A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

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Planas Appropriates P2.5M For "Operation Poso"

In answer to incessant requests of several hundreds of urban poor families, Quezon City Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas has appropriated P2.5-M from authorized funds of her office for the construction of deep wells.

Conscious of the critical need of water in depressed areas of the city, Planas has launched "operation Poso" to help families in dire need of clean and potable water.

There are 14 barangays that will initially be benefitted by this social operation most of them in various localities in Bgys. Tandang Sora, San Francisco del Monte, Bahay Toro, Bagong Pagasa, Veterans village, Bago Bantay and Kaligayahan. *(Turn to Right Side)*

PLANAS . . .

The appropriated funds will be used exclusively in the construction of deep wells and in the repair of existing artesion wells which are no longer serviceable.

In a further attempt to strengthen and enlarge the public assistance program of the Vice Mayor's office, Planas is also now forming a special staff to work for the establishment of more cooperatives in the city, particularly in *(Turn To Page 14)*

PAGASA TO BAHAGI

SK Officials Are New Leaders Of Quezon City – Mayor Mathay

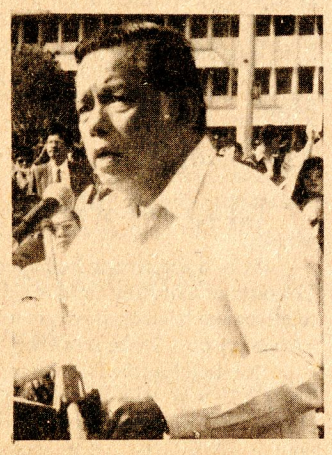
The Sanggunian Kabataan officials who were elected last December 4 in 140 barangays are the new leaders of Quezon City, Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. declared in a speech delivered at the flag-raising ceremony last December 14 which was made the occasion for the presentation of said SK officials and the awarding of Plaque of Commendation to the Lupang Tagapamayapa of Bgy. Novaliches Town Proper.

Speaking in Filipino, Mathay said that the newly elected SK officials were no longer just the "Pagasa" of Quezon City but already "Bahagi" of the city government structure.

"Akitin ang mga hindi nagregistro," the Mayor urged the new leaders, referring to the rather big percentage of kabataan that failed to participate in the December 4 elections.

The city government does not have "the luxury of unlimited resources," Mathay said, which is why priorities have to be established. He said that the SK officials can be very effective in monitoring the needs and problems in their respective barangays to provide a basis for the establishment of said priorities, especially in the fields of peace and order, traffic, drug addiction, and garbage collection.

Vice Mayor Charito Planas, who spoke earlier, for unity by forgetting group identities and considering themselves (the SK officials) and city officials and employees one big family serving the people "with a smile."



The Vice Mayor had also assured the SK officials the full support of her office and of the City Council.

"Palaging bukas ang pinto ng opisina ko," Planas had said.

Referring to the Lupong Tagapamayapa (Barangay Court) contest conducted by the Department of Interior and Local Government-National Capitol region, Mathay said that it was a great honor for Quezon City that out of 1,700 participating barangays in Metro Manila, Bgy. Novaliches Town Proper won the top award. The Lupon Tagapamayapa facilitates the generally slow moving judicial process, Mathay said.

The Mayor concluded his speech by suggesting that we should all make the celebration of Christmas an occasion for reflecting on what we, individually and collectively, can do for Quezon City "at hindi lahat inaasa sa gobierno."

P2.023 B 1993 Budget Approved; Biggest Local Budget In Country

A whooping P2,023,680,000 1993 budget, the biggest local budget in the country, was approved unanimously by the City Council in its December 10 session. The unanimous approval is so unlike last year's approval of the 1992 budget when the minority Councilors walked out upon the majority Councilor's refusal to discuss the budget line by line and office by office. The five-member minority group cried "budget stampede" while Councilor Altuna referred to their walkout as the "tyranny of the minority."

38.87 Percent Increase

The 1993 budget, which exceeds the current year's by P786,628,867 representing an increase of 38.87 percent, is appropriated out of the city government's total 1993 resources of P2,200,000.00 (Total income of P2,186,000,000 plus the Hospital Development Fund of P14,000,000). As always, the biggest source of this income is tax revenues amounting to P1,952,756,714 of which P314,900,000 comes from real property taxes, P611,118,714 as internal revenue allotment, P266,575,000 from other taxes and P176,000,000, Special Education fund.

In his budget message, Mayor Mathay states that the increased income of the city government is "not premised on the enactment of local tax laws and other revenue measures. We have opted instead for a more intensive tax collection campaign. . . "



ESTRELLA P. GERARDO
Budget Officer

Allocations

The P2,023,680,000 1993 budget is allocated as follows:

1. **For the 32 City Government Offices: P735,251,164.** Engineering Department gets the biggest amount, P95,435,159 followed by the Health Department, P68,921,073; QC General Hospital, P65,902,729; City Council, P66,121,943; City Mayor's Office, P58,573,905. The Vice Mayor's Office gets only P22,718,804. Fiscal Control Unit gets the least amount, P1,760,253.

The sum of P291,376,006 is allocated for the city government's personnel complement of 7,193 consisting of 4,777 regular employees, 786 contractuals and 1,630 casuals.

2. **Special Projects, Office of the Mayor: P464,935.** Special Development Projects (Infrastructure Program) gets the biggest allocation of P171,256,000 followed by Garbage Collection, *(Turn To Page 14)*

PAPER ORDINANCES

Vetoed, Unimplemented Ordinances Due To Lack Of Funds Will Make City Mayor Appear As The Villain – Angeles

In a privilege speech entitled, "Grandstanding, Is It Worth It?", Councilor Connie S. Angeles assailed the practice of the Council of indiscriminately filing appropriation measures without certification as to the availability of funds because, she said, if vetoed or not implemented due to lack of funds, "our very own City Mayor would appear as the villain and the council (would be) reaping all the praises and halleluias of the citizenry."

These unfunded appropriation measures are no better than "paper ordinances," the privilege speaker said.

The lady Councilor from the 3rd district quoted from an editorial of this paper, in its October 1-15 issue, to provide a similar opinion on the folly of unfunded appropriation ordinances:

"I am not alone in this observation. Let me bring to your attention a portion in the editorial column of vol. 20, issue No. 3 of the Capitol Standard where the City Council was advised to slow down especially in filing appropriation measures for if we do not slow down, the entire income of the City Government for this year would not be enough to fund the measures."



Angeles reminded her colleagues that "no less than our City Mayor had (candidly) disclosed in this State of the City Address the financial hard times that we have to face squarely . . . "

"And under this situation," the lady coundilor continued, "we (must be careful) not to give false hopes to our constituents. We are not supposed to appear as supermen and superwomen who could deliver everything with the flick of our fingers, when, in truth and *(Turn to Page 13)*

Excerpts from Budget Message of the Mayor

A major highlight of the budget is the provision for an appropriation in the amount of P115,190,190,164 for salary adjustments of all employees regardless of appointment status and the granting of Loyalty Incentive Awards for an outlay of P15,000,000 . . .

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The 1992 Annual General Fund Budget will make available to us the opportunity of implementing our own development plans and investment programs. This will be our means in redeeming our campaign commitments. Through the budget, we shall work for the restoration of the faith and trust of our constituents in their elected officials by delivering the basic services and facilities they need most. We shall strive to give fulfillment to their hopes for a brighter future in a cleaner and more congenial neighborhood, in a city that they all love, to whose upliftment and progress we are all committed.

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We all made commitments in the hustings. It will not be wrong to say that whenever or wherever they were made, they were always addressed to the well-being and general welfare of our constituents, the improvement of life in a peaceful and progressive city. We do not propose to claim that we can make good our commitments in the year 1933. The task is gargantuan. With this budget, we do intend to make the first step towards the fulfillment of that promise we made. Together, with your (Council's) approval, we can do it and we will.

Ladies and gentlemen (of the City Council), I now submit our 1993 Annual General Fund Budget, confident in purpose, guided by our common goals and commitments – service for our people towards a more peaceful and progressive Quezon City.

'BINABATO KAMI"

Squatters Threaten Aqueduct 4 Project; Planas To Intervene

By Irma Villanueva
PRO, Vice Mayor's Office

The MWSS, in an inter-agency meeting attended by Congressmen Dante Liban and Dennis Roldan and representatives of peoples organizations sought today the intervention of Vice Mayor Charito Planas in the solution of a problem which if left unsolved might derail the implementation of the P800 million Aqueduct 4 project of the said agency. The 2.8 meter-diameter aqueduct, when finished will supply an additional 600 million liters of water a day to Metro Manila.

Teofilo Asuncion, MWSS Administrator, said that Aqueduct 4 is set to be started in the third quarter of 1993 and is expected to be finished in two years time.

The aqueduct will run along Luzon Avenue from La Mesa Dam to the Balara filtration plant. The MWSS disclosed that it has a 60-meter wide right-of-way for the more than 7 kilometer pipe. However, it is now facing strong opposition from the more than 3,000 famileis who will be dislocated once the project is started.

"Binabato kami doon," an MWSS employee said, referring to the harasment done to the MWSS people who serve ejectment notices to the squatter families. It appears that the MWSS does not have any relocation plan for the affected families, RA 7279 or the UDHA (Urban Housing Development Act) prohibits the ejectment of squatters withou any relocation site.

Vice Mayor Planas, in reaction to the problem, has scheduled dialogues with the affected families to explain the situation. Her office is now coordinating with the National Housing Authority *(Turn To Page 14)*

MORATORIUM

In the spirit of Christmas, we are observing for this issue a moratorium on all news stories, articles and commentaries that may cause hurtful or unpleasant felings to somebody. We are, therefore, deferring for our next issue reports on anomalies that we have discovered or brought to our attention by concerned citizens such as, for instance, the complaint of a certain Engineer Reynaldo V. Castillo who has furnished us a thick wad of documents which are supposed to support the complaint, which has to do with a certain construction company which allegedly collected payment for the asphalting of a certain street which was undertaken by some other contractor.

Engr. Castillo has repeatedly come to us to explain the documents he has furnished us and to ask when news story on his complaint will come out. Engineer, please don't be disappointed too much not to find the news story in this issue. We hope you appreciate the reason we have given above for avoiding controversial issues in this issue. Rest assured, you'll find a news story on your complaint in our next issue. But, as is our policy, we will do some investigation ourselves and give both sides of the matter. —*EDITOR*

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

REPORT:

Official Trip to South Korea, Japan

By Charito L. Planas
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

I have the honor to report on my official trip to Seoul, Korea; Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan from October 29 to November 11, 1992, as approved by the Office of the President, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Office of the Quezon City Mayor. Trip in Taipeh. Taiwan was taken in my personal capacity, which included unofficial conversations with local officials thereat.

BACKGROUND

Through a series of communications received from the 6th International Conference of Nuclear Free Zone Authorities. I was invited, to be one of the main speakers at Workshop 3 on Environment and Denuclearization to be held in Yokohama, Japan from November 4-8, 1992, as representative of a nuclear-free zone local authority. It will be recalled that Quezon City Government had been one of the more than 30 cities nationwide which declared itself a nuclear-free zone.

All the expenses of the trip to and from Yokohama, as well as my stay thereat for the duration of the conference were shouldered by the organizers of the said conference. I had applied for authority to make the official trip to all the stop-over cities included in the flight iterinary, in order to maximize the oppor- *(Turn to Page 2)*



Standard FARE

by Ben O. Flores

Christ Should Have Been Born in the Philippines

In Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary could not find lodging in any house or inn. With the famous Filipino hospitality, the couple would not have encountered such a difficulty here. Christ should have been born in the Philippines.

In connection with the ordeal suffered by Joseph and Mary, let me pass on to you this poignant story printed in a service program of the U.P. Protestant Chapel:

The story is about a boy Wally. He was a big, gentle-hearted but slow child whom teachers cast in the role of the innkeeper in the school's Christmas Pageant because they thought the boy would look properly menacing in costume and beard. He was to turn away Joseph and Mary from the door of the inn with a gruff "No Room!" during the re-enactment of that famous Bethlehem scene.

Came the night of the play and the boy dutifully played his part with a stern "No Room" when Joseph and Mary appeared at the inn. But when the holy couple seemed to insist on lodgings because of Mary's condition, the boy started to hesitate.

"No Room! No Room!" the prompter hissed from the wing but Wally looked lost and distrught. Then as Joseph and Mary turned sadly away, compassion broke the boy's heart.

"Wait, Joseph and Mary, you can have my room!" he cried.

The audience exploded into thunderous applause!

Wally's innocence allowed his generous character to shine through the fabric of the role he was playing.

Thunderous Applause at Sunken Garden

The thunderous applause in the above story, reminds me of a similar thunderous applause I heard at the Sunken Garden. That was five years ago in 1988 at about this time, Christmas time. *Misa sa Kapaskuhan '88* was being held with Jaime Cardinal Sin officiating. Then Mayor Simon and then defeated Mayor Charito Planas, arch political foes, were present.

At that part of the mass when participans turn to each other and say "Peace be with You," I saw Simon proceed to where Planas was and shook hands with her. It was at this point that the 5,000 who were attending the mass broke into thunderous applause.

"As the two shook hands, the faithful gave them a standing ovation." This is how MANILA BULLETIN reported the reconciliation.

In his Christmas message after the mass, Simon said his most precious gift that Christmas was the chance to shake hands with his political foe. Charito countered by saying that she was always ready to make peace "because it will be a realization of President Aquino's reconciliation effort."

In my column in the December 22, 1988 issue of this paper, I wrote: "They (the 5,000 participants in the mass) are keeping their fingers crossed that it (the reconciliation) will last."

Alas! It did not last. In the November 24 issue of INQUIRER, there is this front page story, "Planas wars on Simon, QC reporters." It tells that the Vice Mayor has filed with the Ombudsman graft charges against former Mayor Simon, City Parks Development Administrator Cesar Sianghio and Nicanor Follosco and Moises Nicdao, Jr. of Alpha Pools. The charge stems from the construction of two swimming pools without public bidding and paid for with funds diverted from funds intended for parks development.

Cesar Sianghio is Aggrieved

Some time ago I was talking to Cesar and he was telling me how grieved he was that the Vice Mayor should be going after him. If, he said the Vice Mayor considers the Mayor and herself the father and mother of the people of Quezon City, as she is reported to have said, is that the way to treat a son, that I am supposed to be, wanting to put me in jail?" He said that with his 39 years of service in the city government, he would not do anything to risk forfeiting the benefits due him upon retirement. I tried to console Cesar by telling him that truth will out. As to on whose side the truth is Cesar or Charito? I would not know until I know all the facts of the case. As the city government's graftbuster, the Vice Mayor no doubt feels that in filing the case against Simon et al., she was only doing her duty, the same way that I feel I was only doing my duty in filing a case against Montiel et al. and against former Councilor del Mundo et al.

Reiteration

As long as I'm writing on a subject involving Charito, may I reiterate a Request I made to her in this column in a previous issue; that the QC Hymn be sung in its English lyrics every now and then. The request is addressed to her because, as she had told me, she was responsible for the revival of the original QC Hymn. May I reproduce the reason I gave for said request:

"The Pilipino version of the hymn is only a translation of the original English lyrics (written by former Fiscal Lea Castelo). No matter how well done the translation is, the greater credit for the lyrics of the hymn belongs to Lea. Yet they have been compeletely forgotten. Only the Pilipino translation in sung at the flag-raising ceremony . . . May I suggest that once in a while the hymn be sang in its English lyrics. After all, English and Pilipino are recognized as co-equal as official languages of the country. How about it Charito?"

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OFFICIAL TRIP . . . .

tunities for developing closer official relations with those cities through person-to-person contact with my official counterparts thereat.

Official communications were made to the Philippine Embassies and reprsentatons in those cities to facilitate the arrangement of appointments and schedules with my counterparts for the purposes of:

1) Exploring possibilities, to establish sister city relationships;

2) Discussion and exchanges with proper authorities thereat on approaches to shared problems of drug abuse prevention and control;

3. Conferment and discussion with appropriate authorities thereat concerning Quezon City legislative agenda for possible alternative solutions to Quezon City's garbage collection and disposal system, and environmental protection program.



RESULTS OF OFFICIAL TRIP TO SEOUL, KOREA

The Philippine embassy amply made arrangements for my stay in Seoul, Korea. The Philippine Embassy in the person specially of the Philippine Ambassador, H.E. Raul Rabe was very helpful in ensuring the success of my trip and in making the necessary arrangement of appointments.

The Philippine Ambassador personally met me at the airport accompanied by the First Secretary Jerill Santos. He was kind enough to accompany me during my consultations with my counterparts in Seoul.

With Mr. Baek Sang Seung, the Vice Mayor of the Seoul Metropolitan Government, I was able to discuss the possibilities of establishing a sister-city relationship, which could be initiated in the form of cultural, educational and government exchanges. I also was able to exchange views about common administrative problems in the matter of garbage collection and disposal.

It would be of interest to note that Seoul uses the landfill and compacting system for garbage disposal. I visited a compacting station at the outskirts of Seoul. The plant had been in operation for only 12 days using US technology. I saw how one ton of garbage could be compacted to 1/3 its original volume.

In Seoul, garbage is collected at night time between 11 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. which greatly alleviates traffic congestion. They use covered trucks of different tonnages and garbage is transported directly to the compacting station where it is compacted and then transferred by 8-tonner trucks to the landfill areas outside city limits. The compacting station is very clean.

The official in charge of garbage collection and disposal system is the Assistant Mayor of Public Cleansing and is presently headed by Mr. Kim Eui Jae, whom I also had occasion to meet and confer with.

In my exchanges with the Director of the Narcotics Division, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office. I was informed of the notable succeses made in the field of suppression and control of the drug abuse problem.

Seoul's anti-drug abuse activities are divided into three distinct phases: 1) elimination of illicit supply through prevention of the leakage from illegal drugs. 2) Operations to block the entry of illegal drugs and disruption of domestic illicit drug trafficking.

The second phase is addressed to the supression of demand. Vigorous crackdown of drug abuses and prevention of repeated offenses through the strengthening of the Treatment and Rehabilitation phase which is managed by the Ministry of Justice and of Health and Social Affairs.

At the same time, systematization of public education to assist in the prevention aspect is conducted by the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Education and Sports and Juveniles.

Quezon City experience in the field of drug abuse prevention and control has followed similar ilnes although inadequacies in the activities can be traced to limited public resources, continuing defects in the prosecution and justice system and in the educational and information efforts.

YOKOHAMA AND TOKYO JAPAN

My 9-day stay in Yokohama and Tokyo was devoted mainly to the delivery of messages and speeches before the 6th International Conference on Nuclear Free Zone Local Authorities to the warm appreciation of participating groups. I was also invited to speak before various non-governmental groups involved in demilitarization and denuclearization.

The delegates present in the conference, who represented diverse sectors in the international communities, shared common sentiments about the need for the abolition of Nuclear. Weapons and the realization of global peace and cooperation.

I had occasion to make various contacts with Multi-Sectoral groups in Japan which contribute to the fostering of mutual cooperation and expansion of friendly ties among the cities.

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Rev. ANICETO Q. LAZO, D.D.
Christmas Message
The Greatest News Report

Through the facilities of our modern newspapers and radio stations, we are kept informed of what is going on in the world. We tune in on our radio and we get a news broadcast and hear the report of the latest important or interesting events shortly after they had taken place. Our morning or evening newspapers print the details of those events.

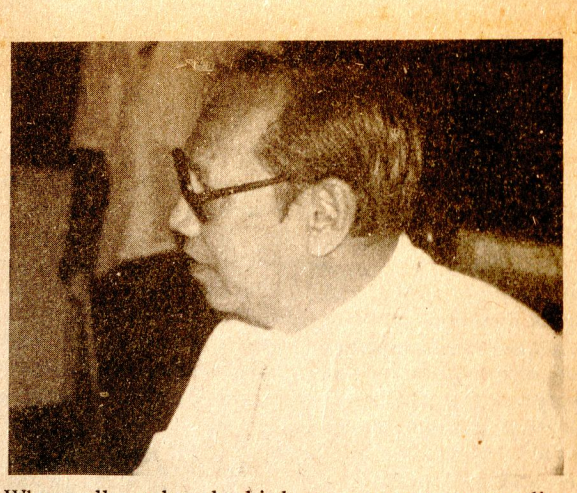
However, no news report has or will ever equal in importance the news report of the first Christmas Day more than nineteen and a half centuries ago. It was the greatest piece of news that was ever proclaimed. It was the news report of the Christmas angel: "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." This is The Greatest News Report.

Astounding News

This is a piece of astounding news which makes us gasp with wonder.

A Child was born in Bethlehem. That surely is not astounding news. The birth of a healthy child is an occasion for great joy for the parents relatives and friends; it is a great event to them. But children are being born every day. There is nothing unusual about that.

"Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger." The Child was born under very humble circumstances. Swaddling clothes were wrapped about its tiny body. But there have always been poor people who have been unable to clothe their offsprings properly. True, it was rather unusual that the Child should be laid in a manger, the feeding trough of cattle. There was no room in the inn because at the time there was a big crowd in Bethlehem.



What really makes the birth announcement astounding is the statement of the angel as to the identity of the Chid; "Which is Christ the Lord." This Child born under such poor circumstances is the Christ, the Messiah, promised by God. He is none other than the Lord Himself. This is the wonder and marvel of His birth: God Himself became man. This fair and frail Child lying on the hay in the manger is the Almighty Lord of heaven and earth. This Child, so desperately poor, is the rich Owner of all things. This Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, is the Preserver of man and beast and clothes the whole world. This Child held in His mother's arms, upholds the world. This Child, nourished at His mother's breast, opens His Hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing. This Child is the Creator without whom nothing was made that is made. Yes, the Son of God, who is the true God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, took unto Himself the nature of man. Is that not an astounding news report? No wonder that the Prophet Isaiah foreseeing this event, exclaimed: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful." The Apostle Paul also regarded it as an astounding report: "Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness. God was made manifest in the flesh."

Joseph Receives Same Astounding News

Joseph was given the same astounding report. He was engaged to Mary. When he saw that she was great with child, he was puzzled; he was minded to put her away privately. But then the Lord told him: "Joseph, thou Son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." And then he was reminded of God's own promise in the Book of Isaiah. He was told: "Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying: "Behold, a virgin shall be with Child and shall bring forth á Son and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, "God is with us." This Child is Emmanuel, is "God with us" the God-Man, Christ, the Lord. Even though this Child is found wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, He is nonetheless the Lord God Himself. This is truly the most astounding news that has ever been heard by human ears and has ever been read in print. It is the greatest news report.

Wise Men Worship Him

Wise men came from the East to Bethlehem. The Holy Record tells us the following concerning them: "They saw the young Child with Mary, His Mother, and fell down and worshipped Him." Worshipping

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CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT

By. Gen. RODOLFO GARCIA

POPULATION AND LAND AREA

The CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT COMMAND (CPDC) has operational jurisdiction over the whole of Quezon City which has a total land area of 166.22 square kilometers and an estimated population of 1,777,899 spread over 140 barangays, or a population density of 10,696 per square kilometers.

QUEZON CITY
LAND AREA AND POPULATION

POLICE STATIONS	NR OF BRGYS	LAND AREA	ESTIMATED POPULATON	POP DENS PER SQ KM
Station 1	37	21.59 SQKm	453,557	21,008/SqKm
Station 2	21	44.98 SqKm	378,306	8,228/SqKm
Station 3	36	27.86 SqKm	323,729	11,620/SqKm
Station 4	39	25.08 SqKm	456,223	18,191/SqKm
Station 5	7	45.71 SqKm	166,084	3,633/SqKm
TOTAL	140	166.22 Sq Km	1,777,899	10,696/SqKm

POLICE: POPULATION RATIO

The Central Police District Command has a total police strength of 1,959 of which 113 are considered ineffectives by reasons of awaiting retirement, on detached service with other PNP units/agencies, sick, confined at various PNP jails, suspension from the service etc. thereby leaving an effective police strength of 1,846 officers and men for a Police: Population ratio of one policeman for every 963 inhabitants (1:963). However, considering that the ideal police ratio as mandated by RA#6975 is one policeman for every 500 (1:500) the requirement is a total effective strength of 3,556 or a personnel shortage of 1,710.

OPERATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Counter-Insurgency

The Command's Counter-Insurgency Operations (COIN) during the period resulted to the neutralization/arrest of nine (9) Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army (CPP/NPA) personalities; namely:

1. Ricardo CAPILI REYES aka Bong/Ellis/Paco/Nap – member of the EXECOM, CPP/NPA Central Committee.
2. Conrado GEREBA REYES aka Ding/Kumdr Roger/One-Eyed Jack/Kmdr Deo/Kmdr Bernado – a member of the CPP/NPA Technical Staff.
3. Marmy SORIANO LAGMAN GOMEZ aka Ka Jovy/Ka Venessa/Ka Vivian/Ka Rosemarie/Ka Licli – a self-confessed member of the Mindanao Guerilla Unit and an escapee from Fort Bonifacio.
4. Peter GARCIA aka OCSI – Secretary of Pampanga NPA Provincial Committee.
5. Maria Teresa GARCIA y Dayrit aka Ada – Deputy Secretary of the Tarlac NPA Provincial Committee.
6. Delfin GARCIA aka Mario/Jason – a member of the Tarlac NPA Provincial Committee.
7. Rene ABDON RAYA aka Deyo/Deffi – Secretary of the Home Bureau, Internatonal Depatment, CPP/NPA.
8. Rhodoro ABANO RAYA – Finance, Home Bureau, CPP/NPA
9. Amando ESPALDON JR aka Blackie/Ka Pora – CPP/NPA hitman

Campaign Against Crime Criminality

Covering the period 01 January to 30 November 1992, the Central Police district Command registered a total crime volume of 4,332 cases or an average monthly crime rate of 22.2 cases per 100,000 population. This figure represents a significant decrease in crime incidence by 892 cases or 17.08% and, correspondingly, a similar decrease in crime rate by 5.4 cases or 19.6% compared to last year's crime volume of 5,224 cases and crime rate of 27.6 cases.

Index crimes or crimes which are significant and which occur with such regularity as to be meaningful as index to the prevailing situation such as murder, homicide, physical injuries, robbery, theft and rape registered an average monthly crime rate of 14.3 cases per 100,000 population; down by 5.2 cases or 26t.7% compared to last year's 19.5 cases while non-index crimes with 7.9 cases declined by 0.2 case or 2.5%.

Of the total crime volume of 4,332 cases, 3,207 cases were solved for an overall Crime Solution Efficiency of 74.0% increasing by 6.78% as against last year's 69.3%.

Results of Police Operations Against:

NATURE		NO. PERSONS ARRESTED	NO CASES FILED
1. Kidnapping Syndicate	:	8	6
2. Carnapping	:	13	14
3. Robbery Hold Up	:	220	198
4. Bank/Payroll Hold-Up	:	10	3
5. Drugs/Narcotics	:	152	141
6. Counterfeiting	:	6	3
7. Illegal Gambling	:	605	172
8. Prostitution/Vagrancy	:	853	188
Pick-up Girls 465			
Prostitution 12			
Others 376			
9. Lewd/Indecent Shows	:	173	62
10. Estafa thru Swindling	:	61	56
TOTAL		2,101	840

2.1 Number of Stolen Vehicles Recovered 17
2.2. Number of Criminals Killed 5
2.3 Number of Firearms Recovered 5
2.4 Number of Explosives Recovered 12

Neutralized Organized/Syndicated Crime Groups

Fifty one (51) organized/syndicated crime groups known by diverse names such as Wang-Wang, Casas, Samonte, Icoy, Paid, De Onor, Sembrano, Takwain, Uberato, Baldono, Carrega, Carapatan, Caparas, Panimi, Jimenez, Paglinawan, Tan, Villa, Cario, Ramos and Guillamen were neutralized members of those groups. The neutralization involved the arrest of 140 who committed such crimes as hold-up, kidnap-for-ransom, carnapping, robbery, drug trafficking, bukas-kotse, illegal recruitment, agaw-armas, and others.

Significant Arrrests/Cases Solved

Aside from the neutralization of 51 crime syndicates/groups, the following significant arrests were made:

Murder

1) Arrest of Edwin DE VERA and Roderick GARCIA for the murder of Frederick CAPULONG, son of Judge Teresita Capulong of the RTC Br 172, Valenzuela, MM.
2) Arrest of Domingo PABLO and Panong PABLO for Murder (3-counts) committed on 081945H Mar 92 at Nr 5 Tambis St. Area 9, Pasong Tamo, QC. Victims: Lucita GERTOS; Domingo LOVERIS and Robert LOVERIS (one family).
3) Solution of the Novaliches Sub-Station 2 "massacre" with the arrest of CInsp Eliezer JIMENEZ and PO3 Alexander DIONISIO. Victims: SP04 Rogelio TAPAN, PO3 Reynoso BACNAT, PO3 Renato ZAFRA and civilian Alfredo LASCANO.
4. Arrest of Benjamin MISALANG and Ernesto MISALANG for Double Murder and for series of homicide cases committed within Quezon City,
5) Arrest of PO3 Carlito AURE and PO3 Ramon CAPELAN for Murder and Frustrated Murder. Victims: SPO1 Perfecto CASTRO and PO3 Jitty MANGAWANG (for Murder) and Edwin TAGALA (for Frustrated Murder).

Homicide

1) Arrest of PO3 Remando GANNAPO of the Western Police District Command for Homicide. (Victim: Magdaleno ARZAGA, JR.)
2) Arrest of PO3 Alejandro SANCHEZ of the Western Police District for Homicide. Victim: Manuel ANDRES.
3) Arrest of Maxillano CUSTODIO, Barangay Chairman of Quirino 20-B for Frustrated Homicide. Victim: Christopher TAPNIO.

Robbery

1) Arrest of Ricky HIJEDA; Danilo ALCERA and Rodolfo VILLAMOR for Robbery (hog-tied) with multiple homicide. Victims: UP Prof Felonila TUPAZ, Filomena GARCIA, retired school teacher and a 13-year old housemaid of the Tupaz family.
2) Solution to a series of taxi hold-ups in Novaliches, QC following the arrest of Gaudencio PEQUIRO, Cesar CARTESANO and Eugenio FULLADO.
3) Arrest of Dioito PAID for Robbery with Homicide committed at Quezon Memorial Circle. Victim: Gerry BINUYA.
4) Arrest of Ernesto RAMOS and two others for Robbery (Hog-Tied). Victim: Juliet LOPEZ MENDOZA.
5) Arrest of Marilou SICAT, Reynaldo HAMITO and Antonio CARNAJE for Robbery with Homicide.

Bank/Payroll Hold-Up

1) Noel AVILA and 3 others for payroll hold-up. Victim: Lung Center of the Philippines.
2) Ronald LABRADOR and five others for payroll hold-up.

Kidnapping

1) The arrest of Domingo BANSALI and Josephine BANSALI for kidnapping committed on 172000H July 92 at no. 3 Int 4, Old Balara, QC, Complainants: Rosalia and Amalia QUIZON.
2) The arrest of Danilo and Zenaida AQUINES for Kidnap-for-Ransom.
3) The arrest of Francisco DELA CRUZ and Nestor MANALANG for Kidnap-for-Ransom.
4) The arrest of Manic NAVITE for Kidnapping. Victim: Joy DUMAVI, 4-year old.
5) The arrest of Edgardo BALBUENA for Kidnapping of Minor.
6) The arrest of Orlando AGCAOILE for Kidnapping of Minor. Victim: Marvin TENCHAVEZ, 8-year old.

Rape

1) Renato RIMANDO for raping Ma. Teresa SANTIAGO, 10-year old.
2) Merlito ALONZO for raping Eva ALONZO, 10 year old.
3) Rogelio AVENTO for raping May Ann CIGARE, 8-year old.
4) Rogelio SILVA for raping Erlina SEGONIA, 12-year old.
5) Aris PEREZ, Edgar GUTIERREZ and Raul TUPAZ for raping Ruth TRAPSI.

Theft

1) Alfredo GARILLO for Qualified Theft involving P386,375.00 worth of construction materials. Victim: Wilcon Builders Suply Inc.
2) Linda CERVANTES for Qualified Theft involving P350,000.00 worth of jewelries. Victim: Olivia RAMOS.
3) Reynaldo BACO, Armando CAPARAS and LEONARDO CHUA for Qualified Theft–P1 Million.

Illegal Recruitment/Estafa

1) Evangeline TORRES – six (6) counts of Illegal Recruitment and Estafa cases.
2) Jose ABELLA – six (6) counts of Illegal Recruitment.
3) Arturo TAN for Estafa thru Falsification of Public Documents (P700,000.00).

OFFICE OF CITY ASSESSOR



By CONSTANTINO P. ROSAS

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1992

Despite the suspension by the Supreme Court of the implementation of updated real property values of 1990 in Quezon City and the collection of real property taxes based on the suspended valuations, the Office of the City Assessor was able to accomplish the following achievement for the year 1992 to wit:

TAXABLE

	1991	1992	Inc./Dec.
Real Propety Units			
Land	178,108	184,430	6,322
Improvements (Bldgs.)	102,024	108,289	6,265
Totals	280,132	292,729	12,587
Valuations	P21,547,823,440	P23,455,523,030	P1,907,699,590
Total Valuation Target for 1992	–	Two Billion Pesos	
Real Property Tax Collection Target	–	P500,000,000.00	
Actual Collection as of Nov. 30, 1992	–	P415,000,000.00	
Total Actual Collection for 1991	–	P466,821,890.00	

Aside from the taxable properties we were also able to discover and assess exempt real properties to wit:

	1991	1992	Inc./Dec.
Real Property Units			
Land	7,538	7,363	–175 (Dec.)
Improvements	1,893	1,953	+60
Totals	9,436	9,316	–120 (Dec.)
Valuations	P3,326,029,400	P3,525,302,460	P199,273,060
Machineries	P1,065,502.400	P 152,650,260	P812,852,140 (Dec.)

Under the administration aspect we were able to accomplish the following to wit:

1. Secured the creation of 118 new positions for the City Assessor's Office.
2. Secured the mass promotion of fifty four (54) deserving and old time employees.
3. Proposed the promotion of thirty (30) other deserving employees.
4. Prepared the proposed Schedule of Market Value for lands and improvements and submitted it to the City Council for appropriate action pursuant to the mandatory provision of RA 7160.
5. Secured additional office space for the Office of the City Assessor by acquiring the rooms then occupied by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.
6. Collected some P30,000.00 worth of basic commodities for delivery as aid of Pinatubo victims.
7. Effected clean-up of office personnel by recommending the termination and/or resignation of eight (8) undeserving employees.

Arson

1) Arrest of PO3 Voltaire AVATE, Yamashita RONQUILLO and Juan TAGA-LOG for Multiple Arson, Double Murder with Multiple Frustrated and Attempted Murder by virtue of a Warrant of Arrest issued by Judge Marina Buzon, QC RTC Br 91.
2) Arrest of Vicente CARNIAN, Abelardo CASTOR, Ruben ENTENA and Dorogeo GALANG for Attempted Arson.

Explosives and Ordinance Disposal Operations

During the period, the Command conducted eight (8) panneling, and eleven (11) recovery operations and two (2) post-blast investigation; the latter resulting to the recovery of one (1) 81mm mortar, five (5) handgrenades, four (4) 60-stick packages of dynamites and one (1) aircraftbomb, and 700 detonators. Eleven (11) explosives incidents occurred during the year sans any casualty (killed and/or injured) and compared to last year's figures of thirteen (13), 1992 incidents decreased by two (2) or 15.4%. (Annex B)

ADDENDUM:

TO: 1992 OPERATONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

COMPARATIVE AVERAGE MONTHLY CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	1991	1992	VARIANCE: 1992 – VS – 1991 VOLUME		% CHANGE
Murder	0.3	0.2	(–)	0.1	33.3%
Homicide	1.6	1.1	(–)	0.5	31.3%
Physical Injury	5.3	2.8	(–)	2.5	47.2%
CRIMES vs PERSONS	7.2	4.1	(–)	3.1	43.1%
Robbery	5.1	4.4	(–)	0.7	13.7%
Theft	6.8	5.5	(–)	1.3	19.1%
CRIMES vs PROPERTY	11.9	9.9	(–)	2.0	16.8%
CRIME vs CHASTITY (RAPE)	0.4	0.3	(–)	0.1	25.0%
INDEX CRIMES	19.5	14.3	(–)	5.2	26.7%
NON-INDEX CRIMES	8.1	7.9	(–)	0.2	2.5%
TOTAL CRIME VOLUME	27.6	22.2	(–)	5.4	19.6%

A Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to One and All!

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1992 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS



PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

By Cesar Sianghio

This Office is mandated by City Ordinance No. NC-134, S1990 to perform diverse functions. However, budgetary contraints forced us to focus our development efforts on electrification projects, thus for the first half of the year accomplishment of this office covers the programmed projects for CY-1992 funded under Capital Outlay budget and on the additional project funded under the 20% Development Fund. While for the second half of this year, aside from continuing with the rest of the projects as previously programmed, more emphasis is given on measures we have to adopt to lessen costs of projects without necessarily sacrificing the quality and the efficient delivery of our mandate.

For the second half of the year, this office concentrated mostly on the instructions coming from the City's Officialdom either thru direct verbal instructions or thru memoranda. Side by side with this, basic functions of the office such as repair and maintenance of parks and playgrounds as well as the electrical facilities were undertaken.

I. **January – June, 1992**

1. **Projects under Capital Outlay**

Seven (7) projects in the amount of P5,000,000.00 were proposed under the Capital Outlay; of these, five (5) proejcts amounting to P2,038,365.15 were completed and two (2) more projects are scheduled for implementation from the balance of the said fund (see annex 1)

2. **Projects under 20% Development Fund**

Additional funds in the amount of FP1,342,316.00 have been provided under this fund and were used for the provisions of sports facilities and additional lighting facilities in the dark areas of the city. For the list of accomplished projects, see annex 2.

3. **Projects under MOE/SB–1 Amendment**

Yearly maintenance budget for the city's electrical facilities is programmed to keep up with the performance standard demanded in our delivery of service. Unfortunately even with the very minimal budget provided us for 1992 under SB-1 in the amount of P2,032,260.00, we tried to undertake the proposed projects. Projects completed under SB-1 are as follows, to wit;

1. Cubao Interchange, Aurora Blvd. (Son bulb 250W at a cost of P210,915.00.)
2. Katipunan Ave., IBP Road and North Diversion (Son bulb) 250W at a cost of P240,245.00.

Apparently, most of the needs/problems attended to were installation of electrical fixtures on Meralco posts where there are no existing fixtures and replacement of busted bulbs. Other accomplishments are as follows:

Monitoring of Meralco Streetlighting Facilities in the Barangays of the City

Realizing the need to improve the maintenance aspect of the electrical facilities of the city, our office came up with an inventory of major thoroughfares and their present status and simultaneously adopt a monitoring scheme involving the active paticipation of Barangay Captains and the Meralco's people for the streetlighting facilities of each barangay.

Under this scheme each Barangay Captain serves this office their respective electrical/lighting needs and we in return forward the same to Meralco and follow up the action taken on these requests. At the same time we also inform the requesting party of our action. In return Meralco gives us a feedback on our forwarded requests at their end.

This initial step hopefully will improve the delivery of service to our constituents at less cost to the city government. For to rehabilitate the prsent defective facilities of our major thoroughfares also the city needs to spend approximately P4,495,219.00.

ANNEX–1
CAPITAL OUTLAY
ELECTRIFICATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
ACCOMPLISHMENT
ENDING DEC., 1992

	NAME OF PROJECT/LOCATION	SCOPE OF WORK	APPROPRIATED AMOUNT	P.R. AMOUNT	STATUS/REMARKS
1.	Installation of street lamps along K-6th (from K-3rd to Kamuning Bridge) Kamuning, Quezon City	Installation of 41 sets street lamps at 15-16m. interval with a total length of 620 meters.	P 262,188.00	P 262,187.64	Completed
2.	Installation of streetlight facilities along Commonwealth Avenue (from COA to Fairview Gate)	Installation of new lamp posts with an interval of 30-35m. and a total	P2,417,290.00	P2,406,431.00	Amount reprogrammed to Quirino Hi-way Only portion from Balon-bato to Baesa (24 sets) was imple - mented at P467,500.00 with balance of P1,949,790.00
3.	Installation of automatic lighting control panel for various major thoroughfares	Replacement of 100 Amp. and 60 Amp. safety switch to automatic lighting control panel (26 sets–100 Amp. and 9 sets 50 Amp.)	P 494,180.00	P 494,177.50	Completed (See Annex A)
4.	Installation of park lamp posts along West Avenue Phase III (from Masbate St. to Quezon Avenue)	Installation of 40 sets park lamps at 20-25m. interval with a total length of 768m.	P 476,030.00	P 282,826.56	Materials already delivered awaiting approval by the Mayor,
5.	Fabrication of 25 sets (50 units complete basketball goals w/ stand) for various barangays in Q.C.	Fabrication of 25 sets basketball goals	P 492,500.00	P 492,500.00	Completed See Annex-B
6.	Fabrication of 100 streetlight fixtures (Meralco type complete with arm)	Fabrication of 100 streetlight fixtures	P 322,000.00	P 322,000.00	Completed See Annex-C
7.	Installation of new lamp posts along Sct. Chuatoco (from Champaca St. to Sct. Reyes St., Roxas District),	Installation of sixteen (16) sets new lamp posts at 30-40 meter interval with a total length 567.17 meters	P 535,812.00	P 472,079.03	For funding at Accounting as of Dec. 9, 1992
		TOTAL --	P5,000,000.00	P2,321,191.70	BALANCE = P2,678,805.44

QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Public Library is a living force for popular education. As center of popular education, it provides people with life-long opportunities for self development. Without a public library, many adults and youths who have left school give up reading and gradually lapse into illiteracy. Public libraries are called the "People's University" for it offers a liberal education to all comers. Citizens of democracy need such opportunities for self-education at all times. The complexity and instability of life today make the need an urgent one. The Quezon City Public Library makes its resources available not only to Quezon City residents but to the whole Metropolitan Manila populace. It offers/provides:

* books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, maps films, audio-tapes that inform, educate and entertain.

* offers children, young people, men and women opportunity and encouragement to educate themselves continuously; to keep abreast of progress in all fields of knowledge; to maintain freedom of expression and a constructively critical attitude towards all public issues; to be better social and political citizens of their country; to be more efficient in their day to day activities; to develop their creative capacities and powers of appreciation in arts and letters; to aid generally in the advancement of knowledge; to use their leisure time to promote personal happiness and social well-being.

Although no appropriatons for book purchase this year, the City Library has acquired through donation from different foundations, book stores, institutions, authors and private individuals a total of 4,000 volumes of reference books, and 863 children's books. The printed matters are being used by our clientele, which include, among others, students in all levels, professionals, graduates, out-of-school youths and others.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

What makes the Quezon City Public Library different from other public libraries in Metro Manila is its LAW COLLECTION SECTION which is being used by lawyers, judiciary pesonnel, law students, city officials and private individuals. This section has books and other publications on almost all the statutes of the land which are very useful references in making decisions, legislations and other legal matters.

The total number of the law collection acquired for 1992: Books – 20 volumes

OUTREACH PROGRAM:

Documentary Films, audio/video showings that inform, educate and entertain which have educational value are held in 16 branch libraries in different barangays. Bookmobile is also serving depressed barangays with no public libraries. This roving library visits different barangays once a week whereby activities such as storytelling to children, art works, demonstrations regarding livelihood, book distribution and video showings are held. The Bookmobile is warmly welcomed by the communities.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

The objective is to bring children and books together, to develop in them the habit of reading at an early age. Picture Book Hours are held every week for small children who have not yet learned to read. By reading the text to them, and showing the illustration, the Librarian prepares each child for later enjoyment of reading and stimulates his imagination.

Story Hours are held for older children, mostly from depressed areas, among other purpose, Story Hours introduce children to local folklore and legend. This activity is held every Saturday; guest story tellers include well-known personalities in entertainment and in educational institutions.

OTHER SERVICES:

The Library Conferences Rooms is used as venue for meetings of city officials and employees, for conferences, seminars, socio-civic-religious assembly, review classes and art exhibits.



At the book shower, City Librian Blanquita L. Del Barrio thanks the donors. At the table are her sister, Rosa Rosal, and Councilor "Butch" Bautista, guest of honor. (Photo by Vic Oliver)

ANNEX-2

B. PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER 20% CDF – 1992

	TITLE OF PROJECT	AMOUNT	STATUS OF PROJECT
1.	Conversion of Kadiwa Center to Children's Toy Library at Q.C. Hall Compound	P 524,229.48	Completed
2.	Fabrication of 25 sets steel framed basketball goals w/ rollers, rings and net	P 492,500.00	Completed
3.	Inst. of sheet lights fixtures at various city streets	P 644,000.00	
4.	Basketball boards w/rings (500 pcs.)	P 964,000.00	
		P2,624,729.48	

ANNEX–A
INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC LIGHTING CONTROL PANEL

	LOCATION	NO. OF SETS	PROJECT COST
a.	Katipunan Road (Pansol & Labor Hospital)	6 sets (100A)	P 87,543.20
b.	Bonifacio Avenue	5 sets (100A)	72,855.50
c.	Congressional	4 sets (100A)	58,407.80
d.	Nicanor Ramirez St.	2 sets (100A)	29,145.40
e.	Banawe	4 sets (100A)	58,290.80
f.	Morato Avenue	4 sets (100A)	58,290.80
g.	West Avenue	9 sets (50 A)	115,088.30
h.	North Diversion	1 set (100A)	14,555.70
			P494,177.50

NOTE:

1 set for Katipunan Road and 5 sets for Bonifacio Avenue used for EDSA (from SM North to Balintawak
3 sets (100A) used for North Diversion instead of 1 set
Remaining 2 sets for Morato Avenue not yet installed

TOTAL: 26 sets 100 Amp.
9 sets 50 Amp.

1992 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS



URBAN POOR AFFAIRS OFFICE

By Zosimo Umpongan

THE COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM AND THE UNIFIED HOME LENDING PROGRAM

The Quezon City Government in order to solve the squatting problem, has adopted a massive land acquisition and housing program for the less priviledged constituents and low-income families.

The City Government is continuously availing itself of the services of the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporaton (NHMFC) to finance the three (3) phases of the Community Mortgage Program particularly:

a) Land Acquisition
b) Site Development
c) For Housing Renovation/Construction

and the Unified Home Lending Program.

The Community Mortgage Program answers the squatting problem of the City Government wherein the beneficiaries will pay their monthly amortizations with a maximum amount of P411.18 for every P60,000.00 which is the maximum loanable amount per beneficiary who availed himself of the first (1st) phase of CMP, payable in 25 years.

The City Government has 22 take-out projects with 973 beneficiaries of a 61,548.4-sq.m. areas. Total project cost is P22,207,725.62; will be undertaken February 1990 to Aug. 21, 1992.

As of September 1992 the City Government, through the Urban Poor Affairs Office, had 31 on-going projects, 18 of which have approved Purchase Commitment Lines while 13 projects are pending approval at the NHMFC. This Office is continuously investigating properties which are feasible for the Community Mortgage Program.

There are 441 take-out projects under the ULP for the period January 1989 to June 1992 with a total cost of P3,490,266.60.

C.M.P. PROJECT FOR PURCHASE COMMITMENT LINE (PCL) AS OF SEPT. 1992

District I

Total Number of Projects: 1 Total Number of Beneficiaries: 20

1. Villegas Neighborhood Asso., Inc. Bgy. Bungad — 20

District II

Total Number of Projects: 11 Total Number of Beneficiaries: 491

1. Joan of Arc (Acreu) Bgy. Gulod — 31
2. Joan of Arc (Evangelista) Bgy. Gulod — 14
3. Joan of Arc (Vargas) Bgy. Gulod — 5
4. United Homeowners Associaton, Inc. Bgy. Pasong Tamo — 37
5. Kabalikat sa Barangay Associaton, Inc. Bgy. Pasong Tamo — 227
6. Bacud Neighborhood Association, Inc. Bgy. Payatas — 10
7. Apoville Homeowners Association, Inc. Bgy. Tandang Sora — 116
8. Samba-Lupa Bgy. Payatas — 21
9. Samahang Maralita ng Maligaya, Inc. Bgy. Pasong Putik — 16
10. Joan of Arc (Aldaba) Bgy. Gulod — 14

District III

Total Number of Projects: 1 Total Number of Beneficiaries: 94

1. Bayanihan Homeowners Association, Inc. Bgy. Old Balara — 94

District IV

Total Number of Projects: 1 Total Number of Beneficiaries: 11

1. Samahang Maralita ng Pinyahan IV, Inc. Bgy. Pinyahan

Over-all total of projects for PCL: 14 Over-all total of Beneficiaries: 616

LIST OF CMP PROJECTS PER DISTRICT WITH PURCHASE COMMITMENT LINE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1992

DISTRICT I

Total Number of Projects: 1 Total No. of Beneficiaries: 8

1. 18 Natividad Neighborhood Associaton, Inc., Bgy. Paltok — 8

DISTRICT II

Total Number of Projects: 11 Total No. of Beneficiaries: 726

1. Damayang Magkakapitbahay ng Cariñosa, Inc. Bgy. Sta. Monica — 146
2. Concerned Citizen Homeowners Association, Inc. Bgy. Talipapa — 34
3. Kapitbisig ng Junji Rolling Hills Association, Inc. Bgy. Kaligayahan — 174
4. Rolling Hills Neighborhood Associaton, Inc. Bgy. Payatas — 82
5. Pintig Homeowners Associaton Inc. Bgy. San Bartolome — 6
6. Aguardiente Ideal Land Ass'n. Inc. (AGILA) II, Bgy. Sta. Monica) — 30
7. Cano Homeowners Assocition, Inc. Bgy. Talipapa — 28
8. Samahang Demokratiko Pagkakaisa ng mga Maralita Bgy. Sta. Monica — 40
9. Samahang Magkakapitbhay ng Riverside, Bgy. Tandang Sora — 101
10. D. Dela Cruz Compound Neighborhood Association, Inc. Bgy. A. Samson — 37
11. Kabalikat sa Kaunlaran Neighborhood Association, Inc. Bgy. Sta. Lucia — 48

DISTRICT III

Total Number of Projects: 4 Total No. of Beneficiaries: 347

1. MAGKAKASAMA II (Manabat Prop.) Bgy. Old Balara — 30
2. MAGKAKASAMA III (Reyes Property) Bgy. Old Balara — 21
3. URPHAS, Inc. Bgy. Old Balara — 266
4. MAGKAKASAMA IV (Petilla Property) Bgy. Old Balara — 30

DISTRICT IV

Total Number of Projects: 2 Total No. of Beneficiaries: 124

1. Matang Tubig Residents Ass'n. Inc. Bgy. Horseshoe — 110
2. Kapistahan sa Pinyahan Homeowners Association, Inc. Bgy. Pinyahan — 14

Over-all Total of Projects with PCL: 18 Over-all total of Bene. 1,205.00

UNIFIED HOME LENDING PROGRAM

I. HOUSING PROJECTS

A. MANRESA

1. Phase I	–	119 units	58% completed per COA inspection report dated May, 1989
2. Phase II	–	192 units	100% completed as of Nov., 1989
3. Phase III	–	308 units	for construction pending legal case with CHR
4. Phase IV	–	96 units	100% completed as of Oct., 1989
		715 units	

B. ESCOPA

1. Phase I	–	74 units	70 units constructed
2. Phase II	–	104 units	deferred
3. Phase III	–	206 units	deferred
4. Phase IV	–	206 units	deferred
		590 units	

C. TAWID SAPA

1. PHASE I	–	410 units	4 units, 80% completed
2. Phase II	–	300 units	
		710 units	

a. Target beneficiaries
- Residents of Tawid Sapa
- Raffle Winners
- Barangay Officiala
- QC Employee

b. Housing Construction
- The old units of pre-fabricated/pre-casted is still intact
- There are no additional units installed
- The operation/construction is temporarily ceased

II. TAKE-OUT PROCEEDS

A. Manresa (Developmental Loan)

Loan Applied for	P6,313,760.00	
a. 1st Released (1-4-89)		P3,600,000.00
b. 2nd Released (1-31-89)		2,713,760.00
Additional Loan Applied for	P9,500,000.00	
a. 1st Release (1-12-90)		8,100,000.00
b. Additional Loan Balance	1,400,000.00	
Total Loan Payable		P14,413,760.00
Less: Total Payment – principal, interest and penalty of June 30, 1992 (Take -out proceeds)		10,076,450.96
Outstanding Loan Payable		P 4,337,309.04
(Note: Excluded – interest and penalty for the mos. of April and May)		
Outstanding Hold-out Proceeds for Lot Value		P 5,070,794.12

B. Escopa
Total Take-out for 47 units P 3,490,266.60

III. PROBLEMS AND ISSUES

1. Settling of our Outstanding Loan payable of FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINE AND04/100 (P4,337,309.04) as of June 1992 inasmuch as the interest and penalty is accruing.

CITY BUDGET OFFICE



By Budget Officer Estrella Gerardo

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT 1992

Fiscal control and administration got a big boost and at the same time posed a challenge to the financial management skills of Local Government Units (LGU's) with the advent of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) which took effect January 1, 1992. Statutes covering and/or regulating control and administration of local funds transited from the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 477 to that of Republic Act 7160.

The City Budget Officer, cognizant of the implications of the code, constituted a committee on December 5, 1991 to study its ramifications and nuances as it would affect her duties, functions and responsibilities and consequently, that of the office. The committee was also tasked with the acquainting of the personnel with the provisions of the code especially as it affects the functions and responsibilities of the office and prepare them and the office to assume and implement the changes which may be required under the code. This will pave the way for the smooth accomplishment, as it surely did, of the functions and responsibilities of the office in 1992.

Starting in the early part of the year, the City Budget Office was already very much involved in the implementation of the Local Government Code of 1991 as fiscal control and administration transited from the aegis of P.D. 477 to R.A. 7160 particularly with respect to the budget process in LGU's. This commenced with the office revising the 1992 Annual General Fund Budget, prepared in conformity with P.D. 477 to conform with the provisions for the code as manifested in the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Local Budget Memorandum No. 18 dated February 25, 1992. The provisions of a certification as to availability of appropriatons covering vouchers and purchase requests, respectively, were also implemented.

Consistent with the functions of the office, technical guidance/assistance in the preparation of their respective budgets in conformity with the provisions of the code and the covering DBM Local Budget Memorandum, was provided the various offices together with the one hundred forty (140) component barangays of the city. The office also assisted the City Council in the review of the barangay budgets and making the necessary recommendatons thereon. Proposed ordinances referred to the office were given the thereon. Proposed ordinances referred to the office were given the appropriate study, evaluation and recommendation as provided in the code.

During the year 1992, the office facilitated the passage of one (1) Supplemental Budget and the augmentation of some items of appropriations from savings in other items of similar expense classification in conformity with Section 336 of R.A. 7160. The 1993 Annual General Fund Budget, prepared in accordance with the guidelines promulgated under Department of Budget and Management Local Budget Memorandum No. 19, has been completed.

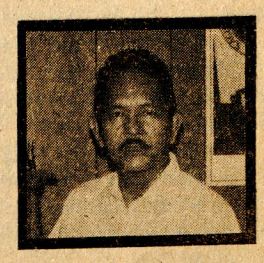
Ten (10) personnel of the office, constituting the Secretariat to the City Finance Committee chaired by the City Budget Officer, provided the necessary technical and clerical assistance to the committee.

Presently, the office is preparing for the eventual implementation of the Commission on Audit (COA) (CIRCULAR No. 92-389 in conjunction with COA Circular 92-382.



Noel A. Sagaydore, Chairman, City Hall Association of Government Empolyes (Change-QC) delivers the Association's message of gratitude to Mayor Mel Mathay for approving the Ordinance introduced by Councilor Ramon "Bu" Mathay upgrading the salaries and wages of city government employees during the flag-raising ceremony last November 16, 1992.





City Health Officer Magdalena Marcos Ybañez and City Schools Superintendent Dr. Bienvenido Icasiano have for the second consecutive year failed/refused (we don't know which because they never acknowledge our letter-requests) to submit accomplishment reports. These two officials are probably not aware of Sections 1 and 3, Rule VI of the "Rules Implementing the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees." But, in the spirit of Christmas, we are not taking any action against them – yet. – Editor.

2. Purchase Commitment Line was deferred due to following reasons:
   a. Deficiencies identified by the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporaton relative to the construction of 11 units in Escopa Housing Project.
   b. Low remittances on monthly amortization of the beneficiaries.
3. Relocation of 13 families in Manresa who will be affected by the road widening.

CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

(This is the third in our series of critical reviews of the City Council in Session. In the first two, we had reviewed all sessions for July, August and September, except the last two sessions in September (Sept. 24 and 28) which are first taken up in this issue's review in order to avoid a gap in the series. The present review covers sessions in October and November.)

September 24

Councilor Pumarent still on sick bay. Councilor Alonzo still absent not on official time. Late were Councilor Tamayo, Sioson, Biglang-awa, Medalla, Angeles, Bautista (the son) Defensor, Dario, Bagumbayan Altuna, Hipol, Montilla, Mathay and Bautista (the father) – 14 of them.

In the previous session, no Councilor arrived late. We attribute this to Councilor Samson's privilege speech questioning the non-observance of the House Rule ordaining a fine P1,000 for tardiness. But two session after said privilege speech 14 Councilors were late! What a mockery of Councilor Samson's privilege speech:

Only the Presiding Officer continued to arrive very much earlier than she used to before the Samson speech. She called the session to order at 2:06 P.M. – only six minutes lae.

Councilor Castelo wanted to dispense with the roll call no doubt to protect the late Councilors from being recorded as absent. But Councilor Calalay objected pointing out how unfair the dispensation was to the other members who had arrived punctually.

Councilor Samson delivered a privilege speech expressing vehement objection to the estblishment of a PAGCOR Casino in QC. It would make QC "the house of cardinal sin," making a play of the word "cardinal sin."



This session is called to order. BANG!

Present at the Questiona and Answer Hour were representatives of the Capitol Hills Gold Club and City Engr. Fred Macapugay to discuss with the Counil the collapse of the clubs wall. The discussion was cut short when Councilor Galarpe pointed out that the matter had already been referred to the Blue Ribbon Committee for investigation.

The following ordinances were approved on second reading:

1) Appropriating P217,500, which had been introduced by Councilor Defensor, for the relief of the victims of the Sept. 15 floods at Bgy. Old Balara.

2) Providing for an additional admission fee of fifty centavos in all movie houses during the period Oct. 1 to 12, the proceeds to be given to the Pinatubo victims, introduced by Councilor Sioson.

3) Appropriating P3,751,800 for the conduct of the Sanggunian Kabataan elections, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.

Taken up on first reading were 12 proposed ordinances mostly appropriation measures not worth mentioning because they are without certification as to availability of funds. Only three are worth mention.

1) Declaring 6:00 A.M. every day as Cleanliness Hour in QC during which time the cleaning of the front yards of residential houses, commercial and business establishments and public buildings is ordained, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Appropriating P930,000 to cover payment for the increase of monthly allowance of 155 Nutrition Scholars from P1,000 to P2,000 for the period July 1 to December 31, 1992, introduced by Councilor Angeles.

3) Creating a joint Executive-Legislative Anti-Smut Task Force empowering it to confiscate newspapers and other print media with lewd pictures and obscene stories imposing a penalty against editors, publishers and authors, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

For "lack of material time", three proposed resolutions were not taken up. The session adjourned at 7:15 P.M., 9 minutes short of a 5-hour session.

September 28

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Absent were Councilors Bautista (the father) and Alonzo (again). Absent on official time were Councilors Sioson and Medina presumably to attend to their functions as chairman of their respective committees. Late were Councilors Tamayo, Bautista (the son), Altuna, Hipol, and Montilla.

Call to order at 2:09 P.M.

Approved was the resolution, which had been introduced by Councilor Castelo, urging the Metropolitan Traffic Center in coordination with MMA to install traffic lights at the intersection of Quirino High way and Sauyo Road, Bgy. Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.

Five proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading of which the following are worth mentioning.

1) Authorizing barangays to issue business permits and licenses for retail stores and establishments within their respective jurisdiction under cedrtain conditions, introduced by Councilor Miguel.

2) Requiring the teaching of Quezon's '"Code of Ethics and Citizenship" in all public and private elementary and secondary schools in QC as an integral part of their curriculum, introduced by Councilors Miguel and Liban.

3) Enjoining the Engineering Department to identifying all the creeks, rivers and esteros in QC, delineating their boundaries for the purpose of preserving them consistent with national policies on ecological balance and appropriating funds for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa.

This was a very short session. It adjourned at 3:01 P.M., eight minutes beyond a one-hour session.

October 1

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Late arrivals were: Councilors Medalla, Bautista (the son), Defensor, Lagumbay, Montilla, and Bautista (the father). Listed as absent on official time (no reason given) were: Councilors Sioson, Ferrer, Medina, and Altuna.



For the 5th consecutive session, Councilor Alonzo was absent. Councilor Samson claimed that he had in his posession a document stating that the Presiding Officer had authorized Alonzo to be on official leave from September 16 to October 13. The Presiding Officer neither denied nor confirmed the existence of such a document, but what makes one suspect that the document allegedly held in possession by Councilor Samson is spurious is that the Presiding Officer directed the Majority Floor Leader, 1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader to "find out the reason why the Hon. Hernandez (A. Alonzo) had been absent." She also said that Alonzo will be required to submit a report on his supposed official leave of absence.

Call to order at 2:10 P.M. Only 13 Councilors were initially present.

Five proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading. Among the proposed ordinances were:

1) Creating a Task Force on Drainage, esteros, creeks and waterways under the Office of the City Engineer appropriating P1 million for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Dario.

2) Amending Ordinance No. NC-48, S-88 providing preferential rights to registered voters of QC to be employed in business establishments and infrastructure constructions, introduced by Councilor Medalla.

3) Prohibiting the solicitation and collection of contributions from pupils and students of public elementary and secondary schools of QC, introduced by Councilor Dario.

Among the five resolutions taken up on first rading were:

1) Urging the QC Health Department to conduct information education campaign on waste management, with the nurses of the Department to spearhead the campaign, introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa.

2) Urging the City Schools Superintendent, his subordinate officials and heads of public and private schools in the city to adopt policies and institute measures against expensive school requirements such as yearly changes of textbooks and expensive activities such as excursions, introduced by Councilor Angeles.

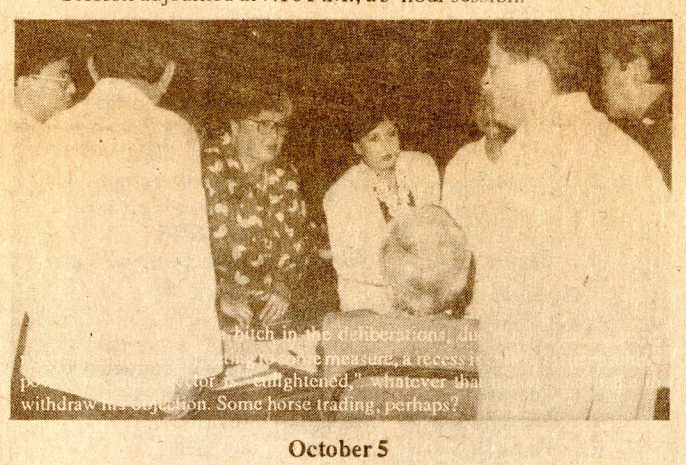
Resolutions *approved* on second reading:

1) Urging President Ramos, through the Secretary of Department of Education, Culture and Sports, to take immediate action for the reinstatement of the dismissed public school teachers, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

2) Creating a special committee to review Barangay ordinances forwarded to the City Council to determine if they are in accordance with law and city ordinances, introduced by Councilor Samson.

Disapproved, after six deferments, was a resolution proposed by Councilor Galarpe allowing the CCC Neighborhood Association to use a portion of the park strip along Mariblo creek, Bgy. Paltok, SFDM, QC, as a site of a multi-purpose building to house the CCC Credit Cooperative and for the use of the residents in the community. Reason for disapproval: No permission from the NHA.

Session adjourned at 7:10 P.M., a 5-hour session.



October 5

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Councilor Alonzo still supposedly on official leave – for a still unknown reason. Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Castelo, Altuna, Sison, Montilla, Mathay, Bautista (the father) and Miguel.

Call to order at 2:05 P.M.



Councilor Ferrer delivered a privilege speech on illegal practices in some markets and slaughterhouses in QC. He said that very palry revenues derived from the city's slaughterhouses showed that illegal slaughtering of animals is rampant. In a surprise on-the-spot inspection of Susane market in Novaliches, it was found out that meat sold in said market had not been inspected. He proposed the following remedies to curb the irregularities:

1) An ordinance allowing only one entrance into the market. (In our last issue , we had a news story, "Single Entrance To Market To Curb 'Hot Meat" Traffic.").

2) Increase the number of meat inspectors – only 10 of them at present to cover 9 public and 34 (not 43 as stated by Ferrer) private markets.

3) Assign *honest* meat inspectors.

4) Creation of a task force to go after illegal slaughterhouses

5) Strict implementaton of meat inspection laws.

Three proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading:

1) Imposing a service charge for the collection of garbage on certain businesses operatng in QC and providing penalties for violation thereof, jointly introduced by Councilors Galarpe and Hipol.

2) Granting health insurance benefits with group term life insurance of P30,000 per individual to all Barangay officials, appropriating P3,900,000.00 for the purpose, introduced by Councilor Sioson.

3) Granting 50% discount in transportaton fare within city limits and on entrance fee to movie houses and theaters and similar entertainment places to qualified senior citizens, introduced by Councilor Calalay. Calalay.

The Score
(July 1 to November 30, 1992)

Ordinances

Number Filed	246
Number Enacted	36
Number Approved by Mayor	24

Resolutions

Number Filed	150
Number Adopted	42

Approved on second reading was an ordinance introduced by Councilor Bautista (the son) appropriatng P350,000 for the completion of the Barangay Hall at Alimudin St., Bgy. Villa Maria Clara, Proj. 4, QC.

Councilor Calalay commented that while he did not object to the ordinance, measures such as this should no longer be brought to the City Council, considering that with their taxation powers, the barangays can raise their own funds for their projects.

A resolution *approved* on second reading requests all city government offices, instrumentalities and agencies to inform the concerned Barangay Councils of all projects involving public services before they are implemented and to coordinate with them in their implementation introduced by Councilor Angeles.

The session adjourned at 5:55 P.M., 50 minutes beyond a 3-hour session.

October 8

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Councilor Alonzo still on official leave, for a still unknown reason. Late arrivals: Councilors Tamayo, Ferrer, Dario, Lagumbay, Altuna, Mathay and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:06 P.M.

Upon inquiry by Councilor Castelo, the previously agreed upon time for calling the session to order was confirmed: 2:00 P.M. with a grace period of 15 minutes.

Seven proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading. Three of the proposed ordinances were appropriaton measures calling for huge amounts, P700,000, P1,409,100 and P18,545,000, all uncertified as to the availability of funds. (No need to mention what these appropriatons are for; most likely, they won't be implemented, anyway.)

Supplemental Budget No. 1 involving the sum of P234,453,898.00 was referred to the proper committees.

Also referred to the proper committees was a proposed ordinance granting franchise to cockpit owners, operators or leasees in QC, introduced by Councilor Lagumbay.

Two proposed resolutions were taken up on first reading and referred to the proper committees were:



1) Urging Congress to enact a law providing for a sectoral member. in the City Council reprsenting the "third sex," introduced by Councilor Calalay. (What will our honorable Councilors think up next! The City Council is already bloated as it is, why add another member – a freak at that.)

2) Requesting and authorizing the Chairman, QC Parks Foundaton, Inc. to allocate a 200-square meter lot inside the Quezon Memorial Circle, to be called "Blind Corner" to serve as a vending site for handicrafts and other wares made by the blind, introduced by Councilor Angeles.

Disapproved on second reading was the ordinance introduced by Councilor Samson providing for compulsory apprenticeship, learnership and job training for high school graduates, who are QC residents, in all business establishments in QC operating for profit.

The session adjourned at 4:07 P.M., one minute beyond a 2-hour session.

October 15

Councilor Pumaren still on stick leave. Councilor Alonzo still supposedly on official leave, for still unknown reason. Late arrival were: Councilors Tamayo and Bautista (the son). Councilor Altuna was absent on official time attending a meeting of the Philippine Councilors League.

Councilor Defensor delivered a privielge speech assailing the Depatment of Interior and Local Government for having postponed the Sanggunian Kabataan elections three times from June 11 to September 30, then to October 9 and finally to December 4, thereby dampening the enthusiasm of the youth in making their contribution to nation-building. As the youngest member of the Council – only 23 years old – Councilor Defensor was just the right person to take up the cudgels for the y outn. (If he were two years younger, Mike would probably be a member of Sanggunian Kabataan.)

Five proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading among which, the following are worth mentioning:

1) Requiring children entering first grade to submit a certificate of full basic immunization from the QC Health Department and directing the City Health Officer and school officials to enforce said requirement, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

2) Amending the ordinance prohibiting burlesque shows in QC and also the ordinance which penalizes patrons of bold shows, introduced by Councilor Sison. (The provision penalizing patrons has alrady been declared unconstitutional.)

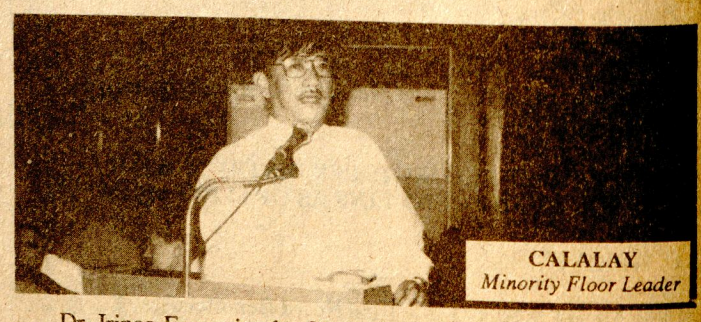
3) Setting forth the development plans and investment programs for budget year 1992, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

Among the five proposed resolutions taken up on first reading were the following:

1) Requesting the School Board to put up a high school in Bgy. Tandang Sora, introduced by Councilor Castelo.

2) Empowering the Executive Department of the city government to conduct an inventory of all lands and improvements in QC as mandated by R.A. No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, introduced by Councilor Defensor.

3) Requesting all Barangay Councils to erect signboards at all tricycle terminals indicating fares and routes of the tricycles, introduced by Councilor Sison.



CALALAY
Minority Floor Leader

Dr. Irineo Encomienda, City Veterinarian, was the guest at the Question and Answer Hour. Upon interrogation, he gave the following information to the Council:

1) There are four private abbatoirs in QC where ante-mortem and post-mortem examination of animals (hogs and cattle) are conducted. They supply 40% of the city's meat consumption; the remaining 60% comes from the slaughterhouse of neighboring cities and towns.

2) The Veterinary Services Division is badly undermanned; Only two veterinarians, 7 meat inspectors, one meat control officer and three utility workers to take care of four abbatoirs, 14 lechon mini abbatoirs and 43 markets.

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CITY COUNCIL . . .

Dr. Encomienda urged the creation of a City Veterinary Office as mandated by the New Local Government Code. With an adequate staff, he said, the problem of "hot meat" would be solved.

Approved on second reading was an ordinance appropriating P71,270.00 for the construction of two comfort rooms at the Kaunlaran Lying-In Clinic at Ignacio Santos Diaz St., Bgy. Kaunlaran, Cubao, QC, introduced by Councilor Montilla. In the final version of the ordinance, "Comfort" was changed to "toilet/" What is the difference?

Also *approved* on second reading was an ordinance reorganizing the Office of the Vice-Mayor by the upgrading of 10 existing positions and creating 9 new positions, introduced by Councilor Sison.



ALTUNA
President Pro Tempore

October 19

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Councilor Alonzo still on official leave supposedly, still for unknown reason. Absent, not on official time, were Councilors Bautista (the son) and Mathay.

Call to order at 2:01 P.M. Only a few Councilors were present. The Presiding Officer had to direct the Sgt.-at-Arms to summon the others and declared a recess. She had to declare another recess before a quorum was mustered. Our Councilors still haven't acquired the virtue of punctuality, known as the "courtesy of kings."

Approved on second reading were the following resolutions:

1) Commending the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission and expressing the Council's satisfaction for its exemplary peformance and unsurpassed achievements incomparable with any of the presidential bodies under either the present or past dispensation, introduced by Councilor Bautista (the father). (This rsolution reminds us of what Solicitor Trampe one said: "Exaggerated praise is libel.)

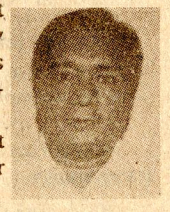
2) Urging MERALCO to implement the Depressed Areas Electrification Program in Payatas by adopting the Payatas Road Network Plan, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.

3) Ratifying the deed of donation executed by and between the QC government as donor and the National Orthopedic Hospital School for Crippled Children as donee for one Hino bus, introduced by Council or Galarpe and Vice Mayor Planas.

4) Strongly requesting the City Mayor not to renew the contract of lease entered into between the QC government and the Lions President's League of the Philippines for two parcels of land located at 3rd St., corner New Jersey St., Bgy. Mariana, QC., introduced by Councilor Bautista (the father).

In the discussion of the above resolution, Councilor Calalay triggered an exchange of words between him and Councilors Samson and Galarpe with this remark: "It is only a waste of time discussing the resolution because a mere letter to the Mayor would suffice." Whereupon, Councilor Samson reacted with this taunting remark to Calalay: "How about your proposed resolution urging Congress to enact a law allowing women employees to go on leave with pay for three days during their menstration period, should not a mere letter to Congress be enough." Councilor Galarpe, for his part, chided Councilor Calalay for not having stood up at the start of the discussion of the resolution in question to warn the Council that there was no need for such a resolution – only a letter to the Mayor.

The exchange of words did not develop into a verbal skirmish because Councilor Liban rose on a point of order to remind the Council that a pending motion to approve the resolution in question was at bar.



Councilor Dario informed the Council that Councilor Altuna had been re-elected the previous day (October 18) as National Chairman of the Councilors League of the Philippines. Altuna was roundly congratulated.

The session had to be adjourned prematurely at 4:00 P.M. after only a 2-hour session, when Councilor Liban questioned the existence of a quorum.

October 22

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Councilor Miguel was also on sick leave. Late arrivals were: Councilors Tamayo, Bautista (the son), Defensor, and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:00 P.M. sharp. Hurray!!

Councilor Alonzo finally surfaced. It will be recalled that in the October 1 session, Councilor Samson had claimed that he was in possession of a document authorizing him to go on official leave from September 16 to October 13. The Presiding Officer had neither deniedor confirmed the document but assured the Council that Alonzo would be required to submit a report. The Councilor was away for 35 days since September 16, missing nine sessions in the process. Previous to September 16, Councilor Alonzo had been absent in five sessions, not on official time.

Six Coucilors of Lanao Del Sur (Romy Dipatuan, Paizal Hadji Nor, Gaphor Mabandas, Randy Dipatuan and Princess Aslia Dipatuan) were present presumably to observe the Council's proceedings. Councilor Hipol welcomed them on behalf of the Council. No such welcome was accorded Councilor Alonzo despite his long absence. Neither was he asked to render a reprot on his "official leave" as the Presiding Officer had assured the Council.

Four proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, none of which are worth mentioning, three of them being appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds. The fourth merely amends the ordinance prescribing fees for the slaughter of animals, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

As to proposed resolutions, there were six of them. Among the less insignificant were:

1) Providing for the organization of service brigade in all barangays subject to the supervision of the Office of the City Mayor and to certain guidelines, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Authorizing the release of P13,633,521.00 from the Hospital Development Fund for the purchase of hospital equipment for the QC General Hospital and for its renovation, introduced by Councilor Angeles.

3) Urging Public Works Secretary De Jesus to cause the construction of a flyover at the corner of North Avenue, EDSA and West Avenue, introduced by Councilor Ferrer.

4) Felicitating Councilor Altuna on his re-election as National Chairman of the Philippine Councilors League, introduced by Councilor Lagumbay, who moved for the suspension of the rules in order to take up on second and third readings the resolution, but Councilor Altuna, in a gesture of humility, objected to the suspension, saving that a more important measure was due for deliberation.

He was referring to SB No. 1 for 1992, involving the sum of P234,453,898.00 availability of which there was already a certification by the City Treasurer, introduced by Councilor Bautista (the father), Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

The SB was discussed office by office and page by page. It was approved with the exception of the allocations for certain offices which were to be discussed in the next session.

Councilor Bautista pointed out important features of SB No. 1: 13th month pay for all city government officials and employees, burial benefits for Barangay Tanods and financial assistance to Barangay Officials.

The session adjourned at 6:10 P.M., 6 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

October 26

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave, so with Councilor Miguel. Councilor Defensor was absent on official time, presumably attending the first Philippine sports summit in Baguio City as one of the city's representatives.

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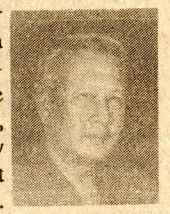
Councilor Galarpe informed the Council that he had received a letter, dated October 14, from the Executive Officer of Councilor Alonzo, requesting that the Councilor be considered on official time "covering the period October 15, 19, 22, and 30." If these dates refer to Council session dates, they are erratic. In the October 22 session, Alonzo is listed in the Minutes as present. As to October 30, there was no session on this date. As per Minutes of Council sessions, Councilor Alonzo was absent consecutively in the sessions held on September 17, 19, 21, 24 and 28 and on October 1, 5, 8, 15, and 19.



Aside from the October 14 letter, Councilor Galarpe informed the Council that he also received a letter from Alonzo himself, dated October 23, "explaining the nature and purpose of his leave." The explanation was supported by a medical certificate, Galarpe said. Does the certificate cover the 35-day period, September 17 to October 22. If it does, it must have been quite an illness Councilor Alonzo suffered.

The Council was remiss in not having felicitated the actor-councilor on his recovery from such a long illness.

The Presiding Officer said that Councilor Defensor should show "some proofs that he was present at the conference (in Baguio City) and maybe a report should also be submitted to the Council." Why "maybe?" Isn't the submission of reports an SOP of the Council?

As she was due to leave on October 29 for Seoul, Korea to speak in an international conference, the Presiding Officer asked the City Secretary and the Majority and Minority Floor Leaders to prepare a position paper on "official time" – that is, when is a member of the Council considered on "official time."

Councilor Calalay remarked that there was no need to be very purticular about what "official time" means because they were paid on a monthly basis. Councilor Altuna concurred with Calalay, saying that a member's reporting that he is absent on "official time" is merely a "gesture of respect" to the Council and "would only be for record purposes." (It could also be a gesture of fooling the Council that is, if the report is false, meaning the absence is due to personal reasons.)

Nevertheless, the Presiding Officer insisted that a study on "official time" is necessary in connection with the determination of quorum; Is a member absent on official time deemed present in determining the existence of a quorum? (He could be present "in spirit.")

Discussion of SB No. 1 was resumed. Items deferred in the prvious session were approved. Thus, SB No. 1 was approved *in toto* and the final amount involved was P273,935,691.00.

In view of All Saints Day, it was decided to skip the next session on October 29 and reset it to November 5.

The session adjourned at 4:30 P.M., 23 minutes beyond a 2-hour session.



President Ramos inducts the officers of the Philippine Councilors League headed by QC Councilor Willy C. Altuna (at left of the President) who was re-elected National Chairman.

November 5

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave. Late arrivals were: Councilors Tamayo, Ferrer, Castelo, Medina, Dario, Lagumbay, Altuna, Hipol, Montilla, and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:09 P.M., Councilor Angeles presiding, Ms. Planas being on travel.

Councilor Calalay reminded the Council that it was the first session of the month, hence Filipino should be used as per internal rules of the Council. The rules were suspended, however, to allow Councilor Samson to deliver his privilege speech in English. It was entitled, "An Honest Mistake by a Graftbuster," obviously referring to Vice Mayor Planas.



Councilor Samson claimed that the Vice Mayor violated Section 44 of the New Local Government Code which provides that "If a permanent vacancy occurs in the offices of the governor, vice governor, mayor or vice mayor, the highest ranking sanggunian member, or in case of his permanent inability, shall become the governor, vice governor, mayor or vice mayor, as the case may be . . . For purposes of succession, as provided in this Chapter, ranking in the sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the *proportion* of votes attained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in each district in the immediately preceding local elections."

When she left for Seoul, Korea to speak in an international conference on ecology, Vice Mayor Planas had designated her secretary, a certain E. Orestes S. Ferrer, as Officer-in-charge, instead of allowing Councilor Connie Angeles to act as Acting Vice Mayor, considering that she was the highest ranking member of the Council having obtained the highest number of votes in the May 11 elections. (Is it *proportionately* highest as provided by the LGC provision cited by Samson?)

Since the absence of Ms. Planas was only temporary, the provision cited by Samson, which pertains only to a "permanent vacancy," was not applicable. But Samson cited an alleged Supreme Court ruling that the mode of succession provided for permanent vacancy maybe observed in the case of temporary vacancy. Councilor Samson also cited a provision in the Revised Charter of Quezon City, RA No. 2259, stating that "If the Vice Mayor is temporarily incapacitated for the performance of his official duties, the Councilor who received the highest number of votes in the last elections shall serve as Acting Vice Mayor."

This charter provision cited by Samson can not apply to the present Council because RA No. 2259 was enacted in 1959 when Councilors were elected at large, hence no need then to determine highest ranking Councilor on the basis of votes obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in each district as provided for in the Local Government Code's Sec. 44 as cited by Samson.

If Councilor Angeles is indeed the highest ranking member as proportionally determined not just on the basis of highest number of votes, then Ms. Planas did make a mistake, but it was not only an honest mistake but a harmless mistake, as well. In fact, as far as the smooth, uninterrupted running of the Vice Mayor's office was concerned, OIC Ferrer was in a better position to effect that, better than Councilor Angeles who, understandably, could not have expected to be familiar with affairs in the Vice Mayor's office on short notice.

We think that the law on the mode of succession in question should be revised so that the highest ranking sanggunian member becomes the acting governor, vice governor, mayor or vice mayor, as the case may be, only if said officials are away or incapacitated for a prolonged period. If only for a brief time, as in the case of Vice Mayor's case, then an Officer-in-Charge may be designated by the official who is briefly incapacitated or is away.

Councilor Bautista (the father) also delivered a privielge speech to bring to the Council's attention the case of Rachel Quiambao of Bgy. San Roque who fell into an open manhole, *lacerating her reproductive organ in the process.* (Oh, my God!) The matter was referred to the Chairman, Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure, for proper action.

Ten proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, seven of which were appropriation measures without certification as to the availability of funds, hence not worth mentioning yet. Two of the other three proposed ordinances were:

1) Prohibiting all cargo trucks with a weight capacity of 4,000 kilos and above from parking in main thoroughfares, national roads and city streets within Quezon City, introduced by Councilor Sison.

2) Increasing the salary of all QC government employees by one step and appropriating the necessary amount for the purpose, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.



LIBAN
Asst. Majority Floor Leader

Eight proposed resolutions were also taken up on first reading, four of which are worth mentioning:

1) Creating a special committee to be composed by the City Mayor, City Schools Superintendent, Chairmen of the Committees on Education and on Appropriatons, and the UP Prsident or his representatives to study the feasibility of extending recognition and/or material incentives to public school teachers in QC who have devoted their full-time services for a period of at least 10 years and reaching the age of 30 years or above but remain unmarried, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

2) Urging Congress to pass a law establishing an all-purpose Center for the care, training and/or rehabilitation of unwed mothers and unwanted children, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

3) Urging Congress to enact a law making it mandatory for all male individuals with five children to undergo vasectomy, introduced by Councilor Samson.

4) Urging President Ramos to issue an Executive Order proclaiming a one-time real proprty tax amnesty for interest and penalties in QC, subject to certain conditions, introduced by Concilor Samson.

Taken up on second reading but deferrred for the next session were:

1) Ordinance appropriating P1,506,782.00 for the operation of the five People's Law Enforcement Boards of QC, introduced by Councilor Bautista, (the father),

2) Ordinance appropriating P10,240,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Novaliches Lying-In Center, introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa.

The session adjourned at 6:35 P.M., 26 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

November 9

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave, so with Councilor Miguel. Councilor Altuna was absent on official time, no reason given. Late arrivals: None, miraculously, but wait . . .

Call to order at 2:38 P.M. No wonder no Councilor was late. It was no miracle, the perfect punctuality.

Councilor Montilla brought to the attention of the Council that in his office as well as in the offices of Councilors Medina, Lagumbay, Altuna, Calalay, Ferrer, Liban, Mathay, Sioson, Angeles and Pumaren, even when there is no brownout, there is electric power interruption every 30 minutes. He moved to have the General Services Officers (GSO), a certain Atty. Antonio Laudico, be called to explain.

Was it necessary for Councilor Montilla to bring the matter to the Council. He could have just called up the GSO to apprise him of the problem, although Fred might find it difficult to contact him. We know from experience how difficult it is to catch him in his office.

Seven proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading four of which were appropriation measures for artesian wells without certification of funds. Two of the other three are worth mentioning:

1) Providing for a "Quezon City Zoning Ordinanced of 1992" by adopting the pertinent provisions of the Metro Manila Ordinance No. 81-01, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for the National Capitol Region," applicable to Quezon City, introduced by Councilor Tamayo.

2) Providing for a new salary schedule for all officials and employees of the QC government, introduced by Councilor Mathay.

Two proposed resoltuions were taken up on first reading, not significant enough to be mentioned at the moment.

Discussion of the case of Who should be Acting Vice Mayor in the absence of Ms. Planas was resumed. After a lengthy exchange of views, it was moved, seconded and approved that Councilor Angeles be recognized and declared the Acting Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer.

The session adjourned at 5:15 P.M., 11 minutes beyond a 3-hour session.

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CITY COUNCIL . . .

November 12

Councilor Pumaren still on sick leave, so with Councilor Miguel Absent on official time were Councilors Bautista (the son) presumably "attending to his constituents" and Councilor Defensor who was report edly attending a national conference of the National Movement of Young Legislators. Late arrivals were: Councilors Tamayo, Sioson, Ferrer, Medalla, Dario, Lagumbay, Altuna, Hipol, Montilla, Mathay and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:17 P.M., Vice Maor Planas presiding. She had arrived the previous day.

Only a few Councilors were present. The Sgt-at-Arms was directed to summon the dilly dallying Councilors.

The Presiding Office made known her desire to avail herself of the privilege hour next session (November 16) to report on her official trip to Yokohama, Japan.

Approved on second reading were the following ordinances;

1) Appropriating P10,240,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Novaliches Health Center, introduced by Councilor Biglang-awa.

This is a very commendable ordinance but the problem is, as pointed out by Councilor Galarpe, where will the funds come from.

2) Regulating the testing and sealing of weights and measures and imposing fees therefor and penalties for offenders, introduced jointly by Councilors Mathay and Galarpe.

3) Creating a Special Committee for NGO Affairs which will process application forms for accreditation of Non-Governmental Organizatons and other private organizatons for the purpose of representation in the local special bodies of the Quezon City Government, introduced by Councilor Galarpe.

The special local bodies provided for by the 1991 Local Government Code are: Local Development Council, Local Pre-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee, Local School Board and Local Peace and Order Council.

4) Providing for a "Quezon City Zoning Ordinance of 1992" by adopting the pertinent provisions of the Metro Manila Commission Ordinance 81-01, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for the National Capitol Region," introduced by Councilor Tamayo.

Also *approved* was a resolution urging Congress to pass a law prohibiting the filming and/or exhibition of films that tend to over glorify or glamorize the lives and notoriety of criminals and enemies of the state, and providing penalties for violation thereof, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

Six proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, three of which are worth mentioning:

1) Tasking the City Personnel Department to prepare an "Employee Suggestion and Incentives Awards System" for QC government employees and Barangay Officials, introduced by Councilor Altuna.

2) Urging rich and affluent families in QC, Department Heads and Chiefs of Offices and their assistants of the QC government and other national agencies with offices in QC to sponsor a child from poor familis in the depressed areas of the city to live with them for at least two days during the Christmas season, introduced by Councilor Calalay.

3) Ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement entered into by the City Mayor and the Metro Manila Authority relative to the operational control and supervision of garbage collection and disposal, introduced by Councilor Samson.

The session adjourned at 7:00 P.M., 17 minutes short of a 5-hour session.

November 16



Councilor Pumaren is back after an absence of more than 100 days since August 13 when he was reported to have gone to the US for treatment of a sprained ankle. With the basketeer-Councilor in, attendance in this session was perfect for once. But there were late arrivals, as usual: Councilors Tamayo, Sioson, Bautista (the son), Defensor, Altuna, Montilla and Bautista (the father).

Call to order at 2:02 P.M.

Councilor Pumaren delivered a privilege speech praising his staff for having carried out their commitment to public service during his absence. He cited the following accomplishments:

1) Extended assistance to flash flood victims at Bgy. Matandang Balara on September 16; 2) Kept abreast with needs of the 3rd district barangays; 3) Organized the premier showing of a movie, proceeds of which went to the QC Youth Development Foundation; 4) Coordinated with the DILG and the BOC a Sanggunian Kabataan Forum on the SK elections; 5) Assessed the peace and order situation in the 3rd district; 6)

The Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Planas, was next to deliver a privilege speech, a report on her official trip to Korea, Japan and Taiwan. (Please turn to Page one for this report.)

The following ordinances were *approved:*

1) Appropriating P2,497,700.00 to cover necessary expenses for the conduct of the Sanggunian Kabataan on December 4, introduced by Councilors Bautista (the father) and Miguel.

2) Prohibiting the solicitation and collection of contributions from pupils and students in the public elementary and secondary schools of QC without PTA approval and imposing penalty for violation thereof, introduced by Councilor Dario.

3) Authorizing the Presiding Officer to realign the P420,000.00 from the salary of contractuals under the Vice Mayor's office in SB No. 1 to augment the salaries of regular plantilla positions and for payment of terminal leaves, introduced by Councilor Bautista (the father)

The following resolutions were *approved:*

1) Granting financial assistance in the amount of P50,000.00 to Kagawad Nemecio T. Lacalinao of Bgy. Kamuning, who suffered total physical disability while in line of duty on February 4, 1991, introduced by Councilor Hipol.

2) Granting financial assistance of P30,000.00 to PO3 Edwin C. Villanueva for reimbursement of medical expenses for injury sustained in a jailbreak at the QC jail on Apri. 4, 1992, introduced by Councilor Medina.

The session adjourned at 6:18 P.M., 16 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

November 19

Perfect attendance. Late arrivals: Councilor Galarpe, Tamayo, Ferrer, Alonzo, Defensor, Montilla, Bautista (the father) and Miguel.

Call to order at 2:00 sharp.

Two proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, one of them, the most important appropriation of the year: The 1993 budget of the city government in the amount of P2,023,680,000.00, introduced by Councilors Bautista (the father) and Sioson.

Taken up on second reading was the ordinance introduced by Councilor Tamayo creating a new Electrical Division under the Engineering Department but was deferred because of a letter of Col. Juan Manuel Baduria, Sr., Chief of the QC Fire Station asking a public hearing first. There used to be an Electrical Division under the QC Fire Department of the defunct PC-INP.

Approved on second reading was a resolution creating a joint Legislatived-Executive Task Force to monitor, study, review and investigate the operations of cinemas, theaters, cocktail lounges, bars, day/night clubs, games and sports clubs, cockpits, amusement centers, and other amusement places in aid of legislative.

Also *approved* on second reading was a resolution that would bring about two its more sectoral representatives to the council: one from the industrial sector, the other from the urban poor, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.

The session adjourned prematurely at 7:27 P.M., 27 minutes beyond a 5-hour session, due to lack of quorum.

November 23

Perfect attendance although the following Councilors arrived late: Councilors Alonzo, Bautista (the son), Pumaren and Bautista (the father).

Councilor Angeles delivered a privilege speech entitled, "Grandstanding, Is It Worth It?" (Please read the news story on page 1 for a report on the speech.)

Call to order at 3:10 P.M.

Seven proposed ordinances were taken up on first reading, among which were:

1. Requiring the planting of fruit trees in all commercial and industrial establishments, providing penalties for violation thereof, introduced by Councilor Lagumbay.

2. Appropriating the necessary amount for the construction of an ecumenical chapel within the City Hall compound, introduced also by Councilor Lagumbay. (A similar ordinance was introduced in the previous Council by then Councilor Elizabeth Gaba, if memory serves us right.)

Still another measure introduced by Councilor Lagumbay is a resolution urging the Mayor to provide for the rehabiliaton and improvement of branches of the QC Public Library in Projects 3, 4 and 7, Cubao and Novaliches.

Two resolutions were approved:

1. Extending the validity of tricycle franchises expiring within the period of July 1, 1992 to June 26, 1993, introduced by Councilor Sison.

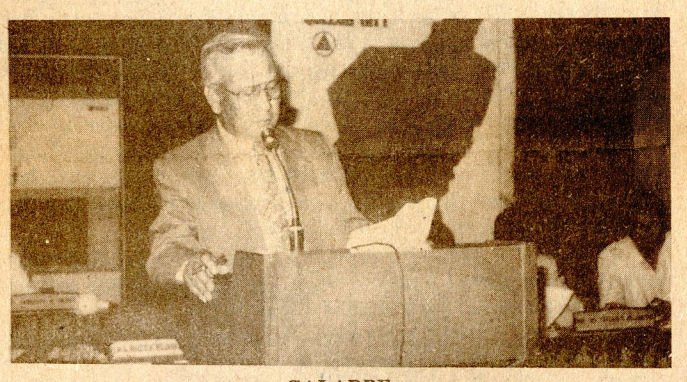
2. Supporting the stand of the Filhomes II Homeowners Association against the plan of the DPWH to construct fly-overs inside their subdivision, introduced by the Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Planas.

A very important ordinance, introduced by Councilor Mathay was approved on second and final reading:

"Providing for a new salary schedule for all officials and employees (permanent, casual and contractual) of the city government and appropriating the necessary funds therefor."

The needed amount for the increase alone, according to Councilor Galarpe, is P117 million. In a commendable display of delicadeza, the honorable Councilors excluded themselves, the Mayor and Vice Mayor from the increase.

The session adjourned at 5:35 P.M., 25 minutes beyond a 2-hour sesions.



GALARPE
Majority Floor Leader

November 26

Councilor Miguel was on sick leave. Late arrivals were: Councilors Tamayo, Ferrer, Defensor, Hipol, Montilla, Mathay and Bautista (the father) Absent allegedly on official time was Councilor Altuna.

Call to order at 2:04 P.M.

In a privilege speech, Councilor Biglang-awa commended Councilor Angeles for her privilege speech in the previous session in which she advised her colleagues against indiscriminately introducing appropriation measures without certification as to the availability of funds. On the contrary, she chided Councilor Galarpe for having called, according to her, a "paper ordinance" the ordinance she had introduced and had succeeded in having it approved appropriating P10,240,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Novaliches Health Center. Galarpe explained that what he had said was that the ordinance *"might* become a paper ordinance in the event there are no available funds for its implementaton."

Approved on second reading was an ordinance requiring the B.C. Regalado Co., Inc. and or its successor in interest to turn over the city government open spaces in North Fairview Park Subdivision covering a total area of 190,941 sq. m., introduced by Councilor Castelo.

The Presiding Officer commended the Councilor for his "industriousness and intensity" in his crusade to recover city properties which are unlawfully in the possession of private pesons or entities. But in the case of B.C. Regalado, Castelo seems not to have been forcefull enough. Thus, in the original version of the resolution he had submitted, he used "earnstly requesting." It was changed to "requiring" as an amendment. We think this is still not forceful enough, it should be "demanding." And why should Councilor Castelo suggest that the P1,023,265.71 real estate tax delinquency of Fil-Estate, which has acquired some portions of the North Fairview Subdivision, be condoned provided it turned over open spaces which rightfully belong to the city government? Fil-Estate should be made to do both: pay its tax arrears and turn over the open spaces involved. Councilor Galarpe is right in advocating legal action against B.C.Regalado and whoever are its succesors-in-interest.

Approved on second reading was a resolution introduced by Councilor Samson requiring PNP Units to render periodic reports on all records of apprehensions and disposition of cases and complaints brought to their jurisdiction.

Taken up on first reading and *approved* on second and third reading under suspended rules was the following resolutions:

1) Mandating the observance of the "Internatonal Day to end violence against women" every November 26, introduced by Vice Mayor Planas.

Approved on second reading was the ordinance, introduced by Councilor Tamayo, creating an Electrical Division under the Engineering Department. Also an ordinance, introduced by Councilors Ferrer and Medalla, requiring one single entry point in all public and private markets for the delivery and distribution of meat, animal carcasses, organs or parts thereof and providing penalties.

The session adjourned at 6:31 P.M., 27 minutes beyond a 4-hour session.

RANDOM NOTES

By Ben O. Flores

(For the past many many years, we have kept a notebook in which we jot down everything we read, hear or see that strike our fancy; jokes, anecdotes; significant, interesting, thought-provoking quotatons; witty, clever, smart sayings; idiomatic, forceful expressions; uncommon words and their meaning; acronyms, etc. Here are some of these jottings picked at random with some exceptions like the first three items in this column.)

Hermeneutics: The study and interpretation of the Scriptures or Bible.

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Marvelous Facts about the Bible: Between 1815 to 1975, 2.5 billion copies have been printed, translated to 1,800 languages, available to 98% of the world's populaton, 40 persons of diverse backgrounds – kings, shepherds, fishermen, civil servants, priests, one general, and a physician – wrote various portions and all say, not their own writing but God's. It consists of 66 books, first 39 in Hebrew by Jews who wrote them long before Christ as the Old Testament. The 27 other books are in Greek and were written by Christian Greeks. The Bible was written over a period of 1,600 years.

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Queen Victoria was once asked by an African Chief visiting the country: "What's the secret of England's greatness?" Queen Victoria's historic answer: "The Bible."

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Jew: Your whole religion is based on ours. Why, you even took the 10 Commandments from us.

Christian: We may have taken them, but you certainly can't say that we have kept them.

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Teacher asked a Sunday class to tell the story of creation. One little girl related: "First God created Adam. Then He looked at him and said, 'I think I can do better if I tried again.' So He created Eve."

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Pusali man, ay may katapat na langit.

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When you pray for rain, carry an umbrella.

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Principle is a passion for truth and right – William Hasslet

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God gives us tears to wash away our pains.

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Q. When does a quitter wins?
A. When he quits smoking.

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Q. Give an example of the impossible.
A. Catching wind in one's hand.

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Q. What is the secret fantasy of every woman?
A. To have two men fight over her.

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Q. What is an epigram and give examples?
A. Contrary words put together like living death, bitter sweet, poor rich.

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An optimist invented the airplane. A pessimist added the parachute.

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What is pathetic about the aging heart is the fact that everything hardens up, like the blood vessels and arteries, except that one important part that does not want to stand up, its erection being a vascular phenomenon – Filipino cardiologists.

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Then Senator Eddie Ilarde proposed the country's name be changed to "Maharlika" but quickly withdrew the proposal when somebody told him what "maharlika" means in an Indian book on love making, entitled "Kahasutra." "Maharlika" means big and long, while "lik" was derived from Indian word "Linggam" for penis.

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Para ser feliz en este mundo, hay que tener mucho dinero y pito de hierro – Quezon, said in jest. (You wont get the jest unless you know what he was referring to by "pito de hierro.")

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Bold stars claim that they are implementing the national policy of transparency.

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Q. How long is one light year?
A. The distance covered in one year by light travelling at 166,000 miles (300,000 km.) *per second.*

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She should look at herself and do something for herself. She is ugly – Imelda, speaking of Cory Aquino.

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When they dug into my closet, they did not find skeletons. They found shoes. I don't want them back; they have been used – Imelda.

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Nothing is always wrong. Even a clock that has stopped is right twice a day – Anonymous.

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We all want to live long, but nobody wants to get old – Fr. Carreon.

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If you give away money, it will return. You have to create a vacuum for something – Elvira Manahan.

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Learn the art of sharing
It's the proof of caring
Feel the joy of giving
It's the key to living

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There is this youth who killed his parents and then begged the judge for mercy because he was an orphan.

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When you are good to others, you are best to your self. – Franklin

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College Editors Guild Motto: "A drop of ink makes millions think."

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God will always find a way where there is no way.

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Asked what's the most effective penalty for criminals, a witty judge said: "Death penalty. All whom I have sentenced to death, never committed the same crime again."

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Sign in government offices in Singapore: "Males with long hair will be attended to last."

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Laughter is a smile that cracks up.

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Twilight is when light and darkness strain against each other for dominance.

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We are at our best when we are on our knees. – Fr. Reuter

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1992 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS



OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER

By Alfredo Macapugay

SCOPE OF WORK	NO. OF SHEETS	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Asphalting	13	P20,006,329.34
Asphalt Overlay	18	13,608,662.89
Concreting	10	20,313,040.87
City Morgue	1	3,490,000.00
Perimeter Fence	2	114,098.45
Barangay Hall	2	817,589.04
Artesian Wells	1	343,000.00
Covered Basketball Court	3	4,171,435.66
Covered Multi-Purpose Hall	1	444,208.81
Drainage Improvement	7	12,062,841.63
Concrete Asphalt	2	2,254,432.00
Installed Power Line	1	984,443.67
Asphalt and Drain	1	5,321,522.10
Payatas Hospital Phase II	1	1,397,695.60
Castillo, Dacamara, Galguerra	3	325,618.40
Capri Wet Market	1	356,798.86
Project 4 Sub-City Office	1	173,900.00
Mini-Park 1st Camarilla	1	553,336.04
14th Avenue (Improvement)	1	3,754,108.44
Villa Beatriz (Improvement)	1	1,987,174.34
Liberty Street (Improvement)	1	369,817.75
Denver Street (Improvement)	1	2,309,201.72
San Antonio E/S (Improvement)	1	117,867.11
T. Morato E/S (Improvement)	1	226,598.10
Road Const. (Hospital Access (Road)	1	1,999,776.50
Landscaping	2	119,019.00
Drain Install	1	336,240.29
CPDC HQ & Grandstand (Repair)		800,000.00
QC Hall Rehabilitation	1	978,776.00
QC Hall Rehabilitation #2	1	8,105,925.88
QC Hall Rehabiliation #3	1	10,125,008.94
Lying-in (Extension)	1	216,361.37
Covered Basketball Court	1	250,000.00
Covered Court	1	489,485.00
Drug Rehabiliation Center	1	984,44.67
Park Lamp Posts 33 Units	1	393,830.50
Lantana Street Lights	1	170,286.27
Artesian Wells 7 Units	1	241,609.71
Electrical	1	228,366.07
3 Sty. 18 Classroom	1	423,493.79
Open Canal	1	96,672.40
Repair CR (Balara H/S)	1	117,609.76
Repair Improvement	4	1,027,690.69
A. Samson E/S (Repair)	1	326,202.91
GSIS Village E/S	1	709,640.23
Commonwealth E/S	1	714,193.56
Sauyo E/S	1	357,096.78
Culiat E/S	1	355,818.70
Faiview E/S	1	714,193.56
Lagro H/S (Fairview Annex)	1	6,500,599.01
Lucas Pascual E/S	1	6,261,703.87
Donn Mariano Marcos H/S	1	9,388,561.02
Batino E/S	1	357,096.78
Krus na Ligas E/S	1	8,174,508.42
L. Pascual E/S	1	355,958.32
Batasan Hills E/S Annex	1	357,096.78
Batasan Hills E/S Main	1	357,096.78
Lagro HS (Fairview Annex)		10,353,899.91
Kaligayahan E/S	1	357,096.78
Project 3 E/S	1	357,096.78
Belarmino E/S	1	357,096.78
Bagbag E/S	1	357,096.78

As of November 30, 1992, the Department of Engineering generated a total revenue of P18,366,431.00 from various kinds of fees, as follows:

1.	Plumbing Fees	P 729,011.66
2.	Building Permit Fees	10,328,922.47
3.	Annual Inspection Fees	2,971,212.18
4.	Excavation Fees	104,914.00
5.	Restoration Fees	756,595.38
6.	Mechanical Permit & Inspection Fees	3,475,765.31
	TOTAL	P18,366,431.00



BENJAMIN MALINAO
Asst. Building Official

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CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

By Gerardo Magat

I. PROGRAMS/PROPOSALS PREPARATION, REVIEW AND REVISIONS

The office prepared several program proposals including finalization, updating or revisions thereof. Major programs covered by this activity are:

a.	Updating of the Comprehensive Development Program	–	Draft submitted to the Mayor for comments
b.	Assessment of City's Manpower Development Program	–	Completed
c.	Preparation of Community Appraisal, Project SMILE – QC	–	Completed, to Mr. Rey
d.	Preparation of Transition Management Plan for Quezon City	–	Submitted to City Administrator
e.	Preparation of Proposed Quezon City Rezonification Program	–	Submitted to Councilor Emilio Tamayo
f.	Preparation of Street Sign Maintenance Program	–	On-going
g.	Preparationof the 1992 Special Development Program	–	Submitted to City Administrator for consideration
h.	Updating of Barangay Comprehensive Development Program	–	Completed
i.	Updating of the Payatas Urban Development Program	–	Submitted to the Mayor for comments

II. PROGRAMS/PROJECTS MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Major programs monitored by the Office were the following:

a. QC Socialized Housing Program
b. Countrywide Industrial Fund
c. Escopa Housing Program
d. Depressed Areas Electrification Program (DAEP)
e. 1992 Special Development Program

III. PROPOSALS EVALUATION

A total of 120 various proposals from other offices, barangays, city proposal received is for Infrastructure 83 work units (69.17%) followed by Purchase of city properties 27 (22.50%) then the request for right-of-way 5 (4.17%). Other types of proposals/ requests were such as proposals for alternate route, acquisition of school site, permanent closure of road.
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Evaluation of several proposed ordinances submitted to the various City Council Commtitees that were refered for comments were also undertaken as requested by the Committee Chairman.

IV. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Provision of technical assistance requested of the Office were int he form of engineering/existing condition survey of proposed sites for housing, community facilities, ocular survey and research for right-of-ways, property ownership, preparation of plans, working drawings and/or cost estimates of projects, plotting of property boundaries. Rendering of art works, back drops, posters were also provided as requested.
Our membership in various committees like the PBAC, CADCREP, NALGU/BALGU Monitoring. City Hall rehabilitation, Quezon Memorial Circle Development, 1992 Local Government Code has likewise called for our technical support and assistance.

V. EVALUATION OF APPLICATION FOR LOCATIONAL CLEARANCE, BUILDING PERMIT

The City's action in this area of issuing Locational Clearance is only recommendatory. Of the 109 applications received, for locational clearance, 69 (63.30%) were recommended for temporary use permit, 9 (8.2%) for issuance of locational clearance and 30 (27.52%) were denied. In the case of application for building permits (mayor's clearance) 107 were received. Of the said number 96 (89.52%) were approved while 8 (7.48%) were denied. Likewise request for business permits were also received but they were referred to agencies concerned.

VI. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION, COORDINATION FOR PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

Dissemination of information on status of the city's Infrastructure Development Programs and on Social Housing Development Programs constitute the volume of this activity. The City Planning and Development Office actively coordinated with city/other government agencies involved in the implementation of these programs/projects.
Assistance to researchers, in terms of provision of basic data and materials such as maps that were attended to by the office also falls under this activity.

VII. ATTENDANCE TO TRAINING PROGRAMS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINAR

	COURSE	DATE
1.	Round Table discussion on Build Operate-Transfer Development Scheme	February 25-26, 1992
2.	Basic Courses on Project Development & Evaluation	March 1 – 31, 1992
3.	Public hearing on the proposed Medium term Populaton and Development Plan Framework	April 8, 1992
4.	Values Orientation Workshop	May 27-28, 1992
5.	Consultation Meeting with Population Commission	May 21, 1992
6.	Quarterly Meeting-Urban Basic Program QCHD Training Center	June 17, 1992
7.	Urban Planning and Development Training Program	
8.	Population and Development Interpersonal Communication Skills Training	August 10-13, 1992
9.	PIO's Public Information	
10.	Manpower Development Priorities	
11.	Census of Population and Housing data	
12.	Consultation workshop "A Vision for Quezon City"	August 19, 1992
13.	DAEP	
14.	Seminar on Contract Management	November 13, 1992



QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL

By Dr. Marina Yulo-Bringas

The Quezon City General Hospital's proudest accomplishment was achieved last May 11, 1992 when the employees and medical staff elected the Honorable Ismael Mathay, Jr. as their new City Mayor who immediately effected sweeping change in the hospital management and created the Executive Management Committee composed of Atty. Lourdes Santos, Mrs. Lourdes Rances, Dr. Magdalena Ybanez, Dr. Marina Yulo-Bringas, Dr. Filoteo Alano and Mr. Hernando Veloso, well-known personalities in the field of business and hospital administration.

The Mayor installed Dr. Marina Yulo-Bringas as QCGH Acting Director of Hospital with Dr. Ricardo Costes and Dr. Amancio Angustia as her Assistant Directors for Administration and Professional Services, respectively, who acted swiftly to change the image of the hospital for the better. Right away one will notice that the hospital premises have been converted into a park and inside the building, the walls are thoroughly scrubbed and the corridors cleaned of bottles, cockroaches and rats. The Engineering and Maintenance Department, for example, now looks spick and span and well-organized.

Coupled with a clean environment, the hospital is now safe from robberies, petty thefts, opportunists and vandals with the help of 22 additional Blueguards who watch all entrances and who make regular rounds inside and outside the building to ensure that everything is safe and secure.

A code of discipline has been established among the employees. The wearing of ID's, and the prescribed uniform and the accomplishment of the daily time record are strictly observed. The Hospital Management believes that enforcement of discipline is a necessary condition for orderly operations.

With all the above improvements put in place, there was an abrupt increase of the hospital's occupancy rate from a low 63.3% last June, 1992 to a high 85% in the medical department last month, November, 1992.

There was a 61% increase in ER-OPD consultation from 89,451 cases in 1991 to 143,755 cases in 1992, which resulted in an increase in total admissions from 11,917 patients in 1991 to, as proejcted, 17,889 by the end of December, 1992.

The increase in the above-cited hospital statistics is the best indicator of the hospital's growth and the productivity of its employees in the delivery of quality patient care. Further improvement can be achieved if the medical staff is given the badly needed equipment, supplies and support services.

The enthusiasm shown by the employees, especially the casuals, can be sustained if the guidelines of the Magna Carta For Public Health Workers, can be applied the soonest, retroactive to July, 1992.

Merry X-mas and Happy New Year to All!

RANDOM . . .

ACRONYMS

SIPSIP (Severely Inept People Seeking Important Positions)
KKK (Kanya Kanyang Kayod or Kabig)
COPS (Coalition of Officers in the Police Service)
FBI (Full-blooded Ilocano)
MAP (Management Association of the Philippines)
PACE (Philippine Association of Court Employees)
AIDS (Accumulated Income Deposited in Switzerland)
GASP (Group Against Smoke Pollution)
MARCOS (Movement for Advancement, Rehabilitation, Change and Order in Society)

Picturesque Expressions

As fragile as a spider's web
A hand with sunbeams in them (A warm hand shake)
Dredge up a memory (recall something)
Ulutations of admiration
He speaks only headlines (One who makes very significant, dramatic statements)
Hogtic provision (Strings attached or conditional provisions)
Hat in hand (begging)
Abrasive tongue (sharp)
A mere hiccup (very little)
Written in granite (firm, absolute)
Laughter is a smile that cracks up
Our eyes met and kindled blushes on our cheecks
Caterpillar crawl of justice.

WORD MEANINGS

Orchiectomy (Castration); Dacioned (Assignment of assets in payment of debts)

Pleonasm (Use of words, one of which can be ommitted without altering the meaning, such as "true facts")

Philenapophole (Girl who dislikes being kissed or is allergic to a kiss)

Dialectics (Art of reasoning)

Autarky (Self-dependence or Self-reliance)

Priaprism (Hardening of the penis)

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF QUEZON CITY



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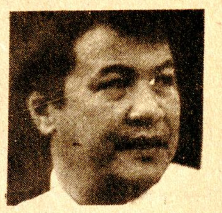

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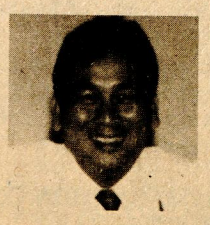

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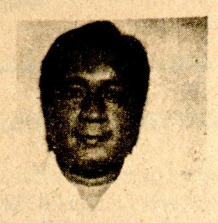

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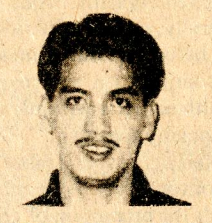

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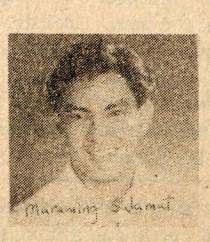

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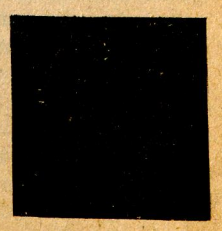

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WISE AND OTHERWISE
By Eddie C. Flores

Kailan Ba Lalabas ang CAPITOL STANDARD?

The above is the standard question avid readers and supporters of this little paper ask me whenever I bump into one at City Hall.

"Malapit na, huwag kayong mainip," is my standard policy.

Much as we would like to come out more often, the high cost of printing and other incidental expenses prevent us from doing so. However, we do our damnadest best to make up for this infrequency by making every issue the equivalent of two issues not only in the number of pages but also in terms of content and substance. Modesty aside, many of the news stories and features in this paper, you can not read elsewhere, not even in national publications. It is this vacuum of information on local affairs, especially activities of the city government, that this paper endeavors to fill up.

We are, however, sometimes frustrated in getting the information and documents we need by arrogant and uncooperated people in the bureaucracy. Fortunately, there are many Nice Concerned Citizens Around (NCAA) who keep feeding us with valuable tips and information out of a deep sense of civic duty. They are our unofficial, unpaid news bureau, God bless them.

Putting out the CAPITOL STANDARD entails a lot of sacrifice – financially, physically and emotionally, especially on the part of my old man who has to shed, literally, a pound of his journalistic blood, through missed meals and sleep, before an issue comes off the press, good and clean. But there is no complaining; newspapering and writing will always be our first love although it is certainly not our bread and butter. It is a thankless job, financially speaking.

The publication of this little paper is more a form of social service than a business venture born out of commitment to contribute our efforts, however modest, towards the promotion of good government and the prevention, not necessarily punishment, of graft and corruption. In other words, the main thrust of our paper is preventive, not punitive. This is in keeping with our motto that if you can not lick them, nick them – meaning to say, with the power of the pen and God, we endeavor to cut a nick in the conscience of the grafters and corrupters, presuming that they still have a conscience that can respond to social pressure and sanction.

In the case of those incorrigible bureaucrats whose conscience has grown callous, dapat siguro ay kalusin na sila at litisin bago pa nila ubusin ang nalalabi pang laman ng kaban ng bayan. Graft and corruption, like drug abuse is addicting. Once you get the habit, it becomes extremely difficult to lick. Our benighted country, once called the "showcase of democracy in Asia," has become the "showwindow of graft and corruption" due to the mounting incidence of graft and corruption committed with impunity by the high and the mighty in government.

Graft and corruption in our battered country is treated or regarded more as a social disease or offense than a criminal offense. Thus, the big time grafters who are caught red handed dipping their dirty fingers in the government cookie jar are not sent to jail but are allowed to escape abroad to wallow in their loot, socializing and rubbing elbows with the rich and famous even as their countrymen back home are wallowing in abject, dehumanizing poverty.

A Star is Aborning

A star is aborning in the QC Council: the sweet-looking Councilor Connie Angeles, a movie–TV personality turned politician. Beneath that sweet-looking mien, however, is a good sense of wit and humour – a blending of pulchritude and aptitude, so to speak. A. U.P. B.S. Philosophy graduate, Connie is an alumnus of Eskwelahang Munti, the first TV educational show for promising kids founded in the early sixties by the late Councilor Florentino Lapuz, popularly known as Ka Tino, a one-time colunist of the old CAPITOL STANDARD.

As the incubator of future stars, Eskwelahang Munti counts among its alumni, the multi-awarded Hilda Koronel. In the case of Connie, her star did not rise as dramatically and astronomically as Koronel's. She waited patiently in the wings, honing and polishing her God-given talents which are not confined to the movie and TV screen. Off screen, she manages her own promotion and talent outfit.

Connie's patience and perseverance finally paid off when she was adjudged the best TV Host for her Pen Pen D Sarapen program which was also chosen the best children's show. When it rains, it pours; thus, Connie subsequently bagged the best TV Host plum for Kapwa Ko, Mahal Ko, which was also chosen the best public service program.

Topnotcher

Outside the idiot box, Connie ventured into the rough and tumble world of politics emerging the topnotcher in the May 11 elections duplicating the feat of former Councilor and once Acting Vice Mayor Alicia Herrera.

Connie, who is only a few inches over five feet, may be the smallest in the Council, physically, but look at the atom. It is the tiniest element on earth but the most deadly and powerful. And so does Connie pack in a small frame a lot of atomic power and energy for legislative work and public service. Yes Maria, don't take this petite lady councilor lightly; she can deliver a mean legislative wallop at the drop of a hat, as when she delivered a privilege speech recently assailing her colleagues for indiscriminately filing appropriation measures without certification as to availability of funds, citing an editorial of this paper to support her denunciation.

It does look that this bright and pretty lady councilor has the potential to rise to stardom in the City Council. In fact, an astrologer is reported to have seen in the stars that Connie will grow in stature as time rolls on.

Connie Angeles is the daughter of a retired cop who served once-upon-a-time when the police profession was still a very much respected and admired calling. Aside from the awards and trophies she has garnered for excellence in television work, Mrs. Angeles most prized possession is no doubt the one and only man in her life – her doctor husband, an affectionate and supportive partner in all her endeavors.

Still Mr. Perfect Attendance

In the old Council, Councilor Rey Calalay had this incredible feat of never having been absent, never having been late and never having traveled abroad even once. In the present Council, after more than 5 months of sessioning, Ray has maintained this fantastic record. He is still Mr. Perfect Attendance, as this paper had dubbed him.

Castelo Defends Sub-City Concept; Willing To Be Jailed If . . .

By Eddie C. Flores

"If I have done something illegal in having acted as Deputy Mayor of a Sub-City, I am willing to be jailed."

Thus reacted Councilor Melencio Castelo to the privilege speech of Councilor Moises Samson questioning the morality and legality of the Sub-City-Deputy Mayor concept which was instituted under the past administration.

To justify the concept, Castelo was no doubt thinking of the many infrastructure projects he was able to accomplish as Deputy Mayor, like the deepwells that were installed in many depressed barangays and the hundred kilometers of well-paved roads that criss-cross different barangays. What is noteworthy and commendable about all these projects is that they were accomplished in record time and with very minimal logistical support from the city government.

Water Sale

The deepwells saved the poor families from having to buy water from the electrically generated deepwells put up by affluent and enterprising residents. The sale of water in still waterless barangays where no deepwells have not yet been installed is brisk and lucrative business. Perhaps the Council should pass an ordinance requiring those engaged in the selling of water to secure business permits and licenses so as to give the city government some income.

As to the well-paved roads, which were formerly muddy when it rained and dusty when it shined, they are now travelable by motor cars up to the remotest barangays which formerly could be reached only on foot.

Fast Buck

While we concede that Councilor Castelo did well as a Deputy Mayor, still we can not fully endorse the Sub-City Deputy Mayor concept. Contrary to the self-serving claim of some Deputy Mayors that the Sub-City scheme brought the city government closer to the people, the scheme actually brought the city government closer to bankruptcy. Some smart and unscrupulous people at City Hall close to the powers that be made a fast buck out of the huge pork barrel funds of the Sub-Cities. These vultures are now living and whooping it up like kings and queens though sans royal crowns. Perhaps, they should be made to wear crowns of thorns instead.

If Castelo did well in putting up deepwells and building roads in the depressed barangays, it was not necessarily due to his being a Deputy Mayor but to intrinsic virtues and qualities of the man, foremost of which is a passion for public service, especially for the poor. His compassion for the poor has its roots in an incident in Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, his hometown, when he was a young struggling lawyer dreaming of becoming a tax lawyer expert. At one time, Ka Miling told me, he was in dire financial straits. He went to a rich client and asked for a loan but he was flatly rejected. So he went to his poor friends who were residing in the seedier parts of Muñoz. And they readily passed the hat around to raise the amount needed by the young lawyer.

When he was elected municipal Councilor of Muñoz, Castelo remembered the kindness and generosity of his poor friends. Thus started his honeymoon with the poor; he has never let an opportunity pass to help the poor. In fact, he endeavors to create the opportunities himself.

Heart Tugging Letter

Years later, Castelo ventured into the big city – Quezon City. He won a Council seat in 1971 as an independent candidate. And so, the scope of his public service took on bigger dimensions, taking so much of his time that a young daughter, Pinky, wrote him a heart-tugging letter chiding his father for the so little time he had for his family. The letter was published in connection with a write-up on QC Councilor Castelo by my old man and published in the old CAPITOL STANDARD.

As a re-elected Councilor of the present Councilor of the present Council, Castelo continues to render public service, still mostly for his poor constituents, with undiminished passion and devotion. He is no swivel chair Councilor who confines himself in his air-conditioned and well appointed office. Fortunately, he can afford to be out in the field most of the time, for in his young son, WINNIE CASTELO, he has a goddam good office manager who takes care of the affais of the office while his father is sweating it out under the sun or drenching himself in the rain as he attends to the needs and problems of his constituents.

Castelo is not the wait-and-see type of public official. He does not wait for his constituents to come to tell him of their needs and problems. He himself goes out to seek and grapple with said needs and problems providing on-the-spot solutions.

Castelo goes around in a jeep that has seen better days with only his long-time driver, Emiliano Santos, or simply Mang Nano, no walkie-talkie toting hangers-on. He has, however, a super duper alalay in the good person of Fred Foronda, a retired but rehired government employee.

No Major Vices

After a hard day's grind hob nobbing and dialoguing with his constituents, Ka Miling must be physically, mentally and emotionally spent, with hardly any energy left for chicks. He has no major vices; he doesn't play *pusoy* like some of his colleagues in the Council. But he does enjoy immensely a good drink with a chicken–chaser, in the company of friends and supporters.

Yes, this is the man, Melencio Castelo, who dreamed of becoming a tax lawyer expert but, as fate decreed othewise, became instead an expert politician and public servant.

REAP

Neophyte members of the Council like the young and bright Mike Defensor can take a lesson or two from Castelo on how to become a reliable, efficient, accessible and patriotic (REAP) public servant. In Castelo's lesson plan, one can become a REAP public servant through the four Rs, to wit: READING, WRITING, 'RITHMETIC and RELAXATION. The first R to learn how to read the public pulse, the second R to learn how to write down the needs and problems of one's constituents for proper study and interpretation, and preparation of a blueprint for the solution of said needs and problems, the third R to learn how to multiply and add funding needs and the fourth R to learn the proper ways and means of relaxation.

So, to Mike Defensor and his equally young colleagues, I say: Take the REAP course on the art of effective and productive public service under Ka Miling Castelo. You will never regret it because sooner or later you will be reaping the dividends of said course.

Rey has the same simple and unpretentious style as Councilor Castelo for whom he has great admiration, so he once told me. He and Castelo have something in common: They are both every accessible and likable – and partial to the poor.

Rey is a very considerate and understanding man even to those who have abused his kindness and generosity. Dumaing ka kay Calalay, bastat kaya niya lang, hindi ka mapapahiya. At kahit hindi ka pa dumadaing, malakas ang pakiramdam niya. Kapag naramdaman o natunogan niyang may problema ka o nangangailangan ka, buong pusong tutulungan ka niya, kung hindi man agad, bukas o makalawa.

Calalay may not be as brilliant and as prone to grandstanding as some of his more eloquent and voluble colleagues, but he has something better: an eloquent and bright heart for those who have less in life. Mula sa puso, hindi sa nguso ang kanyang legislative agenda.

Ray is an intense nationalist. He has been batting for the exclusive use of Filipino in Council deliberation, not that he is really against English, I am sure, but he simply wants to stress the urgency of developing and promoting our native tongue.

The late President Quezon, in the thick of his battle for Philippine independence, declared: "I prefer a government run like hell by Filipinos to a government run like heaven by the Americans." Similarly, what Councilor Calalay may be trying to say is: "I prefer a City Council deliberating exclusively but inelegantly in Filipino to a City Council deliberating exclusively but elegantly in English."

PUBLIC LIBRARY . . .

QC FOUNDATION DAY:

The City Library participated in the 53rd QC Foundation Day by distributing thousands of copies of the Brief History of Quezon City Prepared an Exhibit on the Historical Development of QC; Video showing on Quezon City and storytelling sessions.

IN SERVICE TRAINING:

The City Library sponsored 2 In-Service Trainings for its personnel, namely, "Effective Library Services," and "Creativity in the Library" last April and November. Invited Speakers were Library officials from the University of the Philippines and Ateneo University.

CURRENT AWARENESS:

To promote the importance of reading and books, Public Library Day was celebrated last March 9, 1992 with a program in honor of Book Donors. They were given Awards of Recognition to inspire them to continue giving books to the Library. Last July 17, International Children's Book Day was commemorated by distributing books and by conducting story telling sessions. Library and Information Services Month was celebrated last November with Pictorial Exhibits on the City Library's history and operaton held at the National Library. The staff attended the 3-day National Convention of Librarians at Camelot Hotel on November 26.

SUMMARY STATISTICS ON LIBRARY READERS 1987 – 1992

LIBRARIES	Total No. of Readers	Daily Average Users 1992	Percentage to Total No. of Readers
MAIN	762,579	2,444	38.3%
BRANCHES:			
1st District			
Project 7	38,040	122	1.9%
Project 8	38,650	124	1.9%
Del Monte	110,537	354	5.5%
2nd District			
Novaliches I	90,378	290	4.5%
Novaliches II	34,299	119	1.7%
Lagro 123,9[illegible]	123,991	397	6.2%
3rd District			
Balara 100,9[illegible]	100,995	397	6.2%
Project 3	87,741	281	4.4%
Project 4	56,583	181	2.8%
Camp Aguinaldo	64,237	206	3.2%
Bgy. Masagana	58,033	183	2.9%
4th District			
Cubao 120,7[illegible]	120,73	386	6.0%
Krus Na Ligas	141,841	454	7.1%
Roxas 139,14	139,149	446	7.0%
TOTAL	1,991,808	6,384	100%

Based on historical data for the last years from 1987 to 1992, daily average users have increased by 16% from 5,393 to 6,384.

The increase can be attributed to the increase in population of the city as well as to the corresponding increase in library resources and services which have attracted readers to avail themselves of such services.

Consequently, with the increase in population and the increase of library services as well as the improvement of physical facilities, particularly at branch libraries, the average number of daily library readers is expected to double in the next five years.

Total No. of Readers Served in 1992 1,991,808

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QUEZON CITY FIRE STATION

MANUEL S. BADURIA, SR.
Superintendent (DSC) BFP
Acting QC Fire Marshal

1. Submitted herewith is the Accomplishment Report of this Station, Station 1, Fire District II, NCR/BFP for the period covering 01 January 1992 to 30 November 1992, to wit;

A. **Fire Suppression Oprtn within AOR/Nature of Fire**

Structural Fire	210
Electrical Fire	244
Grass Fire	151
Rubbish Fire	50
Post Fire	43
Chemical Fire (LPG Explosion)	27
Vehicular Fire	55
Saw DustChimney Fire	5
Tree Fire	5
Rekindle	23
False Alarm	41
TOTAL	854

B. **Fire Suppression Oprtn Outside AOR/Structural**
Assistance — 91

C. **Fire Investigation**

Intentional	Negative
Undetermined	345
Injuries	28 Civilians 2 Firemen
Casualties	8 Civilians (dead)
Estimated Damages	P117,350,000.00 more or less

D. Fire Prevention
1. Number of Fire Inspection Conducted – 1,018
2. Total Fees Collected (Nat'l & Local) – P2,219,569.42

A. **Implementation of PD 1185 (Fire Code of the Phils):**

.10% Fire Safety Insp Cert. Fee	P 726,258.90
.01% Fire Code of the Phils Fee	787,962.53
2% FireInsurance Prem. Tax Fee	617,887.99
TOTAL National Income	P2,132,109.42

B. **Implementation of City Ordinance 10700:**

Plan Processing Fee	P14,770.00
Inspection Fee	53,107.00
LPG Storage Fee	2,340.00
Fogging/Conveyance Fee	17,069.00
Certification Fee	174.00
Total Local Income	P87,460.00

E. **Electrical Division**
1. **Wiring Permit Issued:**

Permanent	13,069
Temporary	4,306

2. **CEI Issued:**
Permanent:

Residential	11,599
Commercial	3,856

Temporary:

Residential	4,432
Commercial	103
Annual	2,355

3. **Number of Electrical Inspection:**

Final	14,192
Annual	1,673

4. **Income (Fees Collected)** — P1,042,307.55

F. **Special Activities & Technical Services**

a.	Security	202
b.	Water Rationing	64
c.	Special Assignment	20
d.	Flag Pole Fixing	19
e.	Market Flushing	6
f.	Gov't Bldg. Flushing	5
g.	CDC	5
h.	Rescue Operation	3
	TOTAL	324

SOCIAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

By Teresa Mariano



I. Community Outreach Program – provide opportunities for every child, adolescent, family and community to develop their capabilities & potentials.

A. Family Development:

a.1. Marriage Counselling - to applicants for marriage license in consonance with Article 16 of the family code of the Phil.
702 couples at 1,404 persons

a.2. Community Information (community dialogue, meeting and information dessimination on programs of the department)
181 day care centers in 80 barangays

a.3. Case Management to work in client (office client)

No. of client served – 931
- a. Social Case Study Report Extended – 253
- b. Homevisitation – 382
- c. Referral to other GO's & NGO's – 51
- d. Counselling Services – 931

B. Child Development Program:

b.1. Day Care Service–helping 4-6 years old pre-school children belonging to low income, large families, to promote and enhance their total well being.

b.2. No. of Day Care Center – 181
No. of Childrend Served – 12,670
Activities:
- a. Supplemental Food Assistance
- b. Mental Feeding
- d. Socialization
- e. Creativity

b.3 No. of food for growth centers
No. of children served
Activities:
- a. Supplemental feeding to malnourished children
- b. Values Education
- c. Summer feeding Program – 60 feeding centers

C. Youth Development Program:

c.1. Preventive Education and Community information program on Drug Abuse – prevention and control through lecturer, forum to different bgys. of Quezon City.
10 trainings at 1,000 OSY

c.2. Leadership Training – develop OSY because potential youth leaders through seminars/lecture/forum 8 trainings at 800 OSY

c.3. Information of P.D. 603 relative to youth development
c.3.1 Street School Program – children for alternative education, basic social services as a rehabilitation process for refocusing their values and attitudes towards the com-

II. **Welfare and Relief Develpment Program** – provide remedial and rehabilitative services for individuals, groups in crisis situation.

a. Financial assistance to help defray funeral expenses – 210 clientes

b. Financial assistance for transportation – 61 clients
medical – 122 clients

c. Emergency material (food) assistance to walk in client – 121 clients

d. Free burial permit to Bagbag Cemetery – 239

e. Clients relief assistance
- e.1. Fire – 85 families
- e.2. Flash floods – 347 families
- e.3. Demolition – 159 families

III. **Residential Care and Rehabiliation**

A. Molave Youth Home – a detention and rehabilitation center for youthful offenders aimed at providing temporary custody and care for youth who have pending cases in court so as to remove them from unwholesome atmosphere of a jail.

No. of Wards – 60
Services Rendered:
- a.1. daily food subsidy for youthful offenders
- a.2. custodial care
- a.3. non-formal education
- a.4. case study report for court information and decision
- a.5. counselling
- a.6. socialization
- a.7. spiritual
- a.8. health & nutrition
- a.9. vocational skills training

B. RACM – a drop in center or clearing house for mendicants and socially disadvantaged groups that serves as temporary shelter for indigents by crisis situation.

No. of Cases – 89
Category of Cases
picked up lost
vagrants
medicants
stow away

Services Rendered
- b.1. temporary shelter
- b.2. family life education and counselling
- b.3. information education on P.D. 603
- b.4. food assistance
- b.5. value formation education
- b.6. non formal education
- b.7. spiritual enrichment
- b.8. referral services:
  - b.8.1. health/medical services
  - b.8.2. hospitalization
  - b.8.3. transportation
  - b.8.4. institutionaliation

IV. Vocational Skills Development Program

a. Skills training program – to promote skills development, provided packaged Barangay base skills training to enhance employability.

a.1. hard trade skills training as automotive, dressmaking, cosmetology and hotel restaurant management – 15 training centres in 15 barangays with 374 graduates

a.2. self income generating activity for youth and adults – 5 applicants were given capital assistance amounting to P4,500.00

a.2.1. group loan under urban basic service program (livelihood committee) – P50,000.00 to two group organizations

a.3. soft trade skills training on candle making, flower making, soap making, hot decor making, X'mas decor making, etc. – 16 training centers in 16 barangays with 368 graduates

a.4. business management seminar – 15 participants attended the lecture forum

B. Manpower Industry Skills Match Project

b.1. manpower placement – 119 – direct placement
62 – job training
81 – referred to other agencies for job placement
225 – having their own dress shops, radio, T.V. servicing, ref & aircon servicing shop

C. Special Activities:
- training induction program
- manpower development council pre-convention
- manpower youth skills olympics '92
- manpower barangay handog presentation '92
- manpower convocation
- manpower openhouse exhibit
- graduation ceremony

APOLOGY

Our apology to Mr. Albert A. Seno, Chief, Barangay Operations Center, for our inability to publish the accomplishment report he so kindly submitted. But because of its extreme length – 9 pages, single-spaced – we have not been able to condense in time to meet our printer's deadline. We will publish it in our next issue. – EDITOR

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VETOED . . .

in fact, we are empty-handed and powerless. It is better to reveal the truth for then we will earn more the respect and admiration of our constituents."

The truth, according to Angeles, is that as per facts and figures she had "extracted" from the Budget Office, "there is no allocation in the 1993 budget for Special Projects and the P22.2 million budgeted for Engineering will cover only repair and maintenance, leaving nothing to support our infrastructure ordinances." She said that the infrastructure and non-infrastructure ordinances they had filed during the past five months (Councilor Angeles delivered her privilege speech on Nov. 23) already required the huge amount of P206,020,387.00.

"Where will we get all this money?" the lady Councilor asked her colleagues.

She admitted, however, that she was as guilty as her colleagues who had filed appropriation ordinances without "in depth studies" and without bothering to check if funds are available.

"We were compelled to submit proposals and measures so that we could brag something to our constituents (grandstanding) despite knowing that these could not be attained in the end."

Angeles said that it was not her intention to "find fault and blame anyone but rather to enlighten us . . . (and prompt) us to redirect our trusts and efforts to more realistic and achievable objectives."

"Let us wake up from our fantasies and hallucinations and face realities," she added.

The lady Councilor assured her colleagues that "there is still sufficient time left for face-saving." She urged her colleagues to refrain from further grandstanding, as it would jeopardize their political future, she said:

"I daresay that most of us here, if not all, are looking forward to an extended term, hoping to be voted again by our constituents in future political exercises. However, the assurance for our continued stay in office is as dim as the moon covered with dark clouds (if we continue grandstanding) because we would be measured not by more grandstanding but by the quality of our legislative performance and output."

OFFICIAL . . .

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

In Taipei, I conferred and discussed with officials of the Taipei Psychiatric Center which handles the Drug Abuse Problem in Taipei, as well as with the Mayor himself who is a holder of a Doctorate in Agriculture Economics degree from Cornell University. The Mayor expressed the wish to be invited to our city and country after I had discussed our anti-drug abuse plans and programs.

The Taipei City Psychiatric Center is found in the center of the City and is very modern and clean and equipped with highly sophisticated equipment and diagnostic facilities. There are no steps at the entrance for the convenience of handicapped patients.

A briefing was conducted at a large board room which was attended by Mr. Kwo-Ching Chang, Chief of the Narcotics Bureau of the Health Department, and the Director of the Center, Dr. Ching Piao Chien, as well as other officials of the Center.

The Center was established in 1969 as the only municipal institute for mental health services, covering 3 million residents of Taipei.There are 21 divisions in the TCPC dealing with rehabilitation, social work, community health services, among others.

I also had occasion to visit the Nei-Nu Refuse Incineration Plant of the Taipei Municipal Government. It has a capacity for treating 900 tons of refuse per day, with combined function of generating electric power with output capacity of 6000 KW.

The Nei-Hu incineration plant applies modern burning technology for combustible materials and reduces to one tenth its volume. The residual ashes are sent to the landfill site. The heat energy generated is recovered and used as power to operate steam turbines. The plant cost NTS 2.439 billion.

It is located on 8.1 hectares of land which has swimming pools and other amenities for the residents and officials and staff. The plant itself covers 6,000 sq. m.

Trucks numbering 550 of differing tonnages collect the garbage from 11 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. It is able to recover metal from slags for resource recycling.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is strongly recommended that steps be taken to follow-up on the immeasurable amount of goodwill and pleasant exchanges made, specially:

1. Considerations of proposals for the establishment of sister city relatonship with Seoul.
2. Consideration of establishment of formal links with these local governments as possible sources for financial and technological assistance as encouraged in the Local Government Code;
3. Consideration of an ordinance for the establishment of a Quezon City Governemnt agency in charge of environmental protection and development.
4. Consideration by City Council of varous alternative proposals for the long term solution of garbage collection and disposal in the most practicable and cost-efficient ways that would include the following modalities:
   1. As landfill in compacted form thru adoption of compacting system;
   2. Establishment of incineration plant with multiple capacity and functions;
   3. Utilization of chemical treatment for sanitation and as composts for fertilizer

THE GREATEST . . .

a babe? Worshipping a human being? Was that not idolatry? No, indeed not! For this Child is the Lord God, concerning whom it is said: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." They were wise in worshipping Him. We shall be wise if we worship Him as the Lord. We shall be wise if we sing and mean what we sing in the sweet carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

Good News

The angel's report is the greatest news report because it is good news of great joy. So many of the news broadcasts we hear and news reports we read today are not of that nature. They rather generally awaken fears and anxieties and induce sorrow and sadness. We hear kidnapping with ransom; of hunger and dire need; of inflation and rising cost of living. We hear of accidents and gruesome murders.

But the greatest news report ever given is not of that nature, dear friends. Rather, it is Gospel and that word means "good news." It is news that fills the heart with joy; it is news that dispels the fear in our hearts. "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord." Here is the best news one can possibly hear.

A prisoner is locked up in a cell of a penitentiary. He has been sentenced to die. How dreadful as he thinks of that horrid hour drawing nearer! But what good news of great joy it is when he hears that he has been pardoned and has a new lease on life! We broke God's Law and were, consequently, condemned to death. But what good news of great joy to hear that in Christ we have a Savior, who Himself tells us: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever beliveth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A person has been sick and suffering much agony and pain. What good news of great joy it is to hear that there is an effective remedy for his illness! But how far more joyful to know that there is an effective remedy for our sins, which are the real cause of all ills. The cure is Christ. "With His stripes, we are healed."

It is certainly good news to a poor family when they learn that they are the heirs of a rich estate. But what is that in comparison with the good news of the Christmas angel telling us that a Savior is born! Through Him we are the heirs of God. "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes, He became poor that ye, through His poverty, might be rich."

World News

The message of the Christmas angel is the greatest news report because it is world news.

Much of the news reported to us over the radio or in newspapers may interest us but may not directly concern us. Not so with the greatest news report of the birth of Christ. It is of vital concern to the entire world – to every man, woman and child. It is news which has an effect on their lives not for just a day or year but for all eternity.

This world news was not broadcast to the world on that first Christmas night, but only to a few shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem. But the good news was meant for all people. It spread from mouth to mouth. This glorious news has been proclaimed to all the people of all nations, each year increasing in volume. From the thousands of pulpits the news is being proclaimed this very morning. "Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is the Christ, the Lord." This good news fills the air, winging its way throughout the earth and sky and sea by means of radio waves, sounding through the speakers of radios in thousands of homes. Christ, the Savior, is born! Indeed it is the greatest universal news!

Trustworthy

This greatest piece of news is most trustworthy and reliable unlike those brought to us by radio and newspaper, which are sometimes not factual. But we can be assured that the news report of that first Christmas day is factual. It is not only a fact that a Child was born in Bethlehem but the significance of His birth is also factual: "Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord."

The news came directly from God Himself through a most relible reporter: The angel that He sent to this shepherd. The shepherds had no doubt at all that what the angel told them was a communication from God: "for the glory of the Lord shone round about them." The evangelist Luke, who brings us the story of the first Christmas, opens his Book with the assurance that the report on the birth of Christ is "trustworthy because it is inspired by God. And the Apostle Paul also says: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

This Christmas, dear brothers and sisters, can be a truly happy one only if your hearts are established with this faith and certainty, with this conviction and assurance that the news report of the first Christmas is true: "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord."

After the greatest news report had been given that first Christmas, it was followed by a glorious hymn of the heavenly hosts. They praised God and sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward me." We have again had the privilege of hearing the greatest news report. Can we remain mute. Must we not join in the song of the angels?

PLANAS . . .

public schools where parents, teachers and students will compose the cooperatives. The same assistance will also be extended to private or non-government associations in the city, like the vendors and pedicab drivers associations – IRMA VILLANUEVA

A CAPITOL IDEA

A. O. FLORES



Incentive, My Foot!

Marked money in the amount of 12.37 million pesos was passed to the Western Police District Command first week of December. Don't be alarmed. I say "marked" because the money was meant to be a package of incentives to all policemen assigned to Quezon City.

Barely three days later, December 11 to be exact, a monstrous traffic jam occurred at the Quezon Memorial Circle. It started about nine in the morning and only got disentangled four hours later amid a world of invectives and frayed nerves. Where 0 where were the incentives? You can start getting alarmed now.

The bonanza, courtesy of the Office of the Quezon City Mayor, represented cumulative allowances for the cops for the period of from July to November this year. Five thousand pesos each, **pare!** Wasn't that enough to avert that traffic monstrosity? Apparently not.

To those who were fortunate not to be there, here's an idea of how extensive the traffic jam was. Traffic flows from all directions converging at the QMC gradually came to a halt. The cliche "traffic was at a standstill" could not have been any truer. How on earth did it come to be?

Maybe because the day had been designated Teacher's Day for all public school mentors in Quezon City. So thousands of them gathered at the QMC and environs to see, and be seen by, Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. who had been playing Santa to them on several occasions this holiday season. As if that multitudinous prsence was not enough to block traffic, there was the fact – overlooked by the traffic cops – that the QMC that same day and hour was also the venue for the first Philippine International Inter-City Cycling Championship, where the country was represented by cyclists of Quezon City (called Philippine Team A). Several entries and exits had to be closed to accommodate the copetitors. As a result, vehicles of all shapes and sizes stalled bumper to bumber for a radius of more than two kilometers.

Didn't QC authorities (especially the polie) foresee all this? Apparently not, because if they did, they would have made preparatons to cope with such an eventuality.

Oh yes, the Quezon City cycling team won. However, Metro Manila's economy lost millions of pesos that same day in terms of man-hours wasted in that nightmarish (in broad daylight!) traffic snarl.

It's clear that money doesn't always work in the way of incentives. Civic-mindedness does. That's something that Mel will have to pass on to his constituents along with those marked incentives the next time around.#

(I, too, was caught in that mother of all traffic jams my good brother writes about. But as he himself cites the caue of the jam-Teacher's Day and the cycling contest – the cops were faced by what is known as "circumstances beyond (one's) control." There was really no way, the jam could have been avoided – short of revoking Teachers Day and cancelling the cycling contest. I do agree with A.O. however, that civic-mindedness or a sense of duty could be a stronger incentive than cash. – B.O. FLORES)

P2.03 B

P96,000,000; the Rebilization for the Improvement of Life and Environment (SMILE), P15,000,000; For Scholarship and Youth Development Program, P14,000,000; for Police Auxillary Brigade, P36,897,000; and for Sports Development Program, P10,000,000. There are 10 other special projects under the Mayor's Office.

3. **Under the Office of the Vice Mayor,** the special projects for which allocations are made are; QC Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign, P3,584,128; Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation, P3,893,397; Sports Development program, P2,283,586; and Task Force Greening, P1,175,100.

4. **For Non-Office Expenditures: P256,201,164.** The biggest allocation of P115,190,164 is for salary differentials; then P38,661,000 for illuminaton and power services; P39,350,000 for loan amortization (Land Bank); P30,000,000 for prior years obligation. Other non-office allocations are for MERALCO and MWSS obligations, Telephone Services, Loyalty Incentive Awards, Terminal Leaves and some others.

5. **For Statutory and Contractual Obligations, the allocation is P454,790,602.** Allocated for Devolved Functions is P189,519,880; P122,223,742 for the 20% Community Development Fund: P98,794,000 for the 5% Calamity Fund; P43,053,000 for Prior Years Obligation (15% contribution to MMA)

5. **Financial Assistance Allocation is P112,502,070.** The non-city government offices or agencies assisted are: Central Police District, P61,505,720; City Auditor's Office, P1,275,424; City Prosecutor's Office, P12,050,283; Division of City Schools, P14,461,188; Metropolitan Trial Court, P19,834,776; Regional Trial Court, P3,505,479; and Quezon City Fire Station, P8,859,200.

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SQUATTERS . . .

and the National Home Mortgage Financing Corporation for the possible purchase of land to be used as relocation site for the displaced families.

"It is important that we find a permanent solution to the squatting problem in Metro Manila," Vice Mayor Planas said. "A satellite relocation site can be developed by the national government where not only basic facilities are provided for, but there should also be transportation services to ferry relocated people to their workplaces in Metro Manila", Planas said.