of Del Mundo's Capitol Drive Community Comprehensive Clinic Foundation. The Clinic was to be a multi-storey building in a 2,400 sq. m. lot near Broadcast City, Ayala Heights, U.P. and C-5 road. Nearing completion, the clinic will offer laboratory electro-cardiogram, electroencephalogram, ultra sound and X-Ray facilities. It will also have a diabetes and hypertension clinic and special clinics for asthma and other allergies, hematology and oncology, neurology, orthopedics, endocrine, obstetrics gynecology, ophthalmology, cardiology, dermatology and cosmetic surgery.

The Mayor said that the Del Mundo Clinic was a prime example of how the private sector can help the government in its health care services. The groundbreaking was part of the 117th birth anniversary of the late President Manuel L. Quezon.

QC as Breastfeeding Center



Mayor Mathay discusses with officials of the Philippine Women's Medical Association (PMMA) and Foundation for Filipino Adolescence the all-out promotion of breastfeeding in QC to make it the country's Breastfeeding Center. With Mathay are (from left) Dr. Corazon Almirante, PMMA President; Dr. Marina Yulo-Bringas, QCGH Chief; and Esperanza de la Paz.

PEACE AND ORDER

Continuous Assistance to Police

Right after he assumed office in July 1992, Mayor Mathay granted a monthly incentive allowance of P1,000 to all members of the Central Police District Command (CPDC) in Quezon City, regardless of rank. In 1993, the city government spent more than P65 million for the logistical support it gave to the police: 30 patrol cars, 20 motorcycles equipped with probe kits and communication facilities including ultra sound frequency radios. Last year the city government's logistical support to the CPDC continued.



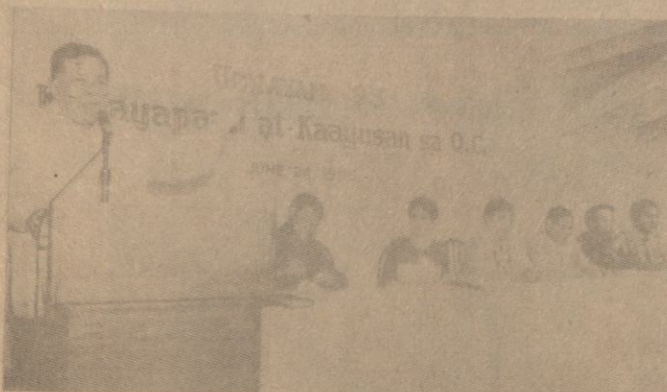
Mayor Mathay drives one of four mobile investigation vans donated by the city government to the CPDC for which he was lauded by DILG Secretary Rafael Alunan III. Beside the Mayor is his son, Councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay, while looking from outside the van is then Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas.

CPDC Computerization System

The CPDC Chief Superintendent said that the CPDC's computer technology program was conceived under the direction and supervision of Mayor Mathay. The computer will file vital data for each case handled by the police, such as the names of suspects, of victims and of apprehending police officers and the status of the case, whether under investigation or prosecution.



Mayor Mathay receives a plaque of appreciation from PNP Director General Percival Adiong for his role in the implementation of the National Crime Reporting System in QC. The system involves computerizing the CPDC database and linking the city's 11 police stations.



Forum for Peace and Order

Mayor Mathay speaks before police officers and members of civic organizations at the opening of the "Ugnayan '95 Kapayapaan at Kaayusan sa Quezon City" at the QC Hall Bulwagan. The forum was organized by the Community Policing Advocacy Group, Inc. (C-PAG) in cooperation with the city government and the National Police Commission. The forum was to tackle ways and means to improve cooperative efforts between the police and civic organizations in enhancing peace and order. In the picture, from left, are Bong Obligacion, Vice President of C-PAG; Lita Pilapil Reverente, C-PAG President; former Vice Mayor Charito Planas; Councilor Bonifacio Rillon, Liga ng mga Barangay President; CPDC Chief Superintendent Ricardo de Leon; and QC Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba.

Awards for Outstanding Police Performance



Mayor Mathay hands to La Loma Police Station Chief Superintendent Cecilio Mariano a Certificate of Commendation for the prompt resolution of the grenade-throwing incident at the Cloverleaf Market on February 5. Also commended were the six men of Supt. Mariano: Senior Inspector Toti Cruz, SPO4 Mel Lopez, SPO2 Rey Medina, Jr., SPO2 Abe Mendoza, PO3 Eden Lim and PO3 Con Saneda. Looking on are (from left) Councilors Rey Medina, Sr., Antonio Sison, Anthony Alonzo, Ma. Fresca Biglangawa, Vice Mayor Charito Planas, CPDC Chief Superintendent Ricardo de Leon and Councilor Eufemio Lagumbay.

The grenade blast had killed two persons. The suspects, who were arrested, were Ernesto Batas and Mario Merando.



Mayor Mathay awards SPO1 Eva Rose Catalan as the "Most Outstanding Policewoman 1995" of the CPDC. The search, it was the third, was conducted by the Rotary Club 3780 headed by District Governor Oscar Inocentes. The other awardees were: SPO4 Imeld Cypres, 2nd runner-up and SPO3 Delfina Perez, 1st runner-up. The awarding coincided with the celebration of Rotary Week in QC.



Mayor Mathay and then CPDC Chief Superintendent Ricardo de Leon inspect the six new ambulances to be used by police paramedics.

INFRASTRUCTURE

1995 Accomplishment Report of Office of City Engineer

School Building Construction

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Cost	Number of Classrooms	Area
District I	31,251,338.45	149	3,262
District II	178,237,195.20	172	14,512
District III	28,967,280.00	27	2,430
District IV	28,475,315.97	30	2,610
Sub Total:	266,931,130.05	378	22,814
SECONDARY SCHOOL	Cost	Number of Classrooms	Area
District I	88,412,236.48	98	8,700
District II	96,156,745.58	86	9,492
District III	9,126,189.78	8	720
District IV	73,285,403.98	65	7,509
Sub Total:	266,980,575.82	257	26,421
GRAND TOTAL:	533,911,705.87	635	49,253

Repaired 1 High School at District 3

COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL (Renovation & Conversion of Existing Building)

District II 32,279,828.24

Roads and Bridges Projects



One hundred one (101) streets were either concreted or asphalted. The total length of concreted streets was 3.811 km. while total length for asphalted streets was 7.663 km. or a total of 11.474 km. In some streets, 0.668 km. of RC Pipes were installed while others needed 0.077 km. of rip-rapping. Needed canals had a total length of 11.318 km. Total cost of these road constructions was P201,839,148.65.

The construction of two units of highway bridges was on-going at the end of the past year. It will cost P24,320,459.67. One unit of a vehicular bridge was completed at a total cost of P926,360.00.

Flood Control

A Flood Control Task Force conducted various kinds of operations to prevent flooding such as de-clogging drainages; de-clogging drainage pipes; cleaning open canals, gutters and manholes; fixing MWSS leakages; and making excavations. A total of 1,079 such operations was undertaken during the past year.

Road Maintenance

The asphaltting of streets covered an area of 106,909.56 sq.m., using 13,363 metric tons of asphalt; for asphalt patching, an area of 103,001.68 sq.m. was covered, using 12,875.21 metric tons of asphalt; and for asphalt overlay, an area of 110,288.75 sq. m. was covered, using 11,028.88 metric tons of asphalt.

Other Infrastructure Jobs

The following were constructed: Flea Market at a cost P845,941.55, 5 Health Centers, 2 Health Centers & Lying-In Clinic, 3 Day Care Centers, 25 Basketball Courts, 4 Tennis Courts, 4 Multi-Purpose Halls, and 13 Waiting Sheds. The Payatas Dumpsite was improved and 25 Park Lamp Posts were installed.

Income Generation

A total of P57,319,918.15 was generated from various kinds of fees, mostly from Building Permits (P33,135,376.62) followed by, in descending order, Mechanical Permits (P8,949,628.75), Electrical Permits (P6,834,531.94), Plumbing Permits (P3,315,830.50), Inspection Permits (P1,989,750.00) Signboard Permits (P1,748,948.48) Excavation Permits (P1,345,772.46) and Secretarial Fees (P150.00).

BUILDING BOOM

The past year saw a building boom as attested by the building permits issued generating an income of P33,135,376.02. Among the big buildings constructed were the Great Eastern Hotel atop Aberdeen Court, Quezon Avenue, an 8-storey, 99-room De Luxe Hotel. (See picture below), Andrea North Development Project in a 2.8 hectare lot at Aurora Blvd. cor. Balet Drive consisting of two 30-storey and 26-storey Condominiums and four 31-storey, 21-storey, 23-storey and 29-storey Residential Buildings; JCRV Properties' Atherton Place, cor. Tomas Morato St. and Roces Ave, a 17-storey Condominium; Fil-Estate Properties' P1.5 billion medium rise Residential Condominium Complex in a 3-hectare lot along Sto. Domingo Avenue, Sta. Mesa Heights consisting of 2 15-storey residential towers, 4 residential clusters of 5 levels, 2 commercial/office buildings of 6 levels and 6,000 sq. m. recreation plaza.



Mayor Mathay lowers the time capsule at the groundbreaking ceremony for Asset Center, a 19-storey office condominium at Timog Avenue. Assisting him are Roger and Nina Centeno, Chairman and President, respectively, of the owner-developer, Asset Properties Corp. and Architect Sy of Rehaus, JBA and Associates. Building Permit Fee paid was P198,406.65

Other big constructions were:

1. Jang Santos Lionsan, 2-storey commercial building with warehouse, Quirino Highway, Talipapa. Building Permit Fee: P74,760.30.
2. Topshere Realty & Development Corp., 14-storey Residential and Commercial Building, N. Domingo St. cor. Valencia St. Building Permit Fee: P328,421.50.



Mayor Mathay and Tourism Secretary Eduardo Pilapil (left) cut the ceremonial ribbon inaugurating the Great Eastern Hotel, an 8-storey, 99-room De Luxe Hotel atop the Aberdeen Court, Quezon Avenue.

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Alternate Routes



In August last year, two major roads, Sauyo Road Extension and Mendez St., were opened to provide alternate roads to EDSA for motorists going to Makati and other parts of Metro Manila, thereby greatly easing traffic at Commonwealth Avenue. Mayor Mathay is inspecting the Sauyo Road Extension. With him are City Engr. Alfredo Macapugay and City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba.

Road Inauguration



In May last year, that portion of Mindanao Avenue leading to Quirino Highway from Tandang Sora Avenue was inaugurated. President Fidel V. Ramos is at the wheel while on top are Mayor Mathay and then Rep. Renato Yap of QC's first district who was laced by former QC Councilor Reynaldo "Mr. Perfect Attendance" Calalay.

QC Flyover and Katipunan Road



In December last year, President Ramos led government officials in unveiling the marker of the newly completed Katipunan Road Extension and the Flyover at the Aurora Blvd. Intersection which were expected to decongest traffic near Ateneo. With the President were Mayor Mathay, Public Works and Highways Secretary Gregorio Vigilar and Senator Anna Dominique Coseteng.

DAEP

Depressed Area Electrification Program



Last year, 16,633 households in 106 barangays had already been benefited under DAEP. The program is being implemented with the cooperation of MERALCO. In the picture, Mayor Mathay is handing a DAEP Certificate to a representative of urban poor groups from the city's four districts in rites held at the QC Bulwagan. With the Mayor are Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, Councilors Winnie Castelo and Marciano Medalla, People's Bureau Chief Atty. Remedios Balbin and MERALCO representative Georgia Querubin and Alexander Bautista.

SHELTER

SMILE Housing Project



Mayor Mathay and Victor del Rosario, President of Pinna Property Holdings Corporation, shake hands after signing a Memorandum of Agreement whereby the Corporation will undertake a low-cost housing project in Novaliches to be known as SMILE CITY. It will consist of 275 housing units whose beneficiaries will be determined by the People's Bureau, formerly Urban Poor Affairs Office. Witnessing the signing ceremonies at the Bulwagan are City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba, Secretary to the Mayor Atty. Lourdes Santos and Atty. Remedios Balbin, People's Bureau Chief.

QC Housing Program Beneficiaries



In a wild outburst of gratitude, Mayor Mathay is "assaulted" by beneficiaries of the various housing projects of the city government. The Mayor had just handed to them certificates entitling them as beneficiaries of said housing projects.



Mayor Mathay (2nd from left) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Esteem Functional Homes (EFH) for the construction of a condominium for the poor in Matang Tubig, Bgy. Horseshoe, QC, consisting of 180 units to be constructed on a 1,853 sq. m. lot. Signing with the Mayor are (from right) Eduardo Lunas, president of the National Home Mortgage Financing Corp.; Rep. Feliciano Belmonte of QC's 4th district; Matang Tubig President Bonifacio Tiburcio; Willy Vergara, chief executive of EFH; Mayor Mathay; Bgy. Captain Benedicto Gonzales; and Emily Abenoja, Vice President of PAG-IBIG FUND.

CLEAN AND GREEN



The success of the city's Clean and Green program was underscored by Bgy. Laging Handa's being adjudged the cleanest and greenest in the National Capital Region. Mayor Mathay beams as DILG Secretary Rafael Alunan III congratulates Angie Diaz who spearheaded the cleaning and greening activities of the people of Laging Handa.



Clean up drive was undertaken after the May 8 elections to remove campaign posters and stickers. Mayor Mathay and son, Ismael "Chuck" Mathay III, Oplan Bayanihan Chairman, led volunteers in said drive. They are shown removing campaign stickers and posters along Quirino Highway.



Mayor Mathay leads the groundbreaking for the "Clean and Green" project at the Balintawak Cloverleaf Park where the Andres Bonifacio monument stands.

COMMENDATIONS



Garbage collection deteriorated last year in QC -- in fact, in all cities and municipalities in Metro Manila. This prompted President Ramos to summon all Metro Manila mayors to Malacañang to discuss, among others, the worsening garbage situation. Contrary to news reports that Mr. Ramos was fuming mad, they are belied by the picture above. It is obviously with a warm handshake that the President is greeting the QC Mayor, judging from the smile on his face. A grinning Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim awaits his turn to be greeted. The President gave the Mayors an ultimatum: Clean up the uncollected garbage in one week. The Mayors nodded compliance altho they knew it was an impossible task. In QC, however, garbage collection is improving.



Shortly after the meeting with President Ramos (See picture above), who ordered immediate clean up of uncollected garbage, the city government hired 283 dump trucks. Mayor Mathay is shown inspecting them. With him are Rosario Martinez, director of Task Force Clean and Green, and Engr. Renato Concepcion of the Metro Manila Development Authority.



In 1994, Mayor Mathay and City Administrator Dr. Alba went to Tokyo to observe its garbage collection system. After what they saw an incinerator that could generate 11,000 kw of electricity and a 313-hectare landfill -- the Mayor was convinced more than ever that the open dumpsite method of garbage disposal was passé. In the picture he meets with officials of the Guoco Holdings, led by David Go, Vice Chairman, who had proposed to build a recycling plant in Payatas where the city's open dumpsite is located. He is shown a model of the proposed plant which can treat a minimum of 2,000 tons of waste per day to produce recycled products that can be used for construction.

FOREIGN VISITORS



The first foreign visitors came in January. A five-man delegation from Sri Lanka came to make a three-week study tour of the country's system of local government. The Sri Lanka officials said that QC was chosen as a venue for their observation tour because it is one of the key areas where devolution of powers is being implemented under the Local Government Code. The Mayor is shown presenting the symbolic key to the city to N.A. Obadage, head of the study group. Looking on are (left) K.W. Jayawarsena, Consultant of the Urban Programme Unit of the Sri Lanka Ministry of Cooperatives, and (right) Elena Panganiban, Associate Professor of the U.P. College of Public Administration.

As in the past years, Mayor Mathay was the recipient last year of many commendations, the highest of which was the Most Outstanding Local Government Unit in the National Capital Region Award given to Quezon City. (See pictures below)



DILG Secretary Rafael Alunan III congratulates Mayor Mathay after Quezon City was adjudged as the Most Outstanding Local Government Unit in the National Capital Region. The search was conducted by the Commission on Population. The awarding ceremony was held on November 29 at the Heroes Hall, Malacañang, with President Ramos as guest of honor.



The first Plaque of Appreciation the Mayor received last year was in January from the St. Luke's Medical Center on the occasion of the commencement exercises of 55 graduating residents and fellows of the Center. The Mayor, who was guest of honor, is shown receiving the Plaque from Jose F. G. Ledesma. Looking on are Atty. William Quasha and Dr. Arsenio Cantos, Medical Director. The Mayor had said that "the presence of the city government's tertiary care hospitals and private medical institutions, like the St. Luke's Medical Center, have effectively transformed Quezon City into the country's medical service and training center."



It was still in September last year that Mayor Mathay received a Benedictine Centennial Award as an Outstanding Alumnus of San Beda College where he graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree. He is shown receiving the award (government services) from former UP President Dr. Emmanuel Soriano who is Chairman of the Board of Judges of the San Beda Alumni Association. Other government services awardees were Senator Raul Roco, former Speaker Ramon Mitra, Jr., Rep. Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. of QC's 4th district.



This time it's not a Plaque but a statuette Mayor Mathay received from the Consumers Union of the Philippines (CUP) for invaluable contribution in enhancing consumerism. Occasion was CUP's 8th annual National Consumers Award ceremonies held in September at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).



In May, officials of Chiba City, Japan, a sister city of QC, came to visit the city. They donated an ambulance to the QC General Hospital. Mayor Mathay is shown thanking Chiba City Mayor Asahi Matsui for the donation.



At last year's end, in December, Mayor Mathay received a Plaque of Appreciation from no less than the First Lady, Amelita M. Ramos. It was for his work as Chairman for Metro Manila of the 1995 Fund Campaign Volunteers of the War Veterans Foundation (Filvets), Inc. of which President Ramos was the founding Chairman. As General Campaign Chairperson, Mrs. Ramos was also cited by Filvets. Picture shows Mayor Mathay receiving the Plaque from the First Lady. Looking on are Defense Secretary Renato de Villa, Chairman of the Filvets Board of Trustees, and Defense Undersecretary Ernesto Gidaya who is also a member of said Board of Trustees.



Mayor Mathay was guest of honor and speaker at a welcome fellowship affair for new members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, QC Chapter. He is shown receiving a Plaque of Appreciation from IBP, QC Chapter President Lawyer Edgardo Tumangan in recognition of the Mayor's continued support. Looking on is IBP National President Raul Angangco.



Mayor Mathay was guest of honor and speaker at the convention of the Philippine Judges' Association held in May last year. He is shown receiving a Plaque of Appreciation from PJA President Judge Mariano Umali. Looking on is QC Executive Judge Pedro Santiago.



Final honor received last year by Mayor Mathay was in connection with the 98th death anniversary of Jose Rizal. He was given a medallion signifying full membership in the Order of the Knights of Rizal.



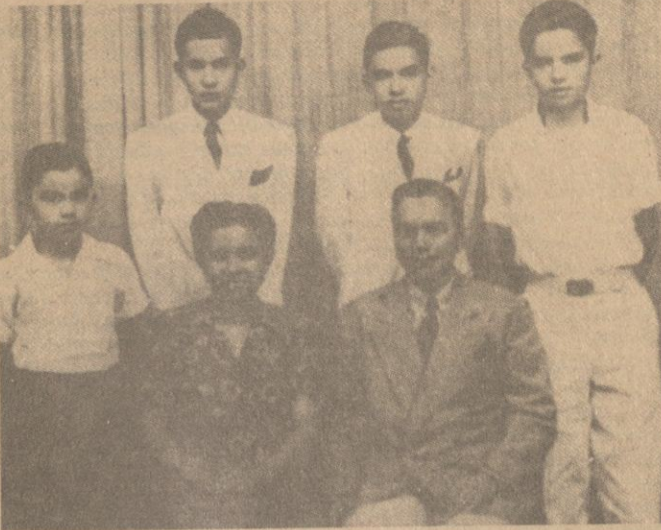
In November, a group of Taiwanese businessmen came to QC and made a week-long observation tour to explore possible investment opportunities in the city. Led by Eric Liang, they paid a courtesy call on Mayor Mathay at the Bulwagan Hall. City Administrator Dr. Manuel Alba was with the Mayor.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mayor Mathay's 63rd Birth Anniversary



In July, the world-renowned 92-member World Youth Orchestra, headed by its founder and Executive Director, Dr. Michael Jenne, came to the country. QC was chosen to be the official host. Mayor Mathay hosted a lunch in honor of the orchestra which was held at the City Hall Bulwagan. Picture shows a member of the Orchestra dancing the tinikling with folk dancing students of the Ernesto Rondon High School. The Orchestra performed at the U.P. theater and at the CCP main theater. The 92 members came from 37 countries in Europe, South America, Asia, Australia and the Philippines. The three Filipino members were Virginia Gomez, Ariel Arambulo and Jay-Jay Feliciano.



In November, Michael Patrick Guingona, a nephew of Justice Secretary Teofisto Guingona and a Councilor of Daly City, California paid a courtesy call on Mayor Mathay. City Administrator Dr. Alba was, as usual, with the Mayor. Daly City is a sister city of Quezon City. It has a big population of Filipinos, 40,000 of them out of Daly City's 100,000 population. For this big Filipino population, Daly City is known as "Adobo City." Guingona and the Mayor and Dr. Alba discussed ways and means of strengthening the sister-city relationship between QC and Daly City through cultural, trade and medical missions.

(Editor's Note: In view of the already established sister-city relationship between QC and Daly City, we have dropped our case against the four Councilors who, in 1992, allegedly went to Daly City to conduct sister-city negotiations but returned empty-handed and did not even make a report on their trips, giving rise to the suspicion that they had junketed instead at the expense of QC taxpayers. To pursue the case would taint the sister-city relationship between QC and Daly City. We do not want to do that.)



The last foreign visitors of the past year came in December. They were Las Vegas Mayor Arnie Adamson and Ron Cook, former state senator and Chairman of the Las Vegas Association Inc. The distinguished visitors discussed with the Mayor and Dr. Alba the possibility of establishing sister-city relationship between QC and Las Vegas which, they said, had a big Filipino population. The Mayor is shown handing the key to the city to Mayor Adamson.



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August 23: Cry of Pugad Lawin

It used to be "Cry of Balintawak" and was celebrated on August 26 before the National Historical Institute shifted the site to Pugad Lawin and changed the date to August 23. In an article we published in this paper Sept. 1-15, 1994 issue, titled "Apolonio Samson and the Cry of Balintawak," written by Anacleto S. Madrilejo, former Secretary of the late Mayor Amoranto, the "Cry" or "Unang Sigaw" was sounded neither at Cloverleaf, Balintawak nor at Pugad Lawin. It was sounded at Barrio Kangkong, Balintawak in the house of Apolonio Samson, a Katipunero who fought with Bonifacio, Madrilejo claims in his article. The article rings with authenticity because, so the writer says, he got his story right from the horses' mouth - his own father, Domingo Madrilejo, who was a Katipunero and from other surviving Katipuneros.

Whether at the right place or not, last year's celebration of the 99th anniversary of the "Cry of Pugad Lawin" was very significant because it marked the launching of the Philippine Centennial Movement that will lead to the 100th Anniversary in 1996 of the start of the Philippine Revolution of 1896. The launching was led by former Vice President Salvador Laurel, chairman of the National Centennial Commission, assisted by Mayor Mathay and former President Cory Aquino. Mathay said, QC was proud to "accept the noble task of hosting such a heroic event as the celebration of the centennial of the start of the 1896 Philippine Revolution in QC." He gave the assurance that the city government will refurbish the Pugad Lawin shrine to the utmost state of magnificence. Towards this end, the Mayor created the QC Cultural, Arts and Historical Council.



Former President Cory Aquino (2nd from right) and National Centennial Commission Chairman and former Vice President Salvador Laurel led the torch lighting rite in observance of the 99th anniversary of the "Cry of Pugad Lawin" in Bgy. Bahay Toro, Project 8, QC. The marker (left photo) is on the site where some 1,000 Katipuneros led by Andres Bonifacio tore up their cedulas to start the Revolution of 1896.

October 12: QC Foundation Day

It was the city's 56th Foundation Day. Its celebration was on the theme: "Lungsod Quezon: Pugad ng Laya, Haligi ng Wika, Ngiti ng Bukas na Masagana." This theme was meant to arouse patriotic feelings and set the mind into looking eagerly forward to the National Centennial celebration of the Philippine Revolution of 1896 which started with the "Cry of Pugad Lawin" in QC. The week-long activities which culminated on October 12 were not much different from activities in previous years' celebration of Foundation Day. Last year, as in preceding years, the celebration started with the arrival in City Hall on October 3 of the city's patron saint, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. She was to stay until October 12. A novena was started to end upon Our Lady's departure. The week-long activities consisted of food festivals, tree planting, HIV seminar, smoke-belching tests, civic and cultural activities, exhibition of recycled materials, oath taking of Ecology Brigades, painting contests, athletic competitions, and other equally familiar, oft-repeated activities.



After a concelebrated mass headed by Fr. Sonny Ramirez held on October 12, 56th Foundation Day Anniversary of Quezon City, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Patron Saint of the city, is borne by city officials led by Mayor Mathay to the carriage that will bring her back to the Sto. Domingo church where she is enshrined. Behind the Mayor is Vice Mayor Bautista. At left are Councilor Jorge Banal (partially shown), Councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay and City Administrator Dr. Manuel S. Alba.



Mayor Ismael Austria Mathay, Jr. turned 63 on June 26 last year. He is shown (uppermost photo) blowing a lone candle on the birthday cake given to him by City Hall employees. Middle photo was taken in 1948 when the Mayor was only 14 years old. He is third from left, standing. He is with late mother Josefina Austria and also late father Ismael Mathay, Sr., and brothers Augusto, Ponciano and Simplicio. In bottom photo, the birthday celebrant is shown looking on a volunteer blood donor being bled, part of the celebration of his natal day. In other activities, he mobilized the city government's entire machinery to give free medical treatment and other basic services to the poor, opened several new school buildings and reviewed the peace and order situation with police officials.

August 19: Quezon Day

It was the 117th birth anniversary of the city's Founder, the late Commonwealth President Manuel Luis Quezon. As in the past years, it was declared a holiday in QC by President Ramos who, at the time, was on a seven-day official visit to New Zealand and Australia. He, however, faxed a message to Mayor Mathay who read it at the commemorative program held, after the mass, in the basement of the Quezon monument at the Quezon Memorial Circle, beside the mausoleum which contains Quezon's mortal remains. Guest speaker was columnist of TODAY Manuel Quezon III, son of Nonong Quezon II, and grandson of Quezon I. Quezon III's speech was one of the most eloquent, picturesque and interesting Quezon Day speeches we have ever heard.



Mayor Mathay leads the inevitable wreath laying rites at the tomb of President Quezon. The picture below, including the caption, is reprinted from the PHILIPPINE STAR, August 20, 1995 issue. Note how former QC Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez is mistaken for Mrs. Zenaida Quezon-Avancaña, who was unable to attend the ceremonies.

Mrs. Zenaida Quezon-Avancaña (Mrs. Zenaida Quezon City official) led by Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. (left) and Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista in marking the 117th birth anniversary of the late President Manuel L. Quezon in simple rites at the Quezon Memorial Circle. STAR photo by JONAS SAMSON



Mayor Mathay unveils the commemorative marker for the 50th foundation anniversary of the Philippine Orthopedic Hospital (POH), a revered institution in QC. With the Mayor are former POH Director Dr. Jose V. delos Santos; Dr. Rafael Claudio, overall Chairman of the anniversary celebrations; and Mrs. Ma. Lourdes Dueñas. More popularly known as National Orthopedic Center (NOC), it is located at Banawe St. With a 7,000-bed capacity, NOC is the biggest hospital of its kind in Asia.

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declaration had already been prepared, Dagaraga told Francisco that he had to get the approval of his boss, meaning City Assessor Rosas. So Francisco went to see Rosas who, according to Samson, demanded P700,000. "Almost choked to death (by the demand), the poor fellow just said he was to ask his lender," remarked Samson. But Francisco could produce only P660,000, which Rosas allegedly accepted because, in the words of Samson, "thinking maybe that, 'Pera na ito, baka maging bato pa, take it, take it!'" **Power Behind Throne**

With the tax declaration issued to him, Francisco paid the amount of P1,263,138.00 as real estate taxes on his alleged property, thereby establishing ownership of the property he was supposed to have inherited from the "dead person."

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," Samson orated with a flourish, "the most disgraceful part (is that) the poor fellow received a Notice of Cancellation of the tax declaration issued to him by Coach No. 1 of the Office of the City Assessor, stating the reason that his title over the property was non-existent, thus, the tax declaration issued in his favor was cancelled and of no force and effect. What a pity!"

(In his speech, Samson referred to Rosas as Coach No. 1, to Dagaraga as Player No. 1 and Estorco as Player No. 2)

"What is most nauseating," Samson continued, "is that when the victim (Francisco) (was) refunded the amount of P1,283,138.00 paid as real estate taxes, he was able to (be refunded) only P763,136.40, because the amount of P500,000.00 went to the pockets of Players Nos. 1, and 3 (A certain Antonio Nepomuceno who was supposed to buy Francisco's inherited property but was frustrated by the cancellation of the tax declaration) in collusion and connivance with Coaches Nos. 1 (Rosas), 2 and 3 (of the Office of the Legal Officer, who was then Nescito Hilario, and of the Office of the City Treasurer respectively.

Samson concluded his speech: "Shall we allow these shenanigans (sic) from continually perpetrating their criminal acts without lifting a finger and ignore these irregularities being committed in (sic) our very noses, are we not being considered as partners in the crimes by omission?"

In response to the privilege speech of Samson, City Assessor Rosas, in a letter to the Council, called the charges of Samson "false and reckless" and tagged Dante Vitoria, Asst. City Assessor, as "the power behind the throne in this villification campaign against (me) via a sensational and reckless expose of Councilor Samson." He said that the "subject matter of his (Samson's) privilege speech had been the object of investigation in three different venues of investigating agencies since 1994, one at the Regional Trial Court, Quezon City, which was recently dismissed in our favor, another one in the Office of the Ombudsman for NCR, which is due for resolution, and another one in the Office of the City Legal Officer, Quezon City, which is likewise due for resolution. If those investigators have found prima-facie case against us, why is it that until now we have not been suspended as Mr. Dante Vitoria (Asst. City Assessor) and Mr. Rodolfo Navales 'alias Francisco' (he and Vitoria are the complainants) would like it to be because they asked for our (Rosas and Dagaraga) immediate suspension."

(Author's Note: At this point it should be noted that in the speech of Samson, the person who wanted a tax declaration is named Rodolfo Francisco but Rosas calls him Rodolfo Navales 'alias Francisco.' His explanation is quoted hereunder.)

"Now, we say that Mr. Rodolfo Navales 'alias Francisco' is an IMPOSTOR because he claims to be the only legal heir of Juan and Julian Francisco. Records will show that the true heir who is still living is Mr. Lazaro Francisco who executed an affidavit of his being the sole legal heir to Julian and Juan Francisco. . . . Lazaro's affidavit was corroborated by the affidavits of two of his neighbors, Roberto Pael and Antonio Aquial."

The impostor Rodolfo Navales "alias Francisco," Rosas said, "is a DUMMY of Mr. Dante M. Vitoria, Asst. City Assessor. It was he who furnished Navales the fake TCT No. 36049." Rosas also attached to his letter the affidavit of Antonio Nepomuceno stating that Dante Vitoria was involved in an anomalous transaction pertaining to a fictitious title of a non-existent property for which he received more or less 5 million pesos.

(Author's Note: We were actually the first to receive a copy of the City Assessor's letter to the Council. The day following the speech, Feb. 16, Mr. Rosas called us up asking that we see him. His secretary was still typing the letter. He requested us to publish the letter *en toto*. After getting a copy of the letter, we immediately went to see our good friend Councilor Samson who said he would ask Dante Vitoria to answer the charges of Rosas. The rest of the letter of the City Assessor is reproduced hereunder.)

IV. Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen, allow us further to prove to you that "COACH NO. 1," Mr. Dante M. Vitoria is a long time member of a syndicate issuing fake titles and tax declarations for consideration of large amounts of money. We are herewith attaching Tax Declaration No. B-080-17811 as our Exhibit No. "11" issued in the name of Sps. Godofredo T. Liban and Corazon L. Liban. In the same manner, we attached copy of Tax Declaration No. B-080-17811 issued by Mr. Dante Vitoria in the name of Leticia Cabrigas which we marked as Exhibit "12." You will note that Mr. Vitoria lifted the TD Number of Hon. Godofredo Liban and assigned it to the tax declaration of Leticia Cabrigas. The genuine tax declaration obtained in our Office assessment records is that of Hon. Councilor Liban. Miss Cabrigas TD does not exist in our records and is therefore fake. Another one is the copy of TD Number B-080-17864 in the name of Sps. Danilo Cruz and Magdalena E. Cruz which we marked as Exhibit No. "13" and TDNo. B-080-17864 issued by Mr. Dante M. Vitoria in the name of one Leticia Cabrigas, which we marked as Exhibit "14." The same *modus operandi* was employed in this case. Luckily, the genuine tax declaration as obtained in our assessment records is that of Danilo Cruz while that one issued by Mr. Vitoria to Cabrigas does not exist and is presumed to be fake.

Fake Tax Declarations
The worst thing about it, Honorable Members of the City Council, is that Ms. Cabrigas thru fake tax declarations was able to sell it to the Good Samaritan Sisters in the amount of more or less two million (P2,000,000.00) pesos. Likewise, we also submit TDNo. P.D. 1247 in the name of Sps. Candido Roque and Rosita D. Roque which we marked as Exhibit No. "15", which was duplicated in number by the Tax Declaration No. P.D. 1247 in the name of Andres Reyes, which we marked as Exhibit "16" for an unbelievable area of 38 hectares 5,597 square meters issued by Mr. Dante Vitoria. The genuine Tax Declaration obtained in our records is that of Spouses Roque and that of Honorio Mangalindan which is marked Exhibit "16-A" while that of Reyes does not exist and is therefore fictitious.

Another glaring incident trying to fake tax declaration is that one issued again by Mr. Dante M. Vitoria to one Mateo Fernando San Andres, which we marked as our Exhibit "17" with Tax Declaration No. B-090-01004 with Property Index No. 11-1595. It supposedly contains an area of 39 hectares, 9,746 square meters. We don't have this large tract of land anymore in Quezon City. There is also a Tax Declaration No. B-090-00352 with the same Property Index No. 11-1595 issued by our Office to one Judith Tesorero Ibabao with an area of 215 square meters, which we marked as Exhibit "18." We wish to inform the Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen that in assessment taxmapping system no two lots can have the same Property Index Number of Tax Declaration Number. In this case, the genuine TDNo. B-090-00352 with P.I.N. 11-1595 is that of Ms. Ibabao.

Moral Turpitude
Aside from falsifying assessment records such as tax declarations and land titles, Mr. Vitoria was also convicted of falsifying his daily time record. A decision rendered by the Department of Finance Secretary to this effect is outright dismissal, copy of which we attached herewith as Exhibit No. "19." However, this was reduced to one (1) year suspension without pay by the Civil Service Commission, copy of decision attached as Exhibit No. "20." The big question here Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen is why a man who was convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude still manage to cling to a sensitive position in the city government, where he continues to make money out of anomalous transactions.

Likewise, Mr. Vitoria was also divested of his license to practise as an Electrical Engineer for Unethical and/or Dishonorable Conduct in a decision rendered by the Board of Electrical Engineering of the Professional Regulations Commission dated August 7, 1987, copy of which is attached as Exhibit "21." This is again a case involving moral turpitude and conduct unbecoming of a government official.

Open Letter

Dr. Lourdes R. Quisumbing
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Miriam College Foundation, Inc.
Quezon City

Dear Dr. Quisumbing:

I have a copy of your letter to the Q.C. Council, Attention: Councilor Alberto Galarpe, dated January 11, 1996, expressing your strong objection to the "proposed ordinance" which provides for the "reclassification/rezoning of a certain portion of Katipunan Avenue, in Barangay Pansol, District III, Quezon City, from Residential R-1, R-2 or Institutional Zones to Major (C-2) Commercial Zone in accordance with the provisions of the Quezon City Zoning Ordinance of 1992."

I am afraid your strong opposition is a bit late and, therefore, moot and academic. The Ordinance in question has already been enacted by the Council and approved by Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. As finally worded, it is "from its present Zoning classifications to Special Development Zone (not to Major (C-2) Commercial Zone.)"

I don't know if Councilor Galarpe has already answered your letter; he is properly the one to answer you, but as the Publisher-Editor of a public service newspaper which has been covering QC doings since 1971 and at present a Consultant on Publicity, Office of the Mayor, I have always considered it within the field of my activity to take cognizance of public opinion, sustaining it or controverting it, as the case may be.

In this case of your strong opposition to the Ordinance in question, I have taken special cognizance of it because I was once attached to the city government's "City Planning and Development Office" (CPDO) headed by Architect Gerardo G. Magat. It is this office that is mainly responsible for the preparation of an "over-all development plan," to use your words, for the city, which you doubt exists -- a doubt which has prompted you to advise that "this (the preparation of an over-all development plan) is one of the activities that the Q.C. government should prioritize" because "haphazard and ad hoc development is the worst strategy for a fast-burgeoning population."

Speaking of priorities, why, the matter of an "over-all development plan" for the city was given priority even before it was created. There was this so-called Frost Plan of the city's founder, the late President Quezon. I am sending you a clipping of an article I wrote which was published in the December 22, 1979 issue of our paper, then called THE CAPITOL STANDARD, now THE NEW CAPITOL STANDARD. Titled "City Planning and Development Board Has Grand Design For QC," it will, I hope, make you realize that the preparation of an "over-all development plan," a copy of which you want, is a long and tedious process that requires constant reclassifications and rezonings to meet the emerging needs of what you yourself call a "fast-burgeoning population."

Back to your "strong opposition," since I am no city planning expert -- are you, Doctor? -- I had to consult my former boss, CPDO head Gerry Magat, and this is what he told me:

The Ordinance provides for the designation of a 50-meter and a lot deep strip on the east and west sides, respectively, along Katipunan Avenue as Special Development Zone. The proposed QC Comprehensive Land Use Plan provides for the designation of Special Development Zones which are "areas either with a distinct or special character that needs preservation or promotion for their contribution to the economic development of the City or necessitating control of activity levels and development to prevent traffic congestion, rapid deterioration of services, facilities and environment and other problems affecting the public."

Besides the above cases where he had been convicted, he has pending cases with the Sangguniang Bayan and the Regional Trial Court, National Capital Region Branch 222, Quezon City. Copies of the information on these cases are attached and marked as Exhibits "22" and "23" respectively.

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council, we have also the honor to inform respectfully that Mr. Dante Vitoria who we believe is the power behind the throne in this villification campaign against the undersigned via a sensational and reckless expose of Councilor Samson is on AWOL since September 1994 to date or a total of 365 days. We have been recommending for dropping from the rolls employees who were absent without leave for less than three months and five of them in the Office of the City Assessor were actually dropped from the rolls. Yet here is one who has been on AWOL for more than one and a half (1 1/2) years and has not been formally dropped from the gov't service. We would like to request for equal justice to all.

We wish to inform further that Mr. Dante M. Vitoria whom we now call as COACH NO. 1 in this villification campaign is out on bail under Criminal Case No. 95-62052 while Player No. 1, Mr. Rodolfo Navales, 'alias Francisco' is now a fugitive from justice for having failed to post bail of P20,000.00 as required by Court, copy of Warrant of Arrest is attached and marked as Exhibit No. "26." Our Player No. 2 in this campaign is very obvious "di ba" I your guess is also as good as mine.

We also respectfully request Councilor Samson to please furnish us a copy of the appointment papers of Isabelita Estorco, whom he claims as employee of the City government as alleged in his expose.

Finally, Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council, we are attaching herewith our Counter-Affidavits and Respondents Memorandum to support dismissal of OBM cases No. 094-1889 and 094-3885 which we marked as Exhibits "27," "28" and "29," respectively for your kind perusal and reference. To your good selves, we refer our case. We are only lowly employees of the city gov't. whose only wealth is our honor and humble name which we hope to bequeath to our children as our only legacy to them. We are not as wealthy as Mr. Vitoria who owns no less than two grandiose residential houses and rest house and no less than three (3) cars privately owned by his family.

Our friends and relatives from abroad and all over the country have been calling us by phone wondering why we were involved in such a disgraceful and reckless expose. You are our only hope. In your hands lies the vindication of our name and honor and the rectification of a great blunder with the hope that the same shall not be repeated in the august hall of the Sangguniang Panglungsod.

Thank you and may The Good Lord guide you all to see the "Light and Truth," "for whoever wants to enjoy life and wishes to see good times, must refrain from speaking evil and stop telling lies." -- James 3:10

Sincerely,

(Sgd.) CONSTANTINO P. ROSAS
(Sgd.) NESTOR DAGARAGA

Copy furnished: His Honor, The City Mayor
All Department Heads, Quezon City Hall

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These volumes include: general references on various subjects and disciplines acquired through purchase from the city government and donations from different private individuals and foundations.

c.2 Developed a customized computer software for QCPL Books Inventory and Cataloguing purposes. This development provided easy informational retrieval through On-Line Public Access. In 1995, the library acquired three (3) units of computers which included a compact disk (CD-ROM) encyclopedia (Multi-Media); a laser and a dot matrix printer; and an image scanner.

c.3 Indexed 10,000 articles from different cultural and professional magazines and 5,000 newspaper clippings.

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While it is true that all permitted uses in C2 zones are allowed in Special Development Zones, there are specific exceptions such as gravel and sand dealers; auto repair and supply shops, amusement centers, beer houses, to cite a few. Uses which are incompatible with and/or which detract from the character of the area are not allowed. In addition, Special Development Zones are governed with more stringent requirements on parking compared with similar provisions in the Building Code.

As to your apprehension that the "re-classification will pave the way for the construction of high-density high-rise apartments," the prerogative for this kind of development still rests with the concerned property lot owners subject to compliance to height, parking and other requirements stipulated in Special Development Zones. Thus, Miriam College can opt to retain its institutional character or it may convert subject portion of their property into other complementary uses. Moreover, the present Zoning Ordinance stipulates height limitations for structures in commercial zones adjoining residential zones without permanent intervening open spaces between them.

I trust that the above justification of the Ordinance in question satisfies you and allays your fears. I'm sure you'll agree with me that private and personal interests should not prevail over the needs of an over-all development plan.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BEN O. FLORES
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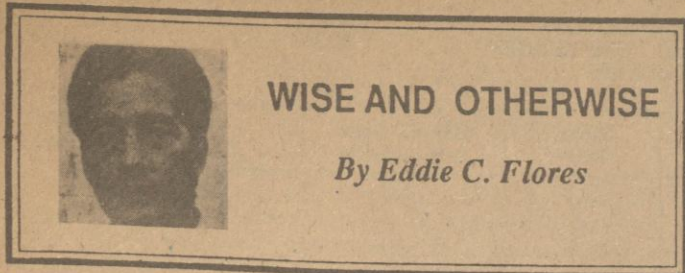
OUT OF HARM'S WAY

Manila tycoon Lucio Tan commutes to work by helicopter -- not so much to avoid the capital's notorious traffic as to keep clear of its equally notorious kidnapers. The chairman and CEO of Philippine Airlines wears off-the-shelf barongs, rarely gives interviews and is always shadowed by burly security guards. Manila's crime wave is forcing businessmen to keep a low profile. Many consult security experts on ways to improve safety for themselves and their families. Their advice is applicable to many regional capitals. Here is what the Philippine experts say:

- ON THE JOB**
 - release personal information to strangers
 - seek unnecessary publicity
 - remind secretaries and employees to give out your personal information only on a need-to-know basis
 - make sure your secretary knows your schedule, and as much as possible be on time for your appointments
 - ask your secretary to locate you if you don't arrive at the office when expected or miss an appointment outside the office
 - wear flashy jewelry or clothing
 - follow predictable routines
 - give out information about your travel plans to anyone who doesn't need to know
 - use public transportation
 - travel alone, especially after dark
 - stop on the road to offer assistance to stranded motorists
 - consider hiring security guards
 - inform a trusted friend or family member of your exact whereabouts at all times
 - drive a conservative and sturdy car
 - keep your gas tank at least half full
 - equip your vehicle with an alarm system and check the back seat and trunk before entering your car
 - park in a well-lit and secure lot
 - make sure no one is following you when you leave your office or your home
 - use a radio or cellular phone to keep in touch with someone at home or the office
 - travel in a convoy in high-risk situations
 - call the police or drive to the nearest police station if someone seems threatening
- WITH CHILDREN**
 - leave children unattended
 - send your kids to school with an escort and in a private car
 - locate your children's room in a part of the house that is not easily accessible from the outside
 - keep the outside doors and windows of your child's room locked
 - instruct maids, babysitters and other household help not to open the door to strangers, even if they represent themselves as friends or relatives
 - list your phone number
 - give your phone number to a caller who says he dialed the wrong number. If you are receiving too many such calls, change your phone number
 - open the door to strangers, even if they are pollsters or salesmen, or say they are friends of someone in the family or have witnessed an accident involving a family member
 - carefully check the background of all prospective babysitters, domestic helpers and security guards
 - report suspicious-looking policemen at your door to precinct headquarters
 - encourage family members to check in regularly by telephone

(Editor's Note: The above article was submitted by Vicente "Viczaqui" Quintos, a retired Police Corporal of Quezon City. He is an accredited contributor to this paper and a Community Representative of ASIaweek for the last 20 years.

The article is part of the cover story, "Where's the Law," in the Jan. 26, 1996 issue of ASIaweek. It is the story of a hostage drama. On a Sunday morning on January 7, 1996 after mass in a church in Quezon City, "Bad Cop" Sgt. Ferdinand Angel, who was high on drugs, seized seven-year-old Monique Velasco, her aunt and a priest. He held them at gunpoint for four hours. It was QC Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. who was able to persuade the hostage taker to surrender peacefully.)



WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Eddie C. Flores

Political Comeback of Alicia A. Herrera

Sometime ago, I chanced upon former QC Councilor and at one time Vice Mayor Alicia A. Herrera at the Apartment Hotel Lounge. She was having a good night with some pretty friends. I asked her about Edna, her favorite elder sister who is a lawyer. Instead of answering me, she asked instead, as she never fails to do, how my old man was. Fine, I said, thank you. I didn't stay very long as I did not want to spoil their good night.

I gathered from the political grapevine that Alice is gearing for a political comeback to the City Council, where she had left a distinguished mark as a courageous fighter against graft and corruption and a champion of good government, earning for her the title, Fighting Lady of QC. As I have written in previous columns, Alice bears the mark of a true winner, not just a flamboyant grandstander. If she returns to the City Council and if she joins forces with my favorite ex-kanto boy, Majority Floor Leader Moises Samson, the battle against graft and corruption may yet be won.

Impromptu Boxing Bout

The gavel, symbol of authority and power, failed in the inexperienced hands of Presiding Officer Herbert Bautista to control and stop two members of the Council who blew their tops, to become physical instead of logical, and decided to settle their heated arguments in an impromptu boxing bout to a mixed reaction of delight and dismay from the people in the gallery. I guess the voltage (temper) regulator

and fuse of the two gentlemen need some proper adjustment and fine tuning to avert a replay of their snap and unagendad slugfest. In justifying his repeated objections to Councilor Eufemio Lagumbay's resolutions, Councilor Mike Planas said that he was only honing his parliamentary skills, which exercises Lagumbay, however, did not find cute and amusing but very irritating and provocative. So, he thought it nice and wise to give Planas a lesson or two in boxing and kicking. Kidding aside, I am glad that Kid Planas and Fighting Pinggoy have already kissed and made up -- buried the hatchet, so to speak. So, let's bury this ugly incident in our minds and give the two gentlemen a big hand for their sporting gesture of shaking hands after their fistic encounter.

Bistek -- Medium Rare or Well Done?

The good people of QC have elected young Herbert "Bistek" Bautista their Vice Mayor. Whether they made the right choice or not is moot and academic. The important thing is to support and encourage the actor-comedian turned politician, so he can put up a good performance in reel as well as in real life. Unfortunately, Bistek had hardly warmed his seat as Presiding Officer of the Council when a barrage of adverse comments impugning his competence was hurled against him from quarters. Fortunately, Majority Floor Leader Councilor Moises Samson, the kanto boy who turned around the right corner, stood up to defend the beleaguered Vice Mayor. He vouchsafed his competence and efficiency as Presiding Officer -- in other words, Bistek, according to Councilor Samson, was well done, not only medium rare.

This little corner agrees, however, with Minority Floor Leader, Councilor Godofredo T. Liban II that Herbert should devote more of his time to his executive functions and responsibilities, especially in the fight against drug abuse, although the Mayor has reportedly yanked his Vice Mayor from the chairmanship of the QC Anti Drug Abuse Council. Godie said that Bistek should yield the gavel more often to President Pro Tempore Connie Angeles in the same way that she had stepped aside to give way to Herbert to be the candidate for Vice Mayor in the last elections. On the occasions that she had been acting Presiding Officer, Connie showed that she could wield the gavel with grace and skill, keeping the Council under perfect control and seeing to it that the day's agenda is completed before adjournment.

As I have just stated, Connie had given way to Bistek in the May 8 elections. Though she knew she was No. One in the hearts of the people and a sure winner, Connie was not in a hurry. She believed in making haste slowly at *doon sa matandang kasabihan na ang lumalakad ng matulin, kung matinik ay malalim*. On the contrary, the young Vice Mayor believes in the old adage to strike while the iron is hot. When he ran for Vice Mayor, he knew he was hot property showbiz wise and otherwise, specifically Sanggunian Kabataan wise. As to the allegations on his incompetence, I guess they are pre-mature. Let us give Bistek ample time to acquire experience which, they say, is the best teacher. Unfortunately, there is no school where one can acquire instant experience. Experience and the wisdom it gives have to come with age in the same way that wine has to undergo a long process of aging before it acquires that rare, royal taste and aroma of vintage wine.

In the May 8 elections when Herbert announced his candidacy for the Vice Mayorship, challenging the incumbent Vice Mayor Charito Planas, many people were jittery -- no, not jittery that Herbert might lose but that he might win. Now this same people are jittery that he might bungle his Vice Mayorship and Presiding Officership. But I think these jitters are not warranted. Bistek had survived four years as youth sectoral representative and three years as an elected Councilor. I guess, he has the potential to make good as Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer. But a valid cause for jitters is that his elders in the Council, who must feel awkward and uncomfortable being under somebody young enough to be their son, might not give their full-hearted support and encouragement.

Will it be a medium rare or well done performance for Bistek? Let us wait and see.

Samson, the Demolition Man

This is not the title of an action movie in the making. It refers to my favorite ex-kanto boy who turned around the right corner, Councilor Moises Samson, Majority Floor Leader. Don't you worry, it is not in the demolition of squatters' dwellings that he is involved. As a top lawyer, he respects the majesty of the law and will not interfere in legal court-ordered demolitions. It is against that seemingly impregnable structure of graft and corruption that Samson's demolition efforts are directed.

Like his biblical namesake, who demolished the whole Philistine army with only the jawbone of an ass for a weapon, Samson is fighting to demolish the army of grafters and corruptors in the government not with a jawbone but with fiery privilege speeches exposing anomalies in the government perpetrated by bloodthirsty vampires who are sucking the blood of the city's taxpayers. Can Samson duplicate the astonishing feat of his biblical namesake? This can not be answered with any certainty. It is a mighty task Samson faces. The monsters of graft and corruption wield tremendous clout, and have pelf and influence in abundance. But I can bet my last centavo that Samson can, at least, restrain the rapacity of these bloodthirsty rascals in the government. That is accomplishment enough for which he can be hailed. His predecessors had not made even the slightest dent on the pachyderm of the human vultures in the government. Samson could be our last hope in the demolition of graft and corruption.

But he must beware of modern day Delilahs who may thwart him with their beguiling blandishments.

So, let us rally behind Samson and wish him all the luck although I am afraid he will need more than just luck. He needs the divine intervention that will give him the supernatural strength to do the demolition task against graft and corruption. Let us pray fervently for that divine intervention.

QC Councilor Scores Perfect Attendance

QC Councilor Moises S. Samson has scored perfect attendance in 30 sessions of the City Council held during the period July 6 to December 29. He is the only one out of 26 QC Councilors who has such a no absence record.



Samson, who is the Council's Majority Floor Leader, is emerging as the heir apparent to the title "Mr. Perfect Attendance" which the *New Capitol Standard* had conferred on former QC Councilor and now Congressman Reynaldo Calalay who had scored perfect attendance during the 7-year period, 1986 to 1995, of his two consecutive terms as QC Councilor and who has also registered a no absence record in 48 sessions of the House of Representatives for the period July 24 to December 21.

Samson, who is a grandson of Katipunero Apolonio Samson after whom a barangay and street in Quezon City are named, is on his 3rd term as QC Councilor. He has consistently made it to the QC Press Association's annual selec-

tion of the Six Most Outstanding QC Councilors.

He is also known as Quezon City's version of Senator Ernesto "Mr. Expose" Maceda. In his privilege speeches, Samson has repeatedly made exposes of city government anomalies. He is so concerned in preventing graft and corruption that he has filed an ordinance providing for the creation of a position of public advocate to serve like a resident Ombudsman, such as those who are detailed in graft-prone national offices like the BIR, Customs and Public Works and Highways. (Ben O. Flores)

Barangay Pinyahan Adjudged Best Lupong Tagapamayapa
(Reprinted from Pinyahan Newsletter)

The Liga ng mga Barangay headed by Liga President and City Councilor Bonifacio M. Rillon has recommended to the Chairman, Lupong Tagapamayapa City Awards Committee, Dr. Manuel S. Alba, City Administrator, that Barangay Pinyahan headed by Barangay Captain Leoncio L. Cabato be adjudged as the best Lupong Tagapamayapa in Quezon City. Nominated among the 140 Barangays in Quezon City for City awards were the following:

- District I - Bgy. Bahay Toro - 80%
- District II - Bgy. A. Samson - 85%
- District III - Bgy. Socorro - 87%
- District IV - Bgy. Pinyahan - 98%

Liga Secretary General Barangay Captain Edilberto G. Rivera and Liga staff together with BOC personnel have evaluated the records and reports submitted, made actual observations on the

efficiency and effectiveness of the Lupong Tagapamayapa

Mr. Juanito O. Aquino, Chief, City Local Government Operation Office, DILG, Quezon City, has recommended to Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. that Barangay Pinyahan, District IV has been chosen and adjudged the best Lupong Tagapamayapa (Barangay Court) of Quezon City, having obtained a rating of 98% among the 140 Barangays. Mabuhay, Capt. Leo Cabato!



VALUES EDUCATION FOR OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN

By Cosme S. Quinto

(The author was formerly the Supply Officer of the City Schools Division, but he was replaced by Supt. Icassiano when he came to QC by somebody from Caloocan, his previous assignment. Quinto has filed graft charges vs. his former boss. Hearings on the case are ongoing at DECS.)

As you enter the main door of the ULTRA building complex in Pasig City where the Department of Education, Culture and Sports is now housed, you will see a big sign put up by Secretary Ricardo T. Gloria enjoining the teachers to be proud because the future depends on them.

I am proud for having been once a teacher in the elementary grades. I taught my pupils the values of honesty, fairness, and obedience to rules and regulations, among others. For having taught my pupils these values, together with some basic skills for their future livelihood, I believe that I had done something in response to Secretary Gloria's message to the teachers.

For being a teacher, I am proud for having had a pupil named Armando de Asa who is now a judge in one of our Metropolitan Trial Courts. I was doubly proud when I was tried in his sala for violating the anti-squatting law because this former pupil of mine did not give me any privilege or favor which I did not like to ask from him either. But he decided the case in my favor because, first, my title to the land I occupied was found to be legitimate, and second, I was his teacher who, he said, had taught him to be fair and to obey rules and regulations -- lessons which, he said, still guided him whenever he made a decision.

If we have teachers who believe in their work as moulders of the young, teachers who teach their pupils by their own example the values of honesty, fairness, respect for the rights of others, and concern for the welfare of their fellowmen, the larger part of the future that Secretary Gloria lays upon the shoulders of the teachers is adequately secured. The smaller part, which consists of the skills needed by their pupils to pursue their economic well-being after leaving school, will easily be secured as a natural consequence.

There is really an urgent need to give emphasis on values education to our school children, a need to which Secretary Ricardo T. Gloria is now giving priority. But unless the good Secretary initiate a thorough house cleaning of his Department which is ranked second in the list released by the Ombudsman of agencies involved in graft and corruption, values education for our school children would not find a fertile ground in their hearts. Our Secretary would do well to exorcise the Department nationwide of corrupt school officials, employees, and teachers before venturing into values education in the sanctity of the classrooms.

When Jesus Christ said that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God, He seemed to have in his mind our country. He seemed worried about the trillions of pesos lost through graft and corruption in our government. He seemed to ask us: "What is happening to your country today?" Actually, Jesus wants to tell us that we are now overly materialistic, that we have put our Creator on the side and have forgotten that He is the source of all the values we want our school children to imbibe.

Our materialistic inclination over what is moral and upright is putting us away from the graces of the Almighty who rewards those who obey Him and punishes the violators of His divine will. Unless we humble ourselves and turn to the Almighty for mercy and shed our over zealotness for material things that erode our morality, our efforts to bring values education in the classrooms for our school children would be devoid of His blessings. For after all, we keep our children in the schools for them to acquire wisdom and the first step toward wisdom is the fear of the Almighty.

I remember a ten-year old boy whom I asked what he would like to become when he grew up. He said he would like to be a policeman. I asked him, why? He said that, as policeman, if he caught someone he would have money. We can only hope that the boy, in all his innocence, would overcome his intention or ambition to become a corrupt policeman. The right values now being taught in the schools would make him earn money only the honest and legal way.

The mother of the boy who would like to become a policeman is a big-time business woman who deals with school superintendents and is reputed to be loose with her body if only to assure herself of clinching a prospective deal. This woman, according to a Commission on Audit report, is now facing charges, together with a school superintendent of a premier school division, for violating the anti-graft law. Our fear is that this woman, who does business extensively with regional directors and school superintendents, may have already sown the seeds of corruption among many school officials so that the values education we are so seriously infusing into our schools system would be nothing but a mockery. It seems that values education should also be a necessary course for all school officials, together with the "suppliers" who do business with them, in order to prevent our Department from being ranked with government agencies known as "flagships" of corruption.

I remember with due reverence the late Dr. Benigno V. Aldana who was once a Director of the Bureau of Public Schools when it was not yet regionalized. I knew Dr. Aldana to be a man of unshakeable faith in what he believed to be honest, truthful, and just. At one time, he was pressured by the Secretary of Education to sign Requisitions and Issue Vouchers (RIVs) to support a contract for the furnishing of framed pictures of the Secretary to be distributed to all public schools in preparation for the Secretary's candidacy for senator. Dr. Aldana bluntly refused to sign because, according to him, he could not sacrifice the interest of school children by using money appropriated for their textbooks over the framed pictures of an ambitious Secretary who wanted to become a senator.

Dr. Benigno V. Aldana was praised by a retired school superintendent, who is now also with his Creator, when he said that Dr. Aldana died because of honesty. I asked him if honesty had become a disease that it would cause death. Mr. Pedro Ronduin, the retired school superintendent, explained that Dr. Benigno V. Aldana died from stress caused by his standing firm on his faith in honesty and parrying the assault of politicians trying to corrupt him.

We have written here about Dr. Benigno V. Aldana because he was a school official who, when he was yet a teacher in Pozorrubio, our old hometown in Pangasinan, was already teaching the values of honesty, fairness, and fear of the Almighty. I know this because I was his pupil. He was my uncle.

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1996 BUDGET...

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS
CY 1996 ANNUAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Ordinance No. SP-358, s-95

Prospective Revenue Increases

These prospective revenue increases will accrue mainly from the proceeds of the New Schedule of Fair Market Values which, the Mayor said, were not included in the estimated funds certified as available for appropriation. Other sources will be the Collectibles from government-owned and controlled companies, such as MWSS and NHA, as well as from major companies, such as MERALCO and others. New revenue measures prepared by his office will also be endorsed to the City Council for enactment into ordinances. Natural growth of revenues has been averaging 25 to 30 per cent annually, the Mayor said, although, he added, that said growth "is not sufficient given the much larger growth in expenditures as the City grows in population and therefore in requirements for basic services alone."

Additional P150 M

The original amount of P2,845,000,000 in the proposed budget submitted by the Mayor to the City Council was subsequently increased by P150,000,000 as per revised Certified Statement of Income for 1996 submitted by City Treasurer Alfredo G. Mercado to the Council during its deliberations on the budget. This amount, Mercado said, will be raised from newly discovered undeclared and underdeclared real properties as well as from intensified collection efforts. The City Treasurer stressed that the additional amount of P150 million will not come from the expected additional revenue from the implementation of the New Schedule of Fair Market Values. In his budget message, the Mayor said that "the revenues impact of the New Schedule of Fair Market Values was not taken into account in the determination of the revenue level certified by the City Treasurer in the amount of 2.845 billion."

No Provision for Infrastructures and Capital Outlay

The approved budget has no provisions for infrastructure, which is "deferrable," the Mayor said, and none likewise for capital outlay except the P9,800,000 allocated to the Office of the Mayor. Capital outlay pertains to office equipment, motor vehicles, furniture and fixtures, and land improvement and acquisition. For infrastructure, the additional revenue proceeding from the New Schedule of Fair Market Values will be appropriated in a supplementary budget in the course of the year. In the meantime, some funds may be availed of for capital outlay and infrastructure from the 20 percent Community Development Fund (P161,948,880) and from the Lingap Fund (P10,000,000). To augment the funds for infrastructure and capital outlay as well as for other shortfalls in MOE (Maintenance and Operating Expenditures), the Mayor said that the new revenue measures will be endorsed by his office to the City Council for enactment into ordinances. He also suggested that part of the funds for the school building program (some 45 buildings for 540 classrooms) come from the SEF which has P175,285,512 available for appropriation this year.

Pork Barrel Fund for Councilors

Almost one half of the P150 million increase in funds available for appropriation was appropriated by the City Council for itself: It jacked up its allocation of P111,196,161.00 in the Mayor's proposed budget to P183,803,042.00 in the approved budget, an increase of P72,506,881 consisting of an increase of P47,906,381 to its current operating expenditures, a Lump Sum Appropriation (LSA) of P600,000 for a Committee on Review of Bgy. Ordinances and pork barrel fund of P24,000,000, P1 million per Councilor, euphemistically called City-Wide Development Fund after the Country-Wide Development Fund of Congress. The Office of the Vice Mayor's allocation of P25,914,071.00 in the Mayor's proposed budget was upped to P36,076,731 in the approved budget, or an increase of P10,162,660, while its allocation of P1,741,738 for Special Projects was increased to P22,789,215 or an increase of P21,047,477. Total increase amounts to P31,210,137.

The Office of the Mayor's allocation of P165,939,736 in the proposed budget was upped to P208,939,736 in the approved budget or a total increase of P43,000,000 -- P33,200,000 for current operating expenditures and a capital outlay allocation of P9,800,000. Its allocation of P429,263,329 for Special Projects was increased by P500,000, making it P429,763,329.

The Office of the City Treasurer also got an increase of P5 million, from an allocation of P74,267,247 in the proposed budget to P79,267,247 in the approved budget. On the other hand, the Novaliches District Center's allocation of P6,298,798 was reduced by P2,099,639 down to only P4,199,319.

Sources of Income

Sources of the income appropriated in the approved budget are, as follows:

1. Revenue From Taxation-----P1,916,767,102 (this includes the additional P150 million)
 - a. Real Property Taxes---P626,000,000
 - b. Taxes on Goods and Services----- 746,000,000
 - c. Other Taxes----- 544,767,102
2. Operating and Miscellaneous Income-----P 239,638,000
3. Government and Business Operations----- 28,850,500
4. Internal Revenue Allocation---P 809,744,398
- TOTAL P2,995,000,000

Apology

The Mayor concluded his budget message by apologizing for the delay in the submission of the proposed budget which was on November 14, 1995, a month later than the October 16 deadline set under the law. The delay, the Mayor said, was "primarily due to the meticulous attention to the need to make the budget reasonable, implementable and supportive of our plans and programs for 1996 and beyond."

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BUDGET UNITS	Personal Services	M.O.E	Capital Outlay	LSA For Other Prog./Activities	Total	%To Total
I. CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICES						
A. EXECUTIVE BRANCH						
1. City Mayor's Office	P 64,689,736	P 108,200,000	P 9,800,000	P 26,250,000	P 208,939,736	6.98
2. City Mayor's Office					10,898,123	0.36
a. Administrative Management Office	10,211,123	687,000		1,000,000	8,396,890	0.28
b. Radio Communication Service	4,786,890	2,610,000			1,643,396	0.05
c. Phil. Gamefowl Commission	1,643,396				690,633	0.02
d. Department of Agriculture	690,633				264,584	0.01
e. Dept. of Env. & Natural Resources	264,584				47,981,791	1.60
3. City Administrator's Office	30,458,791	4,523,000		13,000,000	26,944,489	0.90
4. Barangay Operations Center	17,721,370	1,075,000		8,148,119	936,971	0.03
5. Board of Assessment Appeals	886,971	50,000			16,680,799	0.56
6. Bus. Permits & License Office	10,498,020	4,028,000		2,154,779	34,990,922	1.17
7. City Assessor's Office	26,775,922	3,215,000		5,000,000	5,188,861	0.17
8. City Legal Office/Attorney's Office	4,838,861	350,000			14,028,675	0.47
9. City Budget Office	10,429,675	3,599,000			8,043,879	0.21
10. City Civil Registry Office	6,255,598	538,000		1,250,281	9,239,997	0.31
11. City Personnel Office	5,381,786	1,200,000		2,658,211	12,701,586	0.42
12. City Planning & Development Office	11,343,970	1,302,000		55,616	79,267,247	2.65
13. City Treasurer's Office	51,578,247	27,314,000		375,000	16,603,926	0.55
14. Community Relations Office	2,992,693	540,000		13,071,233	11,652,605	0.39
15. Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office	9,727,063	1,925,542			35,137,000	1.17
16. Dept. of Public Order and Safety	32,297,000	2,840,000			124,028,976	4.14
17. Engineering Department	75,420,110	47,013,000		1,595,866	3,170,730	0.11
18. Fiscal Control Unit	2,285,922	378,000		506,808	55,976,709	1.87
19. General Services Office	24,976,709	11,000,000			2,801,562	0.09
20. Liquor Licensing & Reg. Board	2,301,562	500,000			15,771,551	0.50
21. Novaliches District Center	5,549,759	6,000,000		4,221,792	32,593,968	1.05
22. Parks Development and Adm. Dept.	24,296,510	6,900,000		1,397,458	15,233,380	0.50
23. People's Bureau (U.P.A.O.)	9,023,592	965,000		5,244,788	5,683,477	0.12
24. Public Affairs & Info. Service Office	2,992,907	1,922,000		768,570	3,249,820	0.11
25. Public Assist. & Legal Aid Office	3,222,820	27,000			117,118,388	3.91
26. Quezon City Health Department	82,040,282	27,987,000		7,091,106	7,978,788	0.27
27. Quezon City Public Library	5,185,024	1,000,000		1,793,764	41,942,460	1.46
28. Social Services Dev't. Department	34,076,562	7,000,000		865,898		
Sub-Total	P 574,844,088	P 294,688,542	P 9,800,000	P 96,449,289	P 975,781,919	32.58
II. SPECIAL PROJECTS						
a. MAYOR'S OFFICE						
1. Amoranto Complex Administration				2,567,374	2,567,874	0.09
2. Disabled Persons Affairs Committee				497,758	497,758	0.02
3. Garbage Collection				300,000,000	300,000,000	10.02
4. Joint Physical Inventory Committee				608,060	608,060	0.0
5. Liga ng mga Barangay				977,801	977,801	0.0
6. Office of Senior Citizen Affairs				1,300,286	1,300,286	0.0
7. People's Law Enforcement Board				3,784,033	3,784,033	0.13
8. Performing Arts				1,242,397	1,242,397	0.04
9. Pre-Qualification, Bids & Awards Comm.				86,782	86,782	0.0
10. Project Incinerator & Kariton				8,801,390	8,801,390	0.29
11. Public Assistance Center				1,864,685	1,864,685	0.06
12. Q.C. Anti-Drug Abuse Center (QCADAC)				1,658,509	1,658,509	0.06
13. Q.C. Bus. Affairs Coord. Off. (QC-BACO)				742,191	742,191	0.0
14. Q.C. Inter Agency Comm. on Justice				531,100	531,100	0.0
15. Q.C. Medical Care Program				3,000,000	3,000,000	0.1
16. Q.C. Polytechnic				16,117,605	16,117,605	0.54
17. Q.C. Sports Development Council				14,072,481	14,072,481	0.47
18. Scholarship & Youth Dev't. Program				18,467,371	18,467,371	0.62
19. Screening, Mon. & Renewal Committee				2,059,402	2,059,402	0.07
20. Sports Development Program				1,535,034	1,535,034	0.05
21. Task Force on Amusement Tax				4,282,430	4,282,430	0.14
22. Task Force Clean and Green				10,159,504	10,159,504	0.34
23. TF Immediate Medics (1 AM.)				7,432,328	7,432,328	0.25
24. Task Force on Industrial Relation				2,775,237	2,775,237	0.09
25. T. F. on Markets & Slaughterhouse				3,373,232	3,373,232	0.11
26. Task Force S.M.I.L.E.				19,234,979	19,234,979	0.64
27. Task Force on Zoning				844,948	844,948	0.03
28. Tricycle Franchising Board				1,745,831	1,745,831	0.06
Sub-Total	P	P	P	P 429,763,329	P 429,763,329	14.35
b. VICE MAYOR'S OFFICE						
1. Legislative Invest. & Action Group				P 6,455,812	P 6,455,812	0.22
2. Sports Dev't Ctr. (Council Sportsfest)				7,525,109	7,525,109	0.25
3. Task Force Greening (Barangay Parks)				5,408,294	5,408,294	0.18
4. Q.C. Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Center ("TAHANAN")				2,400,000	2,400,000	0.08
5. Barangay Splitting Plebiscite				1,000,000	1,000,000	0.03
Sub-Total				P 22,789,215	P 22,789,215	0.76
B. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH						
1. Vice Mayor's Office - Proper	P 22,733,403	P 13,343,328	P	P	P 36,076,731	1.20
2. City Council	81,036,042	78,167,000		24,600,000	183,803,042	6.14
3. City Secretary's Office	11,934,139	2,023,000			13,957,139	0.47
Sub-Total	P 115,703,584	P 93,533,328	P	24,600,000	P 233,836,912	7.81
III. NON-OFFICE						
1. Illumination & Power Services		50,000,000			50,000,000	1.67
2. Insurance of Government Properties		20,000,000			20,000,000	0.67
3. Loan Amortization - P.N.B.		335,968,602			335,968,602	11.22
4. MERALCO & MWSS Tappings		2,000,000			2,000,000	0.07
Sub-Total						
BUDGET UNITS						
5. Prior Years Obligations				180,000,000	180,000,000	6.01
6. Productivity Incentive Benefits for 1995	19,750,000				19,750,000	0.09
7. Reorganization				5,000,000	5,000,000	0.17
8. Salary Adjustment Fund for 1996	168,000,000	8,000,000			168,000,000	5.61
9. SS Benefits, Rewards & Other Claims		3,000,000			8,000,000	0.27
10. Telephone Services					3,000,000	0.10
11. Terminal Leave	5,000,000				5,000,000	0.17
12. Water Services		8,000,000			8,000,000	0.27
Sub-Total	P 192,750,000	P 426,968,602	P	P 185,000,000	P 804,718,602	26.87
IV. STATUTORY & CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS						
1. Barangay Development Fund				P 140,000	P 140,000	0.0047
2. 5% Calamity Fund				142,164,175	142,164,175	4.75
3. 20% Community Development Fund				161,948,880	161,948,880	5.41
4. Katarungang Pambarangay				1,000,000	1,000,000	0.03
Sub-Total				P 305,253,055	P 305,253,055	10.19
V. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE						
A. National Government Agencies						
1. Central Police District	P	P	P	P 50,767,901	P 50,767,901	1.70
2. City Auditor's Office	786,839	300,000			1,086,839	0.04
3. City Prosecutor's Office	16,202,845	345,000		70,219	16,618,064	0.55
4. Division of City Schools	17,935,747	840,000		632,352	19,408,099	0.65
5. Metropolitan Trial Court	15,989,589	400,000			16,389,589	0.55
6. Quezon City Fire Station				8,863,200	8,863,200	0.30
7. Quezon City Jail				2,792,000	2,792,000	0.09
8. Regional Trial Court	4,854,060	1,500,000		2,557,625	8,911,685	0.30
9. Register of Deeds				1,807,646	1,807,646	0.06
Sub-Total	P 55,769,080	P 3,385,000	P	P 67,490,943	P 126,645,023	4.23

Resolution Gives New Meaning To Invitation, Refusal

By Ben O. Flores

A proposed resolution of the City Council introduced by Majority Floor Leader Councilor Moises S. Samson gives new meaning to the words "Invitation" and "Refusal."

The resolution states that the City Council had invited the City Accountant, Ms. Editha V. Alzona, to appear at the "Question and Answer Hour" portion of its 15th regular session on September 21, 1995. And because of her "refusal" to respond to the "invitation," the resolution "authorize(s) the City Secretary to prepare and file for and in behalf of the City Council an Administrative Case against Ms. Editha V. Alzona and appear as legal counsel of the same in any proceedings relative thereto."

The resolution also provides that "the resolution shall permanently form part of the 201 File of Ms. Editha V. Alzona." A very unfair, nay, mean and nasty, provision which mocks the presumption of innocence principle!

It was an "invitation" that the Council issued. Since when has non-response to or non-acceptance of an "invitation" become a crime? Obviously, the resolution meant to give "invitation" a new meaning, that is, to make it synonymous to "order" or "command", which connoted compulsion; an element not present in "invitation."

As to the City Accountant's alleged "refusal," the resolution also obviously gave the word a new meaning, that is, to make it synonymous to "defer," because that was what Ms. Alzona told the Council in her letter: She was not refusing the invitation, she only wanted to defer her appearance while waiting for the arrival of the Mayor, who was then abroad, so she could ask his permission as a matter of courtesy and in deference to the principle of the separation of powers/functions of government. The resolution itself admits the Council "is privy to the fact that as City Department Head Ms. Editha V. Alzona is under the direct control and supervision of the Mayor."

Was the information the Council wanted to get from the City Accountant a matter of life and death that it could not wait a day or two for the Mayor's arrival so said City Accountant could ask the Mayor's permission? That the information the Council wanted -- it has to do with the financial condition and operations of the city government--was not so vital and urgent, after all, as shown by the fact that the Council did not take further steps to obtain said information such as pressing its invitation to the City Treasurer.

We were in that September 21 session when Ms. Alzona was supposed to appear at the "Question and Answer Hour." The Council had given her 10 minutes to make her appearance. We took the trouble of going to inform Editha, who is a good friend, of the deadline the Council had given

her. But she was attending to some visitors at the time which is why she arrived at the session hall when the "Question and Answer Hour" had been terminated. Her appearance, though belated, shows that she really did not have a defiant attitude towards the Council, as seemingly misconstrued by the Council. All she wanted was to have deferred her appearance to get the Mayor's permission for reasons already stated.

The resolution cites Sec. 474 (b)(3) of the LGC which provides that the City Accountant shall "apprise the Sanggunian and other local government officials on the financial condition and operation of the local government unit concerned." The resolution points out that "the law (Sections 474(b)(3) and 346 of the LGC)...does not impose any prerequisite before a City Accountant furnish financial statement or apprise the sanggunian (and other local government officials) on the financial condition and operations of the local government unit concerned and, therefore, Ms. Alzona as City Accountant has the obligation to judiciously discharge her legal duty and responsibility under the said law with or without the prior approval/permission by the City Mayor."

Quite true, but not entirely true. In the phrases, "judiciously discharge" and "with or without the prior approval/permission by the Mayor," the resolution unwittingly admits that the City Accountant has the discretion whether or not to ask the prior approval/permission of the Mayor. This is so because, while the law in question does not "impose any prerequisite," neither does it impose a prohibition against the City Accountant's asking prior approval/permission of the Mayor, "if he chooses to. The City Accountant, no doubt, considers the act of asking the Mayor's permission the proper way of judiciously discharging a duty or function, as noted in the resolution, considering that, as also noted in the resolution, the City Accountant is under the direct control and supervision of the Chief Executive. Does the resolution mean to say that the giving of information as vital as information on the financial condition and operations of the city government is exempt from the control and supervision of the Chief Executive? The truth is: The imposition of either a "prerequisite" or a "prohibition" has no relevance in the interpretation of the law in question. The main and about the only purpose of the law is to make sure that the local government unit or local government officials get the financial information they want and it is towards this purpose that it imposes on the City Accountant the obligation to furnish the information, wanted without, however, prohibiting him or her from asking the prior approval/permission of his or her immediate superior,

considering that there is nothing wrong in that action as it will not prevent the local government unit or local government officials concerned from getting the information they want, perhaps not immediately but, what is important, ultimately. In the last WHEREAS of the resolution, it is implied that a City Official or Employee may be given a "reasonable time" within which "to comply with the City Council's summon or request..."

In the remote, very remote, possibility that the Mayor can not give his permission, then it is after him that the Council can go. It is, therefore, premature to file an administrative case against Ms. Alzona. We think that what the Council should have done was to press her to ask the Mayor's permission to appear before said "august" body. And if she had failed to do that, then the Council had every right to go after her. But, without further ado, the Council immediately equated the City Accountant's request for deferment of her appearance pending the Mayor's permission to outright refusal. The equation flaws the administrative case against Ms. Alzona with an assailable premise.

We must concede that Ms. Alzona was not entirely without fault. Perhaps she should have acted on the Council's invitation when the Mayor was still around although it is possible she was not aware of his plan to go abroad or, perhaps, she was not yet ready with the information the Council wanted. She may have also thought that her appearance was not absolutely necessary. She knew that the City Treasurer had also been invited. What she did not know, however, is that the City Treasurer had written the Council to tell them that other pressing matters prevented him from appearing.

Though Ms. Alzona may have been a bit at fault for neglecting to act promptly on the Council's invitation, it was not due to a defiant attitude towards the Council. On the contrary, by responding to that 10-minute deadline given her by the Council to appear before it, Ms. Alzona showed that she had a respectful and submissive attitude towards the Council. Certainly, she does not deserve the harsh action the Council contemplates against her. If, however, the Council, from its viewpoint, thinks that she deserves the contemplated action, surely there are mitigating factors which

P76.6 M Already Paid For 13th Month and Incentive Pays

Many employees, mostly members of CHANGE, are perennially grumbling and griping about salary increases not implemented and salary differentials not paid. To give the other side of the coin, we are showing below a record of payments for the 13th month pay and incentive pay. It was prepared by the Cash Division of the City Treasury upon our request made to City Treasurer Alfredo D. Mercado. The city government has already spent the huge amount of P76,607,869.90 for the payment of said 13th month and incentive pays and it will still increase when all payrolls and vouchers shall have been taken into account.

We hope the grumbling and griping employees will see -- and appreciate -- this other side of the coin -- what the city government is doing for them instead of seeing only what it has allegedly failed to do. They should realize that because of his desire to maximize the benefits of the 13th month pay, Mayor Mathay had caused a technical violation. The law allows only one month's pay but the Mayor had generously added a half month's pay, the only Mayor in Metro Manila, in fact, of the entire country, who had done that.

It was because of the technical violation that the payment of the additional half month was suddenly stopped last month even if the personnel of some offices had already been paid said additional half month. A technical correction had to be made in the 1995 budget: The allocation for the extra half month pay was redesignated to be for incentive pay, not for the 13th month pay.

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CASH DIVISION

PAYMENTS FOR 13TH MONTH AND INCENTIVE PAYS

I - PAID June 1995 (Midyear)

Paymaster	Employment Status	Amount Paid
Land Bank	Regular Employees	P15,829,994.73
Josephine Baylon	Casual and Contractual	714,418.00
Vilma Alinea	-do-	876,387.70
Elvira David	-do-	820,424.50
Daniel Rarela	-do-	2,895,806.50
Zenaida Ondivilla	-do-	1,455,494.18
Ramon Ong	-do-	745,796.35
Dionisia Ulangkaya	-do-	838,379.00
Total Amount Paid in June		P24,176,700.96

II - Paid December 1995 (13th Month and Cash Gift)

Land Bank	Regular Employees	P14,358,872.00
Josephine Baylon	Casual and Contractual	2,294,770.85
Vilma Alinea	-do-	1,833,982.90
Elvira David	-do-	1,413,296.35
Daniel Rarela	-do-	3,504,807.29
Zenaida Ondivilla	-do-	1,992,712.90
Ramon Ong	-do-	1,946,407.28
Dionisia Ulangkaya	-do-	2,043,102.65
Total Amount Paid in December		P29,387,952.22

III - Paid January 1996 (Incentive)

Land Bank	Regular Employees	P14,358,872.00
Josephine Baylon	Casual and Contractual	663,444.60
Vilma Alinea	-do-	1,549,532.45
Elvira David	-do-	754,240.90
Daniel Rarela	-do-	2,324,281.45
Zenaida Ondivilla	-do-	none
Ramon Ong	-do-	1,209,916.40
Dionisia Ulangkaya	-do-	1,953,992.68
Total Payment to date for January '96		P23,043,216.72

SUMMARY:

June '95 "Mid-Year"	P24,176,700.96
December '95 "13th Month"	29,387,952.22
January '96 "Incentive"	23,043,216.72
Total	P76,607,869.90

NOTE: Payrolls and vouchers for "Incentive" pay are still coming in as of date.

(Sgd.) ALFREDO D. MERCADO
City Treasurer

SUMMARY...

B. Service Enterprise	Personal Services	M.O.E.	Capital Outlay	ISA For Other Prog/Activities	TOTAL	% To Total
1. Quezon City General Hospital	P 57,348,584	P 14,248,000	P	P 1,052,739	P 72,649,323	2.43
2. Novaliches District Hospital	3,413,319	786,000			4,199,319	0.14
3. Sta. Lucia Acute Hospital	3,097,794	1,323,000			4,420,794	0.15
Sub-Total	P 63,859,697	P 16,357,000	P	P 1,052,739	P 81,269,436	2.71
VI. INTER-FUND TRANSFER						
Urban Health Nutrition Program (UHNP)				P 14,942,509	P 14,942,509	0.50
Sub-Total				P 14,942,509	P 14,942,509	0.50
Total Appropriation	P1,002,926,449	P 834,932,472	P 9,800,000	P 1,147,341,079	P 2,995,000,000	100.00
% To Total Budget	33.49	27.88	0.33	38.31	100.00	

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call for a magnanimous and tolerant view of the whole unfortunate misunderstanding.

The controversy can not yield any good except to soothe the Council's wounded pride caused by what it misconstrued as an affront to its dignity and authority.

CASTELO...

or in the "amazing world of gambling".

"While it is true that the government improves dramatically its revenue through lottery, it is nevertheless eroding the golden virtues of 'pagsisikap' noted among Filipinos. This and other forms of gambling are fount of moral filth and personality decay," Castelo added.

He suggested that lotto establishments in Quezon City must pay a proportionate amount of tax to the city government since its bettors are the residents of the city.

"It would be beneficial for the people and advantageous for the city government to utilize the funds earned from this endeavor to provide more services to the people", he added.

One of the betting centers queued with so many students in Nepa Q-Mart of which Ramon Magsaysay (Cubao) High School is barely 50 meters away.

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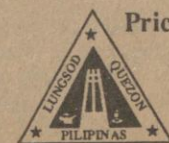
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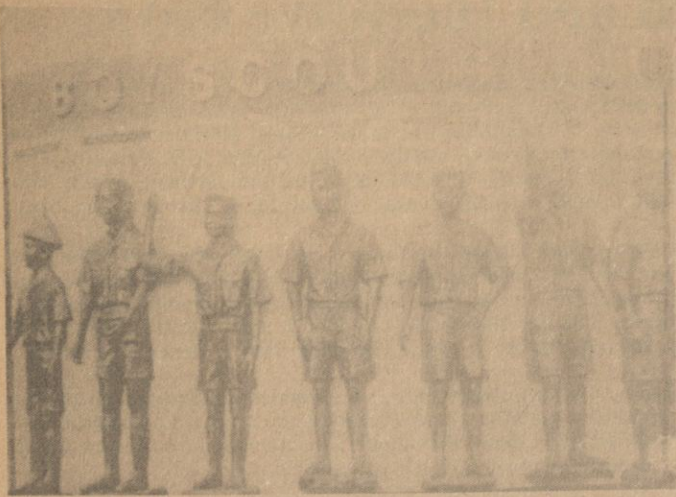


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OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

New QC Landmark



The circular monument erected at the Morato St.-Timog Ave. Rotonda in honor of the Boy Scouts who died in a plane crash while on their way to attend the 11th World Jamboree in Marathon, Greece in 1963 was unveiled on March 10, last year. The monument was built through the initiative of Mayor Mathay, who is honorary Chairman of the QC Boy Scouts Council which is chaired by his son, Councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay. Councilor Bayani V. Hipol had introduced the Ordinance appropriating funds for the erection of the monument.

Karingal 11th Death Anniversary



Mayor Mathay leads then Congressman-elect Michael T. Defensor, CPDC Chief Superintendent Ricardo de Leon and Mila and Baby Karingal, children of Major Gen. Tomas Karingal, in laying a wreath in front of the statue of Karingal in the camp named after him in Sikatuna Village, QC.



In September last year, the city government's Computerization Program was started. Newly acquired were AS 400 computer machines and two SparcServers. The Mayor is shown switching on one of the Servers. The computerization program was to give priority to the filing and retrieving of vital data pertaining to civil registry, business permit and real property tax records. "This project," Mathay said, "will certainly cut down bureaucracy in the city government."

CONFIRMATION...

Actually, it was not any deficiency in the new Budget Officer's qualifications that prompted the Council to disapprove Samson's Resolution to confirm her appointment. We were in that session which took up that Resolution and this is what happened:

Valid Point

Our good friend Councilor Enrico Serrano stood up to suggest that qualified personnel in the city government should be given priority in the appointment of a new Budget Officer. We must admit that Councilor Serrano had a valid point there in his suggestion. (Why have Councilors of previous Councils not thought of that.)

We think that Ms. Petronila Bagui who has been Assistant City Budget Officer to previous Budget Officers is the most logical successor to the position, based on Serrano's suggestion. We had a talk with Ms. Bagui, however, and she said that she welcomed the appointment of her new boss, that they get along together fine, and that, maybe, her time has not yet come. Of course, we concede there could be other qualified personnel.

Anyway, the Presiding Officer asked if there was any objection to Samson's Resolution. It was the Mayor's son, Councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay himself who stood up to raise an objection. (This only shows that "Bu" Mathay does not allow paternal considerations to affect his actions in the Council.) In a division of the house, Samson's Resolution was overwhelmingly turned down.

Mandatory or Ministerial?

In the event that the Council refuses to consider the Mayor's request for reconsideration of the non-confirmation, can he raise the question of whether confirmation by the Council of appointments made by him is mandatory or ministerial? We can not, of course, give a positive answer but, even our good friend Councilor Samson, who "disowned" his Resolution when it was turned down, after learning that the Council had been bypassed in favor of the Civil Service Commission, admits that the Local Government Code (LGC) is not clear on the matter. And this is the reason why:

QUESTIONABLE

Publication Of Schedule of Market Values In MANILA STANDARD, Not Complete

The publication of the Schedule of Market Values in the MANILA STANDARD is not complete -- hence, open to question. Only the Schedule is published. The Ordinance adopting and incorporating it into a law is not included. It is true that Section 212 of the Local Government Code mentions "The Schedule" as the item required for publication. But this mention of "The Schedule" comes after "for enactment by ordinance of the sanggunian concerned." It is obvious that "The Schedule" in Section 212 refers to the Schedule as enacted by an ordinance, so that the required publication must necessarily include the enacting ordinance itself.

The Schedule can not stand by itself alone because the Ordinance has several sections which provide limitations in the implementation of the Schedule. The fact that the Schedule is incorporated in the Ordinance as Section 2 shows that it is part and parcel of the Ordinance and can not be lifted solely and separately for publication. Without the Ordinance in the publication, the information that the public will get about the Schedule would not be complete. Thus, the purpose of the required publication would not be fully fulfilled. The public will not get the vital information on the aforementioned limitations in the implementation of the Schedule. These limitations are contained in Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Ordinance, a follows:

SECTION 4. For purposes of the assessment of buildings and other structures based on the herein approved unit construction cost, the City Assessor shall apply the graduated assessment levels provided in Section 8 (b) and (c) of the 1993 Quezon City Revenue Code in the case of machineries.

SECTION 5. The General Revision of Real Property Assessment for buildings and other structures, including machineries, shall be deferred for one year, to be made effective only on January 1, 1997. Provided; however, that newly constructed buildings and other structures completed/occupied in 1995 and thereafter shall be classified, appraised and assessed according to the new Schedule of Unit Construction Cost as herein established and the payment of taxes due thereon shall be made effective in 1996 and onward.

SECTION 6. Taxes due to the land shall accrue and become demandable and collectible beginning January 1, 1996. Provide, however, that in cases where the land cannot be utilized or made profitable by the owner of the property for reason that the property is fully occupied by squatters, any increase in taxes as a result of the revised valuation shall be collected at such time that the property is cleared of squatters; and, Provided, finally, that the owner, administrator, executor, successor in interest or assigns of such property, shall apply with the City Assessor within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance for proper coverage by this provision as may be prescribed by the implementing Rules and Regulations that shall be issued by the City Mayor.

(Editor's Note: Councilor Galarpe had once offered to have the Schedule published in this paper, but it seems there were no sufficient funds for that purpose and priority had to be given to the MANILA STANDARD, which was the Mayor's choice, we understand. Even if the Mayor had wanted to, he could not have chosen this paper, not being a newspaper of general circulation. The MANILA STANDARD is supposed to be of general circulation although we doubt if the number of QC residents buying the MANILA STANDARD is bigger than the number of copies we are printing of the NEW CAPITOL STANDARD, which my friends jokingly call THE NEW CAPITOL SUB-STANDARD. This doubt as to which has the bigger number of readers in Quezon City is largely speculative but not entirely baseless. In 1993 the MANILA STANDARD and this paper both published the QC Revenue of 1993. Quite a number of taxpayers filed protests against the Code and one of their reasons was that it was published in a newspaper, this paper, not of general circulation. We came to know this because then City Attorney Nescito Hilario referred their letter-protests to us. The reason cited by the Protesters, which was technical in nature, showed that they were not aware that the Code had also been published in the MANILA STANDARD. These protesters came to us for extra copies -- even non-protesters did for that matter. In fact, every now and then, we still get requests for copies of the issue in question. Complete Form

We are publishing the Schedule in its complete form -- that is, including the Ordinance adopting and incorporating it as an integral part of said Ordinance. We are doing this on our own free will and initiative pursuant to this paper's purpose of helping -- even in a small way -- the public information efforts of the city government. We have no legal basis, therefore, to expect payment for this publication but... May we take this opportunity to thank those who gave their support for this issue:

Councilors Angeles, Liban, Samson, Galarpe, Castelo, Serrano, Rillon, City Engr. Macapugay, City Assessor and Asst. City Assessor Rosas and Kasala, Parks Administrator Sianghio, Architect Magat, City Secretary Jurilla, Chief QC Librarian Del Barrio and City Treasurer Mercado. In accepting their donations, we make it a point to stress that the acceptance was understood to be without any strings attached. We like to think that we do not practice "environmental journalism." It is only during the Christmas season that we actually write solicitation letters to city officials for complimentary advertisements. We do this to take advantage of the spirit of goodwill and generosity which pervades the season. In the last Christmas season, we wrote such letters to 12 Councilors. Five responded. The seven who did not respond probably think this paper is not worth helping or they thought we would personally follow up our solicitation letters, but, as a general rule, we do not do that. We do not want to exert any pressure. Only exceptions to the rule are our very close friends like Willy Altuna. He was one of those who did not respond because he was probably waiting for us to personally follow up

Section 458 under Article three of Chapter 3, Book III of the LGC titled "Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation", does not list confirmation of appointments made by the city mayor as one of the powers, duties, or functions of the city council. It is true, however, that Section 454 (d) in Chapter 2, Book III of the Code provides that "Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all the Sangguniang Panlungsod members, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations." But the second part of Sec. 454 (d) provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod "shall act on the appointment within fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission, otherwise the same shall be deemed confirmed."

The Question

Now, the question is: If confirmation by the council is mandatory, why the 15-day limitation? We think and, as already stated, Councilor Samson agrees with us, that, as worded, Section 454 could mean that confirmation by the council of appointments made by the city mayor is a ministerial function -- not a mandatory requirement. But whether ministerial or mandatory, we hope the Council will act on the Mayor's request for reconsideration favorably -- in the interest of the public service considering the high qualifications of the new budget officer and the assurance of her assistant that they are working harmoniously. Then, perhaps, the Council can pass a resolution urging the Mayor to give priority to qualified personnel in the city government when making future appointments instead of Councilor Montilla's proposed resolution asking the DBM to make another appointment. Is it not the Mayor who makes the appointment?

our solicitation letter. Willy had helped us very generously in the past -- but only if we see him personally which we could not, because, like most Councilors, made himself scarce during the Xmas season. We did not have time to write the following: Councilors Dario (a good friend), Sison (also a good friend), Hipol, Medalla, Alonzo, Ferrer, Pumaren, Montilla (who do not know me personally) and the kid Councilor. As Councilors Angeles and Liban, it was not necessary to write them, because they had sent their very generous donations even before we started writing the solicitation letters. Finally, a word about Councilor Tamayo, we did write him to make peace with him but we did not ask for financial assistance. Instead, knowing that we both like drinking -- moderately, of course -- and go discoing, we asked him to invite us one of these days to his favorite disco. Joke only.

ORDINANCE NO.-SP-357, S-95

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF FAIR MARKET VALUES FOR LAND, BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES SITUATED IN QUEZON CITY JOINTLY PREPARED BY THE CITY ASSESSORS OF THE FOUR (4) LOCAL TREASURY AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 921 IN RELATION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, RA 7160, AS THE BASIS FOR THE GENERAL REVISION OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT.

Introduced by Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, hereinafter called the "Code" for brevity, has declared to be the policy of the State that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities;

WHEREAS, Quezon City which is admittedly the largest city in the Philippines in terms of population, is perceived to provide the biggest budgetary allocation to address the problems relative to the delivery of basic services such as education, health, peace and order, low-cost housing, squatters resettlement and rehabilitation, infrastructure and roads, and provisions for other similar services for a highly urbanized city;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City government is in need of funds to cover the cost of the increasing basic and essential requirements for a rapidly growing population and a high accelerated urbanization;

WHEREAS, Section 219 of the "Code" requires the Provincial, City or Municipal Assessor to "undertake a general revision of real property assessments within two (2) years after the effectivity of this "Code" and every three (3) years thereafter";

WHEREAS, the last time the Quezon City government has undertaken a general revision of real property assessment was in 1981-82, hence, such assessment is now considered unrealistic and obsolete;

WHEREAS, before any general revision of real property assessment is made, there shall be prepared jointly by the City Assessors of the four (4) treasury and assessment districts in the Metropolitan Manila area a Schedule of Fair Market Values for the different classes of real property in Quezon City for enactment by Ordinance by the Sangguniang Panlungsod conformably with and pursuant to Sec. 9 of PD 921, in relation to Section 212 of the "Code";

WHEREAS, generally accepted, in this connection, is the fact that appraisal of real property at their current and fair market value will enhance the safety and soundness of financial transactions involving such property;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED.

SECTION 1. The Schedule of Fair Market Values for all lands, more specifically the range of the proposed schedule of fair market values for the different sub-classifications of residential, commercial, industrial and institutional lands in Quezon City, jointly prepared by the City Assessors of the four (4) Local Treasury and Assessment Districts, namely the City of Manila, Quezon City, Kalooan City and Pasay City, and agreed upon by the other assessors in the 2nd Treasury and Assessment District conformably with and pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 921, in relation Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby approved, in the manner as follows:

SECTION 2. The Schedule. . . (Turn To Next Page)

SECTION 3. The City Assessor shall undertake a general revision of real property assessments using as basis the newly approved schedule specified in Sections 1 and 2 hereof. He shall apply the new assessment level of 15% for residential and 40% for commercial and industrial classification, respectively, as prescribed in Section 8 (a) of the 1993 Quezon City Revenue Code to determine the assessed value of the land. Provided; however, that parcels of land sold, ceded, transferred and conveyed for remuneratory consideration after the effectivity of this revision shall be subject to real estate tax based on the actual amount reflected in the deed of conveyance or the current approved zonal valuation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue prevailing at the time of the sale, cession, transfer and conveyance, whichever is higher, as evidenced by the certificate of payment of the capital gains tax issued therefor.

SECTION 4. For purposes of the assessment of buildings and other structures based on the herein approved unit construction cost, the City Assessor shall apply the graduated assessment levels provided in Section 8 (b) and (c) of the 1993 Quezon City Revenue Code in the case of machineries.

SECTION 5. The General Revision of Real Property Assessment for buildings and other structures, including machineries, shall be deferred for one year, to be made effective only on January 1, 1997. Provided; however, that newly constructed buildings and other structures completed/occupied in 1995 and thereafter shall be classified, appraised and assessed according to the new Schedule of Unit Construction Cost as herein established and the payment of taxes due thereon shall be made effective in 1996 and onward.

SECTION 6. Taxes due on the land shall accrue and become demandable and collectible beginning January 1, 1996. Provided, however, that in cases where the land cannot be utilized or made profitable by the owner of the property for reason that the property is fully occupied by squatters, any increase in taxes as a result of the revised valuation shall be collected at such time that the property is cleared of squatters; and, Provided, finally, that the owner, administrator, executor, successor in interest or assigns of such property, shall apply with the City Assessor within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance for proper coverage by this provision as may be prescribed by the implementing Rules and Regulations that shall be issued by the City Mayor.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or portion thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 19, 1995.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH PETER S. SISON
1st Majority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:
(Sgd.) EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED:
(Sgd.) ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.
City Mayor



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SCHEDULE OF FAIR MARKET VALUES FOR LAND, BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES SITUATED IN QUEZON CITY, JOINTLY PREPARED BY THE CITY ASSESSORS OF THE FOUR LOCAL TREASURY AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF P.D. 921 BASED ON THE SUBMISSIONS OF THE QUEZON CITY ASSESSOR.

Note: To differentiate the assessment classification from the land use classification, small letter 'a' is added to the R, I and C categories.

Table with columns: ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, SUBCLASSIFICATION, MARKET VALUE (Pesos/sq.m.). Includes districts GALAS, LA LOMA, SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE, SAN JOSE, and STA. MESA HEIGHTS.

Table with columns: Description of lot/area, Category (e.g., Ca-5, Ra-3), and Market Value. Includes various street names and lot numbers across different districts.

8.25 Santa Perpetua Subd.			
8.26 San Pedro I			
8.27 Kimco Subd.			
8.28 Ramos Compound			
8.29 South Green Park			
8.30 Doña Faustina Village			
8.31 Sadel court			
8.32 Arlet Homes			
8.33 Ledesma Court			
8.34 Landcom			
8.35 St. Charbel			
9. Lots within:			
9.1 Acuna Village	Re-5	1,200.-	
9.2 Arty Subd.			
9.3 Capitol Green Subd.			
9.4 Carmel V Subd.			
9.5 Corazon Ville Subd.			
9.6 Evergreen Subd. I			
9.7 Dalawa Tan Subd.			
9.8 Del Nacia Subd.			
9.9 Deropa Subd.			
9.10 Doña Petrona Subd.			
9.11 FEU Housing Subd.			
9.12 Galler Subd.			
9.13 Greenville Subd.			
9.14 Gita Village	Re-4	1,500.-	
9.15 Gita Village	Re-5	1,200.-	
9.16 JEM Subd. I & II			
9.17 K-Ville Subd.			
9.18 Mapayapa Subd.			
9.19 Mendoza Subd.			
9.20 Milestone Village			
9.21 Mindanao Avenue Subd.			
9.22 NIA Housing Subd.			
9.23 North Diamond Subd.			
9.24 NPC Housing Project Subd.			
9.25 Philand Subd.			
9.26 Pleasant View I & II			
9.27 Project B Subd.			
9.28 Rema Village			
9.29 Reyman Subd.			
9.30 Rich Land Subd.			
9.31 Roxas Circle Subd.			
9.32 San Agustin Subd.			
9.33 San Miguel Subd.			
9.34 San Pedro II, IV, VII & VIII			
9.35 Sarmiento Subd.			
9.36 Sierra Homes Subd.			
9.37 St. Joseph Village			
9.38 Sto. Niño Subd.			
9.39 Sylvia Subd.			
9.40 Torres Subd.			
9.41 Union Builders Subd.			
9.42 Victoria Subd.			
9.43 Victoria Ville Subd.			
9.44 Villa Corina Subd.			
9.45 Wilson Ville Townhouse			
9.46 Congressional Subd.			
9.47 Doña Manuela			
9.48 Tierra Gloria Subd.			
9.49 St. Dominic I & V			
9.50 St. Jude Subd.			
9.51 Apo Village			
9.52 Rosalia			
9.53 Gameville			
9.54 Geronimo Subd.			
9.55 Fil Estate			
9.56 Gloria			
9.57 Evergreen			
9.58 Luckyville			
9.59 JEM II			
9.60 Sagana Homes			
9.61 Ojelia Homes			
9.62 L. R. Pascual Village			
9.63 Villa Firenze			
9.64 Bonifacio Village (Arana Inst. of Agri.)			
10. Lots within:			
10.1 Capitol Homesite Subd.	Re-5	1,200.-	
10.2 De Jesus Compound			
10.3 JEM III Village			
10.4 Real Ville Subd.			
10.5 San Antonio Subd.			
10.6 Halihi Subd.			
10.7 Sto. Niño			
10.8 U.P. Professors Subd.			
10.9 Green Village			
10.10 Lazaro Compound			
11. Undeveloped (U. P. Site I & II)	RA-6	500.-	
12. Memorial Park (Himlayang Pápino)	MEMORIAL	2,000.-	
13. Varsity Lane Subd. (single)	RA-6	500.-	
14. Raw Lands			
14.1 With an area of 5,000 sq. m. or less	RA-1	300.-	
14.2 With an area of 5,000 sq.m. to more than 10,000 sq.m.	RA-2	150.-	
15. All lots along all other streets of Tandang Sora District not herein specified.	RA-6	500.-	

10.10 Mansion Heights			
10.11 North Diamond Subd			
10.12 North Fairview Subd. II & III			
10.13 North Ridge Subd.			
10.14 Palmira Homes Subd.			
10.15 Susana Subd.			
10.16 Santiago Subd.			
10.17 Sierra Madre Subd.			
10.18 St. James Subd.			
10.19 St. Jude Subd.			
10.20 Summer Wind Subd.			
10.21 Sushila Subd.			
10.22 T. S. Cruz Subd. I & II			
10.23 Villa Nova			
11. Lots within:			
11.1 Zamora Subd.	Re-5	1,200.-	
11.2 Blueville Subd.			
11.3 Catalang Compound			
11.4 Dentes Subd.			
11.5 De Jesus Subd.			
11.6 Jonaville Subd.			
11.7 Joserina Subd.			
11.8 Ramonville Subd.			
11.9 Matigaya Park Subd.			
11.10 Queenland Subd.			
11.11 Riverville Subd.			
11.12 San Paulo Subd.			
11.13 A. Clemente Subd.			
11.14 St. Francis Subd.			
11.15 St. Vincent Subd.			
11.16 Tionsport Subd.			
11.17 Torres Subd.			
11.18 Zabarte Subd.			
11.19 Don Enrique			
11.20 Pascual Subd.			
11.21 Francisco Subd.			
11.22 Florenceville Subd.			
11.23 Jonaville Subd.			
11.24 Urbien Subd.			
11.25 San Antonio Subd.			
11.26 Capri Hills			
11.27 Lazaro Ramirez Subd.			
11.28 Hilltop Subd.			
11.29 Sta. Lucia Realty (Northwind Subd.)	RA-6	500.-	
11.30 Frankville			
11.31 Amparo (Capri Subd.)			
11.32 Madrilejo Subd.			
12. Inner Lots			
12.1 Inner lots 5,000 sq.m. or less without access	RA-1	300.-	
12.2 Inner lots more than 5,000 sq.m.	RA-2	150.-	
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT XXI CAPITOL			
1. Along B atasan Road from Don Mariano Marcos Ave. to end	RA-4	1,500.-	
2. Along Commonwealth (Don Mariano Marco) Avenue			
2.1 From Tandang Sora Ave. to Luzon Ave.	Ca-5	4,000.-	
2.2 From Luzon Ave. to Batesan Road	Pa-3	2,000.-	
2.3 From Batesan Rd. to Fairview Gate	Ca-5	4,000.-	
2.4 From Fairview Gate to Bridge	Ca-5	4,000.-	
2.5 From Bridge to Regalado Ave.	Pa-3	2,000.-	
3. Along Luzon Ave.			
3.1 From Commonwealth Ave. to School (Asphalt)	RA-6	500.-	
3.2 From School (Asphalt) to end			
4. Along Regalado Ave.			
4.1 From Commonwealth Ave. to Republic Ave.	RA-3	2,000.-	
5. Along proposed Republic Ave.			
5.1 From Regalado Ave. to Commonwealth Ave.	RA-5	1,200.-	
6. Lots within:			
6.1 BLISS	RA-4	1,500.-	
6.2 B. F. Homes Subd.			
6.3 Capitol Gulf Hills	RA-5	1,200.-	
6.4 Samson Boat Subd.			
6.5 Commonwealth			
6.6 Don Antonio Heights	RA-4	1,500.-	
6.7 Don Enrique Heights	RA-5	1,200.-	
6.8 Fil-Invest Homes I & II			
6.9 Manila Remnants			
6.10 Mapayapa Subd. III			
6.11 New Intramuros	RA-4	1,500.-	
6.12 North Susana Heights	RA-4	1,500.-	
6.13 Pentagon Compound	RA-5	1,200.-	
6.14 Country Villas			
6.15 Vista Real Subd.			
6.16 Parian Realty			
6.17 Cuidad Regina			
6.18 PNB Subd. (Fairview)	RA-4	1,500.-	
6.19 Fairview Park			
7. Lots within:			
7.1 Alemar Compress View Park Subd.	RA-5	1,200.-	
7.2 Alpha Subdivisions			
7.3 Doña Pilar Subd.			
7.4 Don Jose Heights			
7.5 Ideal Subd.			
7.6 Isidora Hills Subd.			
7.7 Kaligayahan Subd.			
7.8 Zuzuarregui Subd.			
7.9 Don Carlos Heights			
7.10 Doña Carmen Subd.			
7.11 Kasiyahan Subd. (Kapalaran/Kaligtasan)	RA-6	500.-	
7.12 Pilarville Subd.			
7.13 V. Francisco Compound			
7.14 Villa Beatriz Subd.			
7.15 Mover's Subd.			
7.16 North View			
7.17 Doña Romano Subd.			
7.18 Athlac Subd.			
8. Lots within:			
8.1 Country Side Subd.	RA-6	500.-	
8.2 Constitution Hill			
8.3 U.P. Model Homes			
8.4 Diamond Hill I			
8.5 Congress Park Subd.			
8.6 Mario Subd.			
8.7 Villa Amor			
8.8 Rufina Dev. Corp. Subd.			
8.9 Empire View Park			
8.10 Legislative View Park			
8.11 Aurora Homes			
8.12 Dolor Estate Subd.			
8.13 General Earth Subd.			
8.14 Doña Ana Subd.			
8.15 Gariand Subd.			
8.16 Progressive View Park			
8.17 Doña Juana Subd.			
8.18 Gilarm Subd.			
8.19 Doña Juliana Subd.			
8.20 Bents Ent. Subd.			
8.21 Villar Maloles			
8.22 River Kwai Subd.			
8.23 Porkchop Subd.			
9. Other undeveloped subdivisions			
9.0 Subdivisions used as dumpsite:			
9.1 Capitol View Park			
9.2 Ramawil			
9.3 Banker's View			
9.4 La Unica Hija	RA-1	300.-	
9.5 Jouyouy Heights	RA-2	150.-	
10. Inner Lots 5,000 sq.m. or less			
11. Inner lots more than 5,000 sq.m.			
12. All lots along all other streets of Capitol District not herein specified.	RA-6	500.-	

TYPE	9 RESTAURANT	10 FUNERAL PARLOR	11. SCHOOLS	12. ONE FAMILY DWELLING
I-A	8,400 - 8,700	7,900 - 8,200	7,700 - 8,000	7,600 - 7,900
I-B	7,700 - 8,000	7,200 - 7,500	7,000 - 7,300	6,900 - 7,200
I-C	7,000 - 7,300	6,500 - 6,800	6,300 - 6,600	6,200 - 6,500
II-A	6,100 - 6,400	5,600 - 5,900	5,400 - 5,700	5,300 - 5,600
II-B	5,400 - 5,700	4,900 - 5,200	4,700 - 5,000	4,600 - 4,900
II-C	4,700 - 5,000	4,200 - 4,500	4,000 - 4,300	3,900 - 4,200
III-A	4,000 - 4,300	3,500 - 3,800	3,300 - 3,600	3,200 - 3,500
III-B	3,300 - 3,600	2,800 - 3,100	2,600 - 2,900	2,500 - 2,800
III-C	2,600 - 2,900		1,800 - 2,200	1,800 - 2,100
III-D	1,900 - 2,200			1,100 - 1,400
III-E				

TYPE	13. GASOLINE STATION	14. DUPLEX DWELLING	15. CARPARK BUILDING	16. SUPERMARKET 16a. SHOPPING BUILDING
I-A	7,500 - 7,800	7,300 - 7,600	7,200 - 7,500	7,100 - 7,400
I-B	6,800 - 7,100	6,600 - 6,900	6,500 - 6,800	6,400 - 6,700
I-C	6,100 - 6,400	5,900 - 6,200	5,800 - 6,100	5,700 - 6,000
II-A	5,200 - 5,500	5,100 - 5,400	5,000 - 5,300	4,900 - 5,200
II-B	4,500 - 4,800	4,400 - 4,700	4,300 - 4,600	4,200 - 4,500
II-C	3,800 - 4,100	3,700 - 4,000	3,600 - 3,900	3,500 - 3,800
III-A		3,100 - 3,400		3,000 - 3,300
III-B		2,400 - 2,700		2,300 - 2,600
III-C		1,700 - 2,000		1,600 - 1,900
III-D				
III-E				

TYPE	17. MOTEL	18. ACCESSORIA OR ROW HOUSE	19. COLD STORAGE	20. GYMNASIUM 20a. RECREATIONAL BUILDING 20b. COCKPIT
I-A	7,000 - 7,300	6,900 - 7,200	6,800 - 7,100	6,700 - 7,000
I-B	6,300 - 6,600	6,200 - 6,500	6,100 - 6,400	6,000 - 6,300
I-C	5,600 - 5,900	5,500 - 5,800	5,400 - 5,700	5,300 - 5,600
II-A	4,800 - 5,100	4,700 - 5,000	4,600 - 4,900	4,500 - 4,800
II-B	4,100 - 4,400	4,000 - 4,300	3,900 - 4,200	3,800 - 4,100
II-C	3,400 - 3,700	3,300 - 3,600	3,200 - 3,500	3,100 - 3,400
III-A	2,900 - 3,200	2,800 - 3,100		2,600 - 2,800
III-B		2,200 - 2,500		2,100 - 2,300
III-C		1,700 - 1,900		1,700 - 1,900
III-D				
III-E				

TYPE	1. BOARDING HOUSE 1a. CONVENT 1b. DORMITORY	2. HANGAR 2a. INDUSTRIAL BUILDING	21. ACCESSORY BLDG. LAUNDRY, WAREHOUSE, SERVANTS QTR.	24. MARKET
I-A	6,600 - 6,900	6,500 - 6,800	6,200 - 6,500	6,100 - 6,400
I-B	5,900 - 6,200	5,800 - 6,100	5,500 - 5,800	5,400 - 5,700
I-C	5,200 - 5,500	5,100 - 5,400	4,800 - 5,100	4,700 - 5,000
II-A	4,400 - 4,700	4,300 - 4,600	4,000 -	