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# Prostitutes, 9 to 14, hospitalized for VD

By MARCELO B. SORIANO

OLONGAPO CITY — Twelve girls, aged 9 to 14, who admitted having been either forced or lured into prostitution, were discovered to be suffering from acute venereal diseases (VD), including a recurring kind called *Herpes genitalis*, and had to be confined in a local hospital here.

The hospitalization of the young girls virtually debunked claims of government authorities that child prostitution is not prevalent in the Philippines.

The case of the girls was brought to the attention of WE Forum by a priest, who said the young victims were packed in a small isolation room at the back of the Olongapo General Hospital when he visited them last. He said that the girls "work" for a well-organized prostitution syndicate in this city.

City and base authorities have been trying to hide the story of the child prostitutes from the media. The government's reason is that

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In photo are three of 12 young prostitutes who 'work' for a well-organized prostitution syndicate in Olongapo City.

**'Soc' rob suspect arrested, released**

The suspected "fence" (buyer of stolen goods) in the P600,000 robbery in the office-residence of former Sen. Francisco "Soc" Rodrigo last July 12 has been released by Northern Police District investigators even if only part of the stolen items was re-

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**Pag-IBIG explains contributory fund**

By TEDDY B. CECILIO

A ranking official of the Home Development Mutual Fund, better known as Pag-IBIG, admitted that Pag-IBIG had failed to explain in detail to borrowers the rationale behind the controversial Housing Contributory Fund

(HCF) even as a group of loan applicants are agitating for a review of the Fund which they describe as an additional burden to borrowers.

Marilou O. Adea, Pag-IBIG

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**10** Nationalist perspective: America's anti-industrialization policy for the Philippines assailed.

This bridge in Magallanes, Tayug, Pangasinan collapsed last July 14 after a truck loaded with lumber tried to cross it. The bridge was opened to vehicles only last May 29. (Photo by Marcelo B. Soriano)



**Comelec urged to stop poll anomalies**

Both winners and losers in the barangay elections last May 17 in Barangay Quirino 2-B in Quezon City have asked the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to conduct an immediate investigation of the anomalies committed during the elec-

tions which resulted in the disenfranchisement of a large number of voters in the area.

Although the petitioners did not pinpoint those responsible for the anomalies, they said they filed the petition because they wanted the

Comelec to institute positive and remedial measures to avoid repetition of the scandal in future elections.

Among the anomalies committed which the petitioners said disillusioned them and their constituents

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## ● Manglapus group girds for showdown with FM

By GEORGE BROOKS  
WE Forum U.S. Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Marcos will face tough opposition when he visits the United States in September after five moderate and radical groups agreed to join forces during a meeting here July 11.

The U.S.-based Opposition

group has yet to agree on a name for the alliance but all, however, unanimously vowed to give Mr. Marcos "a hard time" during his stay in the U.S.

The alliance, said to be the most significant move ever made by the various anti-Mar-

cos organizations in the U.S. since the declaration of martial law in the Philippines in 1972, was formed to protest the Marcos state visit.

It is composed of the Movement for a Free Philippines (MFP), headed by for-

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**EXTRADITION TREATY**

## ● Loaded or tailor-made?

By NAPOLEON RAMA

In arguing against my article on the extradition treaty, now pending ratification, the Solicitor General asks in a tone edged with sarcasm, by what special rights does the Opposition damn the extradition treaty?

My answer is, by the God-given right to think and dissent, to resist oppression and

fight injustice.

The arrogance that accompanied the reaction to the article could come only from one who has been in power too long under a regime whose legitimacy has long been called into question.

The Solicitor General in his response accused me of fabricating a whole citation

on extradition and putting it in the mouth of former Sen. Jovito Salonga. To be sure, that is dishonest and even insinuating.

In my thin morality book, resort to dishonesty or cheating, so fashionable nowadays, is not part of my pastime.

The questioned quotation

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## The Bad Guerrillas of Northern Luzon

By ERNESTO R. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

Chapter XVIII

The Surviving Borjals

"But even assuming that the accused-appellants did commit the crime with which they are charged, the Court below should not have denied their claim to the benefits of the Guerrilla Amnesty Proclamation No. 8 (42 Off. Gaz., 2072) on the ground that the slaying of Arsenio Borjal took place after actual liberation of the area from enemy control and occupation. The evidence on record regarding the date of liberation of La Paz, Abra, is contradictory. The Military Amnesty Commission that decided the case of one of the original accused, Jesus Labuguen, held that La Paz, Abra, was liberated on July 1, 1945, according to its records; and this finding was accepted by Judge Letargo when he dismissed the case against said accused on March 15, 1949.

"On the other hand, Judges Bocar and Hilario, who subse-

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## Loaded

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of Salonga, "Nearly all extradition treaties of the U.S. contain no retroactivity clause with four exceptions..." is found on page 20 of Salonga's published lecture on Feb. 22, 1982 at the University of Hawaii on US-RP extradition treaty. But I suppose the Solicitor General couldn't be bothered by such minor matters as checking the facts first before making conclusions and condemnations.

Perhaps the Solicitor General would not have raised the issue of my faking a citation by Salonga had I quoted more extensively from Salonga's treatise on the treaty. Had I done so, the whole article would have been unpublishable in any of the major dailies, for Salonga had very harsh words on the administration, particularly offices having to do with administration of justice, like the office of the Solicitor General. Again, if he couldn't believe this, I might as well help myself to those Salonga quotations:

On the principle observed by civilized nations that they should refuse to enter into an extradition pact with a nation whose legal system does not meet their standards of justice, the Senator notes that while the Philippine

Constitution still contains the Bill of Rights,

*"In practice, however, there is a yawning gap between the American law and the Marcos legal system, especially as regards 'public order violators.' In American law, the accused is presumed innocent unless found guilty... in the Marcos legal system a suspect is presumed guilty — the burden is on him to prove his innocence. In American law, a person cannot be imprisoned without being informed of the charge against him, in the Marcos system, a person can be detained indefinitely, without charges and without trial. In American law, dissent is tolerated, even encouraged; in the Marcos legal system, even honest, principled dissenters are considered criminals... since they 'undermined the security of the nation,' that is to say his own security..."*

On the Italian jurist Beccaria's commentary that civilized nations would be prudent to wait until the requesting country has attained a civilized rule of law, before entering into an extradition agreement, Salonga quips:

"Of course, Beccaria did

not reckon with legal systems that were once civilized but, for one reason or another, have descended to the level of the primitive and the barbaric."

Solicitor General Estelito Mendoza contends that all 16 US treaties he had contain a retroactivity clause. Salonga says none except four has that offending proviso. Of course, on the basis of its public records, the public would be able to judge which of the two is more believable.

In his "Response," Mendoza insists that, against my contention, Article 9 of the treaty has a provision requiring evidence of probable cause (before a "requisitioned" person is extradited). If Mr. Mendoza reads Article 9 again, he would see that, paragraph 4 of the Article omits the requirement of evidence of probable cause with respect to persons convicted by a Philippine court, hence extraditable without the fair play requirement. A case of sloppy responding?

Again, to quote Salonga on this score:

*"Getting a conviction in Philippine courts is not a difficult problem. The Philippines is one underdeveloped country that may have surpassed Japan in the use of robots — we have robots to inflict torture, manufacture evidence, file spurious charges, try cases, and render convictions as desired..."*

Mendoza, splitting hair, argues that an extradition treaty does not make an act a crime. It's the law that makes it so. In other words, there's nothing to fear about an extradition treaty, even one with a retroactive effect. When one is arrested in the US, manacled, clamped into jail provisionally, then dragged into a plane for the Philippines to face trial and punishment before a military commission for an alleged crime done, say, sometime in 1972 — what's so frightening about that. The treaty is not to blame because it did not make one's act a crime. How easy it is to be fearless when one makes the law.

The main argument in my article (June 21 and 22 issues of *Bulletin Today*) is simply that all the pious pledges of the administration that the treaty is not designed to behead the Opposition in exile and not applicable to political offenders ring hollow against the fact that the leadership had already pronounced Opposition leaders

## 'Soc' rob

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covered from him when arrested last July 15.

Maj. Rodolfo Garcia, chief of the criminal investigation division, said they could not further detain the suspect after the inquest fiscal, Fiscal Virginia Valdes, decided to conduct a preliminary investigation of the charges against Benigno Mercado, 64, who is allegedly engaged in buying and selling of stolen goods.

Mercado was arrested by the police in his home in Tondo. Recovered from his possession were pieces of jewelry worth P190,000, believed to be part of the loot taken from the Rodrigos.

in the US principally, former Senators Benigno Aquino, Jr. and Manglapus, guilty of common crimes. In fact, one recalls President Marcos and his foreign minister publicly swear that there are no political prisoners in the Philippines.

Mendoza did not choose to tangle on this issue. Hence, there's no need to elaborate on it.

He argues that the second sentence of the retroactivity clause under the US-German pact omitted in the RP-US treaty was a redundancy because Article 2 also requires the offense to be punishable by the laws of "both Contracting Parties."

A closer reading will show that the missing second sentence refers to an offense punishable by the laws of both Contracting Parties at the time of its commission. The underscored phrase is not found in Article 2. Salonga describes the omitted sentence as containing an "important qualification."

All told against the administration's stout defense of the treaty is its long history of less than honest posturing and unfairness against the Opposition. This is not the first that Opposition leaders have damned an administration policy or proposal, nor the first time that administration stalwarts have come up with the defense of purity of motives.

Invariably, of course, the question proposals or laws, once approved and implemented would bring out the very evils predicted by the Opposition.

Shining samples of these are: bloc voting (which Mendoza first rejected then defended within a space of 24 hours because of crossed signals from above); instant voters' registration up to Election Day; election by region; referendum by hand-raising citizens' assemblies, various constitutional amendments enlarging presidential powers, among others. The pattern has hardened. The jig is up.

What the administration stalwarts cannot grasp is the long-term danger of a treaty at this time and under the circumstances it was negotiated. An extradition treaty is double-edged. All administrations must come to an end. The end of this one could start a vicious circle of vendetta through the use of the treaty.

(See also *Kuro-Kuro* on page 5).

City Fiscal Sergio Apostol explained to *WE Forum* that the inquest fiscal has the authority to immediately file the case in court or conduct a preliminary investigation.

He said after Fiscal Valdes decided to schedule a preliminary investigation, the police have to release the suspect because his continued detention will be a flagrant violation of his rights.

Under the Revised Penal Code, unless a case is formally filed in court, the police could not detain a suspect for more than 19 hours, Apostol explained.

When investigated, police said Mercado pointed to the principal suspects in the robbery but their names were withheld pending their arrest.

The jewelry police recovered from Mercado consisted of three ladies' rings and a men's ring.

## Prostitutes

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expose of the crime would harm Olongapo which is being bandied about as a model city. Base officials, on the other hand, said it would hamper investigation.

The prostitution ring, believed to be more than a year old in this city, is reported to be operated by a 35-year-old woman known for her strong ties with city authorities. She is assisted by two other women younger than she is.

Aside from ordinary sexual acts, the girls also served the perverted sexual needs of some U.S. naval personnel.

Seven of the 12 girls in the isolation room have escaped through a window. They are now loose again like their companions who were still not located by social workers.

The girls were brought to the "customers" of the operators where they were either sweet-talked, drugged (by sniffing rugby) or raped.

One of the girls, aged 11, was sexually abused by a six-foot serviceman. At times, she was beaten and held by the throat to stop her from crying during sex acts.

The girls were paid varying

amounts each time they were "used." Part of the pay went to the ring leader.

Child prostitution here first came to light when two half-sisters, aged 12 and 14, approached social workers at the Pope John XXIII clinic seeking help for many sores that erupted in their skins.

The social workers said the girls could hardly walk when they went to the clinic.

Social workers looked for other girls and got 12 in all, including the half-sisters. They took them to the general hospital where the girls were treated for syphilis, gonorrhea and recurring Herpes genitalis.

At first, the girls did not want to talk. But they later talked freely. They described even the intimate details.

The girls said they had been warned by Mayor Richard Gordon not to tell their experience to others. He also warned the social workers against talking to the media.

The girls were told that, if the vice ring is exposed, the "people will say children are not taken care of here, then the mayor will be affected."

## Comelec

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were:

— Non-inclusion of many voters in the voter's lists (old and new) although they were issued ID cards by the Comelec.

— Transfer of the names of voters from one precinct to another, thereby causing chaos and confusion which resulted in the failure of many voters to vote.

— Voter's lists were handwritten in a mere scrap of paper and signed by persons other than the Comelec registrar.

— Voter's lists were posted only on the day of the election contrary to a Comelec regulation that voter's lists should be posted at least two days before the election.

— Even late in the afternoon of the election day, additional voter's lists were posted which cast suspicion because they were signed by persons other than the Comelec registrar.

— Voters who had Comelec ID cards but whose names did not appear in the voter's lists were not allowed to vote making the issuance of such ID cards a mockery.

— Only about 2,000 out of 4,000 registered voters were able to vote because of the anomalies.

According to the petition-

ers, the commission of such anomalies negated the people's democratic processes and vividly dramatized their apathy and eroded faith and trust in the government.

The petition was signed by both the winners and the losers.

The winners were Atty. Ceferino A. Baquisal, barangay captain; Salvador P. Robel, Filotea Abao, Marina Leonor, Natividad Ragil, Francisco Macasieb, Juana Aureada, Luisita Dumo and Natividad Tongo, councilmen.

The losers were Atty. Amado T. Garrovillas, Atty. Felipe A. Lopez, Agaton T. Landicho, Redentor Javier, Carolina Cortez, Aurora Reyes Altez, Eduardo Medina, Fernando Generao and Atty. Luis F. Roque.

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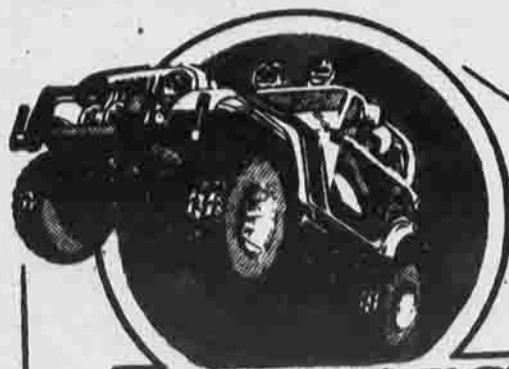
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## Humanities

### POETRY

## Dare to be free

By Manny Acuna

*In a distant place a distant time  
Many islands adjoined by sea  
There people lived and people wept  
Fell tears unseen, softly.*

*Eyes awide yet not to see  
Where they will go ill ways  
Ears are strong yet not to hear  
Country's sorrow of the day*

*For fair and just they cry  
The mouth is mute to speak  
Though arms and mind are strong  
The heart in fear is weak*

*The mind only thinks of now  
Not much of how tomorrow  
Complacent in acquiescence  
In future no joy to borrow*

*Yet it is only the heart  
With time and place to itself  
Could free the hand in chain  
Unseen bond to cut in help*

*For hearts in truth are strong  
With the High spirit together  
The past they need to look  
And see today much better*

*The sacrifice of the past  
The sacrifice to be free  
Though to be written in blood  
Aspire tomorrow to be*

*Let tomorrow be unchained  
Let hopes and prosperity be  
A happier land for our children  
Then, dare to be free.*

No one is a slave whose will is free

## TV, film exchange

A wide-ranging project for the exchange of film and television programs in the Asia-Pacific region was recently launched in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

According to an AFP dispatch, the film and television experts, who ended a four-day meeting at the Malaysian capital, also proposed a computerized database to facilitate the exchange.

The database, the dispatch said, would be at the new Film Archives of the

Philippines where some 70,000 films from the region are expected to be registered.

It will serve not only members of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) and film researchers and documentary film and TV producers worldwide, the dispatch added.

The project was first discussed by ABU in 1973 and is now being launched with funds approved by the UNESCO International Program for the Development on Communication (IPDC) in January.



Dr. Tatsuo Saito (left) and Dr. John Farrands, vice-chairman and chairman, respectively, of the International Antarctic Commission during its first meeting in Hobart, Australia. The commission, comprising of 15 signatory nations, will oversee the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and work on the proper control of fishing resources in the area.

## Contest rules out

The City Gallery at Rizal Park is sponsoring an on-the-spot drawing and painting contest on July 25, 1982 at the Quirino Grandstand.

The following are the rules, as announced by the gallery:

1. The contest is open to out-of-school youth and students from public and private schools in Metro Manila.
2. Categories: Group A - 6-10 years old; Group B - 11-13 years old; and Group C - 14-18 years old.
3. The contest will be held on Sunday, July 25, 1982 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon at the Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park, Manila.
4. The subject of the contest will be given before the contest starts.
5. A contestant will bring his/her own choice of medium such as pencil, crayon or oil pastel, watercolor and oil color, any drawing paper and canvas.
6. Each contestant shall submit one entry. The size

of the entry is not smaller than 12" x 16" and not bigger than 16" x 20."

7. The registration of contestants' name will start on July 10-24, 1982 between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the City Gallery, (between Quirino Grandstand and Manila Hotel) Rizal Park, Manila (Mondays thru Sundays). Registration fee of each contestant is P3.00.
8. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final.
9. The announcement of winners and the awarding of prizes will be held on Sunday, August 1, 1982 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Gallery.
10. All entries shall automatically become the properties of the City Gallery.
11. Prizes for each group:  
First Place: Trophy (12")  
Second Place: Trophy (10")  
Third Place: Trophy (8")  
Three Honorable Mention: Gold Medals

## Mathematics lectures

Prof. Salvador Roxas Gonzalez will give a series of lectures on *vectorial mathematics* sponsored by the Mathematics Society of the Philippines and the Technological University of the Philippines (formerly Philippine College of Arts and Trades, Ayala St., Ermita, Manila, near former Legislative Bldg.). College teachers of mathematics, physics, and engineering are invited. This is a public service of the MSP whose program director is Prof. Fe Reyes of UP mathematics department. The lectures and open forum are from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M., on the following Saturdays:

July 17: "Vectors in Algebra and Geometry"  
July 24: "Vectors in Calculus"  
July 31: "Vectors in Differential Equations"

Prof. Gonzalez is professor of theoretical physics and philosophy in the department of mathematics of De La Salle University. He studied at Cambridge University and was a visiting fellow at Princeton, a visiting professor at Waseda, Tokyo, and professorial lecturer at UP Diliman.

## The World

### WORLD NEWS FOLIO

### Mysterious disease

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A spreading mysterious disease causing atrophy of the external sex and other organs had broken out in Jalpaiguri District in northern part of the West Bengal State (capital Calcutta), the Press Trust of India reported. At least 20 people, including women, have been hospitalized and the number of people seeking hospitalization is increasing, the agency said.

### Choosing Vietnam's anthem

HANOI (AFP) - Three of the 17 musical scores and the words that go with them, chosen in the second run of the competition for a national anthem, have now been published in the official Communist Party daily, Nhan Dan. The fourteen others are also to be brought to the attention of the public, which is invited to express an opinion.

### Japan's suicide rate down

TOKYO (AFP) - A total of 20,434 people committed suicide in Japan last year, a decrease of 614 from 1981, a police report said. Those aged 60 or older accounted for 5,985 or 29.3 percent, followed by 3,996 or 19.5 percent for those in their 40s, the report said. A total of 620 young people aged 19 or lower killed themselves.

### Private businesses boom

PEKING (AFP) - Small private businesses, virtually nonexistent in China until about three years ago, now employ some 1.78 million people, the English-language China Daily said here. The paper added that the number of small business collectives had increased by 41.9 percent in the last three years, now numbering about 884,000 and employing 4.1 million people.

### Protection for journalists

HONG KONG (AFP) - The Hong Kong Journalists' Association has called for greater protection for journalists covering police raids. The association's call came in the wake of an incident in Hong Kong Island when journalists, covering an investigation by the police Commercial Crimes Bureau (CCB), were attacked by a group of people, wielding sticks and iron bars. Nine of the journalists were injured and taken to the hospital.

## Another loan for RP?

TOKYO (AFP) - Visiting Philippine Prime Minister Cesar Virata has asked Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki to open the Japanese market wider to developing countries as well as to the industrialized countries.

In a meeting with Suzuki, the Philippine Prime Minister said market-opening measures enforced so far by the Japanese government appear to benefit only the advanced nations.

Suzuki told Virata that a mission of the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party (LDP) is scheduled to visit the Philippines in mid-July, and expressed the hope that the Philippine government would discuss the matter with the mission, the sources said.

When Virata requested extension of yen credits to promote large-scale development projects in the Philippines, Suzuki said he would do his

best to continue to provide as large credits as possible this year, the sources added.

### Serviceman meted death

WURZBURG, Central West Germany (AFP) - A U.S. Army soldier stationed in West Germany has been sentenced to death by court martial for raping and killing an 18-year-old West German girl, U.S. military sources reported here.

Joseph Brown, 21, was found guilty of committing rape, sodomy and stabbing Ursula Schrimsher 17 times on February 13.

His accomplice, Roy Gore, was sentenced to life imprisonment on June 2 for premeditated murder and rape.



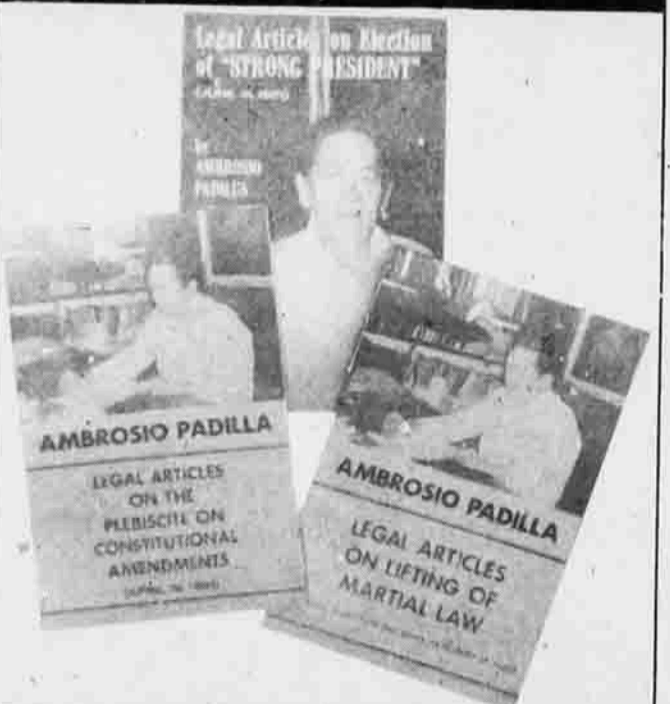
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## Pulse

### Editorial

#### Jose Ma. Hernandez, 'Elias'

More than a well-known poet, writer, educator and Catholic lay leader, Dr. Jose Ma. Hernandez, who passed away last July 14 at the age of 78, was a staunch defender of and fighter for freedom, justice and truth. He was also a comrade in the *WE Forum*.

Unknown to almost all our readers, Jose Ma. Hernandez's prolific and incisive pen had graced our pages under the nom de plume "Elias."

His first contribution to this newspaper was a poem entitled "Her majesty, the Queen" which appeared in our Jan. 27-29, 1982, issue. This was followed by a nine-part series of articles headlined "Where do we go from here" — an intelligent and nationalistic approach to the multifarious problems besetting the country. These articles were published from Feb. 6 to March 6, 1982.

Dr. Hernandez's thoughts were so relevant to the issues of the day that they provoked many of our readers to react, all of whom expressed agreement with and commendation for the author's lucid observations. We were especially moved by Dr. Hernandez's fatherly advice: "Let us subdue our personal pride, discipline ourselves and agree to unite."

Many will miss Jose Ma. Hernandez. But we, in the *WE Forum*, will miss more of "Elias."

### With a grain of salt



#### A historic museum piece

By ARMANDO J. MALAY

Fifty years from now, say, a mixed bag of tourists in Washington, D.C., is being shown a glass case in which is displayed a battered cowboy's hat. Says the guide:

"Here, ladies and gentlemen, is a hat which could very well be said to have changed the course of American, and world, history." Necks craned, cameras were focused.

"Not only is this cowboy hat the favorite headgear of President Reagan when he was acting in Hollywood movies, but out of this hat came decisions that changed the course of history."

"Why, Sir? Because it led him to the White House?" asked a Chinese

tourist.

"Not really. In the 1980's, when he was faced with making tough decisions, the president used to write on slips of paper which were then collected in this hat. On one slip he would, for example, write: 'We support UK in the Falklands war,' and on another slip, 'We DON'T support UK in the Falklands war.' On another paper: 'We intervene in El Salvador,' on another, 'We DON'T intervene in ES.' A third paper might say, 'We pull out of Clark Field and Subic,' and its counterpart would have, 'We DON'T pull out, etc.' Oh sometimes he would have two dozen slips of paper

It is well that the Cabinet has decided to review the policies of our energy program, particularly the disparity between gasoline and crude and oil supply and demand. What is more important is that the Cabinet Executive Committee headed by Prime Minister Cesar Virata should expedite the formulation of more practical and just policies considering that the ordinary citizens are the ones bearing the brunt of the oil problem.

The oil policy review had to come because for sometime now, the Philippines has a surplus of gasoline while experiencing a diesel shortage, thereby affecting vital industries.

As a result of the imbalance, gasoline prices were lowered to ten centavos per liter for both premium and regular. It had also come to a point that because of the oversupply, oil companies are now being forced to ship

in this hat."

"What happened next?" a wild-eyed Thai tourist asked.

"Then he shook the hat for five minutes. Then asked Secretary Haig, or sometimes, wife Nancy, in case Haig was in one of his tantrums with other officials, to pick out a slip of paper. Whatever was written on that slip of paper became America's foreign policy. It was as simple as that."

"Regardless of the political, economic and moral consequences?" asked a third tourist, a small Filipino woman in rubber shoes and sequined hairnet.

"Regardless."

"But why didn't Mr. Reagan choose to discuss the options of US foreign policy with his advisers or his cabinet? I understand he had hundreds of them swarming here."

Guide: "Well, Mr. Reagan thought this kind of raffle was more expeditious. He avoided too much thinking. Anyhow, he said that the nation had enough clout to back

#### Kokoy Jokes of the Week:

When Kokoy rushed to the hospital after his wife gave birth, he wanted to go to the nursery right away to see the baby. A nurse stopped him. "Sir, you can't go in there with your clothes on. You are not sterile." Kokoy: "You're telling me!" Then he rushed in.

Kokoy came to his office fuming mad. Asked why, he said that a motorcycle cop had detained him, saying he was driving 120 miles an hour. "And I had not been driving for more than 30 minutes yet! Talagang gago!"

Somebody told Kokoy that a drowning man sinks three times, and after sinking the third time his whole past life passes before his eyes. Kokoy shuddered and said, "I know what I'll do if that happens to me. I'll shut my eyes so I'll miss it."

Kokoy was asked in class, "Where do you find the elephant?" Kokoy pondered long, then said: "M'am, the elephant is such a large animal it can't get lost."

## Publisher's Notes

### Cabinet should expedite review of oil policies

By JOSE G. BURGOS, JR.



out a great volume of gasoline to other countries. Last year alone, we imported 922,000 barrels of gasoline. At what price, is another story.

What the policy reviewers should consider is that the glut of gasoline has been achieved at the sacrifice of the people. The exorbitant duties and taxes coupled with the so-called consumer price equalization fund have made the purchase of gaso-

line beyond the reach of the consumers. For instance, for every liter of gasoline we buy at the gas stations at the current pump price of P5.15, we have to pay the following additional amount: P.957 (consumer price equalization fund); P1.10 (specific tax) and P.483 (special fund).

In short, the retail price of gasoline could still be lowered if the additional taxes are not imposed.

Also, if we indeed have a surplus of gasoline, why not sell the product to the people at much lower prices, instead of allowing the oil companies to import them? *Hindi ba dapat tayo ang makinabang?*

This issue carries the first dispatch of George Brooks, our *WE Forum* correspondent in the United States, based in

Washington, D.C.

George left Manila two weeks ago to assume his new post as our eyes and ears in the U.S. He was formerly connected with the *Times Journal* and made quite a stir there both as a top-rated police reporter and head of that newspaper's fledgling labor union.

To old-time readers and patrons of *WE Forum*, George Brooks' byline is familiar. He was one of our early volunteer staff-writers while then a student at the San Sebastian College. In fact, he was a "pioneer" in our struggle to restore press freedom in the campus. I would say that George — and so many other college editors and writers like him — cut his journalistic teeth in *WE Forum*. After graduation, he joined the *Times Journal* where he excelled in police reporting and feature writing.

## This is my own

### Interviews then and now

By JOAQUIN R. ROCES

(Then)

- Interviewer: Are you the girl who needs work very badly?  
Interviewee: Yes, Mam  
Interviewer: Will you go to market and cook every day?  
Interviewee: Yes, Mam  
Interviewer: Wash our clothes and iron them every Saturday?  
Interviewee: Yes, Mam  
Interviewer: Take care of the children when we are away?  
Interviewee: Yes, Mam  
Interviewer: And how much do you expect in pay?  
Interviewee: Any amount that you say  
Interviewer: Will keep me from going astray  
Interviewer: You are hired as my maid  
You made the passing grade

(Now)

- Interviewer: Are you the lady who needs a maid very badly?  
Interviewee: Yes  
Interviewer: About children, — do you have many?  
Interviewee: We use birth control. We don't have any  
Interviewer: Good. I hate children. Will I have my Sundays free?  
Interviewee: Yes  
Interviewer: Do you have a color TV?  
Interviewee: We have a 12-inch Color Sony  
Interviewer: And how much do you expect to pay me?  
Interviewee: Two hundred pesos monthly  
Interviewer: If that is all you will pay  
Then I'd rather go astray  
In some sauna, — or beerhouse  
And maybe, go all the way

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## Viewpoints

Victims of  
banned drugs

By RAUL M. GONZALEZ

I did not know that my good friend Rene Saguisag, the hard-hitting Mabini advocate, was one of the strong contenders as commencement speaker of the UP College of Law, although he lost out to Justice Cecilia Munoz-Palma. I was told that not less than four UP professors battled strongly for Rene to address the UP Law graduates.

I was among those invited by President Ed Angara at the Executive House during a dialogue with Justice Dennis Mahoney of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia last July 9, together with President Ysi Perez of the IBP, some UP professors and IBP officials. The discussions and exchange of views were free-wheeling and the time spent was all worth it. More gatherings of the sort will be useful to both Bench and Bar and, hopefully, the nation.

It was raining a deluge while we were engrossed in

discussions of the legal professions—both of Australia and the Philippines and, of course the problems of justice today. After the dialogue and a hearty lunch, we were treated to a short musicale. Incidentally, I noticed that the Executive House was leaking under heavy down-pour. In fact, I overheard Rene Cayetano comment: "Ang Malacanang ng UP tumutulo." It looks like Ed Angara has neglected to make repairs in his own Executive house; perhaps his funds are all directed at the more pressing infrastructure projects at the State University.

I read in the papers last July 11 that the President of the Drug Association of the Philippines has disputed a report of the FDA that a drug called Chloramphenicol, popularly known as "Chloromycetin" has been banned in the US. The Drug Association president was reported as

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## Philippine scene



## Kuro-kuro

P.6M hindi P1M  
ang nakuha

By FRANCISCO 'SOC' RODRIGO

Hindi ko sana nais gamitin ang kolum na ito upang ihayag ang nakasisindak na insidenteng nangyari sa akin at aking pamilya.

Nguni't, ang insidenteng yaon ay napublika na, hindi ko man gusto, sa ilang mga peryodiko at nabroadcast sa radyo at TV, kaya't tungkulin kong liwanagin ito sa bayan.

Sa katunayan, maraming mga kumausap sa akin nang personal o sa telepono, at humiling na ilahad ko ang tunay na nangyari.

Naito ang buod ng insidente. Hindi ko muna ilalahad ang mga detalye, sapagka't baka maging balakid sa imbestigasyong kasalukuyang ginagawa ng may-kapang-yarihan.

Noong nakaraang Lunes, Hulyo 12, alas 4:00 ng hapon, humigit-kumulang, samantalang ako'y nakapang nag-iisa sa aking opisina, may dalawang lalaking biglang nagbukas ng pinto. Sila'y kapuwa nakasuot sibilan. Parehong may hawak ng .45 cal. pistol.

Ang biglang sumaisip ko'y mga sundalo sila, at aarestuhin na naman ako (dalawang beses na akong nadakip at na-detain noong nakaraang panahon).

Kaya't tinanong ko sila: "O, what are the charges against me this time?"

Nilapitan ako ng isa sa kanila, itinutok sa akin ang kanyang pistol, at nagsabi: "Holdup ito. Huwag kang maginay. Huwag mo kaming titingnan. Yumuko ka!"

Pagkaraan, itinutok sa likod ko ang pistol, at pinalakad ako patungong main office. Samantala, kinuha ang aking wrist watch at wallet.

Nakita ko sa main office ang aking dalawang anak na babae at ang dalawang empleada at isang empleado na pawang nakapupo sa tabi ng mesa at nakayuko. Nakuha na ng kasamahan ng holduppers ang kanilang mga wrist watches, singsing, wallets, etc.

Narinig ko ang pakiusap ng isa kong anak na babae, na huwag na sanang kunin pati ang kanyang wedding ring.

Napilitan ang aking mga anak na sabihin kung sino ang empleadong nag-ihatag ng cash ng opisina.

Ang opisinang ito, bukod sa law office ko, ay "travel agency" at "realty company" ng aking mga anak.

Pagkaraan, pinilit akong isama sa aming tahanan, na konektado sa opisina na nasa aming compound.

Hinalungkat at isinambulat ang mga laman ng aming kuwarto.

Ang nakuha sa aming dalawa ni Mrs. Rodrigo ay nagkakahalaga ng P50,000.00, humigit-kumulang. . . kasali ang aking wrist watch at earrings (1 karat each) at gold scapular chain ni Mrs. Rodrigo.

Ang nakuha sa dalawang kumpanya ng aking mga anak (Travel Agency at Realty Company) ay cash na P95,000.00 humigit-kumulang.

Ang pinakamalaking nanakaw ay ang mga alahas sa handbag ng isa kong anak na babae, na nagkakahalaga ng P450,000.00, humigit-kumulang.

Ang mga alahas na ito'y hindi kanyang pag-aari, bagkus pag-aari ng ibang mga tao . . . sapagka't ang aking anak ay nag-aahente ng jewelry.

Kaya't ang total na halaga ng nanakaw ay P600,000.00.

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## Opinion

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## Cave of darkness



By PROF. SALVADOR ROXAS GONZALEZ

Interview with Salvador Roxas Gonzalez by Isko, the basurero.

Q. Professor, I picked up some newspapers from the garbage can, can you tell me what they really say?

A. Very well, you read to me the news and I'll comment.

NEWS "Don't get caught in yellow box. . . The intersections will be painted bright yellow to warn motorists." (Daily Express, July 13)

COMM. First, the taxis were painted yellow, now the streets. I don't know who's crazier, the traffic planners or the violators. Do you have jaundice, Isko?

NEWS "Virata said the director general of the National Science and Technology Authority will have the power to examine the various research programs in the country to determine which of these can be used and are relevant to national development." (Daily Express, July 13)

COMM. Can he understand them?

NEWS "THE IDEALS of service of Rotary go back even farther than King Rotary. Even the Greek philosopher Plato taught that intellectuals, after having faced the light, are obliged. . . to return to the cave of darkness and bring their fellowmen into the light." (Daily Express, July 13)

COMM. Welcome back to the cave of darkness, boys!

NEWS "Virata suggests new areas for research" (Bulletin Today, July 13)

COMM. How to grow camote perhaps? We have an expert, a plant breeder, in NSTA.

NEWS "Tetchie's arrest ordered" (Bulletin Today, July 13)

COMM. She was charged with violating public morals. I know of high government officials who do but are not arrested. Inggit lamang sila, di ba Tetchie? Talo ang kanilang K.K.K., eh.

NEWS "Government committed to science" (Times Journal, July 13)

COMM. What, again?

NEWS "Alliance Francaise celebrates Bastille Day with disco" (Bulletin Today, July 13)

COMM. Someday "Alliance Philippines" will celebrate its own Bastille Day also.

NEWS "Disarmament talks end in failure" (Bulletin Today, July 12)

COMM. What's the matter, they don't like the song "You show me yours and I'll show you mine?"

NEWS "All our economic problems can be traced to our unusual birth rate" (D. Valencia, Daily Express, July 12)

COMM. No, Doroy, to our unusual stupidity to think that only Marcos can save us.

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humigit kumulang.

Ikinagagalak kong ibalita na, sa awa ng Diyos at sikap ng ilang mga opisyal, natuklasan at naisauli na sa aking anak ang 4 na malalaking pieces ng jewelry.

Dahil dito, mayroon nang "lead" upang madakip ang mga salarin; at, kung papalarin, mabawi ang iba pang mga alahas.

Kapag natapos na ang imbestigasyon ay saka ko ipahahayag kung sinu-sino ang mga opisyal na dapat bigyan ng kredito sa pag-resolve ng kasong ito.

Samantala, nais kong ipagpauna ang aking pasalamat kay Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos sa kanyang buongpusong pagtulong upang madiskubre kung sino ang mga salaring gumawa ng krimeng ito. Gayon din, kay dating Commissioner Teddy Natividad ng NAPOLCOM dahil sa kanyang kusang pagtelepono sa akin at paghahandog ng tulong.

Ang mga pangalan ng ibang mga nagmamalasakit ay saka ko na ipahahayag.

## A matter of opinion

Will FM remember  
the family  
'CB' left behind?

By ERNESTO R. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

When I wrote my column sometime ago on the late Col. Conrado B. Rigor ("The real hero of Bessang Pass is forgotten," June 16-18, 1982), I did not know I'd be stirring up memories. Of all things, I did not want to generate a controversy.

All that I had hoped to bring about was to remind the leaders of our resistance movement that once upon a time there was this man who led us to battle bravely and passionately and with wisdom. And he gave us a victory that will be remembered for all time as the most glorious in the entire campaign for our liberation from enemy control.

I have, since the appearance of that column, been besieged with letters and phone calls from all parts of the country. From men who served under him, from those who knew him only by name, and from the young who never had the opportunity or the honor of having met him in life.

The other day I received a letter, and with it

a tape recording to the speeches delivered by President Marcos and the late Chief Justice Fred Ruiz Castro, all attesting to the greatness of the man. These speeches were made during the neurological services for him in May 1960 at the Camp Murphy chapel. CB was 46 years old at the time of his death.

Here is the letter in full:

July 1, 1982

Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr.,  
784 Units C & D  
RMS Building,  
Quezon Ave., Quezon City

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Your recent writings in FORUM newspaper about Bessang Pass once again projects our common friend, "CB" Rigor.

Our group has known Condring from the dark days of WW II and even before that at the old U.P. This gentleman-soldier, meek, humble and unassuming has left quite an impression on various levels of the military and civilian life during and

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## Pasyon at kamatayan ng ating kalayaan

Ni FRANCISCO 'SOC' RODRIGO

(Ang tulang sumusunod ay natapos sulatin noong Setyembre 30, 1975).

### Mga katiwalian

236. Hindi nabawasan ang katiwalian  
Ng mga opisyal ng pamahalaan  
Manapa'y lalo pa itong naragdagan...  
Nakitipak pati Hukbong Sandatahan.
237. Ang mga nakawan at mga loobang  
Hindi nari-report sa ting pahayagan,  
Ay lalong kumalat, lalong naragdagan,  
Dahil sa dalita't madlang kahirapan.

### Mga abuso ng sundalo

238. Ang pagmamalabis ng mga sundalo  
Ay nasaksihan sa lahat ng dako;  
Ang mga biktima'y di lang mga preso  
Bagkus pati mga karaniwang mga tao
239. Yaong unipormeng dati'y ginagalang  
Ng mga tahimik nating mamamayan  
Ngayon ay lubusang kinatatakutan  
Kinamumuhia't pinangingilagan.

### Nakabaon sa utang ang bansa

240. At ang ekonomiya nitong ating bayan  
Ay baong-baon sa utang kete utang...  
Tayo ay Number one sa Dulong Silangan,  
Kung laki ng utang ang pag-uusapan.

### Deficit at inflation

241. Ang ating deficit sa buong sangtaon  
Ay higit na labis sa APAT NA BILYON  
Ang resulta nito'y dagdag na inflation  
At muling pagsipot niyaong devaluation
242. Dahil sa deficit ay nag-iimprenta  
Ang ating Central Bank ng dagdag na kuarta,  
Kaya't tumataas ang mga halaga,  
Habang lumiliit yaong kinikita.

### Mga pulubi

243. Lubhang dumarami ang nagpapalimos  
Dahil sa dalita at paghihikahos;  
Nguni't ang gobyerno, embes na malunos,  
Ay nagbabanta pang sila'y ikalabos.

May karugtong

## The bad

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quently took cognizance of the case, relied on Department Order No. 25, of the Department of the Interior, dated August 12, 1948; setting the liberation of the Province of Abra on April 4, 1945, fifteen days before Borjal was slain. The two dates are not strictly contradictory; but even if they are, we believe these appellants should be given the benefit of the Presidential directive to the Amnesty Commissions (Adm. Order No. 11, of October 2, 1946) that any 'reasonable doubt as to whether a given case falls within the (amnesty) proclamation shall be resolved in favor of the accused' (42 Off. Gaz., 2360), as was done in *People vs. Gajo*, 84 Phil., 107, 46 Off. Gaz., (No. 12), p. 6093."

(Actually, La Paz had been liberated from the clutches of the Imperial Japanese Forces long before Christmas of 1944. As a matter of fact, Beronilla himself was appointed military mayor of La Paz on December 18, 1944. When I visited La Paz in February 1945, the town was liberated in every respect.

(Bangued, the last stronghold of the enemy in Abra, fell on March 10, 1945. I saw Bangued, from the vantage point of Banacao, carpet-bombed to cinders, and all my personal belongings left in the poblacion were burned to ashes, including all my pre-war clippings, clothes, pictures, etc.)

The Supreme Court decision on the Borjal case, or "The People of the Philippines, plaintiff and appellee, vs. Manuel Beronilla, Filipino Velasco, Policarpo Paculdo, and Jacinto Adriatico, defendants and appellants," was penned by Justice Jose B.L. Reyes. Concurring were Chief Justice Ricardo Paras, and Associate Justices Pablo, Bengzon, Padilla, Montemayor, Alex Reyes, Jugo, Bautista Angelo and Concepcion.

Whatever happened to the orphaned family of Mayor Arsenio Borjal? The widow, Marta, and her five daughters and an only son, fled to Manila after the murder, by raft through the Abra River to Vigan, and from there to the city by bus. They arrived in Manila with just the clothes on their back, were given shelter for a time at the Instituto de Mujeres, through the kindness of the late Mrs. Rosa Sevilla de Alvero. And then, through the years, the widow, by dint of resourcefulness and hard work, was able to provide for her children and send them to school.

The eldest daughter, Estela (Mrs. Alfredo Cerdania) is an LL.B. and has for many years been chief of docket in a well known law office; Febe is a real estate broker in the United States, married to Robert Cutshaw, a wealthy architect in Honolulu, Amelia (Mrs. Florentino Singson) was court stenographer, is now in business; Emelinda (Mrs. Arsenio Tabbada) is now in the United States; Arturo, a lawyer and radio commentator, runs a well-read column ("Jaywalker") in the *Evening Express* and is the current president of the Manila Overseas Press Club; and Lilia (Mrs. Renato de la Pena) is a

## Viewpoints

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using the US Pharmacopeia and Physician's Desk Reference of 1982 as his reference material. I am neither a doctor nor a pharmacist hence I cannot intervene in this debate between the FDA — our official government agency empowered to regulate drugs sold in our drug-stores, and the Drug Association. I will, however, quote *verbatim* from a pleading filed in the US Supreme Court by concerned groups in the US relative to Chloramphenicol:

"Chloramphenicol, manufactured by Parke, Davis Company, and marketed in the US as *chloromycetin*, is an antibiotic effective against certain diseases such as typhoid fever. Its side effects are so powerful, particularly aplastic anemia, an often fatal blood disease. In the US, where typhoid is almost non-existent, the user of chloromycetin is warned that the drug should be taken only for life-threatening illnesses. In the rest of the world, virtually no warning is given; the drug is pushed as a panacea for many illnesses, even tonsillitis, bronchitis, or whooping cough. Consequently, an untold number of victims have died of aplastic anemia.

"But perhaps the most tragic illustration of the misuse of chloramphenicol occurred in Mexico. By using Chloramphenicol indiscriminately, Third World people inadvertently became resistant to typhoid bacteria and the drug as well. When a typhoid fever struck Mexico in 1973 afflicting 100,000 people, doctors in that country, unaware of the tremendous build-

up of resistance, assumed that chloramphenicol was still the most effective drug. Twenty thousand died of typhoid in that epidemic."

So now the issues as joined; we have given our cents worth, let the experts decide what is best for our people. But forewarned is forearmed. In fact, I have another paper about another drug called *Depo-provera* said to be used for birth control injections. I shall write about this next issue.

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Where do traffic cops hide when rains keep falling and there are monumental jams needing their attention? Nobody knows. But during the height of rain and floods last week and I was caught in a terrific jam along Gov. Forbes towards the UST, I overheard two persons talking under the rain, thus: "Walang pulis ngayon, pare ko; pagka ganito ang panahon, nandoon lahat ng pulis sa panciteria." Yes, that is how the public estimates the demeanor of our traffic officers during moments when they are most needed.

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Newspapers talk and crusade about indecent photos and exposures, either of movie stars or professional models. And yet I have noticed one afternoon daily which always splashes huge photos of almost nude, and in revealing poses, of women in its front page. I really do not know what news value the publishers intend to give to its readers. I am not at all prudish but I just can't see why a newspaper must use such a gimmick.

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Where will the PLO

CPA and LL.B.

On February 19, 1970, Mrs. Marta A. Borjal was awarded a silver service pin by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, for 39 years of service, in accordance with Memorandum Circular No. 14, s. 1963 of the Civil Service Commission. On March 10, 1973, she was retired from the government after more than 45



Arturo A. Borjal, a distinguished columnist ("Jaywalker") of the *Evening Express* and radio commentator, was six years and three days old, when his father, Mayor Arsenio Borjal, was mercilessly put to death by his political enemies. A polio victim, one time he attended his father's trial perched on the shoulders of a friend. Art is now a lawyer and president of the Manila Overseas Press Club.

years of satisfactory service, and was given a gold pin by the BIR.

On December 18, 1971, on the occasion of the annual Yuletide celebration of the Abra Historical Association, she was presented with the Heritage Medallion Award by the late former Supreme Court Justice Jose Ma. Paredes, as the "Outstanding Mother of Abra."

How truly fitting a tribute to a woman who had suffered so much and for so long for six children, to whom she was both a mother and a father, and who have since grown into useful, outstanding, brilliant and loyal citizens of their country! How proud she must be of her children. And her children of their mother.

To be continued

now go after even Syria, supposed to be the PLO's best friend and protector refused to accept them? Again, I am dismayed by this development, not because I have any sympathy for the terroristic activities of Arafat's forces, but because of the plight of the innocent Palestinians — the non-combatants who are immensely suffering this tragedy in Lebanon. What does the world — both

the Free and the Communist worlds — now expect, a genocide for the more than 600,000 Palestinians in Lebanon who have nowhere to go? If the world can sympathize with the boat people in Vietnam, cannot the same sympathy be extended to the Palestinians? After all, as Hemingway said: "No man is an island; we are all part of the main."

## A matter

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after WW II.

We, who were privileged to be with him at Bessang, can only gnash our teeth at the sad outcome of events. In fairness to all concerned, it is not FM's making, repeat, not FM as many are insinuating. We know. In many instances in the past, we have had first hand knowledge that CB and FM were the finest of comrades. (In fact there were times when FM would ask CB to draft some important speeches regarding veterans' affairs.)

You will agree with us that had, CB been alive, he certainly would have been an important part of the president's circle of strategists. The paradox and the irony lie at the feet of our very own comrades-in-arms, those neo-historians whose lot it is to be ultra-selfish, so that they can get favors from their over-imaginative and overly patronizing accounts about WW II. An intelligent leader like FM must be cringing at such creative accounts! For we know that, as a thinking soldier, he himself would cry out in protest at such shallow maneuvers that clearly put down the luster of brilliant and heroic deeds for one's country.

We write to you to thank you because you have touched very sensitive elements in our hearts about an unforgettable comrade and leader. In the same token, it would be fitting also to request you to write about the beloved family that CB left behind. For those in the know, let it be said that FM has taken good care of CB's beloved widow, Erlinda, who served as social secretary for some time until the intrigues and the ultra selfish cordon sanitaire finally edged out the poor widow from the first couple. During these difficult economic times, perhaps FM can find out how CB's widow now lives? Maybe FM or any of his trusted lieutenants (how about writer Amante

Bigornia, now Malacanang Press Secretary, who was once CB's aide at Bessang) can look into the status of CB's family? And how about the kids of CB? Where are they now? Are they employed by any of those veterans' groups and big businesses that the late CB worked so hard to put together when he was still around?

We are sending you a tape recording of the speeches of two important veterans during the necrological services for the late CB in May, 1960. Listen to their tributes closely. Maybe the best we can do for him now is to continue to uphold the ideals he and our other lesser-known comrades stood for.

We pray that you will continue to write about the forgotten (sic) people of WW II and even if your writings may be a lonely voice at this time, countless people are praying for you because you write with a straight and truthful pen. And the truth is what matters most in God's heart.

May God bless you and your family.

Very Sincerely,

(Sgd.) Illegible  
The "Hospital Brigade"  
"I" Co. 3rd Bn.  
121st Infantry  
USAFIP-NL

Many, many thanks for the kind expressions in your letter, my former comrades-in-arms.

I hasten to assure you that there was no intention at all on my part to cast aspersions on any man in my calling public attention to the unhappy plight of the Rigor family.

We have all been orphaned by the death of CB a little over 22 years ago. But our remembrances of him and his wonderful qualities will stay with us to our own dying day. May God grant eternal peace to this great and good man. And let us pray that his friend at the Palace will remember the family he left behind.

## Woman loses child

OLONGAPO CITY — A woman was reported to have lost her one-year-old child for failure to pay the hospital bills incurred in the delivery of the child.

The *Olongapo News* reported that in her complaint to the police, Virginia Lusón, 27, alleged that her baby was taken out of the hospital by her aunt who paid for the bills which amounted to P746.

When she was able to raise the necessary money to redeem the child from her aunt, she was told that the baby was given to a woman from Quezon City who in turn told her that the child is now in Dipolog City.

**Pag-IBIG**

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senior vice-president, told WE Forum that the HCF is designed to protect the viability of the funds being loaned out for housing and will enable Pag-IBIG to provide low interest loans even if the cost of funds soars to unlimited heights.

She said the HCF is the only support method possible under the present circumstances so Pag-IBIG could "bridge the gap between cost of funds today and the uncertain cost of funds tomorrow."

"The HCF is based on a very equitable principle that the few early borrowers favored by our home lending

borrower has to pay an additional 10 percent on his monthly amortization, starting on the 37th month or on the fourth year, as his "social contribution" to the government's housing program.

The group of loan applicants, mostly members of the National Press Club (NPC) who have applied for Pag-IBIG housing loans, said there is a need to review the HCF so that it will become voluntary and not mandatory and lower the percentage of a borrower's contribution.

Ms. Adea emphasized that Pag-IBIG is not receiving any subsidy from the government

Comparative Analysis of Pag-IBIG and Open Market Rates				
Mortgage Rate	Pag-IBIG 9%	OPEN 16%	MARKET 21%	24%
Loan Value	P 100,000	P 100,000	P 100,000	P 100,000
Term	25 years	25 years	25 years	25 years
Amortization 1st - 3rd year	P 839.20	P 1,358.89	P 1,759.66	P 2,005.3
4th - 25th year (including HCF)	P 923.12	P 1,358.89	P 1,759.66	P 2,005.3
Total payments over 25 years (principal & interest)	P 273,914.88	P 407,776.00	P 527,898.00	P 601,590.00
Total Payments in relation to original loan	2.70 times	4.07 times	5.28 times	6.02 times
Effective Rate per annum over 25 years	9.87%	16%	21%	24%

policies should share such favor with the future generations and the late borrowers who are likely to borrow at a time when long term funds at present rates are no longer available," Ms. Adea added.

Earlier, the HCF, which is one of the conditions in the mortgage contract a borrower has to sign before getting the loan from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), has been branded as a scheme for "subtle extortion." (See WE Forum, July 14-16, 1982)

Under the condition, a

and it is undertaking the housing loan program in co-operation with the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMF) through its secondary mortgage market facilities.

She added that, at present, Pag-IBIG consists of 99.75 percent pure savers and a measly 0.25 percent borrowers and attention is given "to the bulk of membership who are concerned about the viability of the Fund and its continuing ability to provide low-cost long-term funds for housing

**Manglapus**

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mer Sen. Raul Manglapus; the Church Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, Filipino Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, and the radical Friends of the Filipino People (FFP) and its splinter West Coast affiliate Ugnayan.

During the meeting, the alliance drew up plans similar to those used against Mr. Marcos when he spoke before an American publishers convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, in April 1980.

During his Honolulu visit, Mr. Marcos was besieged with pickets by different opposition groups despite a rousing welcome of about 2,000 Hawaii-based Filipino workers.

Anti-Marcos pickets were also held on the U.S. mainland and when they borrow."

According to her, Pag-IBIG earns dividends for its members at the rate of 10 percent per annum and its lending policies, therefore, must ascertain its continuing ability to give the committed dividends and protect its actuarial soundness.

In view of the protest of some borrowers that the HCF is never explained to them, Ms. Adea said Pag-IBIG is coming out shortly with a separate primer dealing exclusively with the HCF.

She said she overlooked this after they had gotten assurances from the DBP that the HCF details are being explained in seminars for prospective borrowers.

The 9 percent Pag-IBIG lending rate plus HCF contribution results in a 9.87 percent rate, which, according to Ms. Adea, is still a relatively low rate compared to the prevailing market rates of 16 to 24 percent (see boxed analysis).

Based on the computation provided WE Forum by Pag-IBIG, a borrower pays a total of P22,154.88 in HCF on a loan of P100,000.

The monthly amortization in the first three years is P839.20 and this becomes P923.12 starting on the fourth year after adding the P83.92 HCF.

land, particularly in Washington, D.C., the nation's capitol.

In his speech before the American publishers, Mr. Marcos claimed that martial law has strengthened Philippine economy and created one of the "freest" nations in Asia. Manglapus, who was also invited by the publishers to the convention, rebutted Mr. Marcos's claim later in another forum by calling the RP strong man's assertions a "pack of crude lies."

U.S. President Ronald Reagan officially invited Mr. Marcos during the North-south Dialogue in Cancun, Mexico, last year which both leaders attended.

Reagan's invitation was immediately accepted and plans for the visit, initially slated for last March, were drawn up. The visit was reportedly postponed twice until it was officially confirmed last month in Manila during a courtesy call paid by visiting American citizens to Mr. Marcos at the Malacanang Palace.

Mr. Marcos is expected to hold talks with Reagan at the White House but topics for discussion have not yet been revealed. To a certain degree of certainty, the talks will revolve mainly on RP-U.S. relations focusing on economic and military aspects.

At this time, there is still no mention in any U.S. media about the forthcoming Marcos visit but pro and anti-Marcos groups are expected to engage in propaganda battles in pre-paid newspaper spaces a few weeks before the visit.

So far, the pro-Marcos groups led by the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., has apparently gained an edge over the Opposition by sponsoring lavish parties and picnics for Filipino communities for the past two months.

Opposition sources said that two pro-Marcos newspapers, the *Filipino Chronicle* and *Filipino Monitor*, are now being mailed to Filipino homes and given free at Asian and Filipino stores all over the country.

The two newspapers carry stories depicting Mr. Marcos

**Squatters buck demolition drive**

Close to one million poor squatters in Metro Manila are strongly opposing the government's massive demolition campaign which, they claim, will only aggravate their already miserable life.

Forming themselves into an alliance called "Alyansa ng mga Maralita Laban sa Demolition," they said depriving them of their shelters will expose them to the elements and diseases.

They asked the authorities that instead of yanking them out from the lands where their houses stand, they should be allowed to buy them depending on their ability to pay.

They said that living in a place without water, light and proper sanitation is unbearable enough.

The Alyansa said there is a need to include the urban poor in the planning, decision-making, and implementation of government development projects affecting them.

According to them, media has betrayed the poor by being a party to the government's massive anti-squatter

drive. The Share and Care Apostolate for Poor Settlers, in a letter supporting the stand of the alliance, said media had no basis for branding the urban poor as "professional squatters" and "economic saboteurs."

To attend to their needs, a group composed of religious and civil libertarians created a media liaison group, legal aid and research group, a welfare emergency and a roving team.

At the same time, the Justice and Peace Council also denounced what it believes inhuman and unjust demolition campaign which, it claims, is the regime's response to the needs and interests of foreign capitalists, all to the detriment of the poor.

Earlier, Jaime Cardinal Sin reiterated the Church's opposition to the ouster of numerous families from their homes without decent relocation during a recent dialogue with the Samahang Maralita Para sa Makatao at Makatarungang Paninirahan (SAMA-SAMA).



Quezon City squatters discuss problems with Cardinal Sin.

as a hero and his accomplishments during the martial regime. Heading the pro-Marcos propaganda offensive is Ambassador Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez who was named by Mr. Marcos a few months ago as Philippine ambassador to the U.S.

The Combined International Filipino-American Association (CIFAA), a non-political group composed of Filipino professionals, has reportedly invited Mr. Marcos to be the guest speaker in Washington, D.C. It was not known, however, whether Mr. Marcos accepted the invitation.

No specific date has been cited for the Marcos visit. However, he is expected to be in the U.S. before Sept.

21, Martial Law Day. The opposition alliance said it had agreed on four points of unity. These are its stand against dictatorship; Reagan support for the Marcos regime, economic exploitation of the Philippines by multinationals, and the establishment of a nuclear power plant in the Philippines.

With the merger, the opposition groups now have a total strength of about 7,000 members, 5,000 of which come from the MFP.

"We are groups of divergent political ideologies but we are all fighting the same man. When Marcos comes, we want him to hear us roaring in one, unified voice," Tony Romero, MFP spokesman, said.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF MANILA  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
BRANCH XXIX

RAMON JOAQUIN,  
Plaintiff,

— versus —

CIVIL CASE NO. 124272

ALBERTO AMORES LA FUENTE,  
Defendant.

x ----- x

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT

July 12, 1982

Alberto Amores La Fuente  
Madrid, Spain

Sir:

Please take notice that on March 29, 1982, judgment was rendered by the Hon. Alfredo V. Cruz, Jr., of the Court of First Instance of Manila, Sixth Judicial District, Branch XXIX in the above-entitled case, as follow:

"WHEREFORE, judgment is hereby rendered in favor of the plaintiff Ramon Joaquin and against defendant Alberto Amores La Fuente ordering the latter to be liable to the plaintiff:

1. The sum of P6,224.52, representing the redemption of the property, with legal interest thereon from June 7, 1979, until fully paid;

2. The additional sum of P3,414.88 representing the expenses of litigation; and,

3. The sum of P5,000.00 for and as attorney's fees.

SO ORDERED."

The original of the decision is on file with this Office.

NICANOR E. SILVANO  
Clerk of Court

JESUSA P. MANINGAS  
Branch Clerk of Court

July 17, 1982

**Views and**

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**NEWS** According to a latest study, the government lost some P10.2 million in 1981 alone in taxes and other incomes because of the various tax incentives and exemptions. That is a huge amount. If the government were able to collect even one-half, it would have meant a lot in our national development efforts." (Daily Express, July 12)

**COMM.** Nonsense. It would have meant a lot more money for government to squander on extravagance and palaces.

**NEWS** "Nation Marks Science and Technology Week" (Evening Post, July 13)

**COMM.** WEAK SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY is more fitting.

**NEWS** "And now, running" (A. Babst, Bulletin Today, July 11)

**COMM.** Don't run away, Arlene. We need you even if few how understand what you are writing.

**NEWS** "Demand-Pull Approach to Science and Technology Development Adopted" (Evening Post NSTA supplement, July 13. Who paid for that full-page supplement, rather expensive advertisement — wasn't it?)

**COMM.** It may end in the "push-pull" approach, or atras abante.

# Enrile denies massacre of 200 in North Samar

Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile has denied newspaper reports that 200 civilians were massacred by members of the military in Barangay Sumoroy, Lope de Vega, Northern Samar.

Enrile issued the denial in response to the open letter of Assemblyman Reuben R. Canoy in an afternoon daily last July 7 seeking government clarification on the alleged massacre.

Enrile said that all the investigations he had ordered in connection with the reported massacre showed that no such massacre ever occurred in Sumoroy.

According to the defense minister, the only incident

that ever took place near Barangay Sumoroy was the killing of four members of the New People's Army (NPA) during a counter-insurgency operation conducted by elements of the 3rd Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army in the interior areas of Lope de Vega in early April this year.

Enrile said the reported massacre of 200 civilians, including men, women and children, were pure fabrications and formed part of the pattern of deception waged by the propaganda arm of the NPA.

Here's Enrile's letter to Canoy in full:

"This refers to your open

letter published in the 7 July 1982 issue of the Evening Post and to your letter dated 16 June 1982, both of which sought government clarification of published reports claiming that over 200 civilians were massacred by the military in Barangay Sumoroy, Lope de Vega, Northern Samar.

"Previous investigations I had directed on the matter had elicited negative findings. Nevertheless, in response to your letter of 16 June 1982, I once again ordered the AFP Eastern Command to conduct a more thorough investigation of the report and upon reading your published open letter called to my office the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Infantry Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army operating in the area for further verification of all previous findings.

"All the findings show that no

such reported massacre of over 200 civilians in Barangay Sumoroy, Lope de Vega, Northern Samar ever occurred. The only incident that ever took place near Barangay Sumoroy, which we suspect triggered such wild speculations about an alleged massacre, was the killing of four members of the New People's Army during a counter-insurgency operation conducted by elements of the 3rd Infantry Brigade in the interior areas of Lope de Vega in early April this year. The operation, covering the period of April

6 to April 10 resulted in the dismantling of an enemy camp composed of ten (10) huts, the confiscation of assorted firearms and the death of four (4) NPA combatants who were part of an estimated 30 NPA terrorists operating in the area. This operation did not take place in Barangay Sumoroy, but in other outlying Barangays, namely Barangays Roxas, Curry and Hibunawan. It was at the vicinity of Hibunawan that the NPA camp was found. It is perhaps relevant to note that in these areas the population is very sparse and is estimated at less than 200."

"Our findings tend to show that the reports of an alleged massacre in Lope de Vega, Northern Samar of over 200 civilians, including men, women and children, as these published reports repeatedly stressed, were pure fabrications and formed part of the pattern of deception waged by the NPA propaganda arm of the New People's Army. The first published report we read on this alleged massacre was in the April 30, 1982 issue of the Far Eastern Economic Review bylined by Ms. Sheila Ocampo. The same story, despite the

official denials made by military authorities appeared in local newspapers and broadcast over radio stations. An official denial by the Chief of Staff, AFP, failed to put an end to this propaganda scheme of the dissidents.

"I do appreciate, however, your expressed concern over these reports. I hope that in providing you with these official findings of my office on the matter, you will help us in informing our people of the truth and in alerting them against the insidious propaganda systematically being carried out by the New People's Army in the country, particularly in the island of Samar. Our office has confirmed that the network of propaganda set up by the New People's Army in Samar is highly sophisticated, and apparently quite successful in deluding some sectors of the community.

"We look forward to our continued cooperation in upholding, as you so aptly stated in your open letter, the public interest and the people's welfare."

(Sgd.) Juan Ponce Enrile  
Minister

## Impounded vehicles

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga — A total of 1,056 unregistered vehicles were apprehended and their license plates confiscated by the Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) in Central Luzon since June 1.

The Voice reported that the vehicles apprehended included 97 civil government vehicles and 19 military jeeps and cars. The rest were private vehicles with old license plates.

The campaign against vehicles with old license plates was launched by the CHPG in compliance with an order by President Marcos to impound all unregistered vehicles, whether these are government, military or private.

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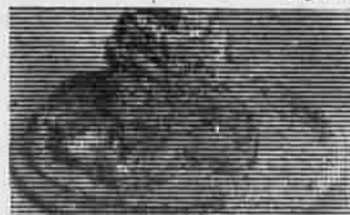
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