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Youths mull own political party



FOR THE YOUNG FILIPINO

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EDITORIAL

Time for healing

The New Year augurs well for the Filipino. President Marcos, finally and firmly ensconced as the undisputed leader of 42 million Filipinos, has no other recourse but to face 1978 with a more resolute determination to chart the full course toward normalcy — of returning to the people their political power.

The forthcoming twin elections — for local officials and representatives of the interim Batasang Pambansa — could be the proper venue in the bid of freedom-loving Filipinos for the return of democratic processes.

In this light, partisan politics which glimmers (Page 4, please)

Youths dominate RP

Babies and youths up to 29 years old today compose the overwhelming majority in the Philippines population profile: 30,263,989 of the total head count of 42 million (as of the 1975 census).

This confirms what demographers had projected in the early '60s: a predominantly young Philippine population.

According to the National Census and Statistics Office (NCSO), the country's elderly citizens numbered only

1.9 million or 4.52 percent of the total population.

Sexagenarians, or those pushing 60 to 69, made up the bulk of such senior citizens, counting at 1.2 million, the NCSO computations revealed.

The septuagenarians, or those within the 70-79 age bracket, totalled 415,923 while the octogenarians, 80 to 89 year-olds numbered 191,259.

Filipinos belonging to the 30 to 59 age bracket numbered 19,625,-

A group of concerned students and young professionals is mulling the formation of a political party to initially serve as a "watchdog" in the forthcoming local and interim Batasang Pambansa elections. And,

Proponents of the youth party pointed out that the need for such an aggrupation of youths for political purposes is based on the following:

1. That the Philippines is populated by young people (see related story elsewhere in this page) and therefore, have a greater stake in national development than any other group.

2. That the youths should be more positively involved in policy-making and decision,

free from the machinations and manipulations of any one man or group of individuals.

3. That the dignity of the individual cannot be enhanced or protected under martial law or communism.

4. That the present crop of political leaders, particularly those lumped as opposition-

ists have not mustered the support of the young because of their failure to work with and for the youths' welfare and benefits.

5. That the socio-economic development of the country can be achieved through democratic processes and not through martial (Page 3, please)

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METRO NEWS

With this issue, WE starts a new section on goings-on in Metro Manila, particularly developments in the fields of community development, politics, art and culture and socio-economics. Roving WE correspondents have been assigned to cover beats in Metro Manila's 4 cities and 13 municipalities.



CAMERA GIRL — Tessie Villanueva, 20-year-old third year college student of the College of the Holy Spirit, focusses her camera in one of the workshop-sessions of the Campus Camera Club of the Philippines of which she is a member.

GAPS

Gaps between the three groups, age-wise, explained why the Philippine population of (Page 11, please)



METRO NEWS

The reactivation of Sangguniang Bayans in the four cities and 13 municipalities in Metro Manila has been urged to give sense to the pronouncements of President Marcos toward full political normalization.

In a page one opinion piece by *The Metropolitan Mail*, Metro Manila's leading community newspaper, it was argued that the Sangguniang Bayan "is not only supposed to perform legislative, albeit recommendatory, func-

tions. It also serves as the sounding board for the ventilation of the sentiments and hopes of the citizenry through their representatives.

"And equally important, the Sangguniang Bayan serves as a check to excesses which may be committed by the mayor and other executive officials of the city or municipality. With the vigilant members of a sangguniang looking over their shoulders, a mayor and his subordinates are put on their toes in the perfor-

mance of their jobs."

The SBs in Metro Manila have been inactive for more than one year now after President Marcos issued a directive prohibiting them from holding a session unless with the approval of the Metro Manila Governor.

The sangguniang members are composed of erstwhile councilors and sectoral representatives.

PASAY CITY — A

total of 83 barangays out of 200 registered 100 percent "yes" votes in the Dec. 17 referendum. In sum, the percentage of affirmative over negative votes was 96.34 percent.

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QUEZON CITY—Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez recently awarded prizes to this city's 10 most outstanding projects in community development undertaken by private organizations.

The contest was sponsored by the QC chapter of the Mabuhay ang Pilipino Movement chaired by Luis Ablaza.

The winners are: Capitol Jaycerettes, Capitol Jaycees, Circle Lions Club, Central Lions Club, Molave Lions Club, Q7 Dental Society, Metro Manila Business and Professional Ladies Circle, Philippine Medical Women's Association, QC YWCA, and Rotary Club of QC.

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MAKATI — Some 500 residents have been given job placements through the Makati Employment Assistance Office created by Mayor Nemesio I. Yabut.

According to Dominador Soriente, head of the MEAC, the percentage of unemployment problem in Makati is one of the lowest among the four cities and 13 municipalities in Metro Manila.

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MANILA — All Manila real property owners face a substantial increase in the assessments of their properties this year. If the revision is to be based on actual market value, as provided for in PD 464, then the as-

sessments will go up by at least 20 percent over current assessments. This means that starting 1979 when the reassessment becomes effective, property owners will be paying at least 20 percent more than what they are paying.

This was reported by City Assessor Nicolas Catil.

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CALOOCAN — Local employees were among the first Metro Manila personnel to receive both their sack of rice and 10 percent salary increases before Christmas Day.

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QUEZON CITY—Fifteen new members were inducted into the Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry during its Christmas party held at the Jusmag restaurant last Dec. 17, it has been announced by Atty. Tolomeo Ligutan, acting and incoming president of the QCCCI.

He said that the 15 are the first batch of business executives to join the trade organization in its current drive to expand membership. More will come in during the next few months, he stated.

Among the new members were: Ferdie Echi-verri, president, Adrech Commerce, Inc.; Fausto Aquino, president and general manager, Fame Analytical Reagents and Laboratory; Eleuterio de las Alas, president and general manager, Almar Surveying Co.; Montano Bondad, branch manager, Monte de Piedad and Savings Bank; Mariano M. Baldemoro, assistant director for administration, NGA.



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A primer on Probation

Sometime this month (January), a revolutionary system aimed at integrating certain criminal offenders in the community in order to hasten their rehabilitation — instead of locking them up in jails and prisons—will be tried out in the Philippines. Known as the Probation Law (provided for in PD 968), the new system was ordered implemented this year by President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

To oversee the smooth implementation of the

probation system, the Probation Administration has been created with top criminologist and National Police Commission Chairman Teodoro C. Natividad as its first Administrator.

To familiarize our readers with the salient features of the probation law, WE is publishing the following primer released by the Probation Administration. — EDITOR)



1. WHAT IS PROBATION?

Probation is a privilege allowed by law to persons convicted of criminal offenses to remain in the community instead of going to prisons. For their rehabilitation, however, they are subject to compliance of certain conditions imposed by the Court and supervision by Probation Officers.

2. WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF PROBATION?

- To promote the correction and rehabilitation of an offender by providing him with individualized treatment;
- To provide an opportunity for the reformation of a penitent offender which might be less probable if he were to serve a prison sentence; and
- To prevent the commission of offenses.

3. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PROBATION?

- Probation is cheaper than imprisonment.
- The victim may have a better chance of getting restitution, reparation, and indemnification from the offender, who being out of prison, is able to work.
- The offender and members of his family are spared the stigma of imprisonment.

4. WHO CAN APPLY FOR PROBATION?

All adult offenders who are convicted and sentenced by the court may apply for probation any time before serving sentence.

5. WHO ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM APPLYING FOR PROBATION?

The benefits of PD 968 shall not be extended to those:

- sentenced to serve a maximum of imprisonment of more than six (6) years;
- convicted by any offense against the security of the State;
- who have previously been convicted by final judgment of an offense punished by imprisonment of not less than one month and one day and/or a fine of not less than P200.00;
- who have been once on Probation under the provisions of this Decree; and
- who are already serving sentence at the time the substantive provisions of PD 968 become applicable.

6. HOW CAN ONE APPLY FOR PROBATION?

The convicted offender files his application for probation directly with the court that convicted him any time before serving his sentence.

7. PENDING THE GRANT OR DENIAL OF PROBATION, IS THE PROBATIONER ENTITLED TO LIBERTY?

If the probationer has filed a bail bond during the trial of his case, the same bond may be used after conviction. If he has not filed a bail bond, he may file a new one. If there is no bond, the judge may order his release to the custody of a responsible member of the community or his confinement in jail.

8. WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PROBATION ALLOWED BY LAW?

The period of probation of a defendant sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than one (1) year shall not exceed two years, and in all other cases, said period shall not exceed six (6) years.

9. WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CONDITIONS OF PROBATION?

The conditions of probation are classified into two, namely:

- to present himself to the probation officer designated by the Court within 72 hours from receipt of the order, and
 - to report to the probation officer at least once a month at a specified time and place.
- b. Optional:

These are conditions that the Court may deem necessary for the rehabilitation of the probationer not unduly restrictive of his liberty or incompatible with his freedom of conscience.

10. HOW MANY TIMES CAN ONE AVAIL OF PROBATION?

A qualified individual can avail of probation only once. A person who has been granted probation once is no longer entitled to another grant thereof.

YOUTHS MULL . . .

(from page 1)

law by instilling in the people a strong sense of national discipline and self-reliance and in developing in the youth honest, dynamic and people-centered leadership.

6. That youthful idealism and vision should be infused in the nation's political ma-

chinery, one that exalts the Filipino man, woman and child, instead of debasing them.

7. That the present political set-up and whatever form of government to be established, needs a system of check-and-balance in which worthy projects and programs will be supported and oppressive policies will be opposed.

The proponents of the youth party also pointed out that with the announced return of normalcy by President Marcos through the elections, it may also mark the return of "old society politicians whose yen for self-aggrandizement is well-known to the public."

"It should not be a matter of choosing between lesser evils but the people, especially the youth, should see to it that good, honest and self-less individuals should be elected to office," they added.

They said that the country has not run out of good men and women who are not beholden to any interest except the peoples' interest.

"If we have to convince them to run, we will do it," the proponents said.

They added that not all incumbent and inactive political leaders are incompetent or dishonest. "For this reason, we will have to help them remain in office and assist to install those who would meet the youths' aspirations and ideals," they said.

It was learned that students and young professionals between 18 to 45 years old in Metro Manila will be tapped to serve as the core of the proposed organization.



Editorial

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mered for a while prior to the December referendum and which cast a discordant shadow in national solidarity must now give way to a more somber analysis of the country's problems and there attendant solutions.

President Marcos has proven his point: That the peoples' support is imperative if he has to continue the building up of a New Society.

The oppositionists, too, have hammered their arguments to a valid conclusion: That not all is well in a dictatorship.

But the real winners were the people. Not so much because they voted "Yes" or "No" or they boycotted the referendum but because they showed to all and sundry that they wield power, that they are, as a whole, a generator of power.

It is, therefore, rife for all concerned to reassess the situation now obtaining in the country. For President Marcos, he can now show his patriotism and leadership by reviewing his policies and programs, especially those that pertain to the protection and enhancement of human rights; by loosening his grip on absolute power; by heeding the anguished cries of the oppressed and doing something about them.

The oppositionists, on the other hand, who miserably fared in establishing rapport with the people, must now realign themselves and become more credible so that they could be more effective fiscalizers. They must exercise prudence, without being condescending, in their task to make President Marcos realize that every human being is indeed fallible and that no one has a monopoly of power.

Let the New Year, then, be an occasion for every Filipino to heal old wounds, to shuck off partisan politics, and review objectively the present situation and work for a truly peaceful and stable country where equality, justice and freedom reign.

Now is the time for healing and working together as one for the welfare of all.

DON'T BE TIMID!

Write in your comments, opinions, views, on any issue that affects you, your friends, your relatives, or plain Mr. Juan dela Cruz. Letters should be addressed to: "WE, THE PEOPLE, WE (For the Young Filipino), Mezzanine, National Press Club Bldg., Intramuros, Manila."

May 1978 bring peace, stability and more freedom to all of us!

Publisher's notes

NATIONAL GOV'T INCURS P3-BILLION LOANS IN A SPAN OF 10 MONTHS



by JOSE G. BURGOS, JR.

This item did not come from the oppositionists:

"Aggregate loans obtained by the national government from January to October this year (1977) hit P2.9 billion, national treasury figures show.

"This end-October amount represented an increase of roughly 57.1 percent or P1.04 billion from the P1.82 billion debt incurred by the government in January-October 1976.

"For October this year alone, total loans availed by the national government amounted to P375.45 million, up 83 percent from last year's October figures of P205.06 million.

"Sixty-six percent or P1.9 billion of the 10-month public debt were availed of by the government from domestic sources; P975.4 billion balance from foreign sources.

"The P2.9 billion net borrowings of the government partly financed the government's deficit in its cash operations during the 10-month period.

(The deficit in the government's cash operations is expected because of spending policy which is designed to boost domestic economic activities).

"According to the national treasury data, the government's expenditures during the period exceeded its receipts by P1.83 billion (this represented the deficit in the government's cash operations). In the preceding year, the deficit reached P1.80 billion.

"Total budgetary receipts of the government this year amounted to P17.9 billion, while disbursements aggregated P19.9 billion resulting into a deficit of P1.99 billion.

"This deficit in budgetary operations was, nevertheless, slightly offset by the P155.54 million surplus in non-budgetary operations, when overall receipts reached P3.61 billion against expenditures of only P3.45 billion."

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COMMENTS

THE NATION BUILDERS

By VICTOR G. TEVES

As we go on striving, as changes in our generation take place, and as we travel along life's highway, we must turn our gaze to the youth of today. Let us read into their faces their unrealized dreams and try to appreciate the products of their ingenuity.

The youth can rebuild the nation — why not? Aren't they the fairest promise of our native land, the hope of our Fatherland? Today's youth are far more civic-minded than the youth of yesteryears. They are no longer the youth who merely bow their heads to the dictates of the aging generation but for their betterment or stagnation. Today's youth have their peculiar means to accept or to reject the changes being inculcated into their minds. They prefer to be an active ingredient in moulding a new society towards the formation of a new nation. They long to be given the power, the right to be heard and to shout to the world that they, too, are capable of building a new nation! It is perhaps the reason why they are much willing to be involved in the nation's public affairs—the referenda, elections, and even the desire to hold a public office.

If someone says the youth are chauvinist, wholeheartedly they will accept the importation as something better than not having any love for their country. It is in the youth's weakness where their true strength lies. It is their talent and brave heart that will end the strifes and divisions that plague our society.

The youths are enthusiast. Their enthusiasm (Page 11, please)

Case-to-case

A PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR

by CHUCHAY MOLINA

Quiapo was in its usual frenzied state—a flurry of people rushing about on their own diverse preoccupations: sidewalk vendors and their ubiquitous bilao, ballyhooing about their wares, small crowds spilling all over the sidewalks and bus stops, jostling each other for precious seats on jeepneys, beggars of all afflictions, imagined or not, entrenched in their corners and the underpass steps, their arms stretched out in anticipation of some misdirected notion of charity—holidays or not, the heart of the city will always remain

that way.

Drifting through this motley crowd, I had a sense of certainty that everywhere else in the country, the scene remains much the same. Perhaps the only difference was that the households of the rich and the middle class were more in a bustle over preparations for the media noche. The poor? Nothing much to do, no media noche preparations to worry about, for the same conditions of want persist. It simply remains a wonder how the Filipino can manage to maintain a holiday mood,

although it has been rubbed off of its glow by the increasing burdens of the times. Thank God the Filipino is resilient. He has learned to live, quite optimistically under extremes of conditions, believing in the value of life even when he was deeply in distress.

How long will the thin, un-browned arms of the sweepstakes vendor squatting in one corner of the underpass hold on? How long will the gleam in that wail's eyes, he who risks life and limb hanging on to jeepneys and buses with (Page 10, please)



Magsuri tayo



WE, the people

KB: NOT A CIRCUS

By JOSE 'PEPE' VILLANUEVA

We do not doubt the sincerity of the organizers of organizations purporting to achieve goals that they may have outlined. Of course, SINCERITY is very subjective and we really can't put a hairline distinction between what is truly sincere or what is not. Sometimes, motives, political or otherwise, are overriding considerations which we should try to pay attention to. In fact, to such an extent, they play an important role in shaping up program of actions to convey the kind of sincerity they are trying to espouse.

Although, it has its high hopes and ideals, I don't say that the KB or Kabataang Barangay does not meet the requirements of a truly sincere organization. In fact, if I may be allowed to say, it was formed out of the desire to join the efforts of building the so-called "New Society: The Paradise of the East."

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KAILANGAN ANG CABINET REVAMP

Ni BEN B. ESQUIVEL

Pinayuhan ni Presidente Marcos ang mga miyembro ng gabinete na maghanda para sa eleksiyon ng mga delegado sa interim Batasang Pambansa.

Makahulugan ang aksiyong ito ng Pangulo. Maraming interpretasyong maibibigay dito. Maaaring sa pamamagitan ng eleksiyon ibigawin ng Presidente ang pagbabago sa gabinete.

Batid ng mamamayan na hindi nasisiyahan ang Pangulo sa performance ng ilang cabinet

members. Matagal nang may balak upang magsagawa ng revamp. Ngunit sa hindi malamang dahilan ay hindi ito matuloy.

Marahil, ayaw ng Presidente na makasakit ng damdamin. At ito ang nagiging dahilan upang mabalan ang reorganisasyon sa cabinet. Sa pamamagitan ng halalan sa interim Batasang Pambansa tiyak na mababago ang gabinete.

Walang pagsalag may ilang cabinet members na hindi ma-

naio sa eleksiyon. Alam na ng bayan kung sinu-sino ang mga ito.

Binigo ng Justice Department ang kahilingan ng American military authorities na huwag nang gamitin ng pamahalaang Pilipino ang hurisdiksiyon sa tatlong Amerikano na nakademanda ng estafa.

Walang ibang magagawa ang gobyerno kundi tanggihan ang kahilingan. Ito ang hinihingi ng mga pangyayari at siyang kinalangann upang ma-

Sundan sa pahina 9)

Thoughts on Rizal and Martial Law

By JUSTICE CLAUDIO TEEHANKEE

(Excerpted from an address of the Supreme Court Justice at the book launching of Nicolas Zafra's 'Jose Rizal: Historical Studies' at the University of the Philippines library last month)

JOSE RIZAL left us as his legacy a passion for freedom and justice and enjoined us that

"x x we must win our freedom by deserving it, by exalting reason and enhancing the dignity of the individual, loving what is good, what is great, to the point of dying for it . . ."

Almost 50 years after Rizal's death, we adopted the 1935 Constitution as the repository of the people's God-given and inalienable rights and a charter of government and delineation and limitation of its powers. And the 1973 Constitution was later proclaimed to have come into effect on January 17, 1973. With regard to either or both Constitutions, we may well recall that the late Claro M. Recto, president of the 1934 Constitutional Convention, echoing Rizal's sentiments, admonished us that the Constitution is "but a very human thing, and it can only attain validity and dynamism with popular consciousness, faith and militancy . . . The representatives of an emancipated people, like our own, may solemnly commit to writing the immemorial ideals of the race to be a covenant against tyranny and despotism. And this solemn covenant, which we call the Constitu-

tion, may be signed; it may be ratified; it may be preserved for public veneration in a holy of holies. Judges may paraphrase and interpret it with eloquence and learning; presidents may swear to defend it. But if the people do not take it to their hearts and make it a part of their daily lives, if the people are indifferent to the rights which it guarantees, reluctant to fulfill the duties which are its price, and tolerant, indulgent and forbearing of its infringement, if those who are charged with enforcing it and are sworn to protect it conspire to escape or defeat it, then it is no more of a Constitution than the glittering facade of empty pronouncements and harmless injunctions that conceals the iron curtain of autocracy and dictatorship."

On this momentous occasion that we honor Professor Zafra for having given us in his book the life and times of Rizal to serve as our inspiration and beaconlight, let us have some brief reflections on our present state of martial law. I think that former U.P. President S. P. Lopez best put it when he said that "(while) our political system, our economic system, indeed, the national society as a whole has required the double

therapy of deep purification and shock treatment, such radical therapy (of martial law) is not without risk, and care must be taken to ensure that the deep-seated vices are eradicated without killing the patient."

In my dissenting opinion re the January 1975 Referendum, I held that the continuance of martial law hardly presents an appropriate subject for submittal in a referendum even in a "purely consultative" way, since when the conditions of rebellion no longer exist in the President's determination, then martial law itself thereby ceases to exist under the Constitution regardless of the holding of any referendum or the outcome thereof.

President Ferdinand E. Marcos himself has acknowledged that "one of the greatest perils that we have discovered in an authoritarian government is excess and abuse not merely by the enemies of the state but by the so-called friends of the administrator of martial law."

The reality is that for as long as martial law has not been dismantled, the great rights guaranteed the least person under the Bill of Rights of the Constitution remain nebulous. Under martial law and the resultant suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, an individual may remain indefinitely detained in connection with the general mat-

ters covered by the martial law proclamation and is powerless to seek relief on bail or his liberty from the courts. The great rights of freedom of speech and of the press and of assembly and association remain curtailed under a martial law regime. Hence, limited periods of free discussion are decreed with limited facilities during the holding of referendum when the effects of martial law are suspended. And of course one's thoughts are not free unless he is free to express them and communicate them to others.

The constitutional safeguard of security of tenure of judges and of civil service officials and employees has remained suspended for over five years now by virtue of the President's power to replace them by appointing their successors under the Transitory Provisions. (There is no time limit provided, whereas the 1935 Constitution limited a similar right of replacement to a period of one year).

The President has repeatedly said that his proclamation of martial law is but a "temporary constitutional expedient of safeguarding the republic." In all these, it must be borne in mind that the power to declare martial law in case of invasion or rebellion, when the public safety requires it is contained in but one clause of the Constitution. I hold that the imposition of martial law does not abrogate the

Constitution and its Bill of Rights nor its specific restrictions and limitations upon governmental powers and agencies, for otherwise, as the late Justice Laurel said, "the distribution of powers would be mere verbiage, the bill of rights mere expressions of sentiment, and the principles of good government mere political apothegms."

Thus, in my dissenting opinion in the October 1976 Referendum-Plebiscite cases, I cited the apt observation that a martial law regime fulfills the constitutional purpose only if by reason of its imposition, the Republic is preserved and the people's freedoms are likewise safeguarded and preserved. If by reason of martial law measures, the Republic is so transformed that it ceases to become a republican state and the people's freedoms (which not even they themselves can waive) are lost and denied them, martial law would then have served to destroy the Constitution and the very Republic it was to have safeguarded.

I close then with Rizal's testament that ". . . God or Destiny is with us, because we have justice and reason on our side and because we fight not for any selfish motive but for the sacred love of our country and our countrymen . . . We fight that justice may prevail, we fight for liberty, for the sacred rights of man . . ."

PROFESSORS

It takes all kinds

by JESSICA I. DENISING

University life has never been easy. The foremost factor that affects the lives of the students during their schooldays is their relationship with professors. One can always hear some murmurs from every corner of the University, be it inside the classroom, cafeteria, or comfort rooms. Some while going home, frown, because they have just had a bad day with their professors. A group of ladies I overheard one day mentioned, "Nakakainis naman 'tong professor ko, 'sang tambak na assignments ang ibinigay," and "Alam mo, Emma, napaka-boring ng prof ko, lahat ng examples sa lesson namin tungkol sa sarili niya." On the other hand, there are those who say, "I really like mine, tala-gang enjoy ka sa klase."

These are just a pinch of the many comments students echo everyday. From this point, we can sense that a love-hate relationship occurs between the two sectors. This relationship will likely affect the grades of the students. If you have a professor who knows your needs you surely will be inspired to study more, isn't it? Whereas, if by misfortune you happen to belong to one who is the opposite, most of us will be too discouraged or depressed to study. On the contrary, there are some who will accept challenge. The hatred will induce them to study more and show their professor that they, too, are worthy of good grades.

Students almost by

instinct categorize professors into various types. The **egoistic**: an avid fan of himself who drowns you with the usual word "I", "my", "me", "mine", and "myself". He is basically projecting himself, his "good image" to the class, posing as the model.

The **absentee**: Phantom-like, confusing the students by his surprise and sudden appearances. He is either absent or late. In which case, the time of the students is spent by chatting or wandering around, eyes widely open and alert for the professor's coming or not.

The **terror**: like the lion of the African jungle, he is the type the students dread most. Students cannot help but feel small and inferior everytime this type addresses them because whatever he says is always right and correct. He usually gives surprise quizzes and graded recitations.

The **dictator**: Hitler-like, he wants you to obey whatever he commands because his every word is the "law" of the classroom. He expects you to follow him always as if you were a puppy executing orders from the Mother Dog, depriving you of your freedom of expression.

And here comes the **bookish**: students will be forced to memorize their lessons word for word, assimilating short-range knowledge good for examination days only.

Of course, the **bore** can not be excluded: he lulls you to sleep by his soft and slow voice, sort of a lazy speech. Time seems to drag on too slowly, as if you have been there the whole morning. You keep wishing somebody will interrupt him for some urgent matter or a storm will wipe him away to stop his length and slow talk.

The **perfectionist**: master-type, he treats you as through you were in the graduate school finishing your Master's degree. He gives the topic and leaves the rest to you. He keeps comparing you to others and wants you to level with his reasoning without considering the fact that his age is twice yours.

The **inexhaustible**: Carter-like, he dumps you with half a dozen reports and term papers. He practically exhausts you with all kinds of schoolwork without giving you time to take a long enough breath.

Every person is unique. We can never find any professor with the same style of teaching. Accordingly, we can never find the best professor in the world. Each of them differs in his teaching approaches and manners. Professors sometimes fail because they do not visualize the needs of the students. They forget that students have emotions too, quite sensitive at this crucial period towards full maturity.

The success of every student depends upon

WE Jeers

REMPSON DEPARTMENT STORE

At the height of the Christmas shopping spree, incidence of petty shoplifting was reported rampant, especially in big department stores. But certain stores, like the Rempson Department Store in Cubao, have taken upon themselves to be the investigator, judge, jury and executioner at the same time. This WE staffer witnessed last December 24 during which a young woman was forced to parade inside the store with an "Ako'y magnanakaw" sign hanging below her neck and at her back. Apparently, the suspect was caught stealing something from the store. Without determining her guilt or innocence, the store personnel exposed her to such a medieval and inhuman treatment to the consternation of shoppers.

Several similar cases where suspects were even manhandled were also reported in other stores.

WE Cheers

BUSINESS WITH A HEART

The Yuletide saw several business companies and corporations spreading cheers and goodwill to our less privileged families, especially those in slum colonies. These business firms, either through their own or through civic professional clubs donated cash, food, clothing and toys to the needy. Through this column, our indigent families are expressing their thanks.

the environment in which professors play an important role. As AVP Raul Gonzalez wrote: "a university is not a center of population but of learning. It is a place, where free minds work and study for the advancement of science and scholarship." I think this is understandable enough for us to be here for the sake of acquiring knowledge. And we assume our professors are here too, to impart knowledge, right?

Mercifully, there are

still more professors who "qualify" for the students' "requirements". He who sincerely wants his students to learn. He who realizes the needs of the students. He who knows when to be considerate and firm, thus gaining the respect and admiration of the students. He who is approachable even if classes are over. He who treats you as a person. Lastly, he who advocates the principle: "the mind can grow only if challenged. — DAWN

SARI-SARI

Compiled by
ALICE SANTOS and MARIE SAN JUAN

Etiquette? Manners? Yuck! Sit up straight, curl your little finger when you drink tea. That's manners, right? Wrong! Those rules of etiquette have long been outdated.

But the basic idea of good manners remains: To make others feel at ease when they're with you. And the rules of etiquette are ways to help you do this.

Think about it this way: you like it when someone is nice, thoughtful and courteous to you, right?

Why not be the same way with them?

Have a go at manners that matter. You can ready yourself with these updated etiquette rules.

You spend a large part of your life at home with your family, so this is the place to start your etiquette readiness campaign.

* If your family eats meals together, give your mother a break from the kitchen by clearing the dishes from the table. And if you must leave the table

during a meal, ask to be excused — don't just get up and leave.

* When your friends come to visit, introduce them to your parents. Your parents are human too and may feel rejected or hurt if you don't ask them to meet your friends.

* When your parents' friends come to your home, be polite. Take their coats, ask them to be seated, ask how they are and generally entertain them until your parents can take over. Don't leave them alone

This page is devoted to miscellaneous (sari-sari) items, i.e., WE readers looking for job opportunities, scholarships, missing persons, bargain sale products, etc. Or for those who want to greet someone "special" but are afraid to say it in person, this page is for you.

while you go back to watching TV.

* When you're going out, be sure to tell your parents where you'll be and when you'll be back. If you're going to be late or if other unexpected plans come up, call them. Don't put your parents through the agony of waiting and not knowing what happened to you.

* Even brothers and sisters deserve courteous treatment. Never borrow anything without telling them or leaving a note. Return the item as soon as possible and in good condition. Also, never open anyone else's mail. And be sure to knock before entering someone's bedroom, especially if the door is closed.

* When called for, write thank you letters. They give the impression that you appreciated the gift or whatever enough to take the time to sit down and express your thanks.

* Save make-up re-touching and hair brushing for the ladies' room. Also, chewing gum may be fun, but it's not pleasing to watch, so restrain yourself in public.

The first date is a horror for everyone — you, your date, his parents and your parents. But courtesy can help ease everyone's nerves.

* When you accept a date, sound enthusiastic. A lackluster "Oh, all right" can start a date off on the wrong foot. If you don't know whether you can go or not, don't be evasive — tell him why (not in

great detail, though). If you're still hoping for a call from the man of your dreams decide right then and there if you're going to wait or not. Never break a date except for a real emergency. (Getting another date does not rate as an emergency).

* If you can't go out, but want him to try again, say how sorry you are and let him know that you'd like to go out another time. But if you really don't want to go out with the guy, say firmly that you're busy that night. If he keeps asking you out, keep saying you're busy. He'll get the idea sooner or later.

* Before your date shows up, go over the rules your parents want you to stick to, such as curfew. Don't argue about it in front of your date. Tell your parents your date's name and when to expect him or her, better yet, be ready and meet him at the door. Introduce him to your parents and make some friendly small talk before leaving.

* If you're going out on your first date with a guy, do some pre-date thinking on things to talk about. Try to open the conversation with talk about something you both have in common or something you know he's particularly interested in.

* Be a good listener, don't give the guy a night-long scenario on your life. Let him join in the conversation too.

—(TEEN)

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To Sis. Araceli and Bro. Alfie of ESP: Happy, happy birthday to both of you. Saan ba ang ice-cream sa-ka pizza pie ko?
Bro. Greg, ESP

Jojo, Happy Birthday and stay alive. Go on kicking

Toots, Listen to RJ, you'll get an answer.

Francie Slim down a bit, 'Sayang naman ang kara mo.

Malou Welcome back! How was your stay in Japan?

Bobby, Congratulations! Change!

Wivi What happened? Tu-loy pa ba?

Badette You're nice.

Espie and John, Congratulations! Galing ni'yo man.

Bobbles, Start growing

TO Fe, Lydia, Cora, Baby of "Gapo", Cordia, Carmen, Myrna, Sally, Edith, Marita, Christy, Leedia, Ester, Yolly, Jannet, Merly 2, Emilee, and especially to Bhenjie of LBHS. Sino kaya sa inyo ang susunod na magboblout. from: Rancee Mendoza, pres.

To Miss Lydia Mendoza, Kailan mo pa kaya ako papansinin, sana naman malapit na. Bhenjie (ABK 77)

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE...

(from page 4)

Daily Express's Business section.

The following item is reprinted from "The Citizens' Manifesto" (a printed pamphlet released before the Dec. 17 referendum by the anti-martial law segments, particularly the Katipunan ng Bayan Para sa Kalayaan, Alliance for Human Rights and Philippine Organization for Human Rights):

"x x x according to the World Bank, the Philippines is now the

No. 1 borrower in Asia. For 20 years from 1946 to 1966 — the start of the Marcos era — our debt was around \$600 million only. Six years of the Marcos administration, brought it up to \$2 billion, (more than three times) as of September 1972 when martial law was declared. After only five years of one-man rule under martial law, the Philippine foreign debt — according to the Central Bank — has reached the staggering level of P6.4 billion dollars, or close to P50 billion! Which means that we

WE crossword

by NORMAN M. VILORIA

ACROSS

- 1—idolize
- 6—robber
- 12—say in pompous manner
- 13—necessity

MAGSURI TAYO . . . (Buhat a pahina 5)

pangalagaan ang dignidad ng bansa.

Iniyutos kamakailan ni Presidente Marcos ang pagsusuri sa lahat ng kontratang kinapapalooban ng P1 milyon pataas.

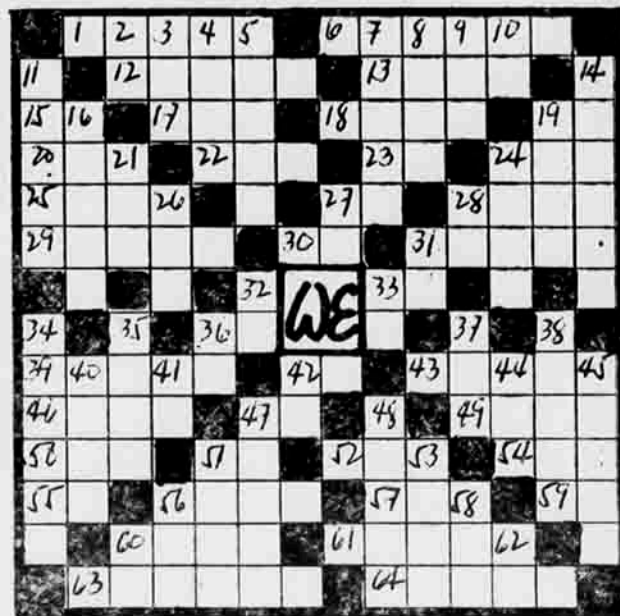
Maliwanag na makikita sa aksiyon ng Pangulo na nag-aalinlangan siya sa naturang mga kontrata. At tiyak na alam niyang batid na rin ng taong-bayan na may anomalya sa ilang kontrata ng gobyerno. Tama ang hakbang ng Pangulo. Kailangan lang suriling mabuti ang mga kontrata lalo na ang kinasasangkutan ng daan-daang milyong piso. Kailangang ang mga kontrata ay hindi nakapag-aalinlangan at naalinsunod sa mga tuntunin.

Maging sa panahong ito ng martial law, maraming report na may ilang matataas na opisyal ng gobyerno ang kasangkot sa mga tiwaling transaksyon.

Tiyak na katig ang taong-bayan sa hakbang ng Presidente. Sapagka't ito'y maliwanag na bahagi ng paglilinis sa pamahalaan.

should have more roads, more bridges, and more highways than what we now have. No wonder, the newspapers are full of accounts of rampant irregularities in public works projects."

O, anong say ninyo? Happy New Year to everybody!



- 15—musical note
- 17—period of time
- 18—filth
- 19—look!
- 20—likely
- 22—prefix meaning upon
- 23—symbol for thulium
- 24—prefix meaning subsequent to
- 25—outer garment of Hindu women
- 27—that is (abb.)
- 28—absolute
- 29—prank
- 30—preposition
- 31—mild and light-colored cigar
- 33—interjection
- 36—like
- 39—garbage
- 42—the sun god
- 43—kingdom
- 46—a quantity of paper
- 47—musical note
- 49—small island
- 50—impair
- 51—symbol for chlorine
- 52—tiny spot
- 54—a tool
- 55—preposition
- 56—ardor
- 57—passing through
- 59—weight (abb.)
- 60—pack full
- 61—touches
- 63—dealer in cloth and dry goods
- 64—flow off gradually
- 2—make
- 3—natural combination
- 4—uncommon
- 5—a day's march
- 7—bind
- 8—virus
- 9—take
- 10—editor (abb.)
- 11—explode
- 14—capital of Massachusetts
- 16—away
- 19—fibber
- 21—of three
- 24—clique
- 26—unfriendly
- 27—when
- 28—symbol of fluorine
- 31—symbol for calcium
- 32—pronoun
- 33—interjection
- 34—inhabitant of Normandy
- 35—far away
- 36—boy's nickname
- 37—garland
- 38—permit
- 40—remarkable deed
- 41—exist
- 42—symbol of radium
- 44—refuse of a cigarette
- 45—comes across
- 47—blaze
- 48—prompted
- 51—applause
- 53—any of a series of rows
- 56—event or date
- 58—according to
- 60—credit (abb.)
- 62—Spanish for "yes"

NO BIZ LIKE SHO BIZ

by JOE 'Jingles' REYES

SHO BIZ '78... what does the New Year hold for the business of entertainment? Rico J. made it in '77 as "Entertainer of the Year." Some singers have made the recording scene like Basil Valdez, Leah Navarro, Allan Castro and Mike Hanopol. A new singing group who call themselves the Music Machine is creating quite a stir... and there are more who may just make the Entertainment Scene this coming year.

A few more Filipino Composers may also make it with the Pop Music Festival coming up and so will some unknown and nameless arrangers who may be arranging the winning songs in this National Contest. Record producers are looking around for enough musical commercial material for their singles and their LP's.

On the overall, Sho Biz '78 will be humming with activity. Movie makers are always on the prowl scouting around for new and undiscovered talents in acting. Television is searching for new shows and formats which will mean more demand for creative people who can fill the bill.

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Today, more than ever, Entertainment has developed into a bigger ball park. But there still is a dearth of good talents both in the performing and the creative aspects needed to present the ball games.

If you are one of those who believe in yourself, blessed with a God-given talent of sorts, don't waste what you've got just keeping your talent to yourself. You can make it like some others have be-

fore you. It takes time and patience and a lot of guts to stay in this entertainment business. Don't look for instant success. And don't look for success outside of yourself. Others can only give you advice but when it comes down to the final analysis, you are the only one who can determine how successful you are... and for how long.

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Well, how long can one keep personal success in entertainment really? There are two important factors to consider in Sho Biz. Versatility is one and relating to your audience is the other.

An audience whatever it's composition will have to be fed with materials acceptable to them and which will hold their interest. Whether you are a performer or a creative production specialist, your objectives in any performance is to hold interest of the audience. Kung tipong masa ang mga nanonood, then gear your performance to materials acceptable to the masses. Kung medyo tipong pa class raman, then give them what they will heartily accept as entertainment.

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During the "Aliw" Specials staged at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton, two single-act comedians invited to provide the comedy relief proved that they could bridge the gap in making people laugh and enjoy themselves. Bert "Tawa" Marcelo and Yoyoy Villame who are both considered comedians for the masses proved that they could also entertain the elite with their jokes and their songs. Hindi tsamba ang perfor-

mance nila, mga pare ko. They knew exactly what they were doing. I have no doubt that if Dolphy made it to the shows at the Hilton, he too would have elicited the same reaction with that elite audience. This only goes to prove the second most important factor which I mentioned in this series, relating to your audience.

Of course, I can also talk to you about some of the bad performances but I would much rather be kind. Bagong taon naman, eh. And after all, those who forget that the audience is the first and foremost consideration in entertainment may one day find that these same people who pay for watching them have to be entertained... not bored. Mahirap na mga pare ko ang nagbabayad ka na... eh papatayin ka pa sa buwisit. After all, entertainment is the name of the game.

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The fast changes, the newest trends and the latest styles are happening so fast that I know there will be some of the young and ambitious hopefuls in the entertainment field who may skyrocket to popularity this year or be left by the wayside if they don't watch out for themselves.

Don't get blinded by the glitter and the glamour of this game of Sho Biz. Sho Biz is very hard work. It may look easy enough if you have the talent. And if you think you've got what it takes to be great in this business where there is no room for mediocrity, then welcome. Let's see you get your feet wet.

But you know that you can drift around in

in the
campus



Schools and universities with more than 10 foreign students are urged to organize chapters of the Philippine International Friendship Organization (PIFO).

This was contained in a department order issued by DEC Secre-

tary Juan L. Manuel.

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The Council of Student Organizations of St. Scholastica's College in Manila reported that decrease in membership and insufficiency of funds have been encountered by the schools' organizations.

CASE-TO-CASE... (from page 5)

his cigarette box, remain? How long can Aling Tikang endure the cat-and-mouse chase with law enforcers everytime a uniformed man comes along and threatens to confiscate her precious bilao, the only source from which she feeds her half-starved children? How long will the suffering masses, mere shadows in the glitter of the season, prevail? More time, dear Lord, please give them more time to endure. For as You have helped them through one eventful year, tide them over the strains and anxieties of

another.

* * *

They may not have witnessed the battles in the South, where men die or are wounded daily; they may not have cared about the implications of all those verbal tussles attendant to the recent referendum, hungry as they were, to bother about the complexities of government transition and political affairs; they may never have fully realized why they could not rise above their state of economic and social wants; nonetheless, they have won their private battles for existence, and detached as they may appear from all these vital events, they are the ultimate receivers of everything that these may shape, their sufferings are but the consequences of all national directions of the processes obtaining in the whole socio-economic-political system.

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And as the world spins on time's axle into another year, as humanity surges inexorably forward, let them advance more, Lord, towards a better life, where they will not be the passive and defenseless receivers of changes, but their shapers and makers.

gag bag



Compiled by CELIA NERPIOL

Overheard in a Spanish class:

Professor: Conjugate the verb "caber".

Sleepy-eyed student: Yo cabo.

Tu sargento.

El capitan.

How the class howled hilariously.

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Son: Mom, what is an angel?

Mother: Well, an angel is just like a human being with wings.

Son: Can angels fly, Mommy?

Mother: Yes, of course, son.

Son: I heard Daddy called our maid an angel. Can she also fly?

Mother: Yes, she is going to fly now.

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It was a lively lesson in History in the elementary grades when the teacher asked: "If the ruler of Russia was called Czar and his wife was called Czarina, what were their children called?"

"Czardines," answered a bright pupil.

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The impatient judge was trying to pacify a family spat between husband and wife in a court room.

Judge: Did your husband strike you with impunity?

Wife: No, he struck me with his fist.

Judge: Case dismiss.

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Two teenage boys were talking about their exploit in love affairs and got emotionally involved. At length, one of them asked feverishly, "What is love, anyway?"

"Love is running after a girl until she catches you," retorted the other.

THE NATION BUILDERS . . .

(from page 5)

serves as a yeast which enlivens their dreams and make them rise to the stars. Someday, some of the youth will also be good leaders — leaders to end our sufferings and give new hopes to our society. They are the youth who will pursue the noble aims of our New Society.

Today's youth are bound by common goals, aspirations and interests. They live for their country. In their veins flow the blood of their brave ancestors. No wonder, youths are fighters — fighters for democracy with the will to shed their blood if necessary.

Our country is a rich one but due to the negligence of the past generations, much of our land is unexplored and our vast wealth is still untapped. This is a challenge to the youth — to develop the resources of our country while they try to cure the malignant cancer of our society.

Look unto the youth . . . hear their voices crying in the wilderness! — LYCEUM

YOUTHS DOMINATE . . . KB: NOT A CIRCUS . . .

(from page 1)

42,070,660 when last counted is young, NCSO, said.

Young interprets into a median age of 17.6 years for both sexes. For males it is 17.4 years and for females, 17.8 years, the agency explained.

It noted that compared with the median age in the 1970 census year, which was 16.9 years, that of 1975 showed an increase of 0.7 year.

OCTOGENARIANS

NCSO also turned up something significant in its count of the nation's octogenarians — those age 85 and over outnumbered the 80 to 84 age group, their respective counts being 104,830 and 86,429.

The 85 and above octogenarians were also found concentrated in five regions, with Southern Tagalog (IV-B) topping the rest with 14,273 of such elderly folk.

Ilocos (I) was the next region with a large number of such elderly citizens, 14,264. Western Visayas (VI) was at third with 13,971. At fourth was Central Visayas (VII) with a count of 12,107, and Central Luzon (III) at fifth with 11,958.

Region with a sparse number of citizens age 85 and over was Central Mindanao (XIII), a scant 2,045.

Regions with less number of the fading generation were Central Mindanao, 53,157; Western Mindanao, 68,295; Northern Mindanao, 86,772; Central Luzon and Cagayan Valley, again a coincidental 88,925 each.

Of the present generation meaning the 30 to 59 age group, most were in Southern Tagalog and Metro Manila,

(from page 5)

But what I'm saying is that **ACTIVISM** in society does not mean only participating in choral group contests, alay-lakad, calisthenics, exhibitions and similar activities.

For sure all of us know that we are not here to build a stage show or a circus band. We do not exist merely to have a bunch of Ricos, Didiths, Basils or Villames. We do not want to have a youth that knows no law except the usual "1-2-3 ready sing" or saying punchlines such as "Mag-exercise tayo tuwing umaga . . ."

As part of this youth which Rizal calls the future hope of the fatherland, I'm much concerned as anybody else. This is not of course to discount their achievements as an organization. All I'm saying is that there is a need for reorientation. How? Well, that could be "ARRANGED", as one puts it. But the problem is that if we are not aware that we are nearly putting up a circus band, then this is something bad if not worst. It's just a question of knowing where we are so that we may be able to think for ourselves which way to go, but, if on the first place, we are at a lost, what kind of future could we have? **MAYROON PA BANG HIHIGIT SA PAGKILALA SA TUNAY NA SARILI AT MALAMAN ANG TUNAY NA DAAN?** — PHILIPPINE COLLEGIAN

1,211,576 and 1,196,553; respectively.

Cagayan Valley had the smallest share, 452,721.

The rising generation, the 0 to 29 age group, were most numerous in seven regions:

Southern Tagalog, 3,747,626; Metro Manila, 3,589,147; Central Luzon, 3,047,546; Western Visayas, 2,898,452; Central Visayas, 2,353,166; Bicol, 2,327,454, and Southern Mindanao, 2,018,279.

METRO MANILANS

When it comes to regional median age, that of Metro Manila overshoot the national 17.6 years. Its median was 20 years for both sexes while for females it was 20.1 years and for males, 19.9.

The Ilocos followed with 18.3 years, that for women 19 years and men 18.1 years.

Central Visayas had the older median for that part of the na-

tion at 18 years for both sexes with 18.4 years for females and 17.5 for males.

Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog had the same median of 17.6 years. They parted ways when it came to median for the sexes: Central Luzon had 17.9 years for females and 17.3 for males while Southern Tagalog females had 17.7 years and males 17.4 years.

Region with the youngest median was Bicol, 16.1 years. For the females it was 16.2 years and for the males, 15.9.

Other regions with the 16 years median were Central Mindanao, 16.3; Northern Mindanao, 16.5; Southern Mindanao, 16.6; Western Mindanao, 16.7 and Eastern Visayas, 16.8.

Regions whose populations had 17 years as the median age were Cagayan Valley, 17.1 and Western Visayas, 17.5. — DEPTHnews

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FOR THE YOUNG FILIPINO

12 * For the fortnight ending Jan. 15, 1978

THE SCENE

The year that was

The resurgence of student-youth activism. Sports festivals. Nationwide registration of 15-year-olds for membership in the Kabataang Barangay. All these marked the year that was: 1977.

Student activism in and out of the campus was triggered off by the controversial tuition

fee increases. Understandably, students of the University of the Philippines, bastion of youth involvement, launched the series of boycotts and protests against tuition fee hikes.

Students also formed the bulk of demonstrators last Sept. 23. The demo was marred with violence and arrests.

In sports, the San Beda Red Lions romped off with the NCAA title after humiliating Ateneo's Eagles. Centro

Escolar University's Flamingos likewise bagged the WNCAA main trophy from Chiang Kai Shek's cagebelles.

The government's drive to muster youth support and involvement reached its peak with the registration of all 15-year-olds in the Kabataang Barangay organization. With it was an appropriation of P11 million for KB happenings.

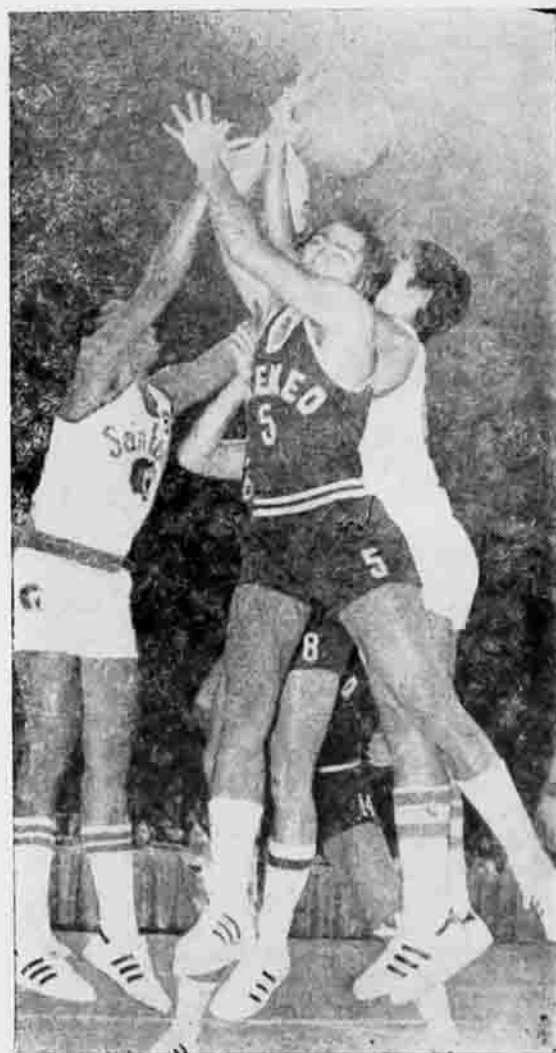
It was quite a year, 1977. 1978 could bring more excitement.



DEMO AT AVENIDA — A protest march against martial law was staged last year with students-youths in the forefront.



KB REGISTRATION — Millions of 15-year-olds registered memberships in the Kabataang Barangay.



RED LIONS — San Beda's Red Lions roared and Ateneo's Eagles soared. But the Lions overcame, bagging the NCAA title.