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TO SEEK AND LIVE THE TRUTH AND SHARE A VISION

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Editorial

Open letter to Mr. Marcos

(Editor's note: This is a pooled editorial of Malaya and WE Forum in reaction to President Marcos' speech before KBL members in a caucus last Tuesday.)

Dear Mr. President:

In your remarks before the KBL caucus in Malacanang last Tuesday, which were published in full in all the so-called Establishment newspapers, you specifically made mention of *Malaya* in these words:

"But there are some of our friends in the opposition who are prone to exaggerate and always say, it is worse now than in 1972. I am almost tempted to ask them, are you recommending the proclamation of martial law? Because from my point of view, certainly the present situation allows the opposition to stand up in any forum and attack, publish papers like the *Malaya* without being prosecuted for the time being (laughter). We have always practiced tolerance. But if they keep on saying that this—what is your term for it?...maximum tolerance is of no help to them, we will withdraw it...."

Allow us, Mr. President, to take issue with such remarks, to present our side in order to disabuse your mind of what we feel are incorrect premises.

In the first place, *Malaya* is not part of the opposition if, by your use of the word, you mean the political opposition. Our newspaper does not belong to any partisan group. It is owned by the Burgos family and the newspapermen and women working in it. It owes no loyalty to, and cannot be dictated upon, by any political organization. If it voices sentiments and views allied to the thinking of the political opposition, it is only because *Malaya's* credo and ideals are similar to those of the opposition—truth, freedom, justice and democracy.

From your words, it appears that *Malaya* is being merely tolerated. Our perception is the other way. We are publishing *Malaya* not because of the tolerance of anybody but because freedom of the press is the right of

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ENRILE



MRS. MARCOS

POWER

STRUGGLE

By MARLEN RONQUILLO

A move to discredit Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile is reportedly being initiated by a strong KBL bloc in what appears to be the first sign of a power struggle that could break up the ruling party in the post-Marcos era.

WE Forum sources said two persons very close to President Marcos have started mending fences with the Dupaya family, political arch-rival of the Enriles in Cagayan, in an effort to neutralize the Defense (Page 2, please)

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RETURNED. One of the WE Forum-Malaya vehicles is being towed out of the MISG camp in Bago Bantay 777 days after "the little newspaper" was put out of circulation and exactly 57 days after the Supreme Court decreed as illegal the seizure of WE Forum's facilities.

(Linglong Ortiz)

Pimentel warns of Ramos-led coup

Opposition leader Aquilino Pimentel Thursday said acting chief of staff Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos might not respect the constitutional process and stage a military coup in the event President Marcos dies.

An Agence France-Presse dispatch from Brussels reported Pimentel, who arrived in that European city Wednesday, as saying that the end of the Marcos era could bring presidential elections before the year-end and carry the risk of a military coup by President Marcos' supporters.

He told AFP the First Lady, Imelda R. Marcos, had "no chance" of succeeding President Marcos and would be "chased from the country" on his death.

Pimentel, one of the opposition party's presidential hopefuls, said that while oppositionists wanted a calm and peaceful transition period between the Marcos regime and the new presidency, all those who compromised with the "old regime" would have to "pay for their mistakes" and face trial.

The former Cagayan de Oro City mayor said the Philippine

Democratic Party (PDP) which he represents wanted a new constitution drawn up, the communist party legalized, negotiations opened with the Moro National Liberation Front and the New People's Army and renegotiation of the Philippines \$26 billion debt with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Pimentel, who will leave for Paris today, also called for closer ties with the five other member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

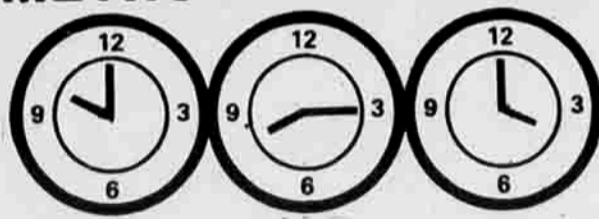
Not so fast...

Acting Armed Forces chief, Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos yesterday said it was premature to conclude that urban terrorists were behind the Regent of Manila hotel fire that killed 25 people last week.

"It is too early to say this was the cause of the fire. Other causes must be looked into, like structural defects of the hotel or that other persons started the fire because of personal gain," he told a meeting of hotel and restaurant managers.

An unknown group calling itself "The Angels" claimed responsibility for the Regent Hotel fire in notes sent to Agence France-Presse and the Japanese News Agency Kyodo.

METRO CRIME CLOCK



STABBING

KILLING

ROBBERY

Seven people were killed in six separate stabbing incidents in Metro Manila in a 21-hour period ending at 10 p.m. last night.

Four others, including a Manila policeman, were wounded in a shooting incident.

Theft and robbery cases rose again in Manila, with 10 reported cases in a span of 14 hours yesterday, from 3:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

As early as 12:30 a.m. yesterday, a 30-year-old butcher was stabbed to death while trying to pacify his friend and another man who were heatedly arguing in front of a disco pub in Tondo, Manila.

Another man was knifed dead by an unidentified assailant at 2 a.m. near the 22 Disco Pub House along New Panaderos St., Sta. Ana, Manila. This was followed at 3:30 p.m. when a 20-year-old student of the Philippine College of Criminology (PCCR) was stabbed dead while inside the comfort room of a beer house within the vicinity of the University Belt along Recto Ave., near the corner of Lepanto St.

At 4 p.m., two notorious robbers fired shots inside a passenger jeepney resulting in

injuries to four persons, including a Manila policeman who tried to arrest them.

Pfc. Romeo Genova, of the Western Police District (WPD) theft and robbery section, spotted the two long-wanted robbers on board a passenger jeepney cruising along Taft Ave. The lawman who was driving his car, followed the passenger jeepney which stopped on a red light at the corner of Taft Ave. and President Quirino Ave. in Malate, Manila.

When Pfc. Genova approached the two, one of the robbers jumped off from the jeepney while the other grabbed the lawman's .45 caliber service pistol. During the scuffle, the gun went off hitting three jeepney passengers and also wounding Pfc. Genova. The robbers fled while the victims were rushed to the hospital.

At around 6:45 p.m. 32-year-old Arnulfo Gutierrez, of 28-K Geronimo St., Novaliches, Quezon City, was stabbed dead for still unknown reasons by an unidentified man along

Quirino Highway of Barangay Baesa, Novaliches, Quezon City.

At 9:45 p.m. 24-year-old Nestor Allado, of 2750 Bagac St., Tondo, was stabbed dead by a group of men inside a beerhouse who resented the victim's stare.

A commotion followed and the victim was seen running away from the beer house along Cavite St. in Sta. Cruz, Manila. Moments later, he fell at the corner of Anacleto and Cavite sts. He died upon arrival at the Dr. Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center.

At 10 last night, four armed men broke into a house in Novaliches, Quezon City, hogtied and stabbed to death a couple and seriously wounded the victims' niece. The robbers believed to be led by the victims' cousin fled with P100,000 in cash and valuables.

The Eastern and Southern Police Districts were relatively "quiet and peaceful."

- Junex Doronio and Jonas Sinal

PALAPAK

By BOBBY BURGOS

Incomplete Day

February 21, to most residents around the Bago Bantay (Quezon City) camp of the Metrocom Intelligence Service Group (MISG), was just an ordinary day.

Little did they know that the small group of unarmored-looking people entering the camp was there, as early as 8:00 a.m., to get what was unlawfully taken by the military on Dec. 7, 1982.

It was on this day that WE Forum, the little newspaper, was sequestered by the military on orders of President Marcos.

WE Forum, then a thrice a week tabloid with the bold slogan Seek And Live The Truth And -Share A Vision, was shut down because it lived up to its commitment. The rest is history.

The Supreme Court has done its moral and legal duty. The military must now obey the court's decree. Return what have been seized from the WE Forum newspaper offices and printing plant.

Accompanied by lawyers Martiniano Vivo, Joker Arroyo, Jejomar Binay and Bobby Tanada, the Burgos clan of newsmen, headed by "Papa," our Patriarch, went to the MISG camp in Bago Bantay to receive a part of what was seized.

Under the watchful look of the camp authorities headed by Col. Gerardo Lantoria and Capt. Bethoven Rodriguez, the retrievers were able to get the three vehicles and 12 typewriters, including a kroytype IBM machine, from the camp.

Missing though were two batteries of the Tamaraw pickup and the Toyota van and a stereo radio-tape of a Datsun carry-all.

At exactly 10:20 a.m., the party, accompanied still by Col. Lantoria and Capt. Rodriguez, proceeded to the WE Forum offices and printing plant on Quezon Avenue to make an inventory of the facilities thereat.

It was there that the supposed "subversive" documents were released to us. Following an inventory conducted by my sister-in-law, Edith, the documents turned out to be mostly manuscripts of "The Bad Guerrillas of Northern Luzon" by Ernie Rodriguez; "All Star Cast" authored by Emmie Velarde; and directory of WE Forum subscribers.

A formal turn-over of the printing equipment and office facilities, however, failed to materialize as representatives of the Metrocom in Camp Crame did not arrive. Among say mo general?

KBL

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Minister's influence in his homeground.

By doing this, sources said, the KBL bloc opposed to Enrile could lessen his chances of being drafted as the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL) standard bearer in case the ailing President decides not to run in the 1987 presidential elections.

Enrile is one of top KBL leaders who have announced their intention to run for the presidency if President Marcos "is no longer interested."

It was not known if the Dupayas were convinced to join the bloc in the anti-Enrile move.

Enrile and two of his political proteges - Antonio Carag and Alberto Reyno - won the three assembly slots in Cagayan last May 14 beating the opposition candidates of the Timek Ti Umil party.

Tito Dupaya, head of the rival political clan, led the Timek candidates.

The same sources said Enrile has been left out in some KBL meetings and briefings on the peace and order problem.

Enrile and Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos, the Minister

of Human Settlements and Metro Manila Governor, clashed on the peace and order issue in a KBL caucus last Jan. 7, according to published reports.

The defense minister gave the KBL party leaders a briefing on the rising insurgency problem which Mrs. Marcos apparently did not like. The published reports quoted Mrs. Marcos as saying the inroads of insurgency might have been caused partly by the failure of the defense ministry.

Enrile, the reports said, took Mrs. Marcos statements in stride but said he has to report the "truth."

Last Monday, Mrs. Marcos told newsmen "Minister Enrile is a part of the family" and that her reported differences with him are over.

Enrile, Mrs. Marcos and Labor Minister Blas F. Ople are the three prominent KBL leaders most likely to contend for the party's presidential slot in any election called before 1987. Ople earlier said a power struggle would rock the KBL once President Marcos decides not to seek reelection.

"There will be no presidential drafts and the candidate will be chosen after a bitter struggle for power," Ople said.

Ople said Mrs. Marcos has the first claim to the party nomination once the president retires from politics but also mentioned his name, Enrile's and several others as possible contenders.

Hundreds arrested in Pakistan

Viets using toxic gas against Khmers

BANGKOK (AFP) — The Thai army yesterday said it had, for the first time, documented evidence that Vietnam was using toxic-gas weapons against guerrillas in Cambodia.

Army spokesman Lieutenant-General Naruedol Dejpradiyuth showed a press briefing what he termed chemical-test evidence from a military laboratory that gas contained in four Vietnamese rockets that landed on Thai territory last weekend contained phosgene and hydrogen cyanide gas.

Thailand earlier this week lodged a formal protest with the United Nations over the incident.

Gen. Naruedol said the four rockets apparently had been

aimed at the Sanror Cha-Ngan Cambodian resistance camp opposite the Thai district of Ta-Phraya and inadvertently landed in Thai territory.

Army personnel had found the four rockets leaking gas, but unexploded, and had tested them with field analysis kits on the spot and later in a Bangkok laboratory, he said.

"We are fortunate that the rockets did not explode," he said. "Now we are able to present this evidence to the world."

He added that American authorities had requested the result of the tests, but he did not elaborate. He added the results were available to "interested parties."

Couple slain in Novaliches

An accountant and his wife were stabbed dead and their niece seriously wounded by four robbers who broke into the couple's three-bedroom bungalow in Novaliches, Quezon City last night. The robbers, believed led by the accountant's nephew, later fled with about P100,000 in cash and valuables.

The body of Apolinario Garrol, 26, an accountant of the

V.V. Soliven, was found in a pool of his own blood just outside the master's bedroom.

His hands were tied behind his back with a flat iron cord and his mouth was gagged with a red handkerchief. He had four stab wounds in his throat and his head was bashed.

His wife, Cynthia, 30, was found dead inside their room. She had a stab wound in her left

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — More than 650 people have been arrested over the past four days in Karachi in what the Pakistani daily, Dawn, called a "preventive" move to ensure that the elections set for Feb. 25 and 28 goes off peacefully.

Quoting police in Karachi, Southern Pakistan, the paper said most of those arrested were considered by the military authorities to be "a threat" to

public order.

Aside from the "preventive" arrests, all opposition leaders throughout the country and some 500 other supporters of an election boycott have been either jailed or placed under house arrest.

In Peshawar, the governor of the north-west frontier province acknowledged that 97 people had been arrested in the past

few days for political reasons. However, the opposition puts the figure at more than 200 arrests in the province.

Police and troops have been mobilized all over Pakistan to enforce order during the successive polls for national and provincial assemblies.

Security is particularly tough in Sind and other opposition strongholds hostile to the

regime of President Mohammed Zia Ul Haq.

The opposition, which wants a return to parliamentary rule on the basis of the 1973 constitution suspended by Gen. Zia when he seized power in 1977, is campaigning for a boycott of the elections which are part of the Pakistani leader's plan to make the country a non-party "Islamic" democracy.

SOVIETS SAY "ABSURD"

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet newspaper on Thursday dismissed as "absurd" Nato's insistence on counting British and French nuclear missiles as independent forces, reviving a major dispute in the last set of U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms talks. The official news agency Tass, meanwhile, criticized U.S. space defense research, saying the White House is pressuring its allies to support the plan, and the chief Kremlin spokesman published a lengthy article repeating Soviet insistence that space weapons be an integral part of the upcoming U.S.-Soviet arms talks.

SINOS HIT BACK

PEKING (AP) — Soviet claims that China trains and arms Afghan rebels are lies and slander to mask Moscow's own "large-scale slaughter" in Afghanistan, the communist party newspaper People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) said Thursday. The Soviet-backed government of Afghan President Babrak Karmal formally protested to China last month, claiming Peking gives the rebels weapons and trains them in Pakistan and Western China.

PLUTO ECLIPSE RECORDED

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An astronomy student has made the first recorded observation of the eclipse of the planet Pluto by its moon, Charon, proving the existence of the satellite, University of Texas officials say.

The brief sighting was made by Richard Binzel, a graduate student, early Sunday, at the University's McDonald Observatory

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in West Texas, school officials said Tuesday.

Scientists have said since 1978 that Pluto's moon, Charon, has existed but they had no visual evidence.

2 MORE ISRAELI RAIDS

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli troops and armored vehicles raided two more villages Thursday in South Lebanon. Two men died in the same area Wednesday while trying to escape the Israeli's clampdown on guerrilla warfare against the occupation force. A unit of 17 armored personnel carriers and 14 other vehicles and one bulldozer rolled into Deir Qanoun An-Nahr while a force of 27 armored personnel carriers and 13 other vehicles entered Tier Debba, sources and reporters in South Lebanon said.

BLACK RIOTING SPREADS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Black rioting against apartheid jumped to two more townships overnight Thursday, and the death toll from unrest at a squatter camp near Cape Town rose by two to 18, police said. At the crossroads squatter camp, torn by rioting Monday and Tuesday, Nobel Peace Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu met with residents Wednesday night to discuss their fears the government planned to forcibly remove them.

Murdered youths' kin protest judge's ruling

breast.

A nylon cord around her neck left strangulation marks.

Rescuers found the couple's adopted niece, Leah, 19, seriously injured with three stab wounds in her body. She was sprawled near the comfort room.

The couple's sister-in-law, Lilibeth, 27, arrived in their home at Forest Hills Subdivision of Sitio Aguardiante at Bgy. Sta. Monica around 10:30 p.m., some 15 minutes after the suspects left.

"Masama kaagad ang kutob ko nang makita ko na patay ang ilaw sa labas pero bukas ang gate," said Lilibeth, whose husband, Cynthia's brother, is working in Saudi Arabia.

Seeing the bodies of the couple, she called for help.

Leah, while being lifted for the hospital, was able to mumble the name of a certain "Angki," a cousin of Apolinario.

Angki whose surname is Lucas came to live with the couple for over a month until mid-January.

But he, along with his wife and a child, packed up and left after a series of quarrels with Apolinario.

The couple's youngest child, Abigail, over one-year-old remained fast asleep in a separate room until Lilibeth arrived. Witnesses said the suspects fled on board a tricycle.

The two other children, Archie, 6 and Albert, 3 — was in Quezon province with their

Parents of two youths murdered whose girlfriends were also raped staged a rally joined by over 50 neighbors and relatives to denounce a judge for freeing one of the accused.

The placard-bearing protesters milled in front of the courts building inside the Provincial Capitol in Pasig yesterday morning after Judge Vicente Campos of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Pasig ordered the dismissal of the charges.

Parents of Nicanor Figueras, one of the victims, decided to contest what they called was an "anomalous"

grandparents.

Several appliances including a color TV and a Betamax were lifted but the robbers apparently changed their minds and left them on the kitchen table.

The masters' bedroom was in total disarray with all repositories, where cash and jewelries were kept, forced open.

Cynthia was an executive secretary at De Castro Construction handling V.V. Soliven housing projects. — Jonas Sinel

verdict by staging a two-hour rally outside the courthouse starting 10 a.m. yesterday.

Judge Campos, in dismissing the charges, said the prosecution "failed to establish the identity" of one of the accused identified as Montiel Delima, of No. 39 San Lorenzo St., Bgy. Kapitolyo in Pasig.

Montiel was one of the four accused of killing Figueras and his friend, Santos Santos, and raping their sweethearts at dawn of Jan. 14, 1977 somewhere inside Sikatuna Village in Quezon City.

Figueras and Santos were reportedly out to elope with their girlfriends, Yolanda Batillano and Editha Llarera, respectively.

The victims were standing along Shaw Blvd. waiting for a cab when the car-riding suspects, allegedly high on drugs, stopped and hauled the four into the vehicle.

The girls testified the suspects took turns in raping them after killing their boyfriends by smashing the victims' heads with huge rocks inside Sikatuna Village.

The girls claimed that the suspects could have killed them too had it not been for alerted residents who scared the culprits away.

The three other suspects, Justo Angeles III, 21; Reynaldo Sison, 18; and Elpidio Andres, 31, were never arrested.

Angeles, under mysterious circumstances, was able to escape from detention while Sison turned state witness.

He admitted raping the girls but claimed innocence on the double murder.

Three other judges have previously handled the case supported by evidence such as the identification of the suspects, their car and the soil sample found inside their vehicle.

The two girls who filed charges of rape and acted as witnesses for the double murder case, have refrained from attending the court hearings.

Parents of the victims who are neighbors of Barangay Pineda in Pasig said they will file for reconsideration with the Court of Appeals. — Jonas Sinel



Apolonio Garrol: stabbed four times.



UPUAN

Editorial

Police separation from military

Now, the President is convinced of the wisdom of returning local police forces to the supervision and control of mayors and governors.

Much of the breakdown of peace and order has been due to the erroneous policy of removing the police from the operational jurisdiction of the local elective officials when, in truth and in fact, it is the mayors and governors who are held accountable for the maintenance of law and order in their respective areas.

Recently, Manila Mayor Bagatsing complained that his city has been over-run by illegal sidewalk vendors because the police are coddling them.

Placing the police under the military was a costly mistake — first, because the police are taught to protect life and property while the military are trained to kill.

This arrangement of placing the police under the military made the police no better than the "utosan" of the military, causing much demoralization among the members and officers of the police.

And when elements of the military commit crime and abuses against the civilian population, the police are naturally incapable of arresting the malefactors. This may help explain why the military have become too abusive, earning for themselves the public image of "oppressors", to quote the Acting Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos.

Separating the police from the supervision and control of the military is the best arrangement to insure maintenance of peace and order.

For one there will be a check and balance — the police will keep a constant eye on military transgressions and, on orders of the President, the military may be called to suppress abuses of policemen who turn out to be criminals.

Open letter to President Marcos (From page 1)

all our people, its exercise guaranteed under our Constitution.

But your phrase— "publish papers like the *Malaya* without being prosecuted for the time being" — is chilling and sends shivers up and down our spine. The clear hint is that we are in danger of prosecution although "not for the time being."

Our answer, Mr. President, is that if you feel that we have transgressed the laws, then we shall gladly face prosecution, and if we are convicted by the court, then we shall willingly undergo punishment.

But prosecution, for us, is nothing new. In truth and in fact, we are now under prosecution, from Dec. 7, 1982, when the military, on your orders, raided our *WE Forum*, arrested us and impounded our printing and office equipment.

We are still under house arrest and the charge of subversion still stands against us. In addition, we face a P40-million libel suit plus the unhappy penalty of being barred from leaving the country.

But luckily for us, Mr. President, the Supreme Court has come to our rescue by its unanimous decision that the military crackdown was illegal because it was a "naked suppression of freedom of the press." The High Court reaffirmed its landmark decision when it dismissed your Government's motion for a reconsideration. Only yesterday, the military started to return our printing and other equipment by virtue of this Supreme Court verdict.

So, prosecution for publishing a non-conforming newspaper like *Malaya*— and now *WE Forum*— is not new to us because since Dec. 7, two years ago, we have known what it is to be formally accused. We have been under all kinds of threats, exposed to all manner of reprisal, but we have dared to go on. And our people, by their support of *Malaya* and *WE Forum* have been behind us all throughout the way.

A month after our temporary release from Ft. Bonifacio in 1982, many friends cautioned us, when we told them of our plan to go back to newspaper publishing, saying we were courting certain disaster. But we decided to go back, anyway, because we believed in the cause of freedom of the press and we felt called upon to contribute what we could to the restoration of justice, freedom and democracy to our suffering people.

Your words, Mr. President, in your remarks during the KBL caucus, have been taken by us to be a warning. But we cannot allow ourselves to be deterred from what we feel to be a duty because we are convinced that we have not done anything to warrant prosecution. We cannot now stop what we have perceived to be a modest crusade to help liberate our people, much more so now when we feel that a new day is about to break.

We promise you, however, Mr. President, that *Malaya* and *WE Forum* will always be fair, as it has always tried its best to be fair, and to listen to everybody. Thus, we assure you that your statements and views are always ready to be presented in our newspapers anytime, however your views may differ from ours.

In a real democracy, where justice and reason should always prevail, the battle should always be one of ideas, not of force. The debate should always be one of words. Thus, we appeal to you to listen to and entertain words and ideas put up by others which may be contrary to yours, in the spirit of tolerance and brotherhood, based on the common understanding that, after all is said and done, we are all Filipinos working for the welfare and interest of our people.

With my prayers and goodwill, Yours truly,

JOSE G. BURGOS, JR.
Publisher, *Malaya*, *WE Forum* & *Masa*

Arson turning into political weapon?

"Scorched earth" is a military tactic wherein a retreating army destroys everything and anything that the advancing enemy may use for itself. Buildings, bridges, churches, homes and sources of food are put to the torch.

Used effectively, the tactic can spell the difference between victory and defeat. The most classic example of its use was when the Russians burned Mos-

cow, leaving Napoleon's army at the mercy of Russia's winter.

In war, however, it is to the advantage of both sides to destroy as little property as possible. A defending army has no reason to destroy property as they would be destroying precisely what they are supposed to defend.

The advancing forces, on the other hand, would merely

be depriving themselves of their future use.

This is so basic that modern military strategists brag that modern bombs are superior because they combine maximum killing with minimum destruction of buildings.

The recent hotel fires may be the work of extremists who look at arson as a form of scorched earth tactic. It is possible that this is an international

group operating, not only in the Philippines, but also in Indonesia.

Only two weeks ago, nine explosions destroyed the millennium-old Borobudur temple in Indonesia. One thing is certain, the bombing of Borobudur was as wanton an act as the fire in the Regent Hotel. Both seem to be politically motivated.

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Thorns and roses

By ALEJANDRO ROCES



Today and yesterday

By ARMANDO J. MALAY

By one of those coincidences with which history is replete, Feb. 22 has been marked by the exploits of soldiers, not to mention the fact that on Feb. 22, 1732 was born George Washington, who was commander-in-chief of the Continental Army in the American Revolution before he became first American president.

In my calendar of historic events, Feb. 22 is remembered thus:

(1) 1895, a simple Filipino

soldier in the Spanish army named Canuto de la Cruz Sama was decorated with the Cross of the Order of St. Ferdinand, for bravery against Muslim outlaws in Kabasaran (Mindanao) on April 23, 1894. In addition to getting the silver medal, De la Cruz Sama was awarded an annual pension of 400 pesetas and other perquisites provided for by previous laws.

(2) 1899, General Antonio Luna tried to retake occupied

Manila and actually liberated Tondo, Binondo and Trozo from the Americans, but gradually he was pushed back by superior American forces.

(3) 1899, US Navy Commander Cornwell of the warship *Petrel* received the surrender of Cebu. Before surrendering their city, which they had put to the torch in an application of President Aguinaldo's order for a scorched-earth policy or guerrilla warfare, the Cebu revolutionaries

filed a spirited protest against the occupation of their city by the Americans. Read this protest and weep:

"Sad and painful is the situation of this defenseless city which is compelled to act against its convictions, and thus it proclaims before the whole world that its occupation is not sanctioned by any law in the codes of civilized nations, that

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TFD-MMA, quietly

Security guard Osias Alcalá died from a bullet wound in the Sept. 27-dispersal at Welcome Rotunda. Task Force Detainees-Metro Manila Area, also known as TFD-MMA, brought to the funeral parlor briefs and socks, pants and polo shirt, so that his wife might bury his by then-bloated body in decent clothes.

Three bodies were fished out of the Pasig River and three more in the Intramuros area, again after the Sept. 27-dispersal. TFD-MMA, along with other human rights groups, formed a fact-finding team. The team found no hard evidence to show the six were rallyists but published the photographs that led relatives to identify all six victims.

In Muntinlupa, two political prisoners in their 30s wanted a Catholic marriage. TFD-MMA got a priest over and gathered guests for a proper reception inside the prison courtyard.

At the National Mental Hospital, Pablito Alvaro, a Pampangueno, has been confined 11 years now on a case diagnosed by a military doctor as "schizophrenia." TFD-MMA, checking his records, believes the man, who says, in his lucid moments, that he is a political prisoner. TFD-MMA is now in the process of pushing Pablito's transfer to a pay ward.

Angelita Sayat, a peasant captured in Norzagaray, Bulacan on April 28, 1983 by air force combat troops, was later declared missing. TFD-MMA, working with Angelita's sister, tracked her body down to a morgue in Quezon City where she lay naked in a wooden box, pinned under another naked corpse. TFD-MMA arranged for her coffin, funeral plot and a quiet religious service.

Rodolfo Geneta, urban poor community organizer in Novaliches, was found dead Sept. 14, 1984. TFD-MMA worked on the family to approve a re-autopsy, bucking the family's initial resignation to the fates, to shed light on this man abducted in front of witnesses and found the next day with multiple gunshot wounds in the head, neck and shoulders.

TFD-MMA counts, in its physical territory, 16 persons missing for political reasons, from 1977-1984. Among them, Yolanda Gordula, missing since March 30, 1983, last seen six hours before Dr. Juan Barrameda Escandor, her companion, was himself slain, his body desecrated by killers who stuffed socks and underwear in his skull. And another, Ceferino Flores, Jr., houseman at Hotel Intercontinental, board director of the union, and founding member of NUWHRAIN (National Union of Workers in Hotel, Restaurant, and Allied Industries), also

missing since 1983.

Ceferino's wife still insists he is alive. And Yolanda's sister sends birthday cards through TFD-MMA, saying, "please give to Yoly when you see her." It is more than one year after and TFD-MMA has come to deadends in its investigation. But as the men and women there say: "Sino ba kami na magsasabing tanggapin na nilang patay na ang ka-pamilya nila?"

In 1982-83, when the arrests came in waves, the TFD-MMA rushed many a child of a political prisoner to the hospital, often struck with convulsions and diarrhea. Or, the staff baby-sits while mothers move around following up their husband's papers. A continuing activity is the scholarship of dependents of the "missing, salvaged and detained". For schoolyear 1984-85, TFD-MMA is shouldering partial tuition fees for 41 in the elementary grades, 8 in high school, and 24 in college.

"Human rights violations do not stop after detention," TFD-MMA notes. Like Conchita de la Cruz and Veronica Razon, arrested with KMU (Kilusang Mayo Uno) leaders in the series of raids of Sept. 1982 and released one year and three months later. The Ding Velayo Corporation management never took them back. TFD-MMA helped provide seed capital for them to vend rice and viands in offices and in the streets.

There are always hurried efforts to gather bail money, as in the P144,000 price on the "Bicutan 8". To pay the xeroxes of all those legal duplicates for court, until TFD-MMA decided that buying a six-figure xerox machine was cheaper. To refer an ovary problem, bad teeth, a cataract operation, to a willing doctor, hospital, or even another human rights desk with more funds. To get lawyers, produce pamphlets on women detainees, drumbeat for the amnesty/house arrest/hospital visitation of someone pregnant or maimed, "irregardless of political ideology, economic status or creed."

And, for Fidel Agcaoili, the "Old Rebel," 10 years in prison, and Alfonso Sabilano, the "Katorse Kid," 14 years on Death Row, to host a rousing *Welcome Back* party, in an office canteen, with pancit, softdrink, rice and crabs bought at a bargain.

Now TFD-MMA is also part of the QRTs (Quick Reaction Teams), "parang Red Cross," that make themselves available 24 hours during transport strikes and other huge mass actions for legal/financial/moral needs.

All this on a staff of seven.

And all this, quietly.

Philippine Scene



Kung tutuusin

By JOSE F. LACABA

Detensiyong Xerox



Malaya na sina Lino Brocka, Behn Cervantes at 38 iba pang inaresto't ibinilanggo kaugnay ng welgang diyipni noong Enero 28. Maaaring pansamantalang lamang ang paglaya nila sa bisa ng piyansa; patuloy pa rin sa korte ang kaso laban sa kanila. Gayunman, hindi na sila napapaligiran ng rehas na bakal o pader na bato o alambreng tinik, at iyan ay tanda na rin ng paglaya. Matagal nang iniutos ng korte na papagpi-yansahin sila at pakawalan, pero hindi sila agad na binitawan ng militar pagkat diumano'y may Preventive Detention Action (PDA) laban sa kanila.

Hanggang ngayong nasa laya na sina Brocka, Cervantes atbp., hindi pa nila nakikita ang orihinal na PDA na siyang dahilan ng kanilang hirap at dusa.

Ang PDA na ipinakita ng pulis at militar sa korte ay hindi ang orihinal na dokumento na may orihinal na pirma ni Ferdinand E. Marcos kundi isang xerox copy lamang. "Nasaan ang orihinal?" tanong ng mga abugado. "Hawak ng isang mababang opisyal militar," ang sagot. Sinubpena ang nasabing opisyal, pinatestigo sa korte. "Wala sa akin ang orihinal," aniya.

Mayroon nga kayang orihinal? O kinuha lang ba ang pirma ni Marcos mula sa ibang papeles at

idinikit iyon at pina-xerox?

Noong panahong matindi pa ang paghihigpit sa masmidya, nauso ang tinatawag na peryodismong Xerox. Sine-xerox ang mga balitang lumalabas sa ibang bansa pagkat walang naglathala o walang sumusulat ng mga orihinal na akda ng mga peryodistang Pilipino. Ngayon ay mayroon na rin tayong detensiyong xerox. Puwede kang mabimbim sa bilangguan sa bisa ng xerox copy ng isang dokumentong hindi mo malaman kung mayroon o wala.

Ang PDA mismo ay grabe na. Sa bisa nito'y puwede kang ikulong nang hindi bababa sa isang taon kahit walang habla sa iyo. Puwede pang patagalin ng Presidente ng Pilipinas ang pagkakakulong mo kung gugustuhin niya. Kahit ano pa ang sabihin o iutos ng hukuman ay puwede kang mabulok sa kalaboso. Ang Presidente at ang Presidente lamang ang puwedeng magpalay sa iyo.

Kung grabe na nga ang tunay na PDA, mas grabe pa ang pekeng PDA. Pagkat kung mapatunayan hindi totoo ang PDA na inisyu laban kina Brocka, Cervantes atbp., baka sabihin ng mga maykapangyarihan na ang kanilang pagkakabilanggo ay bunga lamang ng kanilang guniguni!

Letter

Union deploras Regent stand

Sir:

The news releases about the tragic fire that happened at the Regent of Manila Hotel are, in our opinion, biased and self-serving on the part of the management by way of deliberately implicating the hotel workers and the union as the principal suspects.

We have reason to believe that there are things that have to be considered in the investigation being conducted by the police and other agencies.

According to employee witnesses, the fire started at the second floor of the building

where security personnel were having some sort of celebration. The smoke seen at the 9th floor came only from the 2nd floor and just passed in the exhaust system of the hotel.

Doubtfully, the general fire alarm did not function although it is specifically designed for emergencies. The fire exits on the Copa Cabana side were locked and fire fighting devices like the automatic water sprinklers and fire hydrants were not working.

The fire water tank of the hotel was empty at that time. Also, the power generator of the

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Salonga interview

'Red bogey to justify repression'

Since his return from exile in the United States, opposition leader and former Sen. Jovito Salonga has actively participated in the opposition campaign against the Marcos regime, speaking in numerous symposia as well as demonstrations. Philippine News and Features (PNF) interviewed him last week on his view of the current situation and other matters. Excerpts:

PNF: You have gone around and presumably felt the pulse of the people since your return. What is your initial assessment of the situation in the country?

Salonga: I have not gone around to as many places yet as I would have wanted. Initially, though, I think that we have some degree of freedom because the people are not afraid to assert

their right to be free. It is not the kind of freedom that is granted by a regime. We have an alternative press because there are determined Filipinos who are willing to put their lives (on the line), in order that we may have an open media in the Philippines and that is very good.

PNF: You stayed in the US for almost four years. Could you tell us about the various anti-dictatorship groups there?

Salonga: Well, there are various groups that are struggling for democracy in the Philippines. You have, for example, the Aquino movements. These are the Aquino movement based in

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Sandigan weekend report

Take two on the custody issue

At 8:30 this morning, the first day of the Aquino-Galman murder trial opened. Despite assurances from Sandiganbayan presiding justice Manuel R. Pamaran that the entire trial will not last more than a year and predictions from defense lawyers that it will take no more than three months, many expect a protracted courtroom battle. As the identities of the assassins and the mastermind behind the celebrated airport murders inch their way to revelation, **WE FORUM** takes a look back at this week's developments.

Custody Issue

Easily the highlight of this week's proceedings before the Sandiganbayan is the appearance of Air Force chief Maj. Gen. Vicente Piccio, Jr. last Monday. Summoned by Justice Pamaran to answer charges of laxity and special treatment in the custody of 22 military inditees, Piccio told the court that the accusations were "absolutely untrue".

The charges arose from an article written by Associated Press correspondent Miguel Suarez. He reported seeing two of the principal accused brandishing guns after their arraignment last February 7 and another principal strolling outside the detention quarters unescorted. Former Avsecom chief Brig. Gen. Luther Custodio has not even been seen within the premises by the soldiers manning the barracks, he added.

Suarez stood by his story, although he refused to give further testimony until he has secured the services of a lawyer.

Piccio invited the justices and mediamen to visit the PAF barracks and see the inditees for themselves, and the court's inquiry concluded with Pamaran announcing his intention to do so.

It would need no abnormal stretch of imagination to predict that while the custody of these military men remain with their commanding officers, the public mind would have no peace. Rightly or wrongly, Piccio and Presidential Security Command chief Brig. Gen. Santiago Barangan, who has custody of accused principal Col. Vicente Tigas, Jr., would periodically be accused of giving their men special treatment.

To set the public mind at ease, will it not be better to surrender their custody to a civilian jail instead of insisting on military custody? Surely there is nothing so terrible about a civilian jail. After all, men accused of lesser or graver crimes are detained in such centers as a matter of course.

Already, the Tanodbayan special prosecution panel has threatened to seek a recall of the January 31 court resolution granting military custody if reports of laxity are proven. Galman family lawyer Lupino Lazaro had earlier said that Piccio should be court-martialed for "utter lack of discipline" should the charges be substantiated by evidence. By surrendering military custody, Piccio and Barangan would have nothing to lose but everything to gain in the public eye. Such a show of good faith on their part would certainly usher the trial to a good start and restore faith in the military.



Gen. Vicente Piccio, Jr. denied that military inditees are being accorded special treatment. (Photo/Alex Baluyut)

Pre-Trial-Conference

Pre-trial proceedings resumed last Wednesday after some delay caused by disagreement between defense and prosecution on what are the settled facts which would dispense of proof during the trial.

During the pre-trial, lawyer Antonio P. Coronel (counsel for Gen. Fabian C. Ver) scored another victory for the defense when he obtained a ruling from the court to the effect that testimonies of witnesses made before the Agrava Fact-Finding Board will be set aside if they fail to affirm the same and be subjected to cross-examination by the defense.

Passay City fiscal Ernesto Bernabe, member of the 5-man special prosecution panel, however succeeded in blocking two other motions of Coronel. The defense lost its bid to limit the prosecution witnesses to be presented during the trial to the 81 earlier listed by the panel. In the same manner,

the defense sought to limit the trial only to the issues specified by the prosecution in its bill of particulars. The rights of the prosecution in this regard cannot be hamstrung, Bernabe reportedly said.

Hopes of seeing a hard-hitting prosecution, raised by Bernabe's successful moves to oppose Coronel's twin motions, were however watered down by the defense lawyer's victory for the day.

The ruling obtained by Coronel has far-reaching effects beyond simply nullifying the witnesses' testimonies. Should the prosecution fail to produce vital witnesses crucial in destroying the military version of the assassination, the prosecution would have lost its case by simple default.

Reports have surfaced that witnesses like PAL mechanic Ruben Regalado have either refused to testify or could not be located. Regalado's testimony was instrumental in the

Agrava Board's conclusion that the late Senator Benigno Aquino was shot while descending the service stairway and not on the airport tarmac as the military claimed. It is then incumbent in the prosecution to track down these witnesses and compel them to testify and provide them security, if necessary.

Contempt Charges

Also last Wednesday, the editor of a weekly newsmagazine charged with contempt along with two others denied the charges against him. Instead, he asked the Sandiganbayan to hold in contempt of court accused principal Lt. Col. Arturo Y. Custodio, who filed the charges, for making false, malicious and misleading accusations against the newspaper.

Felix B. Bautista, editor of the *Veritas* newsmagazine, was charged in connection with an article written by Barbara Mae Dacanay for the February 10 issue of *Veritas*. Dacanay

quoted lawyer Lupino Lazaro asking a series of questions on whether the Sandiganbayan, by granting military custody, was intimidated by the military; compromised the supremacy of the judiciary; and bowed to the might of the military.

In charging Bautista, Dacanay and Lazaro with contempt, Custodio said that these statements are highly contemptuous and tend to "impede, obstruct, embarrass or influence" the Sandiganbayan in administering justice in the Aquino-Galman case.

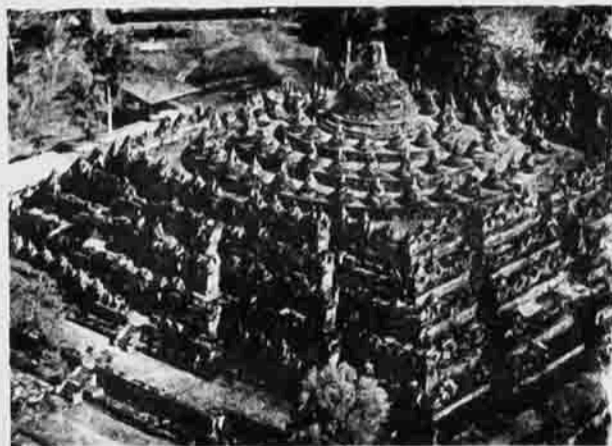
Bautista said that since the Sandiganbayan has the inherent right to cite persons in contempt, and the court did not do so itself, Custodio acted "more popish than the Pope" when he filed the contempt charges.

Note that while all these furor over certain remarks made by the press goes on, similar statements made by the President are ignored.

In a luncheon speech made by the President this week before alumni of the Philippine Military Academy, he called Gen. Ver a "good chief of staff". Never mind that President Marcos was probably only reiterating the administration's faith in Ver's abilities to rule the military. The point is, his endorsement of Ver has as much tendency, if not a greater one, to "influence" the prosecution of the case as Lazaro's statements do. After all, it was the President of the Republic speaking. Yet up to now, no one has seen fit to criticize his statement.

As this week comes to a close, the Aquino-Galman slayings show little hope of nearing its solution, as collateral issues not directly related to the guilt or innocence of the accused continue to sidetrack the proceedings.

Restoring Borobudur's grandeur



Borobudur, the grand Buddhist monument in Central Java built in the 8th century by the Sailendra dynasty.

lasted by bombs and struck by lightning, the ancient Borobudur temple is expected to be patched up in time for Buddha's birthday.

Restoration of the 8th-century Buddhist shrine should be completed in April, said Gusti Ngurah Anom, who is in charge of repairs. Vesak Day, which Buddhists observe as both Buddha's birthday and the day on which he received enlightenment, falls on June 3 this year.

Nine bombs exploded in the early hours of Jan. 21, damaging nine of the 72 "stupas," the 3-meter (10-foot)-tall bell-shaped containers that hold images of the sitting Buddha.

Two weeks after the blasts, lightning struck the peak of the giant monument. Nine stone

blocks were dislodged and tourists scattered to escape falling debris. There were no injuries in either incident.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the bombing, which official sources blame on militant Moslems. At least 27 people have been arrested in the continuing investigation.

Borobudur, one of the largest Buddhist shrines in the world, is located in the world's most populous Moslem nation. It is 603 kilometers (375 miles) east of Jakarta in Central Java.

When it was fully reopened a year ago after a decade of reconstruction, pamphlets that decried attempts to "revive idol worship," which is forbidden by Islam, were

circulated.

Unlike a church or mosque, Borobudur has no interior. It looks rather squat, much like a truncated pyramid.

European historian Arnold Toynbee called the 30-meter-high temple "a comprehensive poem about the mystery of the universe, a symphony of the inaudible music of the spheres."

Local lore credits Borobudur to an architect named Gunadharma. Historians estimate he needed 10,000 laborers and several decades to complete. The 10 terraces that were elaborately decorated to represent the world's three spheres as divided by Buddhism: desire, form and formlessness. It was built during

the Sailendra dynasty from 774 to 864 A.D.

The shrine is an architectural symbol of the buddhist concept of transition from life to nirvana, where humans achieve bliss by breaking away from the "wheels of life." Ornate lower terraces depict the baseness of man while circular upper levels represent enlightenment.

Borobudur is a religious text book with three miles (5 kilometers) of intensive Buddhist instruction.

The relief work includes 1,460 pictorial panels and 1,212 decorative panels. Many of the original 504 life-size statues of Buddha have ended up in foreign museums and private collections. When the restoration was completed last year, only 432 images of Buddha were in place.

Paging His Eminence

The striking employees at Monte de Piedad and Savings Bank are devout Catholics, this they swear until judgement day. However, they see basic Christian teachings and ideals sorely missing from the hearts and minds of the bank's management.

The dispute has reached unbearable proportions that the employees are now training their guns at Jaime Cardinal Sin, the Church's most colorful spokesman and controversial Marcos critic who, as Archbishop of Manila, owns nearly 61 per cent of the bank's shares.

In last Wednesday's march through Manila's financial district sponsored by the Bank Employees Labor Alliance, an aggragation of 21 unions in the banking industry, Monte de Piedad employes carried a huge streamer which read: To his Eminence Cardinal Sin, head of Monte de Piedad: Practice what you preach. . ."

But lest the strikers be hastily branded as either Marcos stooges, peddlers of intrigue, or hard-core atheists, they still hope that very soon, management would finally see the light.

Didn't a notorious tax collector end up as one of Jesus Christ's trusted apostle?

Foremost in the union's grievance list is a demand for the full implementation of PD 1614 which grants a P60 emergency cost of living allowance (ECOLA) for all workers in private firms. The union claims that management has been violating this decree since its signing in 1979. They brought the issue to the Labor Ministry which then ordered the bank to pay the employes. "But up to now, we have not received a

single centavo," the union contends. As of this year, Monte de Piedad reportedly owes its workers a total of P850,000 in unpaid allowances.

Thus far, the union claims that management is treating the strike with indifference. A lawyer, one of the bank's leading spokesman, recently thumbed down any negotiation with the union unless they clean up the "mess" at the bank's main branch in Sta. Cruz, Manila (the workers splattered old newspapers on the front walls and doors and painted slogans over them).

Cardinal Sin, the workers claimed, does not know the real score at the century-old financial institution. They expressed fears that the outspoken primate had been misinformed if not "deceived" by his junior officials.

Chances at reconciliation are dim at the moment, says one union official. Aside from unpaid allowances, the union is also protesting the withholding of salary increases of P110 per employe, non-compliance with the provisions of Wage Orders 4 and 6, and deadlocked negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement.

"As a simple Christian gesture, we ask Cardinal Sin to listen to our demands," a lady striker, who has been manning the picketline since January 21, appealed. "Bakit sa Tsina alam ni Cardinal ang nangyayari, pero dito mismo sa bangko ay wala siyang nalalaman?"

Paging His Eminence. . .

Growing up with ma'am

By Girlie B. Hubilla

I used to go to one of the public schools here in Metro Manila. It was little less than a kilometer's walk, and my big brother, carrying my oversized schoolbag, would walk me up to the schoolgate. It was not really a schoolgate but pieces of iron bars held together by wires.

We were 50 children squeezed inside a classroom. I liked my teachers because they always brought candies to school. My music teacher would come and sell sampaloc before classes opened.

In fact, I always thought this buy-and-sell business was a natural function of classroom teachers.

My teachers were really a creative and inventive lot, and very patient, too. And so I was the first one surprised when I saw them in the streets one day protesting and demanding for an increase in wages.

My Math teacher, I was told, has to sell hosiery because she gets a total of P1,850 a month, which already covers the cost of living allowance (P300), emergency allowance (P350), clothing allowance (P50), and an accumulated longevity pay of P22 (or P2 x 11 years of service).

But there are many deductions from her salary like the PAG-IBIG fund (P36), retirement insurance (P66), life insurance (P36), medicare (P7.50), and withholding tax. In the end, she takes home only

P1,500. Her husband, a clerk in a private company, nets P1,700. To be able to pay the house rent of P1,200, send her three children to school, and eat three square meals a day she has to sell hosiery, munggo, balut, and other stuff.

An English teacher from another school gets a much lower salary because of optional deductions added to the compulsory deductions. He has to pay the GSIS loans and policy loan. To augment the family income, he does the rounds daily collecting "kanin-baboy" from neighbors to feed the three hogs in his backyard. His wife, also a teacher, helps by selling lipstick and other cosmetics.

Over and above the present demand for salary hike, the teachers are also asking for salary increases and benefits promised them a long time ago but which never materialized. "They have been either suspended or delayed for reasons we do not know," said my teachers.

For example, the teachers are wondering whatever happened to the education laid of P400 promised them before the local elections in 1982, the one sack of rice ration every December promised them, and a salary hike which should have taken effect last July, 1984. The sack of rice was reportedly given away last Feb. 14 by the city government but the public and private schools in Metro Manila

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How to solve our debts

Your Consumer's Hotline story entitled Gold and Restoration Committees, (February 19 issue), columnist Julie Amargo explained very clearly how we can get out of this economic mess by just relying mainly on our "gold, silver, antiques, artifacts found in various diggings in many parts in the Philippines."

Half of these diggings plus our gold reserves, which she claims we can get back from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, can get us out of our economic woes.

Ms. Amargo deserves all the gratitude and support of the whole Filipino people. Let us give her and all the groups aiding her all the help and encouragement towards the attainment of what she believes could amount to no less than US\$100 Billion. With that, we can pay all our debts (or secure the best terms) from the IMF-WB.

Why doesn't your newspaper initiate a nationwide campaign on this grand undertaking for the sake of our country and future generations?

As my modest share, please find enclosed P10. I do hope we can start the ball rolling.

CLARO A. JIMENEZ, SR.
USAFFE Veteran

Lecture on woman's art

A symposium on the problems of women artists will be held at 6 p.m., on Monday, February 25, at the Heritage Arts Center, on 6 St. William, near Lantana and New York, Cubao, Quezon City. Critic Alice Guillermo will discuss the image of women in the arts and media. Screenwriter and production designer Racquel Villavicencio will talk about her experience in the movie industry.

The sponsoring group, Women's Desk of the Concerned Artists of the Philippines, invites all artists and media people as well as anyone interested in the plight of women artists to attend the symposium. The activity is the fourth of a weekly series related to the celebration of the International Decade of Women on March 1-8. Previous sessions tackled feminism and the women's movement in the Philippines; film classification and pornography; and prostitution.

The Women's Desk hopes to raise the consciousness of Filipinos concerning the status of women; to change the image of women in media; to help better the working conditions of women artists; and to push the women's struggle within the national context.



Streamers and placards manned by striking employees of Monte Piedad bank (Photo/Manolet Agoncillo)

Consumer's Hotline

By JULIE AMARGO

Thank you, Fr. Ray



I first met Father Ray Sonefeld at the Church of the Little Flowers in Coral Gables, Miami. Since then, we have corresponded with each other and exchanged information useful to each of us. The latest magazine he sent me is ORIGINS, NC Documentary Service published weekly by the National Catholic News Service which contains the first draft of the Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy.

It may be relevant to quote portions of the letter in relation to the Central Luzon farmers' plight. It is very important to remember that after selling their palay, the rest of the year, these farmers are also consumers like anyone else. Any increase therefore in the price of rice after their harvest does not benefit them at all. It is the rice traders and the NFA who have stocks in their bodegas who benefit. Since the farmers pay amortizations on the land they till, they actually operate at a below zero starting point which should be properly understood by our policy-makers in the light of this pastoral letter.

"The United States has numerous separate programs to assist the needy, including four with broad coverage: "Aid To Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps and Medicaid, which provides certain health services to some of the poor.

"One reason why we do not have a humane welfare system is our punitive attitude toward the poor. Americans have a tendency to blame poverty on laziness, to stigmatize welfare recipients, to exaggerate the benefits actually received by the

poor and to overstate the extent of fraud in welfare payments. The belief persists in this country that the poor are poor by choice, that anyone can escape poverty by hard work and that welfare programs make it easier for people to avoid work. Hence we devise programs that single out the poor for special treatment, provide meager benefits and are often demeaning in the way they are administered.

"Some of the most generous benefits to this country's citizens are not even called benefits. Each year the U.S. tax code grants a substantial advantage to property owners in the form of interest and real-estate tax deductions from the federal income tax. . . Yet some go on perpetuating the myth that the country is being bankrupted by welfare programs, when in fact the total cost of programs for the poor comes to less than 10% of the Federal budget.

"Our Christian faith and the norms of human justice impose distinct limits on what we consume and how we view material goods. Such limits on consumption and the accumulation of wealth are essential if we are to avoid what Pope Paul VI called "the most evident form of moral underdevelopment", namely, avarice or greed."

Let's hear the reactions from our policy-makers most especially from Minister Escudero who must find a way to help the Central Luzon farmers.

Thank you Father Ray for your kind help in my apostolate for the poor. This pastoral letter will awaken many sleeping hearts.

Kwidaw

Ni GIOVANNI R. CALVO

Naghihimala ka ba Maricel?

GUMAGAWA ka ng pelikula para kanino?

Itanong mo iyan sa sinumang kilala mong movie producer at tiyak na dalawa lang ang isasagot sa iyo. Una, para kumita. Ikalawa, para matupad ang kapritso. Iyon lang! Ang cheap, ano?

SA unang sagot, pinansiyal. Na madaling maunawaan naman ngayon dahil sa kahirapan ng buhay. Sa ikalawa ay para sa

maging artista, pero walang kumukuhang prodyuser, kaya ayun, para matupad ang mataas na ambisyon, nagsipagprodyus ng pelikula. Idagdag din natin sa grupo nila ang mga LAOS na artista na nang mainsultong tanggihan ng mga movie producers ay sila mismong nagprodyus ng kanilang pelikula! So, sapagkat ang mga taong nabanggit ay hindi talaga TUNAY NA ARTIST, anong klase bang pelikula ang kanilang lilikhain? Pwes! Mga pelikulang nilikha ng

sa mga nag-iisip ng matino sa bayang ito. Ang cheap talaga, ano?

Iyan! Iyan ang rason kung bakit hindi na ako nagtatanong sa sinumang movie producer na nakikilala ko ng ganito: Gumagawa ka ng pelikula para kanino? Maiinis lang ako!

ALAM ba ninyo na ang uri ng pelikulang ipinapalabas sa ating mga sinehan ay "naluluto" lamang sa iisang KUSINA? Paano nangyayari ito? Pwes! Iyan ay dahil sa ang karamihan sa ating mga malalaking movie producers ay MAGKAKAMAG-ANAK! Siyempre, kapag magkaka-anak, nagkakatulungan! At kapag nagkakatulungan, marami ang nasasagasaang maliliit na movie producer. Pulitika rin kasi iyan! At ang magkaka-anak na movie producers ay daig pa ang mga pulitiko kung manakmal ng kanilang biktima!

Kapag ikaw na isang maliit na movie producer ay nakainitan ng isa sa mga miyembro ng MAGKAKAMAG-ANAK na ito, dalawa lang ang dapat mong gawin: una, magdasal ng p-Hesus, at ikalawa, mamundok ka na. Mahirap na kalaban ang magkaka-anak na ito! Natutulad sila sa mga IBONG MANDARAGIT na kung manakmal ng basang sisiw ay walang patawad! (Patawarin sana ng langit ang kanilang mga kaluluwa, amen!)

PILIT na binabago ngayon ni Maricel Soriano ang kanyang movie image. Kung noon kilala niya sa pagiging mataray at bastos na kaaway, ngayon naman ay isa siyang maamong kordero kung makayuko at laging nakikinig sa mga pangaral.

Magandang pagbabago iyan para kay Maricel kung totoo sa kalooban niya ang pagbabago! Pero kung ang lahat ng ito ay bahagi lang ng isang drama o gimmick para makuha niya ang loob ng maraming lumayo sa kanya at nagtampo, patawarin siya ng Diyos at hindi niya nalalaman ang kanyang ginagawa!

Iyon lang! (Bye, Edgar!)



Maricel Soriano: Naghihimala

makasariling hangarin. Na madaling maunawaan naman dahil totoong kayrami pang prodyuser ngayon na nagprodyus ng pelikula para pagbigyan lamang ang ilusyong mag-artista ng kanilang mga misis o kabit na ikalawa, ikatlo, ikaapat at mga susunod pang numero! Puwede rin namang sabihin para pagbigyan lang ang kanilang kapritsonang magartista. Porke may mga ilusyunadong aktor or aktres na dahil sa kinalakihang pantasyang

paa ng mga nagdudunong-dunungang materyalistikong movie producer, bobong director, mga walang prinsipyong artista, at manunulat na walang karapatang sumulat! Iyan ang rason at nakakalungkot isipin na sa kabila ng pag-unlad ng ibang sangay ng ika-pitong sining, ang daigdig ng pelikula ay patuloy na lumilikha ng mga BASURANG pelikula. Mga pelikulang walang patumangga ang HUBARAN at tunay na nakakainsulto



Angela Perez

For classical school of arts, mastery of the human body is a must before an artist is considered able to paint anything else.

A belief E.R. Tagle, said to be the father of erotic art in the Philippines, professed and believed in ardently.

"The human body is a whole universe by itself," said Tagle. It can be rendered as a landscape, still life, a flower, tree, a bird, among others."

The human body has long been a favorite subject of artists, both in the visual arts and literature. Goya did a lot of nude paintings, Rembrandt painted a series of women and so did Filipino masters HR Ocampo and social realist Al Manrique.

Revolutionary poet Pablo Neruda wrote quite a number of poems "caressing the female body."

Even religion has its own dictum to profess regarding the human anatomy. The Kama Sutra for one, spoke of total communion in sexual intercourse, the union of human bodies.

In the ancient times, the phallus was revered as a symbol of good luck. Much as it stands for fertility, the phallus is also worshipped for longevity and power.

Such was Tagle's rationale for his recently concluded exhibit at the Intercon featuring erotic jar sculptures. Jars, along with human sex organs, were essential elements of ancient culture.

Meanwhile, German photographer Claus C. Jobs has his own way of presenting the nude. In the soon to open photo exhibit at the Ayala Museum, Jobs portrays the variety of shapes that the human body can manifest. Save for a few of the 40 photos to be exhibited, Jobs focuses only on a selected part of the human body with distinct shape: the roundish pregnant woman, a tubular leg with veins, circular lines of a woman's breast.

Beyond skin and muscles, the human anatomy, indeed, talks of civilization, culture and development.

Sadly, the same cannot be said of the movies and "bold" literature now proliferating the market. Many a self-professed artist, writers and movie directors included, capitalizes on sex

Nudes & Art

By JOEL B. SARACHO

and the corporal images to earn money (or notoriety, whichever case may be).

Up and coming sex nymphets, and their male counterparts, eager to climb up the ladder of stardom success, have little qualms about baring all "for art's sake" as if they really knew what it meant.

The cliché goes: "There is nothing to be ashamed of the human body... We can show the world that Filipinos can

match the Europeans in sensuousness and sexuality... We must be proud of God's gift to us..."

That pride is almost always synonymous with exhibitionism and obscenity. And in these days of vulgar commercialism and lust for survival, the human body, far from what it was earlier deemed to be, has been reduced to a commodity worth investing into — to satisfy libidinal clamor, and profit.



The artist and his model — Nymphet Tanya Gomez posed in the nude before artist E. R. Tagle and called the experience "enlightening." The painting session is part of Tanya's latest flick for Emperor Films, *Erotika*, written by Jake Tordesillas and directed by Joey del Rosario. The nude-painting is said to be sold abroad.

Joey's 1st

March 9 is the big day for popular singer Joey Albert who stars in her first major concert at the University of Life's Multi-Purpose Stadium on that day. Called Joey Albert in Concert: Lifesize, the show also features Raymond Lauchengco and the Apo Hiking Society. Freddie Santos directs what he promises to be "a total entertainment package."



CUTS

By PET G. CLETO

Camp culture

THERE were joggers, as usual, this morning, religiously shedding off mileage and poundage around the Elliptical Road. As they briskly but slowly did circles around the Quezon Memorial, the mild morning air whispered only bliss and hale days to come for prudent men.

It was not like this a week ago. They brought with them the quaint airs of rural life - gentle camaraderie and gentler ways with words. They invited you to sit on carton pieces and newspapers spread out as beds as if they hadn't left the bamboo-shadows and the filigree of sunlight through the kitchen row of slats.

But theirs was not the equanimity of joggers or the bliss of urban "villagers" or the politesse of bureaucrats.

For they had a pain on their feet - not from walking the MacArthur highway from Meycauayan or the sooty city streets. It was a pain from, as they said, being stepped on - hard and relentlessly - through the long, long years. And for these people, for whom a blade of grass amid the rice stalks was an urgent pain that merited quick solutions, being stepped on was a horrendous inhumanity.

And yet, though at negotiation tables they only got polite confessions of impotence and feminine wiles, they never lost their rural civility and firmness. Despite the vast implications of their dilemma: rice shortage and freedom shortage, they showed only controlled fury at the deliberate evasions and steely silences.

The camp-in just outside the Ministry gates was a concrete proof of their highly-developed culture. The dialogues and "sharings" which could not take off at encounters with officialdom here sailed in splendid flight. Students, professionals and other urban residents were able to get the full picture of the current situation in the provinces, and were able to communicate to the farmers their own plight.

Here, in yellow tents later confiscated by police dispersal units, they had mingled with strangers-turned-friends, had formed blood pacts that have been missed so much in our culture.

Here, from the front of a yellow tamaraw,

visitors declared their unity with the oppressed peasants, and with the oppressed in general. Chino Roces came almost daily to present his cigarette packs and his gratitude to those who have labored for his daily rice. MP Ramon Mitra brought his sacrificial cow. Somebody celebrated his birthday with the campers. Aristocrat's Nancy Reyes sent her restaurant's famous chicken. A sculptor brought gallons of drinking water. Thousands of passersby gave out an average of P5,000 daily, according to Alyansa ng Magsasaka sa Gitnang-Luzon Chairman Jaime Tadeo, whose bright eyes always carried a glint of sadness through the days of silence from the Ministry.

Here, there were songs, dances, poems and skits - volunteered by cultural groups from the city's various organizations. Cultural energy was never as free from crass commercialism as here, in what was called "people's camp."

The farmers also began to take up morning rituals to greet an active and militant day: physical exercises with Tadeo counting out the steps. In comparison, a parade of white-clad joggers revving it up for heart-consciousness one peculiar morning could only look empty and far too literal about their hearts. True to their established form, the peasants took to giving them short, educational slogans and advice to study the national state of affairs and open their minds, instead of coddling their hearts.

When they were violently dispersed without warning on their eighth dawn at camp, they had already staked a claim on the hearts and minds of many city dwellers, not excluding those who only heard of them but willingly gave them what they could. The dispersal had only delineated further a difference of cultures present in the country, and threw more light on the motivations and objectives of each of these divergent cultures.

As hale and hearty joggers take that turn near the Ministry, and perhaps recall the smoky piles that the dispersal created out of things the fleeing farmers had to leave behind, they might also recall what the farmers had been here for. When rice gets hard to come by, they might think again about the cultural health of this nation. Hopefully, there might come for them a more than literal dawn on Elliptical Road.

Rod's new band, new sound

"Michael Omartian's name had to come up as somebody I should work with, and I made up my mind to do just that when I heard (the Omartian-produced) 'She Works Hard For The Money' by Donna Summer.

"We got off to a bit of a shaky start - with a couple of misunderstandings but it was good. It was about time I worked with a producer and took the responsibility off me own shoulders."

That's how Rod Stewart describes his relationship with producer Michael Omartian, with whom he's collaborated on his album *Camouflage*.

Camouflage is a new Rod Stewart album in many ways, reflecting the fact that he seems poised to enter a new phase in his career.

One of the featured musicians on *Camouflage* is no stranger to Stewart. Guitarist Jeff Beck, who led one of the bands in which Rod sang before going solo, is on the record and will appear on tour.

"Jeff and I together are something else - when he plays and I sing, we look at each other and the tears roll. There's definitely something there.

"It's gonna be a great line-up to tour with," says Rod. "We'll have a brass section, two keyboard players and Jeff Beck."

The title track, according to Rod, "is all about people hiding behind material things and false fronts." In contrast, the *Camouflage* album cover features a simple picture of Rod's face.

"Sometimes you come up with titles before anything else.



Rod Stewart

I thought *Camouflage* is such a nice word, and it looks good.

"I always do the lyrics. Sometimes they're a bit too personal for my own well-being, but if you aren't honest, people see right through it." The album

includes a ballad called "Trouble." Asked about the song, Stewart reflects, "It's all in the lyrics, really. I'm going through a confusing time right now, going through a divorce and things like that..."

MOVIE GUIDE

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PVT. ISKO LAWAG

By ELOY CRUZ



PITIK



BOYET

Thorns

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Both were committed by misguided groups.

Arson should never be used as a political weapon. Property should never be destroyed senselessly. Lives should be held sacred. When people are killed in a fire caused by an arsonist, the charge should not be arson but murder.

Arsonists are responsible for all the consequences of the fire that they start. In the case of the Regent Hotel fire, there are indications that the fire was planned in such a way that it would trap its occupants.

There is no ill wind that blows no good. There are lessons in the Regent Hotel fire.

First, all hotels and public buildings should be provided with proper fire exits. Second, there should be periodic checks made that fire alarms and sprinklers work. Third, personnel should be made to undergo periodic fire drills.

It would be interesting to check if the Regent Hotel took these three precautionary measures. The Regent belongs to an international chain of hotels. Surely, it knows how to cope with fires.

The Regent Hotel fire also revealed how undisciplined our firemen are. According to re-

ports, some of them remained at the bar drinking bottles of imported wine instead of attending to the fire upstairs or rescuing some of the victims who still could have been saved. There are also reports of widespread looting on the part of some firemen and some hotel employees.

In so far as the hotel employees are concerned, we congratulate those who risked their lives in order to warn the hotel guests of the fire. But other than to warn hotel guests of the conflagration, the correct thing for them to have done was to leave the burning building and leave the firefighting to the firemen.

We used to wonder why the government allowed these high-rise buildings to go up, not because we are against high-rise buildings but because we knew that the municipalities did not have the adequate fire units for these high-rise buildings.

True, that they can borrow the fire fighting units of other municipalities, but what would happen if fire were to break out simultaneously in several high-rise buildings of different municipalities?

The fire season starts in summer. To compound problems, it is also the season when the faucets are dry.

Growing up

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claim they have not received any. "Only sack, but no rice," they lamented.

The series of mass walkouts by the once docile school-teachers is the proverbial flood that crashed through the dam walls.

According to Alliance of Concerned Teachers national president Loretta Ann P. Rosales, the once meek school teachers have been awakened by the present economic crisis. "Teachers are demanding for salary increases, but they have also gone beyond that. We now understand why the government cannot grant us what is duly ours because it has been making cuts in the wrong parts of the national budget in order to generate some income to pay interest rates of its numerous foreign loans from banks like the IMF. We also understand that the government continues to beef up the budget for the military because this is used

precisely to control and stop the hungry and angry populace from protesting because of the severe economic crisis."

Rosales herself led a teachers' strike at the Jose Rizal College in 1982, when the management refused to grant all the demands, and tried to bust the union.

"The education ministry has maliciously ascribed political motives to the teachers' protest. They have been nearsighted to have opened their eyes to the political realities because of the painful economic crisis," she said. Now it is clear to us that there is something wrong with a society where only foreign corporations and one per cent of the population rake in money, while the most used public servants are forced to sell tinapa and brassieres to make both ends meet."

My teachers in elementary school have certainly come a long way.

Today

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its citizens never expected to behold such a spectacle in this so-called enlightened century."

(4) 1942, General Douglas MacArthur, chief of the USAFFE (United States Armed Forces in the Far East) was ordered by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt to leave the Philippine warfront and go to Australia, there to await American reinforcements for a come-back campaign against the Japanese. MacArthur uttered the words "I shall return," as he left Corregidor (The Rock). Upon return in 1945, he said, "I have returned."

As if four events involving soldiers were not enough, I add a fifth one, also involving a soldier, this time a Japanese general. On Feb. 23 (tomorrow) (because WE Forum has no Saturday issue), 1946, Tomoyuki Yamashita was hanged for war crimes in the Philippines. The place: the US POW camp in Los Banos.

(5) 1946, stripped of his military uniform, the erstwhile Tiger of Malaya and conqueror of Singapore, marched up 13 wooden stairs of the gallows in Los Banos. Yamashita faced in the direction of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and bowed slightly. A technical US army sergeant placed the noose on the Tiger's neck, and at a given signal released the trap which plunged Yamashita to his death.

The verdict of the military tribunal that found Yamashita guilty and sentenced him to die is of increasing importance in the Philippines today when many bad soldiers are able to commit abuses against civilian population without hindrance or restraint from superior officers.

The conclusion against Yamashita (as also against General Masaharu Homma, who was executed by musketry and not hanged like Yamashita) was that they did not exercise

enough care to prevent their men from committing atrocities.

As I'm on the subject of soldiers today, I want to state here that there was a time when the Filipino soldier or policeman was regarded as the real defender of the people. I lived for 18 years near the Manila Garrison of the Philippine Constabulary in Galangin, Tondo, and I was even allowed to have my haircut in the post barber-shop.

Many soldiers brought their families to the area and were often allowed to go out on pass; but they didn't create trouble. Their uniform was spick and span and there were no potbellies among them. And as for their officers, they were upright men.

Today, it is sad to admit that the image of the Armed Forces has been tarnished not only by abusive soldiers but also by some high officers who enrich themselves dishonestly, seduce or rape women, fire at civilians needlessly. General Fidel V. Ramos has a lot of housecleaning to do. Good luck, Eddie!

Union

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hotel failed to function when a brownout occurred.

Reports also say that the hotel management was allegedly heavily indebted to the Regent International Hotel (RIH) for non-payment of royalty. Reports also allege that prior to the fire, the management insured the building.

While it was true that Regent workers were prepared to strike, asking for the implementation of wage orders and to resolve unfair labor practices by the management, it is grossly illogical to implicate them as the principal suspects since the hotel is their only bread-and-

'Red bogey

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Los Angeles and the Ninoy Aquino Movement (NAM), a national movement operating throughout the US with its base in New York. You also have the Movement for a Free Philippines which used to be led by former Sen. Raul Manglapus, but whose present chairman is one Dr. Renato Roxas.

Then you have the Left in the US, particularly the Coalition Against the Marcos Dictatorship or CAMD which, I think, is based in Oakland, California. And you have groups led by such people as Joel Rocamora and Walden Bello.

PNF: How effective have these groups been in pressuring the US government to stop supporting the Marcos government?

Salonga: They're quite active. As to whether they are effective, this can only be determined on the basis of what has happened to American foreign policy vis-a-vis the Philippines. With the emergence of Reagan in 1980, US foreign policy has been tilted towards Marcos. So in that sense, in that very limited sense, they have not been as effective as they should have been.

But that is not the real sense, it is the fact that these groups draw more support from members of the Philippine communities. In that particular sense, they are now more effective than they were before.

PNF: Do you foresee increased American support for the Marcos government in the days ahead?

Salonga: It is very difficult to talk about a monolithic policy of the Reagan administration. Actually, it is in a quandary as to what to do in the Philippines. First, it is uncertain how long Marcos will be in power. Second, it is disturbed by the growing insurgency in the countryside. And third, it is still assessing and evaluating the strength of the democratic opposition in the Philippines.

You see, the Pentagon and the State Department do not have one single policy towards the Philippines. The Pentagon is more preoccupied with the preservation of their access to the American bases. On the other hand, the State Department is interested in long-term stability.

PNF: Because of the growing strength of the Communist-led insurgency, it is said the US is likely to intervene if the Marcos government fails to contain it. Do you agree?

Salonga: Well, in a certain sense the US cannot have military bases without intervening in the affairs of the country. But active military intervention in matters of troops? That has not happened yet and I do not think it will happen in the foreseeable future.

PNF: You also have expressed concern over the growing militarization in the country. Could you expand on this?

Salonga: I can only say that the most brazen example of the effects of militarization was what happened to Ninoy Aquino. I do not know of any (other) country where soldiers greeted a foremost opposition leader and in a matter of seconds he was dead at the airport.

PNF: What are the prospects of the military staging a coup?

Salonga: Not at this time. But it can happen.

PNF: Why do you think does the Marcos regime refuse to negotiate with the CPP and the NPA?

Salonga: Well, I do not know whether the Marcos government refuses to negotiate with the CPP. Marcos said that the CPP is not illegal, which means that there is room for negotiations. But under PD 1835, it was precisely declared illegal. Communism is a bogey that the present regime has been using to justify its repressive policies.

PNF: How would you handle the problem of insurgency if you should become the country's president?

Salonga: The condition is a little extravagant. But assuming it happens, I think we have to tackle the social and economic problems that fuel insurgency. These people are suffering from many injustices. We have to tackle the underlying causes of the insurgency to be able to (solve) it.

We probably have to initiate and carry out a genuine land reform program. We have to have standing commissions to redress the various social injustices the little people have been subjected to since the imposition of martial law.

PNF: In Unido's national unification conference meeting on March 10, what are the chances of unity between the Convenor Group and the Laurel-led NUC?

Salonga: (If they decide to select a presidential candidate) the process of unification will be difficult. But efforts at achieving unity should still be continued. It is the personal ambitions of people that make it very hard to achieve (opposition) unity.

butter.

This is just another scheme of the management to patch up their negligence and to get away from their liabilities in terms of damages and casualties caused by the fire. The allegations against the union also serves as a black propaganda to degrade the credibility and dignity of hotel union and other organized unions in the industry in the eyes of the public.

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PBA forecast

M'la Beer rated one of top three



Tim Mayotte



FIRST & LAST - That's winsome Denise Verhaert of Belgium hitting the tape as winner of the women's end of the 3rd Pilipinas-Third World Marathon at left, and a beaming Alberto Castaneda, strikingly a look-alike of Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos, acting chief of staff of the armed forces, who came in last. Photos by RUDY SAKDALAN

Up 1 week, down the other

TORONTO (AP) - American Tim Mayotte, who won his first pro title in the Lipton International Championship Sunday, couldn't get past Wojtek Fibak of Poland in the first round of the 200,000-dollar Molson Light Challenge tennis tournament Wednesday.

With his opening match being held off until the third day of this tournament following his triumph Sunday, the unseeded Mayotte exited early, falling 7-5, 7-6 to Fibak.

Meanwhile, three seeds struggled while advancing to the third round as No. 2 Eliot Teltscher defeated fellow American Chip Hooper 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, No. 5 Gene Mayer of the United States slipped by Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, and No. 6 Ramesh Krishnan of India stopped American Rick Leach 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

"I thought I had prepared well," said Mayotte, whose ranking rebounded 25 places to No. 20 - he has been rated as high as 16th in 1983 - following the biggest payday of his career at Delray Beach, Florida.

"Fibak just played a smart match. His serve

moves you out of the court and he's like a cagey, old baseball pitcher who constantly gives you stuff that you don't expect."

Fibak, a 12-year tour veteran at the age of 32, said he tried to keep changing the rhythm of the match.

Mayotte, 24, made numerous unforced errors throughout the match and threw away both sets with ill-timed double faults. He double-faulted to lose serve in the 12th game of the first set and then failed to get either serve in three times during the second-set tiebreaker, which Fibak won 7-4.

In another match, Krishnan, ranked 27th in the world, said Leach "was frustrating me with his big serves."

Krishnan extended his advantage to 5-2 with a backhand service return winner.

In the final set, Krishnan again broke in the fifth game and jumped ahead 5-2 when Leach's play at the net faltered.

Leach fought off a match point in the eighth game and eventually broke Krishnan's serve before succumbing on a backhand error in the 10th.

On tap over the weekend

BASEBALL

* PBL at Rizal ballpark: Feb. 23 - 0900 hrs FEU (1-1) vs. Philab (1-1), 1230 hrs Philippine Navy (2-2) vs. Los Banos (2-1), 1500 hrs UP (1-1) vs. NS selection (0-2); Feb. 24 - 0900 hrs NSS vs. Adamson - NU, 1230 hrs Los Banos vs. UST, 1500 hrs. Philab vs. PC.

BASKETBALL

* Women's Basketball Movement at de la Salle University gym: Feb. 23 - 1330 hrs St. Scholastica vs. Grace Christian School (high school), 1500 hrs TIP (2-0) vs. Assumption (0-3), 1630 hrs UP (2-0) vs. PCCR (0-3), Feb. 24 - 1330 hrs DLSU vs. Adamson, 1500 hrs Assumption - PCCR, 1630 hrs. TIP-UP.

* Opening of First Amateur Basketball Invitational (FABI) at Rizal Coliseum, starting at 1300 hrs.

CAR RALLY

* Feb. 23-24 Sierra Madre rally III at Cagayan Valley roads

CHESS

* Feb. 23-24 - Fifth and sixth rounds of the Traders Royal Bank zonal selection chess tournament at Virra Mall, Greenhills, San Juan.

COCKFIGHTING

* Feb. 23 - Two four-cock derbies at Teresa Square Gardens, Teresa, Rizal.

POWERBOAT RACING

* Feb. 23-24 - 10th Philippines-Japan powerboat racing at Manila bay.

RUNNING

* Feb. 24 - 5th leg of Centrum 5-km run at Elliptical road in Q.C. 0600 hrs. - 5th Pepsi challenge 10-km qualifying run at Elliptical road in Q. C., starting at 0600 hrs. - Avon women's 10-km elimination run and 5-km fun run in Baguio City.

TV PROGRAMMING

* Channel 4 - Feb. 22 "Friday Night Fireworks (Bill Costello vs. Saoul Mamby) 2130 hrs; Feb. 23 - NBA championship '84 (game 2 Boston-Los Angeles - replay) 1500 hrs; Feb. 24 - RP-Japan powerboat racing (delayed telecast) 1400 hrs; NBA championship '84 (game 3 Boston-LA) 1930 hrs. * Channels 2, 7, 9, 13 sports calendars - not available.

Manila Beer, one of two teams which directly benefitted from Crispa's disbandment, has been tagged, along with last year's double champion Great Taste Coffee and Ginebra San Miguel, the early favorite in the PBA Open conference which fires off March 3 at the University of Life gym in Pasig.

But don't tell that to coach Loreto Carbonell, who will again call the shots for the team (formerly Beer Hausen) this year. He claimed, in an interview yesterday, that the team's high billing, could even work against the squad.

"On paper, we might have one of the strongest line-ups," he said. "But all our efforts at revitalizing the team strength will only bear fruit if our players come up to standards, if they mold into one fighting unit in time for the tournament's crucial phase."

Of course, Carbonell is leaving no stone unturned in his bid to organize the squad into one cohesive, potent group. Last Monday, the Beermen started training at the UL gym to acclimatize themselves with the "new environment."

As everybody knows, Carbonell will be pinning his hopes on last year's most valuable player, Ramon Fernandez, and his new recruits, Fortunato Co Jr. and Elpidio Villamin, formerly of Crispa.

"We have an advantage as far as these three are concerned," he said, "because, as is widely known, they are considered the best in the country. But actually, mabigat ang laban namin dahil mukhang masyadong mabigat ang expectations sa amin ngayon ng mga tao."

Carbonell, who is expected to sign a one-year contract with the team within this week, said the acquisition of Co and Villamin gave the squad added sock outside and inside.

"With Atoy around, the other teams can no longer afford to sag on defense against Mon. Atoy remains one of the

hottest shooters we have right now. As for Yoyoy, he loves to go for the offensive rebound and this gives us more power inside. Siguradong makakatulong sila ng malaki sa amin," he said.

He claimed, however, that the team will suffer tremendously from the retirement of Mike Bilbao, who flew to the United States last month to attend some business. Carbonell has started, though, to train Ramon Cruz to take over Bilbao's position.

"Hindi biro ang pagkawala sa amin ni Mike. As far as I'm concerned, isa pa rin siya sa mga pinakamagagaling na ball-handlers at distributors natin ngayon. During tight situations, Mike could have helped a lot," he said.

Another factor which could

contribute a lot to the team's showing, Carbonell claimed, is its import. He said team manager Andy Jao and Fernandez, who went to the States last week, were set to arrive late yesterday, probably with the import in tow.

"Kung mahina ang import mo, maski na malakas ang locals mo, mahihirapan ka rin. Kaya kung makasuswerte kami sa import, baka sakali. But even then the import and the locals still have to blend. That doesn't happen overnight. Mahabang panahon rin ang kailangan para mag-jell sila," Carbonell said.

Like all coaches, Carbonell prefers the running game but again, this will depend on the team's import. "Kung kaya ng import namin, mas maganda kung running game kami," he said. - Jimmy Cantor

Belgian side plays for food for Africa

BRUSSELS, Feb. 21 (AFP) - The Belgian national football team is to play a friendly match against a league selection to raise money towards coping with the famine in Ethiopia.

Several foreign players contracted to Belgian clubs are expected to play for the league side in the March 19 game at Anderlecht's Stadium in Brussels.

The match will also serve as a warm-up for the national team before it resume their World Cup campaign against Greece on March 27 in a European qualifying group one match.

Belgium risks elimination after a goal-less draw in Greece and a surprise 2-0 defeat in Albania in December. Its only World Cup victory so far was the 3-1 win over Albania in Brussels in October.

The squad resumed training this week after a gap of several weeks in their program, caused by the cold weather.

Critics say the Chaity match is poor preparation for a key World Cup fixture, especially as Greece will have played three recent friendly matches.

Poland, which Belgium entertains on May 1, will be fresh from a tour of Central and South America.

National coach Guy Thijs hopes that the fund-raising match will at least give him some idea of the form of players working for foreign clubs.

However, first choice goal-keeper Jean Marie Pfaff will be missing, as Bayern Munich want him for their European Cup quarter final second leg against Roma the following day.

Chitalada

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Wish it were here dept.

LISBON, Feb. 21 (AFP) - Portugal's first daily sports newspaper, O Jogo (The Match), will publish its first issue Friday.

It has been set up by the country's biggest circulation newspaper, Jornal de Noticias of Porto, and will be printed in the same town, though publisher Serafin Ferreira hopes for a national circulation.

lada's chin but the gutsy Thai fighter, a 22-year-old former kick boxer, took them well and used his feet to stay out of further trouble.

Neither fighter scored decisively in the third round but the champion grew in composure as Magri caused his supporters a scare when he slipped on some water near Chitalada's corner.

In the decisive fourth round, Chitalada launched a fierce combination of punches, including a right hand which caught the

challenger on the nose and another which opened up a cut inside Magri's left eyelid.

The 28-year-old challenger suddenly looked vulnerable and had to cling on as Chitalada moved in swiftly with more accurate, effective punching.

The champion's fine fourth round turned out to be the last. When Magri reached his corner, his manager Terry Lawless called the attention of the referee and the Londoner was retired.

Alay camp in mess: no water, medicine

By JIMMY CANTOR

The Gintong Alay camp in Baguio City is in a mess.

Reports reaching the Gintong Alay camp in Vito Cruz, Manila bared that the camp, where almost all of the country's top track and field athletes train, has as of now, no supply of running water, no doctor to attend to injured athletes, and no medicines.

This was relayed to WE Forum by a radio correspondent in Baguio who requested anonymity. He claimed the information came directly from middle distance coaches Orlando Lampa and Capt. Marcelo Langurayan.

"If the athletes suffer injury, like having

pulled muscles, there are no doctors to attend to them. In fact, there are also no medicines in the camp right now," the correspondent quoted the two coaches as saying.

WE Forum tried to reach Gintong Alay officer-in-charge Jose Sering and his staff yesterday but all efforts proved futile.

The correspondent said the reason why water supply has been cut off at the camp was that the Gintong Alay has failed to pay the local water company for sometime now. He did not say, however, how much the Gintong Alay water bill was.

America's Cup

US bidders up to 10

SAN FRANCISCO, California, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The Saint Francis Yacht Club of San Francisco has decided to add its name to the American groups aiming to win back the America's Cup, lost to Australia II in 1983 after the United States had held it continuously since 1851.

The club is the tenth American organization to announce it will enter a 12-meter yacht in the preliminary series for the next America's Cup off

Perth, Western Australia, in October 1986.

The backers of Saint Francis' Challenge 87 are prepared to invest ten million dollars in avenging the defeat at Newport, Rhode Island, 18 months ago.

Bob Scott, head of the syndicate, said their yacht will be "revolutionary from the top of the mast to the bottom of the keel." Work on it should begin next month at Stephens Marine in Stockton, California.



TRYING AGAIN — Frank Cedeno, who dethroned Britain's Charlie Magri for the WBC flyweight championship before losing it on a second-round knockout to Japan's Koji Kobayashi, is now campaigning in the junior bantam class and will face another Japanese, Makoto Taguchi, in the top tenner of "Fiesta Fiestana" March 1 at the Rizal coliseum.

Lucas hits comeback trail, faces Cabilles

Former Orient-Pacific junior featherweight champion Willie Lucas hits the comeback trail March 8 when he goes up against No. 6 rated Rudy Cabilles over 10 rounds in Malabon.

The fight, Lucas' first since he went into retirement two years ago, is expected to serve as the barometer for the former Orient champion's chances of taking another crack at ring glory.

The 29-year-old native of Norzagaray, Bulacan lost his Orient-Pacific title in his second defense to a South Korean fighter in Seoul.

Lucas described his loss as a simple case of hometown decision. The Filipino fighter dropped the South Korean twice in the 12-round bout but lost the title by split decision.

Lucas, a former amateur standout who won a bronze medal in the 1974 Asian Games in Teheran, left the ring after that frustrating loss and went to Saudi Arabia where he

worked as an electrician.

He came back late last year and joined Malabon-based boxing manager Tony Banta.

Lucas' first comeback fight will be staged by Superfights, a new boxing group headed by Banta himself. — NOLI FANTIN

Britain wars Argentina — in hockey

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 21 (AFP) — The secretary of the Argentine Hockey Federation has welcomed the planned visit to Argentina by the Welsh women's team to play in the Intercontinental Cup.

"It will contribute to unity rather than disunity if it helps restore peaceful relations between the two countries," Eduardo Guelfand told AFP.

Chitalada loses... not bout, just check

LONDON (AP) — Sot Chitalada, who successfully defended his World Boxing Council flyweight title against Britain's Charlie Magri, was presented with a second 97,000-dollar prize money check Thursday after the first one was stolen by a pickpocket.

The crime is thought to have been committed as the 22-year-old champion, from Thailand, was being led to the ring before his four-round victory at the Alexandra Pavilion on Wednesday.

Chitalada's business manager, Edward Thangarajah, said: "The check was stolen from my back pocket as I followed the champion from the dressing room. I felt my pocket being picked and chased after the guy, but he was too quick for me."

Thangarajah, who also lost around 900 dollars and a credit card, said the check was immediately cancelled.

Fight promoter Frank Warren handed over another check to the champion, who then spent his last 24 hours in London sightseeing and buying gifts for his parents and friends at home in Bangkok.

The fight was Chitalada's first defense of the title. It ended after the fourth round because of a cut over Magri's left eye. Chitalada won the title from Mexico's Gabriel Bernal last October.

Magri, who held the title for six months in 1983, had hoped to become the first Briton ever to regain a world boxing flyweight crown.

Spurred on by an almost capacity crowd at the Alexandra pavilion in North London, he had by far the better of the first two rounds as he sought a quick knockout with controlled aggression.

Renowned for starting well, Magri burst into attack from the opening bell and caught the taller champion with several left-right combinations.

Two powerful right hand punches early in the second round landed flush on Chita-

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Jack 'n Poy

By SEBASTIAN RAMIREZ

Agua de pataranta sa PABL

GANITO humigit kumulang ang istorya, tso.

Merong dalawang basketball team na naglabanan sa kamp'yonato ng ligang pang-amat'yur. Kung 'di tayo nagkakamali, 'yong isa e koponan ng kumpanyang nagbibenta ng agua de pataranta at 'yong isa pa a team naman ng 'sang ahensiya ng gobyerno na nagtitinda ng mais.

Nanalo 'yong una at walang angal 'tong huli kahit konti sa nangyaring pagkalampaso sa kanila. Pero pagkatapos, nagkaro'n ng mga tsismis na umano e "nabili" ng koponang agua de pataranta 'yong dalawang reperi sa championship game kaya nalampaso 'tong team ng magmamais.

Umabot ang tsismis sa D'yaryo, tso. Umangal 'tong 'sang reperi na sinasabing kasangkot sa anomalya. Sikat na reperi 'to, nagrireperi sa internasyonal na mga larong basketbol. Sinabi niyang malinis ang kanyang kons'yensiya at kelangang magkaro'n ng imbestigasyon ang Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) tungkol sa anomalya para malinis ang kanyang nadumihang pangalan at para malinis din ang karangalan ng pang-amat'yur na basketbol sa 'Pinas.

Sa sinasabing "biihan," eksaktong P5,440 ang umano e halagang pinagdidisgustuhan. Sa k'wartang 'yan, ang P5,000 raw e "bayad" ng koponang agua de pataranta sa dalawang reperi samantalang 'yong P440 e para bayad sa toma at iba pang gastos sa restoran na pinagdagdagman ng mga ginooing nagdidisgusto ngayon, tso.

Tanong: No'ng kayang nagtutamaan ang barkadang 'yan e agua de pataranta ng koponang nanalo sa kamp'yonato ang nilaklak nila?

Eniwey, ang halagang nabanggit e lumilitaw na sinagot ng kumpanyang agua de pataranta. Pero segun sa mga report, ang pera e "reimbursement" lang ng kumpanyang agua de

pataranta sa personal na inutang ng dati nitong coach — inutang na 'di malinaw sa 'tin kung kanino — bago nangyari 'yong championship game.

"Tong huling deklarasyon e ginawa ng tumatayong presidente ng pang-amat'yur na ligang basketbol. Diga pa raw ng mama: "My conscience is clean and I do not fear any probe on this matter."

Puro malilinis ang kons'yensiya ng mga ginooing kasangkot sa anomalya, lumalabas. Sa mga katarantaduhan sa propesyonal basketbol, na sabihin pa e higit limpaklimpak ang kadalasan e kasangkot na datung, wala rin hanggang ngayon na napapatunayang marumi at mabantot.

Para sa 'tin, maliit o malaki ang salaping pinag-interesan e masama. Lalo kung iisipin na sa amat'yur basketbol e kasangkot ang kabataang mga atleta na dapat magkaro'n ng talagang malilinis na ehemplo sa panig ng mga nakatatanda sa kanila.

S'yempre pa, sa ganyan nating sentimyento e halatang ange tayo, tso. Ganyan ang ating bokadura at paniniwala lagi na kaya heto — hanggang ngayon e nagtit'yaga tayong mangupahan sa 'sang malamok na lungga.

Pero umano sabi ng 'sang diyos sa BAP na isa ring respetadong asembolman ng Gatasang Pambansa, magkakar'o'n ng opisyal na imbestigasyon sa misteryo ng P5,000 sa Philippine Amateur Basketball League (PABL).

Tumoma muna tayo, tso. Siguro 'pag sengwa na tayo e baka magdeliryo ang ating kukote at maniwala tayo na meron ngang mangyayari sa imbestigasyon kuno. Pero 'wag 'yong agua de pataranta ng kasalukuyang kamp'yon sa PABL ang lalakin natin. Dehins natin trip ang lason na 'yan, tso.