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Friends of Rodrigo Garcia view his remains at the Era workers picketline.



ANOTHER STRIKER

DIES

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By JUN LOPEZ

'NOTHING NEW'

A smiling and confident General Fabian C. Ver yesterday said there was "nothing new" in President Marcos' announcement that the Armed Forces chief (on leave) would be reinstated if he is cleared in the Aquino-Galman double murder trial.

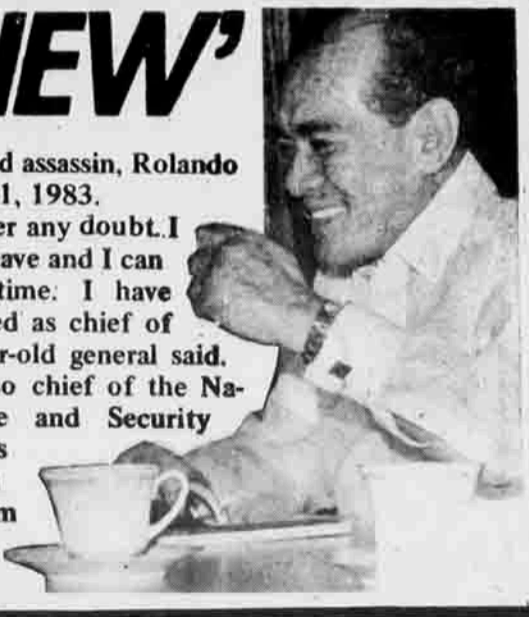
"It is not a surprise," Ver told reporters covering the trial of 25 military officers and men and a civilian for their alleged involvement in the assassination of former Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr. and the

killing of his alleged assassin, Rolando Galman, on Aug. 21, 1983.

"There was never any doubt. I am on voluntary leave and I can terminate it anytime. I have never been replaced as chief of staff," the 65-year-old general said.

Ver, who is also chief of the National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA), is charged along with former Metrocom chief Maj. Gen.

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One of the four striking workers injured Monday night when a seven-ton truck rammed through a picketline in front of a roof tiles factory in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan died yester-

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PAL PAK

By BOBBY BURGOS

Bookie protectors

This afternoon a number of police and military vice squads will once more troop to the San Lazaro race track not to beef up the hippodrome's drive against bookie operators but to make "patong" (protection money) from the numerous bet collectors operating illegally in the area.

These "protectors" have been reportedly receiving fat bonuses from bookie operators who are giving the hippodrome management a run for its money, collection and profit-wise, my source revealed.

The clandestine (kuno) bookie operation have not only been eating up the hippodrome's collections that run into millions per racing day but have been allegedly "fixing races" to the prejudice of the thousands of race aficionados.

One classic example of a fixed race, my informant revealed, involved an outstanding horse called "Whisk Claire". This horse which is known for its terrific speed and stamina reportedly lost to a much inferior breed after a bigtime bookie operator "fixed" the horse' jockey to the tune of P10,000. Not a single racing day passes by without the bookies placing their fingers on the "pie", this writer was told.

This is one of the reasons why some anti-vice squads of the police and military have bulging pockets after every race day. And why not, my informant tells me, with the likes of "Delfin", "Bomber", "Berting Laspag" and "Pons and Boning", among others, getting immunity from arrest in exchange for a portion of their earnings, one surely would walk out of the hippodrome with a "helluva lot of dough," tax free.

Speaking of taxes, Vic Endriga of the Manila city hall license division, says that effective last week all producers of stage shows will be taxed 30 per cent of their earnings after deducting the cost of food.

The producers are also required to get a mayor's permit before they can stage the show or else city hall won't allow it. The target of the amusement tax drive are big hotels and restaurants which have been featuring live shows without paying a single centavo to the city government as required by the finance ministry.

Endriga said Mayor Bagatsing has already informed hotel and restaurant owners on this tax drive in a conference at city hall last week.

Last Feb. 14, the city government was unable to collect some P200,000 representing its share from the entertainment shows staged in Manila's five-star hotels due to lack of coordination with hotel management. But next time around, Endriga said the city would strictly impose the 30 per cent amusement tax collection.

Another

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day.

Rodrigo Garcia, 23, was the second fatality in that gruesome incident in which the truck ran over some 300 workers lying on the ground in front of the Era Industries gates trying to prevent several company vehicles from leaving.

Era Industries union secretary Arnel C. Dy died on the spot. The three other injured workers were reported in stable condition.

But the victims' co-workers vowed they would stay at the picketline despite the deaths to press their demand for higher wages.

"Kahit ilang buhay pa ang ibuwis namin sa harap ng pagawaang ito ay iaalay namin. Karapatan at katarungan ang ipinaglalaban namin (We are willing to offer more lives. We are fighting for our rights and justice)," a spokesman for the workers said last night.

Garcia's body was brought to the picketline last night where his fellow workers will hold vigil until his burial Sunday. He has no relatives in Metro Manila, being a native of Lapu-Lapu City.

Dy's body, on the other hand, was taken to his home in Tala Estate. But his brain and an eye which popped out when the truck's tires crushed his head were placed in a bottle and left at the picketline in front of the gate.

At least 20 security guards hired by the firm attacked the workers with truncheons and tear gas before the gasoline tanker, not cargo hauler as earlier reported, roared out of the company gate.

A platoon of policemen stationed several meters away was not able to prevent the outbreak of violence.

Workers retaliated by stoning the vehicle, which they identified as a Petro oil tanker,



MARCOS



SISTER MARIANNI

FM's human rights record assailed at UN

GENEVA (AFP) — The human rights record of the regime of President Marcos in the Philippines has come under violent attack here during the 41st session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Sister Marianni Dimaranan, who is a co-founder and president of the Task Force on Detainees gave evidence at length yesterday and today on human rights violations in her country in the past 11 years.

Sister Dimaranan, who was herself imprisoned in 1973 on charges which were subsequently dropped, said her organization had proof of 471 cases of people who had disappeared between 1977 and 1984. It had also documented 1,895 summary executions during the same period.

The majority of cases of disappearances and executions had been recorded in Mindanao, where the government is fighting a rebellion by Moslem guerrillas, she said.

Despite the lifting of martial law, Sister Dimaranan said the number of disappearances had gone up from 42 in 1982 to 145 in 1983, and the number of summary executions had jumped from 210 to 368, reaching 445 last year.

She told the commission that she had seen with her own eyes the terrible conditions under which the families of political

detainees lived.

"I have questioned the victims of torture and helped relatives exhume the remains of their loved ones," she said.

She said the reason for the increase in the number of missing people and executions was because the army had a policy of not taking political prisoners.

Another "alarming" infringement of human rights was the mass evacuation of civilians, she said. An estimated 5.7 million people had been forced to leave their homes since 1972 up to the first quarter of last year.

Muslims did it!

Bishop Federico Escaler who was abducted by armed men in Zamboanga del Sur along with 8 others last night discounted any possibility of military or government involvement in the kidnaping incident, saying it was purely a Muslim separatists' action.

"I could not see the hand of the military and the government in the kidnaping. I have found no evidence of any military involvement," said the 63-year-old prelate of Zamboanga del Sur upon his arrival at the domestic airport in Manila at 8 p.m.

'Nothing'

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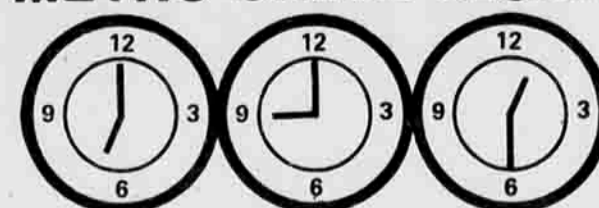
Prospero Olivas of trying to cover up military involvement in the assassination.

President Marcos announced in a press conference yesterday that Gen. Ver would be allowed to return as chief of staff if he is acquitted.

"There is a formal agreement among the senior officers of the armed forces that if Gen. Ver is acquitted he will be returned to his position," Marcos said in his first meeting with press in 8 months.

Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos was named acting chief of staff after Gen. Ver filed a leave of

METRO CRIME CLOCK



STABBING

ROBBERY

SHOOTING

Within two hours last night, a trail of violence in Malabon and Quezon City left four people dead and five others seriously injured in three separate incidents.

In Novaliches, a row over a lost Ray Ban sunglasses turned a delightful marathon drinking spree into a bloody affair that left one person dead and three others critically wounded.

Resty Mallari, 21, of Bgy. Pag-asa died, shortly after being rushed to a hospital, a butcher knife still dug into his left chest.

The violent confrontation took place around 7 p.m. at the end of the revelry which started at 8 that morning.

An irate Jeffrey Jones, 21, slapped with a slipper by a drinking companion, Romy Sombrano, 25, who was accusing the former of taking his Ray Ban, returned with over a dozen companions who went into stabbing and shooting binge.

Three other people were seriously wounded with knives and a bullet while Sombrano, the object of the group's ire, was already home sleeping when the vengeful group returned.

Half an hour later, Romeo Dumpal, of Quezon City, who was stabbed the other night, joined his friend Benjamin Millamar in death at the Chinese General Hospital.

Millamar died an hour after the incident took place around 11 the other night.

Around 9 p.m., two women were stabbed dead while another was seriously wounded when three robbers broke into the victims' bungalow in Malabon.

Police identified the fatalities as Remy Bagasa, 48, housewife and their housemaid, a certain Lily, 26. Remy's daughter, Cielo, is still fighting for her life at the Doctor Jose

absence.

At the Sandiganbayan yesterday, Galmans' lawyer, Lupino Lazaro, told presiding justice Manuel Pamaran the family refused to testify unless 23 of the accused military personnel who have been denied bail or have failed to post bail are locked up in a civilian jail as the court had earlier ordered.

Pamaran had yielded custody of the accused to air force chief Maj. Gen. Vicente Piccio, who claimed military law requires accused military personnel to remain under their commander's custody pending trial.

Pamaran put out new subpoenas for the Galmans, threatening to hold them in contempt if they do not appear in court on March 4 and 5.

Reyes Memorial Medical Center. The robbers reportedly fled with cash and valuables amounting to P100,000.

Five more cases of robbery and holdups were recorded in Quezon City and Manila from 1:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The body of a man in his mid 20s believed to be a victim of gangland rubout was fished out from Tondo breakwater around 7:30 a.m. His body which bore stabwounds was covered with tattoos including "Jimmy M" and "Ruping B" inscribed his right and left breast.

Medico-legal authorities said that the victim could have been killed somewhere and later dumped in the water within 24 hours before his body was discovered.

Early this morning, around 1:30, a former fire corporal was shot and seriously wounded when a robber panicked after the victim was jolted out of bed by the commotion.

Gregorio Dela Cruz, 60, of 520 Talipapa, Quirino Highway in Novaliches is now in a hospital with a bullet still embedded in his right shoulder.

His son, Renato, 25, also a fireman, was closing their carinderia when two men with handguns barged in and asked to hand over the whole day's earning.

Not contented with a measly P500, one of the robbers went into the house and scoured for valuables waking up the victim in the process.

The victim got shot when he tried to accost the intruder.

Cruz said that the suspects including a driver fled on board a cab whose plate number he failed to take note of.

Over the Eastern and the Southern Police District areas, only minor felonies were recorded as usual. — *Jonas Sinel and Junex Doronio*

Tuesday's hearing included testimony from 11 Filipino reporters and photographers at the airport the day of the killing.

One of them, Ben Malumay of the tabloid "People's Journal," said he and the others would have been able to take pictures of the actual assassination had they not been told by a colonel to stay in a place where they could not see the airport tarmac.

Malumay said Col. Vicente Tigas of Marcos' presidential security command told him and the other journalists to stay inside an airport jetway because that was where Aquino was going to pass.

Tigas is among the alleged conspirators. *Larry Sipin*

ME peace initiative

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama El-Baz, a key adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, flew to Israel on Tuesday to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, sources close to the government reported.

Mamdouh El-Beltagi, head of the government information service, confirmed that an Egyptian envoy had been dispatched to Tel Aviv but refused to name him.

El-Beltagi said he could not say when the emissary would meet with Peres but said: "He's going there to meet the Prime Minister."

Peres' office told the Associated Press in Tel Aviv it has "no information about the arrival of any Egyptian emissary." A staff member who answered the telephone in Egypt's Tel Aviv Embassy denied that El-Baz was there.

Mubarak announced on Monday he was sending El-Baz, head of his political affairs office, to Israel to seek ways with Peres to promote Middle East peace

efforts and improve bilateral ties. Later Monday, Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shahal arrived in Cairo for what Peres characterized as exploratory talks with the Egyptians.

The Israeli leader said in an interview with the Associated Press that Mubarak's offer to play host to talks between Israel and a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation "deserves a careful and positive study."

The President made the offer in an interview published Monday in the New York Times in which he also suggested that the administration of US President Ronald Reagan consider playing host to such talks.

El-Baz would be the second Egyptian official to meet with Peres in less than a week. Mubarak sent an envoy to Bucharest late last week to meet with Peres, who was visiting the Romanian capital. Although officially unidentified, diplomatic sources in Cairo said that emissary was Mohammed Abdel-

lah, chairman of Parliament's foreign relations committee.

The exchange of envoys signaled a marked warming of the chill that has pervaded Israel's relations with Egypt since Israel's June 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, is the only Arab country maintaining relations with the Jewish state.

On Monday, Mubarak said he was sending El-Baz to Israel to discuss "the recent events in the Middle East, the future of relations and what we should do to push the peace process."

The "recent events" evidently include the signing on Feb. 11 of an agreement between King Hussein of Jordan and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat on a "framework for common action" on the Middle East situation.

Among its provisions was one for negotiations involving a joint PLO-Jordanian delegation. Israel has refused to talk with the PLO, which it considers a terrorist organization, but Peres did not rule out on Monday negotiations with non-PLO Palestinians.

Striking miners divided

LONDON (AFP) — More than 1,300 miners Tuesday returned to work, National Coal Board (NCB) figures showed, as talks continued between the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and Trades Union Congress (TUC).

The number quitting the 50-week strike over pit closures was 1,330, the NCB said, including 600 in the militant Yorkshire region. Yesterday 3,807 went back, the highest total for any day yet.

The NCB said more than 92,000 of the 186,064 NUM members were on the job today. When working miners reach 93,033 the strikers will be outnumbered. The flow back so far this week is universally attributed to the lack of peace hopes, following the NUM leadership's rejection of the latest NCB proposals.

NUM officials led by union president Arthur Scargill had 7 hours of talks yesterday, and discussions resumed yesterday. The pit supervisors' union NACODS was also involved in talks.



Arne Treholt on the dock. AP

OSLO SPY TRIAL

OSLO (AFP) — Former Norwegian diplomat Arne Treholt, accused of spying for the Soviet Union and Iraq, argued in court yesterday that allegedly classified documents seized at his apartment were for the most part nothing more than press publications and declassified files.

Treholt, answering the charges on the second day of his treason trial at the high court of appeals in Oslo, also contested statements he made right after his arrest on January 20, 1984. He said he had been in a "state of shock" at the time.

The 42-year-old former UN diplomat and director of the Foreign Ministry press service said that court experts on foreign affairs had failed to understand the documents in his Oslo flat.

Referring in detail to the 832 documents confiscated in his apartment, Treholt said that some were reports available from the Economist magazine in London. Others, he said, were documents downgraded by himself as state secretary for the law of the sea — a post he held from 1976 to 1979 — after their contents were no longer needed to be kept secret.

Only 14 of the documents contained classified information, he said.

Treholt said the archives had been sent from his office at the Foreign Ministry to his flat in New York after he was transferred to the Norwegian UN delegation in 1979 and had been put in his Oslo apartment on his return.

ROUNDUP



Ul-Haq casting his vote. AP

UL-HAQ DISSOLVES CABINET

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Military ruler Gen. Mohammed Zia Ul-Haq dissolved the Cabinet Tuesday after four of his ministers were defeated in national assembly elections, Pakistan's first in 8 years. Although tallies were incomplete, some of the results were seen as setbacks for Zia's military regime. The general, who had hundreds of opposition leaders arrested before Monday's vote, had said the election for the 217-seat assembly would be the first step toward an end to martial law and return to democratic government.

5 KILLED IN COLD BLOOD

HARARE (AFP) — Five officials of Zimbabwe's small opposition United African National Council (UANC) party were dragged from a train in the southwestern town of Hwange and shot dead late Sunday by supporters of the ruling Zanu Party, an eyewitness told reporters.

Speaking at a press conference marked by a highly unusual joint appearance by UANC leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa and main opposition figure Joshua Nkomo, the eyewitness said the two men and three women were slaughtered in cold blood on the platform of Hwange station.

Bishop Muzorewa charged that the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe had paid the killers \$400 to assassinate the UANC officials as part of a terror campaign against the country's minority parties.

EX-HK BANKER ARRESTED

TAIPEI (AFP) — A former Hong Kong banker was arrested Sunday for allegedly defrauding a Hong Kong bank of six million US dollars in 1982 and will be tried in Taiwan, police said.

The man, identified by his Taiwan identity card as Feng Wei-Ming, 34, was an official of the Hang Seng Bank Waterloo Branch in Hong Kong in 1982 when he forged two money orders worth five million and one million US dollars respectively with a colleague's signature, police said.

An accomplice identified as Huang Chun-Hui deposited the money orders in another bank in Hong Kong, the Standard Chartered Bank, which received an approval from Feng on the money orders.

5 KILLED IN ACCIDENT

DHAKA (AFP) — Five members of a family have died in a head-on collision between their car and a passenger bus near the southeastern port city of Chittagong, police said Tuesday.

Eyewitnesses said the impact of the collision yesterday on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway threw the car into a roadside ditch and killed the man, his three daughters and their grandmother instantly.

No further information was immediately available.

M.E. PEACE TALKS HOPES HIGH

WASHINGTON (AP) — US officials said Monday prospects for Middle East peace talks appear a little brighter, but expressed doubt the Arabs had offered enough to bring Israel to the bargaining table. "They are only 10 per cent there," said a senior State Department official of the agreement reached by King Hussein of Jordan and Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization on how to negotiate with Israel.

Mengele in drug traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA had reports as far back as 1971 that Dr. Joseph Mengele, one of NAZI Germany's most notorious war criminals, was "heavily involved" in drug trafficking from his residence in Paraguay, according to documents released Tuesday.

The declassified government documents also include an unverified report that Mengele's roommate in 1968 in Paraguay was Martin Bormann, Hitler's designated successor.

Bormann is thought to have died in 1945 in Berlin, but there have been recurring reports over the last four decades that he may have escaped to South America.

During World War II, Mengele was chief doctor at the Auschwitz death factory where more than 1 million Jews were killed as part of Adolf Hitler's "final solution."

Mengele, who would be 73 if still alive, is

the most wanted NAZI still at large.

The declassified documents were obtained by Senators Alfonse D'Amato and Arlen Specter who are involved in the recently intensified hunt to find Mengele.

The Justice Department last month announced it was conducting an intensive search to find Mengele and the US Army is investigating reports that it may have had Mengele in custody shortly after the war.

Kathy Pherson, a CIA spokeswoman, said her group had turned the information over to different government agencies, including the State and Defense Departments, when it was "appropriate."

The heavily censored documents also include a report the Mengele had undergone plastic surgery to make himself appear much younger.

Strike called off

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Solidarity chief Lech Walesa, claiming his outlawed trade union had forced the government to back down on its plans for sweeping food price hikes, on Tuesday called off a nationwide protest strike.

Walesa and underground Solidarity leader Zbigniew Bujak said their call for a 15-minute general strike on Thursday had "forced the government to make a tactical concession."

In a joint statement, the two Solidarity leaders urged Poles to stage other forms of protest against government economic policies, but did not elaborate.



WE'RE BACK (SNIFF, SNIFF)... .



Publisher's notes

By JOSE G. BURGOS, JR.

Baguio reader's request

Yesterday, we came out with a letter of a Baguio City resident, Evello M. Floresca, urging us to circulate *WE Forum* in his area.

"I am sure many people here (Baguio) and elsewhere are very eager to read *WE Forum* again," our reader writes.

I am sure, too, Mr. Floresca but there are certain constraints that keep us from expanding our circulation to cities and provinces too far off Metro Manila. Firstly, the time involved — from printing to delivery — is consuming. For instance, if today's copies are printed and packaged at 12 noon, our forwarder would have to rush to Baguio City in four hours time to catch up with the street crowd. A much later arrival would be disastrous since prospective buyers would already be in their homes. Secondly, we don't have the facilities to compete with the other afternoon dailies.

But perhaps we can work out a way in which a limited number of *WE Forum* copies can reach Baguio City like what our dealer in Bicol is doing. *WE Forum* copies for the day are shipped together with the *Malaya* copies early next morning. The news worthiness of *WE Forum*, of course, would be under question, since it would be coming in a day late.

Neighboring provinces of Metro Manila though, are more fortunate, such as Bulacan, Tarlac, Pampanga, Cavite and Laguna where *WE Forum* is peddled either at noon or mid-afternoon.

Another reader also urged us to "please stop publishing semi-nude photos" and retain its former "decent image."

To our readers, please accept our apologies. We won't let these things happen again.

Editorials

'As you where!'

In his first press conference this year held in Malacanang yesterday the President made everybody know that he will reinstate Gen. Fabian C. Ver as chief of staff of the AFP, the same job he was holding when the majority members of the Agrava Board linked him to the Aquino-Galman assassinations.

From the very beginning, the return of the general to the top military post has been anticipated. Mr. Marcos made this evident when he expressed full trust and confidence in the innocence of the AFP chief and took a side swipe at the majority report by saying it was full of doubts and inconsistencies.

The U.S. government has made known its negative thinking over the Ver return when a visiting State Department official said so in so many words. This interventionist sentiment naturally strengthened the resolve of Mr. Marcos to stick to his original plan, if only to show to the Americans that they cannot dictate on purely Philippine affairs.

With the Ver return, Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, acting chief of staff, will revert to his old post of deputy chief and head of the PC and the INP. From the very onset, Gen. Ramos knew he was only a space filler, so to say —

a *pantakip-butas* in the dialect.

When General Ver finally comes back, the status quo ante will return with him to the entire military establishment. Everybody will fall back to the command of "As you were." The same policies will govern, the same cliques will rule, the same favorites will sing "Happy days are here again."

The AFP will revert to its old, creaking, weary, unimaginative state, run by old generals who not only do not die but cannot also fade away.

A good job

The Southern Command of the Armed Forces did a good job in the operations that culminated happily in the release of Bishop Escaler and his eight companions from their MNLF abductors.

Taking care not to endanger the lives of the Catholic prelate and his companions, the AFP elements merely pinpointed the forested area where the abduction victims were being kept, deployed around it to prevent escape and waited for the result of the negotiations for their release.

The military used their good sense. They refrained from being trigger-happy, a tactic which paid off.

WE Forum is happy to commend the AFP for a job well done.

Service to country, not to one man

Despite the fact that the New Society harnessed all of mass media for its exclusive use, the fact remains that the most politicized group in the country today are the Communists; the least politicized are our military and civil servants.

The government cannot talk about free and honest elections with a straight face. If there are two groups that know the truth about all past elections since martial law, it is the military and the teachers.

Our soldiers and teachers are ideological vegetables. They are working for an administration that tells them to believe in one

thing but do another. Do our soldiers believe that they are dying for the people or for the country? Or, do they feel that they are dying for the whims of one man?

The U S-Marcos dictatorship seems convinced that guns and grenades will determine the future of this country. In the meantime, the Communists are working on the theory that it is people who will decide this country's future.

The UNESCO has for its guideline that war begins in the minds of men. It is, therefore, the minds of men that will determine whether peace will pre-

vail. The peace that the New Society envisions is the peace of the cemetery. They think that they can bring order with truncheons. Order is meaningless without justice.

When two military forces confront each other and both are more or less of equal strength, it is morality, not equipment, that will determine the outcome of the battle. Unless the soldiers in the Armed Forces are properly indoctrinated and motivated, they do not stand a chance against an equal force.

The soldier is not a robot. He is also a social being. He sees,

hears and feels. Whenever everything he sees around him is contrary to what he is told in training, he will be confused. And a confused soldier is no soldier.

Our constabulary was highly respected and esteemed by the public before the war. The Philippine Scouts were considered by some military authorities as among the finest in the world.

There is absolutely no doubt that Filipinos can be trained to be disciplined soldiers in the service of people and country. In the pre-war years, their finest

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Thorns and roses

By ALEJANDRO ROCES



Today and yesterday

By ARMANDO J. MALAY

I am willing to bet my historical photo albums that no president of the Philippines, be it during the Commonwealth, Japanese occupation, and after July 4, 1946, failed to issue a call for unity among all the elements of the nation.

Unity for what? The country, of course, for whom every statesman or politician or public servant (?) professes an undying love. After every election, for example, the victorious candidate appeals for unity, meaning, "unity under my leadership."

Just as every oration points out that the country is at the "crossroads" of freedom and slavery, of prosperity and crisis,

peace or warfare — each and every one of these glib-tongued speakers underscores the necessity of uniting forces for the sake of the country.

I bring up this subject because today (Feb. 27) is the 40th anniversary of the "restoration" of the Philippine Commonwealth government, with Manila as the seat of the government, in a ceremony in Malacanang. Although fighting between the Japanese troops and the combined Fil-American forces was still going on in many parts of the country, General Douglas MacArthur decided to turn over the government to President Sergio Osmeña, who

had succeeded the late Manuel L. Quezon as head of the Commonwealth government.

MacArthur and Osmeña were dressed in GI uniforms, as were all the other men gathered in Malacanang for the ceremony. Said MacArthur: "My country has kept the faith. Your country thus is again at liberty to pursue its destiny to an honored position in the family of free nations. Your capital city, cruelly punished though it be, has regained its rightful place — Citadel of Democracy in the Far East."

As he finished his speech (so recounted the *Manila Times* of Feb. 27, 1951), his voice broke

and he turned blindly from the room. Later he turned back, more composed, and listened attentively to President Osmeña's reply.

"As head of your duly constituted government," the silver-haired, mild mannered president concluded his speech, "I therefore appeal to you, my people, to remain united. I urge you to forget petty political differences, to bury the hatreds and animosities engendered by the struggle, to obey the rule of law, justice and reason, and to remember that we all belong to one common country, our be-

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Appeals for unity fall on deaf ears



Views & Interviews

By Prof. SALVADOR R. GONZALEZ

Laurel and Ople

Q. I saw you and UNIDO President Salvador Laurel on TV channel 13 last February 25, Monday, what was it all about?

A. I accompanied Doy that morning at the *Kapihan* in Manila Hotel where he and Minister of Labor Blas Ople were grilled by foreign and local newsmen on their views regarding some current political issues, such as the US Bases, the Opposition's unification campaign, including the coffee served.

Q. How was the coffee in the *Kapihan*?

A. Well, Doy observed that it was not as good as our Batangas coffee.

Q. Was the reception one-sided, I mean were the pro-Administration boys showing off against you Oppositionists?

A. The reception was quite cordial. The pro-Administration boys were not showing off. According to Doy, all of them there were *oppositionists at heart* even if they don't

show it. And Blas Ople was very sober.

Q. What did Doy and Blas have to say about the US Bases?

A. Doy said he was against the US Bases if the Filipino people really don't want them. Blas said that he is against the US Bases, but he was willing to let the Americans stay if they will increase the rent to \$2 billion.

Q. Do Doy and Blas think there will be a presidential election this year, 1985?

A. Doy said it is very likely there will be. In fact Imelda is already campaigning. That is why the Opposition groups led by the UNIDO are holding a National Unification Conference this March 10 at Valle Verde Country Club. Ople also agreed that there will be if Marcos resigns or dies, which he won't.

Q. What about the economic problems or crisis

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UN body gets abuses report

GENEVA (PNF) — The United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) heard the second report on the human rights situation and militarization in the Philippines last Feb. 19 at the Palace des Nations here.

The report was formally presented to the UN body for discussion by Sister Mariani Dimaranan, chairperson of the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP), in behalf of the International Fact-Finding Mission, a non-governmental

human rights organization.

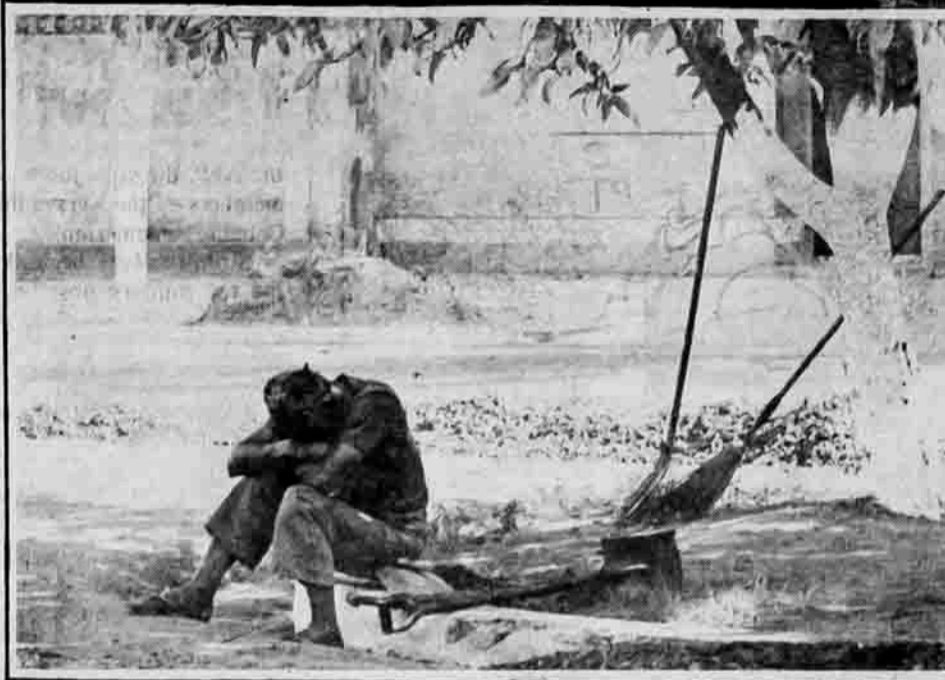
Sr. Mariani's report was submitted during the UN commission's 41st annual session covering human rights violations throughout the world.

The TFDP head, a leading human rights leader in the Philippines, was among the speakers representing some 54 foreign governments as well as non-governmental associations scheduled to brief the UNCHR.

Among the governments represented were the United Kingdom, France, West and East Germany, Australia, Colombia and Mozambique. Non-governmental groups, on the other hand, included the Pax Christi International, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, the International Commission of Jurists, the Inter-American Human Rights Organization, and the World Council of

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Philippine Scene



Kung tutuusin

By JOSE F. LACABA

Legalisasyon



Kung hindi ako nagkakamali, si Minister Juan Ponce Enrile ng Tanggulang Pambansa ang isa sa mga unang nagpalutang sa ideyang gawing legal ang Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas. Noon ay hindi siya tinuya o tinuligsa ng mga Cendana at Perez. Hindi siya tinawag na walang-muwang sa pulitika, at hindi siya inutusan bumalik sa kanyang mga libro.

Ngayon ay mas maraming panukala tungkol sa legalisasyon. Lahat ay galing sa oposisyon, kaya panay ang banat ng administrasyon. Si Presidente Marcos ay nakihalo sa gulo at napasuot tuloy sa gipit. Kinailangan niyang gumamit ng salamangka de bukadura para huwag maipit sa sarili niyang mga pahayag at dekreto.

Samantala, kapansin-pansing walang kaimikimik ang Partido Komunista. Ano kaya ang tingin nila sa legalisasyon? Gusto ba nila o hindi? Dapat tandaan na may dalawang organisasyong gumagamit ng pangalang Partido Komun-

ista ng Pilipinas. Ang isa'y ang tinatawag na lumang Partido, lalong kilala sa inisyals na PKP at konektado sa Hukbong Mapagpalaya ng Bayan o Huk. Ang isa pa'y ang tinatawag na bago o muling-tatag na Partido, lalong kilala sa inisyals na Ingles na CPP at konektado sa New People's Army.

Ang PKP-HMB ayon sa isang kinatawan nito, ay pumasok sa isang "pakikipag-arelong pampulitika" sa rehimen ng Marcos noong panahon ng pormal na batas militar (Marxism in the Philippines, UP Third World Studies Center, 1984). Sa ilalim ng arelong ito'y hinayaan silang kumilos nang hayagan o lantaran. Gayunman, hindi yata ipinagkaloob sa kanila ang pormal na legalisasyon.

Ang CPP-NPA, sa kabilang banda, ay hindi kailanman nagpakita ng interes sa legalisasyon.

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Friends of Adora Faye



I have never met Adora Faye de Vera. Nor have I met the soldiers she claims made her suffer, back in 1977, and, today, 16 months going. But I have put together here pieces of a letter she wrote — maybe alone, maybe with some help toward Christmas last year, so that her friends may know she is confined at the V. Luna Hospital — and pay her a visit from the world of the living.

I am writing this letter, not even knowing whom to address yet hoping it will be forwarded to those who can help me.

Back in 1977, my phy-

sical and mental torture was so total and systematic that years after I was released, the mere sound of an iron door clanging shut, tapping of boots, and the tweeting of a horn similar to the one found in Col. (Alejandro) Galido's car, were enough to make me sleepless for nights.

The feel of my husband's arms around me would send me screaming in the night. It took five years before I could finally go through the details of my safehouse [Houses believed by government critics kept by military intelligence to extract information from political prisoners without official liability. The defense establishment has categori-

cally denied keeping safehouses.] experience without breaking down, and 7 years before I could write about it with understanding.

Until now, I can remember with clarity all the exact words used in the grilling, the abuses, lewd remarks, insults, screams, and accusations; the whole process of interrogation. Recollections still bring tears but the tremors and cold sweat are, thankfully, gone.

Imprisonment in a safehouse is given beautiful names by the military — neutralization, sanitation, rehabilitation — call it simple brainwashing. In such a short span as 9 months, everything I had learned and valued so

far in our religious and conservative family was systematically unravelled and replaced with the most odious values.

By persuasion and intimidation, I was taught to drink and smoke. I was continuously regaled with stories of torture and how successful these were in eliciting information from detainees, while my oftentimes innocent remarks about human rights, concern for the poor, and gentlemanly behavior of officers were derided or labelled subversive.

No wonder, I was confused and disoriented after I was returned to my family. I didn't realize that it was a result of successful "rehabilitation." Because we have no institutions to offer therapy for torture victims, I had to rely on the patient support and sympathy of newfound friends in the rural areas to recover my peace of mind.

Respite from harassment, plus the pastoral surroundings, encouraged me to put my experiences in writing. Military response to the exposure of torture had been quick and typical — I was tagged a rebel commander and a price was issued for my capture, dead or alive. By Dec. 1977, I took to the hills, a near-wreck.

On Oct. 1983, I was shot at by military troopers while preparing breakfast in a cottage at the Bicol mountains. My leg bones were shattered by gunshot.

I am confined, not in a hospital ward where nurses can attend to me, but in the Security Division Office of a military hospital, under guard by security personnel. Only members of my immediate family are allowed to visit me, and even then, they are not permitted to stay long.

I have to perform my daily activities by myself —

washing dishes, changing beddings, hanging out clothes to dry. This involves almost comic body contortions and positions, because I have to balance the weight of my body, take care that my injured leg is not bumped, while maneuvering a pair of crutches.

The positions are comic, but the results are not. I have suffered numerous bruises, abrasions, strained muscles, and falls. Last March 1983, I slipped on my way from the bathroom and suffered a refracture which further retarded recovery.

Until now, not one of the officers or men whose torture I exposed years ago (has) ever been investigated, and some have even been promoted.

Today, I am physically disabled but still not allowed to go home where my family can take care of me.

Signed, Adora Faye de Vera.

A two-track policy for dissenters?

By DESIREE CARLOS

Part I

The early part of 1985 saw a series of releases of persons charged with political offenses ranging from inciting to sedition to subversion. From Jan. 1 to Feb. 19 alone, 55 persons were ordered released by President Marcos either temporarily, on bail or under house arrest, or permanently through the dropping of charges.

Oddly enough, during the early part of the year, the protest movement seemed caught in the "revolving door": on the one hand, a

Joker Arroyo says that the new rules, promulgated by the Supreme Court in Jan. 1, 1985, tend to favor the accused now "for some inexplicable reason."

Arroyo cited the case of Dorris Nuval-Baffrey, charged with multiple frustrated homicide and illegal possession of explosives before the Pasay City Regional Trial Court in connection with the bombing of an international conference in Manila in 1979. She was ordered

prosecution should have a strong evidence to establish guilt. As it is, Baffrey was detained for two more years, after Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge Rolando Ortiz sentenced her to four and a half months in prison for membership in a subversive organization (before the sentence, Baffrey has been in prison for 15 months already), without any hearing being conducted by Pasay City RTC Judge Manuel Romillo.

starts, the accused can change his plea from guilty to not guilty or vice versa. This provision is contained in Rule 118, Sec. 2 (b).

"The 1985 Rules has become a boon to political detainees although I don't think the Supreme Court intended to help the detainees by putting it out," Arroyo remarked.

It will be noted that Dr. Nemesio Prudente, alleged financier of the Guerrilla Anak-pawis sa Kalunsuran (GAK), filed a motion for bail through this lawyers Feb. 11 invoking the new



Anti-FDA rally in Cebu, Quezon City

wave of releases and on the other, a series of brutal dispersals of peaceful mass assemblies.

The "revolving door" technique apparently left many confused. Questions arose like "Is there a possible crackdown and is this meant only to prepare the people for it?" or "Is the government changing its tune in a desperate attempt to salvage any credibility it has left?"

To find out the possible reasons behind the "sudden benevolence" of the Marcos administration, WE Forum, sought the views of lawyers handling the national security cases, a former political detainee and the head of the prosecution panel handling subversion cases in Quezon City where most such cases are lodged by the military.

The 1985 New Rules on Criminal Procedure

Human rights lawyer

released by Marcos Feb. 15 and by the court Feb. 18 after all charges were dropped on Marcos' behest.

Baffrey's lawyers — Arroyo, Rene Saguisag and Jejomar Binay — said that the order was a result of the defense' motion for bail filed Feb. 8, citing the new rules as their grounds.

For one, the defense argued that Sec. 3 of Rule 114 of the New Rules specifically provides that only persons charged with a capital offense or offenses with the penalty of death (such as rebellion, insurrection, subversion and sedition) could not avail of the right to bail. The charges against Baffrey, the lawyers noted, were not capital offenses.

In addition, the defense argued that even if Baffrey is charged with a capital offense, the burden of proof lies in the prosecution. This simply means that the

Arroyo also cited the case of Elvin Laurel and Santos Abellanosa, charged with illegal possession of explosives before the Manila RTC in connection with the alleged explosion in the premises of Manila Hilton Hotel in Sept. 1982. Both were ordered released on a bail bond of P10,000 each by Manila RTC Judge Jorge S. Imperial.

The release came after the defense filed a motion for bail last Jan. 21 citing Rule 114, Sec. 3 of the new rules. The prosecution did not object to the motion which noted that charges against Laurel and Abellanosa is not a capital offense.

Imperial, in his two-page order, cited Sec. 10 of Rule 114 of the new rules which states that "excessive bail shall not be required."

Arroyo also noted that accused can now enter into a plea bargaining wherein before the trial proper

rules' provisions on capital offenses and establishment of strong evidence of guilt.

This prompted the prosecution to re-evaluate its evidence against Prudente, charged before Quezon City RTC Judge Antonio Solano with crimes ranging from illegal possession of explosives to murder which are not capital offenses.

A Campaign Gimmick?

Rene Sarmiento, another human rights lawyer, however has a different view from Arroyo. To him, the wave of releases is a sign that the presidential elections will soon be held.

"The releases, as I see it, is a way to win the people's approval and hearts for the coming elections. It's just one item in the long list of pallatives being offered by the government to divert the people's attention from the more serious problems they face such as the

'Bayan Ko' a of political fr

The Supreme Court was asked yesterday to declare the entire set of rules and regulations governing the Board of Review for Motion Pictures and Television (BRMPT) "unconstitutional" and to compel it to release without conditions, the controversial Lino Brocka film *Bayan Ko/Kapit sa Patalim*.

The high tribunal heard the twin petitions of Brocka, Jose Antonio Gonzales and Dulce Saguisag, president and general manager, respectively, of Malaya Films and Bayan Ko screenwriter Jose Lacaba, even as it chided Solicitor General Estelito Mendoza over his non-appearance in yesterday's hearing.

It was the third time that Mendoza, who is the principal defense lawyer of the censors board, sought a postponement of the hearing.

"He is in Malacanang attending the press conference of the President," said Assistant Solicitor General Zoilo Andin when asked by the justices why he (Mendoza) failed to appear before the court.

The justices were apparently not satisfied with the explanation. Justice Claudio Teehankee asked why the solicitor general did not notify the court and the petitioners earlier about his request for postponement. In a personal impression which he asked to be put on record, Justice Felix Makasiar rebuked Mendoza saying, "Is it more important to attend a press conference?" He tersely commented thereafter that he (Mendoza) did this on purpose.

Chief Justice Enrique Fernando forthwith denied

continued existence of Amendment 6 and the Preventive Detention Action (PDA) through which more people can be imprisoned anytime," Sarmiento said.

Sarmiento firmly stated that "the signs are there, the presidential elections may be held this year." He cited among others the lowering of wheat price, the oil price rollback, the concessions granted to the teachers recently, and the President seems to be travelling in all parts of the country.



Carmi Martin and Philip Salvador Sa Patalim.

the defense motion and directed Haydee Yorac, counsel of Malaya Films, to present her arguments.

The suit seeks to extend the constitutional protection of freedom of expression not only in media but also in motion pictures and is the first legal act to seriously challenge the authority of the censors board, whose powers were created by a series of legislative amendments and executive fiats in the last 75 years.

The petitioners are represented by lawyers Irene Cortes, Perfecto Fernandez, Haydee Yorac and MABIN lawyers Rene Saguisag, Willie Chua, Arno Sanidad and Joker Arroyo.

Legal sources say the results of the suit will decide once and for all the future of local films, particularly as a vehicle for the dissemination of political ideas and information.

The defense lawyers ha

However, Sarmiento doubts this show of presidential benevolence can succeed in winning the people. "The Aquino assassination and the cultural revolution spearheaded by the students, the religious and other cause-oriented groups have uplifted the political consciousness of the people. They know that the serious ills of the country cannot be solved by mere pallatives," Sarmiento said.

(To be continued)

and the future films

By MARIO V. DUMAUAL

core issue in the suit is not **Bayan Koperse** but to uphold freedom of expression as guaranteed by the constitution.

Yorac also argued that every segment in **Bayan Ko** was important and that cutting it would ruin the integrity of the film.

"You just don't cite or remove scenes in isolation and label them, the whole film as obscene," she said. She said that one cannot just dismiss such literary works as *Lolita* and *Lady Chatterley's Lover* as obscene just because they contain "salacious" portions.

The Film Academy Classification Board (FACB), a scholastic body which voluntarily classified local films, had given the film, which tells how a poor laborer resorts to violence, a GP rating.

The petitioner's lawyers said that in principle, they are for the statutory submission of films to an administrative body. "We are for regulation but the standards should be clear and consistent. Standards and rules governing the review of films must conform to jurisprudence and constitutional standards and not to their (censors) attitudes, caprices, emotions and impulses which all tend to be carried to excesses."

Jurisprudence and past court rulings have determined obscenity as those (materials) which appeal, as a whole, only to prurient interests; those which violate prevailing community standards particularly on sexual matters; and those which lack redeeming social, scientific, literary, artistic worth or value.

Yorac pointed out that the censors board does not follow the said obscenity criteria in the review of films and that its only consideration is prevailing community standards.

The hearing fell through when the petitioners and the justices could not come to an agreement on "what or whose community standards" should be used in film reviews.

The Supreme Court is set to see **Bayan Ko** shortly. Second hearing has been set on March 7.

A climactic scene in "Bayan Ko/Kapit"

earlier argued that the suit has become "moot and academic" as the BRMPT had finally approved **Bayan Ko** for release. The censors' decision was issued shortly after the suit for certiorari with preliminary injunction was filed with the Supreme Court last month.

Censors chief Maria Kalaw Katigbak said that portions of the film previously deleted (i.e., rally scenes and singing of the workers version of the song **Bayan Ko**) may stay but ordered the film to be classified for adults only as it "contained lascivious scenes and excessive violence." Katigbak was referring to the sexy scenes of Carmi Martin and the late sex siren Claudia Zobel and the killings in the end of the film.

The censors chief qualified that the film may be reclassified for general patronage if they agree in writing to have the alleged obscene portions deleted.

Yorac disputed the moot and academic issue and argued that therelease permit was good only for five years and that the board may reclassify or make new impositions on the film thereafter. **Bayan Ko** has never been commercially exhibited in the country.

The conditional release and for adults classification, Yorac added, still represented prior restraint on freedom of expression.

She also stressed that the

PEOPLE'S FORUM

The 10 least liked ladies

By GIRLIE B. HUBILLA

First Lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos, who topped a People's Forum poll of the 10 most admired women, is also in the forefront of a survey of the 10 least liked women.

Others in the list include ranking personalities in politics and the movie industry.

The survey results: 1) Imelda Marcos 2) television talk show host Inday Badiday 3) MP Imee Marcos 4) Corazon Agrava 5) Quezon City mayor Adelina Rodriguez 6) MP Eva Estrada Kalaw 7) Censors chief Maria Kalaw Katigbak 8) Cory Aquino 9) film stars Isabel Lopez and, 10) Sarsi Emmanuel.

The following are samples of the respondents' individual choices:

Miguel Abellanosa, university instructor, UST: 1) Elizabeth Taylor, she is too preoccupied with men to even think of her self-esteem 2) Imee Marcos, for not giving a free ticket to Aurora Pijuan for the movie "Kapag Puso'y Sinugatan" 3) Imelda Marcos, she is only interested in self-aggrandizement 4) Adelina Rodriguez, for her administration's unending scandals 5) Cristina Ponce Enrile, for being overdressed 6) Sarsi Emmanuel, for allowing herself to be an instrument of 'sexploitation' 7) Isabel Lopez, for making people see her beauty



Imelda Marcos



Adelina Rodriguez



Corazon Agrava



Sarsi Emmanuel

in the wrong place 8) Elaine Cuneta, for being proud of her "mistress" status 9) Irene Marcos, for trying to equal Princess Diana 10) Inday Badiday, she creates too many intrigues.

Gil Santiago, interior designer: 1) Katrina Ponce Enrile, she takes advantage of her father's position in the government 2) Imee Marcos Manotoc, she has been over-proving female domination, and she has too many public positions 3) Eva Estrada Kalaw, o.k., she can be an assemblywoman but why the presidency? 4) Malou Maglutac, she has been emceeding all the shows on TV 5) Imelda Marcos, she has been over-using her husband's power 6) Princess Diana, too excessive in her pursuit of fashion, glamour and fame 7) Janice de Belen, too young to flirt 8) Sarsi Emmanuel, for baring it all 9) Helen Vela, too boring.

Joseph Demetilla, jeepney driver: 1) Imelda Marcos, for spending the people's money 2) Imee Marcos, for working hard to legitimize her marital status 3) Eva Estrada Kalaw, for being an 'oportunist' 4) Ludy Carvajal, for being too corny 5) Corazon Agrava, for being a puppet of the Marcos administration 6) Cristina Jacob, for not making good in the Olympics 7) Coney Reyes, for dropping 'Mumar' in her name 8) Dely Magpayo (Tia Dely) for trying to solve other people's problem when she cannot solve her own 9) Imelda Papin, for changing her style in singing 10) Adelina Rodriguez, for being good only in politicking and not in serving the people.

George Mendoza, contract worker: 1) Imelda Marcos, for being the minister of 'Inhuman Settlements' 2) Corazon Agrava, for being the government's Joan of Arc in the Aquino case 3) Maria Kalaw Katigbak, why can't she censor the MIFF? 4) Imee Marcos, for 'outrebound-

ing' Aurora Pijuan 5) Irene Marcos, for causing the Ilocos tremor 6) Lydia de Vega, hard-headed member of Gintong Alay 7) Alona Alegre, for her consistency in estafa cases 8) Nora Aunor, for not paying her BIR taxes 9) Trixia Gomez, for being an unfaithful wife, 10) Aurora Pijuan, for tolerating her husband's ways.

Sammy Baluis, commerce graduate, UST: 1) Imelda Marcos, she meddles too much in government affairs 2) Irma Alegre, unladylike, vulgar 3) Lily Monteverde, for the kind of movies she produces, for the sordid exploitation of young girls 4) Maria Kalaw Katigbak, too forgetful; she forgets the law on obscenity when it is MIFF season 5) Imelda Papin, for her voice 6) Pops Fernandez, for her outright colonial mentality 7) Kring-Kring, she should act her age 8) Corazon Agrava, her credibility is too shallow 9) Adelina Rodriguez, for the Q.C. city hall scandals 10) Helen Vela, her life off screen is inconsistent with her life on screen.

Mel Tolentino, fashion model: 1) June Keithly, for her exaggerations 2) Cory Aquino, for trying to become a politician like her husband without any knowledge in politics 3) Nanette Inventor, for her very irritating jokes and compliments 4) Inday Badiday, for cultivating gossip in showbiz 5) Elvira Manahan, too concerned with status

symbols 6) Imee Marcos, for snatching somebody else's husband 7) Maria Kalaw Katigbak, for not doing her job as chairman of the board of censors 8) Imelda Marcos, for her capriciousness 9) Helen Vela, for trying to project a 'perfect mother' image 10) Lydia de Vega, for being a prima donna.

Philip Padilla, employe, Jollibee Food Chain: 1) Imelda Marcos, she does not set a good example 2) Isabel Lopez, she is not my idea of a beauty queen 3) Cory Aquino, for acting like a puppet of opposition 4) Inday Badiday, for being lady gossip 5) Maria Kalaw Katigbak, for her wrong set of values 6) Imee Marcos, for being a hubby-snatcher 7) Dean Kanapi, she is very strict 8) Sarsi Emmanuel, for her outright display of her body 9) Corazon Agrava, for not indicting Ver.

Sharon Manopol, dentist: 1) Ludy Carvajal, a source of intrigues 2) Adelina Rodriguez, she is a lenient city official 3) Sonia Mathay, no reason 4) Elaine Cuneta, no reason 5) Elvira Manahan, often tactless 6) Katrina Ponce Enrile, socialite 7) Lolita Solis, she is a perpetuator of intrigues 8) Eva Estrada Kalaw, her sincerity is questionable 9) Corazon Agrava, her credibility is questionable 10) Imee Marcos, for taking somebody else's husband.

Gregorio Aquino, lawyer: 1) Inday Badiday, tsismosa 2) Alma Moreno, for proudly flaunting her relationships 3) Cory Aquino, for taking advantage of her husband's assassination 4) Imelda Marcos, too expensive 5) Aurora Pijuan, she allowed herself to be used by the politicians 6) Adelina Rodriguez, because of the Quezon City government scandals 7) Isabel Lopez, she uses her body to gain fame and money 8) Corazon Agrava, she allowed the call of friendship to influence the call of duty 9) Irene Marcos, her wedding in Sarat was too grand and expensive 10) Helena Benitez, her credibility is too low.

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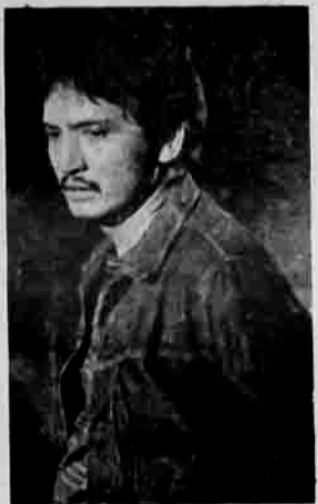
Ulo ng Gapo: A mediocre film in a non-event

By JOEL B. SARACHO

Cine Suerte's *Ulo ng Gapo*, the closing film of Manila Events '85, tells the story of a young man, who in trying to escape his killers (who were his gangmates who thought they were betrayed) in Tondo, joined his equally young friend

another thing.

Characters were stock. Bad guys with tough look, beard and all and hardly dressing up. Syndicate patriarch all too kept and proper, and Eddie Garcia-like, which he played to the hilt. Moviegoers are accustomed seeing Rudy Fernandez as a



Rudy Fernandez

and got himself entangled in a syndicate war, involving the father of the girl whom he met and eventually fell in love with.

The script has a predictable narrative. And alas, hackneyed dialog. There is nothing wrong with characters, evaluating their existence and questioning their directions in life. Somebody all too human is capable of the highest existentialist thinking. But for them to mouth words akin to what Pancho Magalona has been telling Tita Duran in their movies, is quite simply



Rowell Santiago

tough guy with the good look. But with Rowell Santiago, two college boy types playing street vagabonds is beyond believability.

It was Charito Solis, however, who got the lion's share of audience applause, as the motherly mother, who in the end avenges the death of his husband and son, killing the *Ulo ng Gapo* herself. A mother taking justice in her own hands. That could have been indeed the

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"Sugat sa Dangkal," Danny Zialcita's latest dramatic movie has Mark Gil playing reluctant lover and provider to his maid, played by Rio Locsin, whose unwanted child by another man, Mark adopts and proclaims his own as a foil against his sterility. The movie also stars Dang Cecilio, Johnny Vicar, Suzanne Gonzales and Anita Linda.

Slowmo

SHOWBIZ SUPREMACY FOR SHARON

By DING DONG ALVAREZ

At this point, it's safe to say films.

that Sharon Cuneta's the reigning box-office queen. Her current starrer, *Bituing Walang Ningning*, is breaking box-office records set by such giants as Ronnie Poe, Dolphy, Ramon Revilla, Rudy Fernandez. A booker said even in the provinces, the bailiwick of the just-mentioned actors, "Inilagan si Sharon." Neither Ronnie's quick fists nor Dolphy's comic antics can beat Sharon's acting and singing at the takilya.

Last year, Sharon came up with four hits: *Dapat Ka Bang Mahalin?*, *Bukas Luluhod ang mga Tala*, *Sa Hirap At Ginhawa*, and *The Best of Sharon and Gabby* (film clips of Sharon Cuneta-Gabby Concepcion starrers and live coverage of their

films.

A distant second to Sharon Cuneta in box-office appeal's Maricel Soriano. Last year, she appeared in several hits, but the only one she really carried — *nagdala ng pelikula* — was *Kaya Ko Abutin ang Langit*, in which she played a thoroughly evil character. In the other box-office hits, Maricel either played supporting roles or shared credits with equally big names.

In point of acting recognition, however, Maricel has an edge over Sharon. Maricel won last year the FAMAS best supporting actress award for *Saan Darating ang Umaga*. She also has an acting trophy as a child star. So far, the only acting recognition Sharon's gotten is a citation from the critics (Manu-



Sharon Cuneta

making up if she expects to give the two frontrunners some competition. Snooky's lukewarm and unprofessional attitude towards her career has turned off a lot of producers, including her home studio, Regal.

After Zuma, in which she plays a supporting role, she's no more film assignments. She's described as a "poor third" to Sharon and Maricel. The way she's sliding down, newer and younger faces — among them Janice de Belen, Lani Mercado, Nadia Montenegro, Gretchen Barretto — may even overtake and relegate her down there.

A pity because Snooky's got the potential. As a child, she was a superstar. Snooky's certainly much prettier and shapelier than either Sharon or Maricel. Actingwise, she's in equal footing with them. Unfortunately, Snooky doesn't have the

drive and enthusiasm of the other two actresses.

Sharon Cuneta and Maricel Soriano appear destined to dominate the '80s, just as Rosa del Rosario, Carmen Rosales, Gloria Romero, Nida Blanca, Susan Roces, Amalia Fuentes, Nora Aunor, and Vilma Santos reigned as movie queens of the decades past.

Of the just-enumerated movie queens, only Rosa and Carmen are inactive in movies. But Rosa (based in San Francisco, California) can easily make a comeback, having retained her beauty and figure. Rosa was in town a few years ago to receive the *Walang Kupas* award along with other superstars of yesteryears. She might come back in April to attend the film industry's tribute to former leading man Pol Salcedo.



Maricel Soriano with William Martinez

celebrated wedding last September).

Should Sharon maintain her popularity, then she's likely to emerge as the movie queen of the '80s. And chances are she will. The public accepts her being a rich girl, a wife, and prospective mother. There were speculations her star would dim after she got hitched to Gabby, but the result of *Bituing Walang Ningning* proved otherwise.

The public has even come to accept her being the daughter of Pasay City Mayor Pablo Cuneta, certainly not the most popular politician in town. Being a good daughter, Sharon quickly comes to the defense of her father, often the object of criticisms. Her many fans may not be convinced by her defense, but they always understand... and continue watching her

nuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino) for *Dapat Ka Bang Mahalin?* But Maricel's gotten that, too.

Maricel's an ace up her sleeve, *Hinugot sa Langit*, which opened the Manila Events '85. A critic said Maricel's performance as a young girl who undergoes abortion should assure her, at the very least, of an acting nomination.

Another edge Maricel enjoys over Sharon is her willingness to try offbeat roles, including semi-bold ones. Sharon's determined to keep her sweet and clean screen image at all cost. But of course Maricel can't really, really go bold not having the figure for it.

Snooky (she's added Serna to her name) has been left behind by Sharon Cuneta and Maricel Soriano. She's got to do a lot of



Snooky Serna

Sightings

By ALICE G. GUILLERMO

Rejecting the Anti-Women in Art and Media

A passing survey of the images of women in the arts and media shows the changing attitudes and values with respect to women's role in society. These values and attitudes have — more often than not — been obstacles in the way of woman's fulfillment and liberation. Often prejudicial to her interests, they have reflected the biases and injustices imposed and perpetrated by traditional male-dominated society.

To take a specific problem, the nude in art raises issues vis-a-vis the feminist viewpoint because of the subject's erotic potential. One may ask how the feminist is to regard the female nude in painting, sculpture, photography, and the cinema.

In Western art history, the original motivation of the nude among the classical Greeks was to create the image of ideal form. The classical artists observed in their art what they believed were the ideal proportions of the human figure as laid down in their canons. These nudes elevated on pedestals were to have the qualities of aloofness and restraint, of being above common humanity with its struggles, griefs and fleeting emotions. These images, however, belong to the Platonic idealist world view in their quest for the absolute, unchanging, and universal, beyond "the shadowy and imperfect reality" in which we humans exist and function. Such a concept can no longer hold in our contemporary world of change and struggle. But the nude in art has survived under new motivations.

First, the nude may reflect a strong scientific concern on the part of the artist, a basic interest in comprehending the body as organic structure, in developing a sensitivity to the balancing and continually adjusting forces in the dynamic human figure. This is, I think, an essential training in figurative art, especially in the realist style which is based on keen observation and which requires a solid anatomical basis in order to be credible and convincing. Along with this scientific attitude, the artist may also be interested in capturing individualizing features of the human body in a vast range of physical characteristics and types, as well as in developing a keen eye for gestures, stances, poses, movements, and it is the nude unencumbered by drapery and clothing which lends itself best to this interest.

Secondly, in what we may call the humanist motivation, the nude female form, as in the case of Rembrandt and the masters, may be used as a sensitive vehicle for the expression of inner feelings and states, and in so doing, the artist may show the intimate link between the physical and the spiritual, the body and the mind. In this approach, the artist explores the full expressive potential of the human figure in order to convey ideas, values, and attitudes in realist or symbolic works, thus contextualizing the nude in an ideational framework.

On the other hand, the representations of the female nude in art can very easily, and so often, become prejudicial to women.

This is when they effect the reification of woman — in which case woman is reduced to a mere object devoid of consciousness no better than a table or chair. The nude is likewise prejudicial and anti-women when woman is represented as a mere object of man's desire, a passive body displayed to the male gaze to which it proffers or intimates pleasure in the implication that it is the man who looks in an active role and the female looked at in a passive and submissive role.

Sometimes, third-rate artists use the exalted phrase "celebration of the female form" as an excuse for inflicting their cheap commercial nudes on the public. Of course, the most blatantly sexist, as well as tasteless, are the nudes, whether in painting or slick photography, in seductive, sultry, and soliciting poses, or those clothed skimpily in a suggestive manner such as proliferate in girlie magazines and posters. It is especially in these cases that women as models lend themselves to sexual exploitation, so rampant in this time of economic crisis.

It is particularly in this regime that we have witnessed the massive exploitation of the Filipino woman. Factors which have contributed to this deplorable state are the tourist industry which has made our women its major attraction to foreigners (as in the come-on poster "There's More Where She Comes From"), the corrupting influence of the American bases, the general poverty and with it the lack of educational and employment opportunities, the imperialist grip on our culture which, for instance, has produced local bunnies for the Playboy Club from our young and susceptible Filipinas.

There are many venues of woman exploitation in the media: 1) the commercial bomba films, local or foreign, sometimes organized by the State into festivals of smut; 2) ECP bomba films which are privileged productions that swell the coffers of the State; 3) pornographic magazines such as Tiktik, Sakdal, Tiktik, etc., pornography of the cheapest kind, an insult to the intelligence of the Filipino masses who have little access to good reading fare because of poverty, a shameless violation of human dignity and of women in particular, like offering kanin-baboy to humans. It is significant to note that a number of these magazines which persist in surviving contain crude government propaganda in between the lurid comics; 4) sexist ads in print and TV, such as young skimpily-dressed women in liquor ads implying that woman too is just another commodity for male consumption.

Bomba films made from the male chauvinist point of view debase woman and portray her as sexual object, mindless animal or helpless victim. Does this mean then that films should not portray sex altogether — sex, after all, is still a part of life? The old criterion of the scene being called for by the story is not

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Rock-Opera at CCP

The fabulous ethnic rock opera ballet — TALES OF THE MANUVU, whose libretto was written by noted poet and critic Bienvenido Lumbera with music by Nonong Pederro, returns as the finale offering for this season of Ballet Philippines.

Set in the Asian tradition of combining music and song with dance counterparts, this highly acclaimed ballet choreographed by Alice Reyes relates the legends of the Manobo tribe of Muslim Philippines. It features top vocal artists: Ray-Ann Fuentes as the good god, Manama; Ric Segreto as the evil god, Ogassi; Dio Marco as the First Man and Isabel Alvarez as the First Woman. Also featuring is the U.P. Concert Chorus with

Prof. Rey T. Paguio as musical director.

The dancing cast is composed of Nonoy Froilan as Manama, Butch Esperanza as Ogassi, Brando Miranda as the First Man and Toni Lopez Gonzales as the First Woman.

The ballet's theme is purely Filipino. It recreates the Manuvu legends on the creation of Man and Woman, the rivalry of the gods called anitos, the reason why the sky is so high, and an episode on the origin of sex. The spicy libretto is full of humanity, candor, practical wisdom and an irrepressible sense of humor which is further illustrated in the jazzy choreography and infectious dancing.

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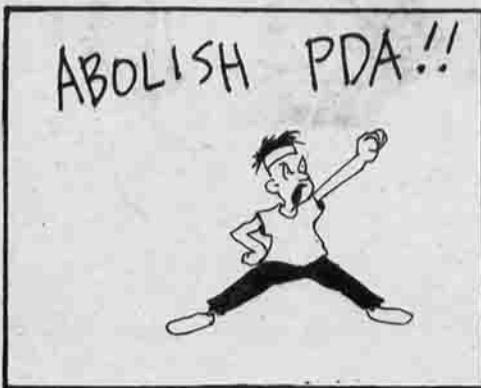
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100 VIET SOLDIERS DESERT

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — More than 100 Vietnamese soldiers have deserted their units on the battlefields of Cambodia and fled to Thailand since Hanoi launched its dry season offensive last November, a senior Thai Army officer said Tuesday. In Canberra, Australia, Prince Norodom Sihanouk on Tuesday proposed a major international conference to settle the Cambodian crisis. Sihanouk put forward the plan in talks with Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden.

INQUIRY INTO SIKH CARNAGE

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Moderate Sikh leaders have urged Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to hold an inquiry into the anti-Sikh carnage that followed the assassination of Indira Gandhi by two Sikh security guards.

Ulo ng

movies lone redeeming value, if at all.

The narrative could not help but resort to *deus ex machina* in resolving whatever conflict there must be in the story. On a bus bound to Manila as he had decided to leave Charito's family, Rudy suddenly recalled the death of the blind girl shot with the bullet intended for him after an 8-minute chase as the opening sequence, in vindication. So he decided to go back and the story continues.

After Rowell's death, the police now needs a star witness to testify against the Ulo ng Gapo, but everybody is dead. Therefore, the chief of police, himself an unwitting accomplice in the syndicate's activities, realized his errors and vowed to put a stop to the crimes. So off they went to get the bad guys with their patriarch.

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But as in their usual Johnny's come lately appearances, all the bad guys have lost their bad breath after the rebel without a cause had shot them all down, and Mother Courage had killed the head who is about to kill lone ranger.

What is supposed to be an action-packed movie was killed by bad editing, and the repeated unnecessary use of slowmotion, further slowed down its pace. Even the sound is just too loud for comfort, most of the time grabbing the scene from the visuals.

The guidelines issued by the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP) stated that movies to be shown at the Film Center must be "representative of the highest artistic standard in the craft of film."

Ulo ng Gapo, sadly is far from being one.

UN body

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Churches.

The appearance of Sr. Mariani before the UN body was an offshoot of a decision by the International Conference on the Philippines, which met last September, to elevate the findings of the International Fact-Finding Mission to the United Nations.

The 13-team international fact-finding mission went to various regions of the country last Sept. 11-17 to verify and document alleged human rights violations, as well as trends involving alleged militarization and military abuses from 1977 to 1983. At least 45 human rights advocates from different countries took part in the investigations.

In its report which was released recently, the fact-finding mission listed cases of alleged

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loved Philippines."

Of course Osmena's appeal for unity fell on deaf ears. Manuel A. Roxas was to challenge Osmena for the presidency; politicians who said they fought in the underground during the Japanese occupation challenged those whom they accused of collaboration, and soon enough political differences were exploding all over.

"Our beloved Philippines" was torn apart, as it had been torn apart in the past by squabbles between Quezon and Osmena-Roxas, between the Nationalists and the Democrats, as it would be torn apart between Quirino and Avelino, between Macapagal and Marcos, between Marcos and Osmena Jr., etc.

On February 27, 1945, when the Commonwealth government was restored, Roxas was already being boosted for the presidency of the republic to be established on July 4, 1946, while the pro-Osmena Sr. camp were lumping him (Roxas) with Jose P. Laurel, Jorge B. Vargas, Benigno Aquino Sr., Quintin Paredes, and others who accepted positions in the Japanese-sponsored republic.

And in the wings, if not right in the middle of the circus ring, were the likes of U.S. Secretary of State Ickes threatening to cut off American aid if "collaborators" were to dominate the political scene once more.

Following Osmena's address, MacArthur strode to Mrs. Osmena, kissed her on the right cheek, and said, "I am so glad you are home." Immediately afterward, Osmena kissed the other cheek of his wife. MacArthur then shook hands with Osmena and stepped quietly out of the hall. The ceremony was over. The Commonwealth government was formally home.

Opinions of nationalist historians notwithstanding, I wish to record here that Pedro A. Perno was born on Feb. 27, 1857. He was a candidate for the speakership of the Philippine Assembly in 1907, but was defeated by — guess who? — Sergio Osmena Sr.

human rights violations against peasants, workers, students, tribal minorities, professionals, and persons from other sectors of Philippine society.

Among the cases documented by the fact-finding mission were instances of "salvaging" (summary executions or extra-judicial killings), torture, arbitrary arrests and detention, massacres, bombings, hamletting (forcible evacuations), robbery and looting, harass-

ment, rapes and arson. Involved in these numerous incidents, according to the report, were military and para-military personnel of the Philippine government.

As cited in the report, there were, from 1977 to 1983, 334 missing persons, 1,450 victims of "salvaging," 11,270 persons arrested and detained. In 1984, the report said, there were 137 cases of disappearances and 445 victims of extra-judicial killings.

Sightings

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solid enough because the story line itself may be tailored to focus on a series scenes, like a picaresque adventure story. It seems, however, that sex scenes may not be necessarily objectionable in certain cases. One is when the viewpoint in the total human situation in which they occur is not prejudicial to women, that is, they are not mere sex objects but total human beings who express their human personality in a situation which is contextualized in a larger whole. Another is when the scenes are integral to, or perhaps comment on, the socio-cultural and historical milieu, with its mores, values, and attitudes, and that it is not a scene abstracted and existing for itself as a gratuitous insert, blown out of proportion, but an insightful comment on the human person as a social and historical being.

The exploitation of women in the media and the arts has both social and political implications. Basically, it reflects the bourgeois capitalist drive to exploit human needs, instincts, and weaknesses for financial gain, and to convert all things, including human relationships, into commodities. Likewise, it is an escapist strategy to divert attention from the current crisis and from vital issues to focus on an isolated function which is per se instinctual, non-rational, and historical. It hinders women from gaining self-respect and achieving liberation because of its continual attack on her humanity.

It is then imperative for feminist groups to expose and fight the various ways by which the Filipina woman is exploited today. In the field of the arts and media, including film the answer, however, lies not in censorship which can be quite arbitrary, sweeping away the good with the bad and further limiting our already much-reduced freedom, but in a large campaign to raise the consciousness of women and thus awaken all to the necessity of breaking down the enclaves of traditional male and class privilege. By doing so, the way will be prepared not only for the emancipation of the female sex but of woman as worker and creative being, a requisite for the attainment of a truly human order.

Kung

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At kahit kusa itong iniaalok sa kanila ngayon ay baka hindi nila tanggapin — dahil sa itinatakandang kondisyon.

Sa isang bagay ay hindi nagkakatalo ang administrasyon at ang oposisyon. Ibibigay nila ang legalisasyon sa kondisyong ang CPP-NPA ay magbababa o magsusuko ng armas — magsasalang ng sandata, sabi nga sa malalim na Tagalog.

Ang kuwestiyon ay kung tatanggapin ng CPP-NPA ang ganitong kondisyon. Isang puna

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in the Philippines?

A. Ople said the crisis was brought about chiefly by external factors. Doy said it was brought about by the incompetence of the Marcos administration.

Q. Wasn't Blas Ople, being a KBL member, hurt by that remark of Doy?

A. No. He thought it was meant for the other KBL members.

Q. How about the issue of legalizing or not the Communist political parties in the Philippines?

A. Doy said that if the Communists renounce violence but only want to change the regime of Mr. Marcos, then they should be legalized and allowed to express their views in the free market-place of ideas. A truly democratic government should not be afraid of contrary ideas. Blas warned against the Communists, that they are dangerous for they may come out victorious at the end. He perhaps was thinking of the government of Mr. Marcos which has lost its credibility because it is not really democratic and may lose to the Com-

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moment was during the incumbency of Defense Secretary Ramon Magsaysay. They were under civilian authority then.

Someone once said that war is too serious a matter to be left entirely in the hands of the military. How much more the entire government? The military can survive only if it cleanses itself and only if they become the military arm of a civilian government.

All governments need a good military arm. And that is what we hope to see. We sincerely believe that despite the bad image of the military at present, 70 per cent of the military are decent patriots. They cannot discipline the soldiers if the soldiers are not politicized.

Unless they become instruments for the restoration and preservation of our democratic traditions, their operations against the so-called subversives will be counter-productive.

The soldier who fights or dies for a dictatorial rule is sacrificing his life against his own interest. He would be serving his interest, not to mention the interest of his family more, by joining the rebel forces.

The Army must recover its lost prestige. We would welcome the day that they regain the prestige they had during the Magsaysay era. Only they can do this.

At the moment, the Army is its own greatest enemy. The harm that it has inflicted on itself is much greater than the harm that the MNLF and the NPAs have done to them.

nila sa lumang Partido ay ang pangyayaring may panahong nagsuko ito ng armas (at nagparehistro pa ng mga miyembro) sa hangad na maging legal. Bunga ng patakaran ito ay nabisto at minasaker ang maraming Huk at Komunista, tulad ng nangyari sa Maliwala.

Kung nasa poder na ang mga oposisyonista ngayon, baka sakaling mapapayag ang CPP-NPA sa isang truce o ceasefire o armistice. Pero isuko kaya nila ang kanilang armas? Palagay ko'y hindi. Naniniwala sila na armas ang sanhi ng kanilang kasalukuyang lakas, na armas ang pinagmumulan ng kapangyarihang pampulitika. At naaalala nila ang Maliwala.

munists in the battle of ideas. In fact it is losing to the moderate Oppositionists.

Q. But wasn't the Conference at the Kapitan democratic, both Doy and Ople being given equal exposure and opportunity to answer the public?

A. Yes, but in the TV showing of Channel 13, the camera seemed to have scanned the place, Doy and even I appeared for a second, and focused itself on the face of Ople for a long time. Do you call that equal exposure for Doy when he wasn't even heard? When there is a KBL caucus, the whole affair gets TV coverage, not the Opposition, when the public has to be fully informed about the programs and activities of both sides, they are of public interest. How can one say there is real democracy when the Opposition is not given fair opportunity on TV? To prove that they are democratic, let the TV stations cover the coming National Unification Conference of the Opposition on March 10 so that the public is informed on what it has to offer our people.

Q. How did the Kapitan discussions end, Professor?

A. Polite.

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Jockeying on for Olympic '92 sites

CALGARY, Canada (AP) — The International Olympic Committee will choose the host cities for the 1992 Summer and Winter Olympics in Lausanne, Switzerland, during the committee's 1986 annual meeting, director Monique Berlioux said Monday.

The committee's executive board is meeting this week in Calgary, site of the 1988 Winter Games. Calgary beat out competing bids from Falun, Sweden, and Cortina D'Azamezzo, Italy, during a similar meeting in 1981. At that session, Seoul, South Korea, was chosen to play host to the 1988 Summer Games.

The current meeting in Calgary is one of several gatherings the IOC holds each year.

The decision on who will play host to the 1992 Winter Games will not be made until Oct. 17, 1986. But already, cities interested in being picked are spending thousands of dollars to be in Calgary to make their intentions known.

There is a delegation from Falun, plus others from Lillehammer, Norway, Albertville, France, Berchtesgaden, West Germany, Sofia, Bulgaria, and Salt Lake City, Utah in the United States.

The city delegations make their appearance at such meetings to express their commitment to the games. Calgary officials followed the same principle in 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1978 before that city was picked for 1988.

Krishnan didn't last

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 26 (AFP) — India's Ramesh Krishnan, the eighth seed, crashed out of the first round of a \$300,000 World Championship Tennis Tournament here Monday.

The Indian Davis Cup player was beaten in three sets by Israel's unseeded Shahar Perkiss, losing 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Fourth seeded Jimmy Arias, the highest seeded player in action Monday night, beat fellow American Dan Cassidy in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

Other first round results: Brad Gilbert (US) d. Slobodan Zivojinevic (Yugoslavia) 2-6, 6-1, 6-3

Terry Moor (US) d. Andy Kohlberg (US) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2

Mike Bauer (US) d. Michael Westphal (West Germany) 6-4, 7-5

Paul Annacone (US) d. Tim Wilkison (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3



AIMING HIGH — Bobby Berna (above) and Frank Cedeno (right), former world champions, go through training session at sportsman Jess Abrea's gym in Pasay City. Berna faces Takashi Komori over 10 rounds and Cedeno takes on Mokoti Taguchi in Friday night's twin headliner of the 1985 Fiesta Fiestana presentation of the Philippine Sportswriters Association. (Photos by Rudy Sakdalan Jr.)



Chinese crush Brunei XI, 8-0

Asian Group 4A
Qualifying Round
1986 World Cup

Team	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts.
China	2	1	0	12	0	5
Hong Kong	1	1	0	4	0	3
Macau	1	0	1	2	4	2
Brunei	0	0	3	0	18	0

Game March 1
Brunei vs. China (In Hong Kong)
Game April 6
Brunei vs. Hong Kong

MACAU, Feb. 26 (AFP) — China swept to the top of World Cup Asian Preliminary Group 4A with a runaway 8-0 win over Brunei here today. Brunei has become the whipping boys of this group, having conceded 8 goals to Hong Kong just four days previously.

China, held to a scoreless draw by Hong Kong in the group opener, then beat Macau 4-0 and today's decisive win puts them two points clear of Hong Kong.

China will now face Brunei in Hong Kong on Friday and, on the evidence of today's display, another rout looks certain.

Despite the final impressive goals tally, it took China 26 minutes to score against Brunei which played with 10 men back in defense on the narrow Macau ground.

The Chinese, seeking to at least equal the 8 goals rivals Hong Kong had scored, were beginning to look anxious until the 26th minute breakthrough which came via the penalty spot.

Brunei defender Yakub Bakar brought down Liu Haiguang and striker Zhao Dayu, back in the side after missing the Macau game through injury, made no mistake.

Three goals in a series of lightning strikes in the final 7 minutes of the first half had Brunei on the ropes.

Jia Xiuquan was on target from close range in the 37th minute and then Li Hui completed a solo run with a cracking shot in the 40th minute which gave Brunei goalkeeper Amat no chance.

In the last 30 seconds of the first half, Liu Haiguang followed up on a Zuo Shusheng shot which Amat failed to hold and drove the rebound home from close range.

A double figure scoreline looked possible when Zuo Shusheng and Jia Xiuquan ripped through the Brunei defense a minute after the restart and set dangerous Gu Guanming up for the fifth goal.

Poor finishing and the crossbar prevented China from increasing its lead until the 66th minute when Zuo Shusheng, one of the best players on view, cracked in China's sixth goal.

A controversial penalty decision gave Zhao Dayu his second chance to score from the spot and he made no mistake.

The impressive Chinese striker then followed that up with the best goal of the game which came in the final minute, scoring with a tremendous volley from 25 meters.

15 teams to assault Himalayan heights

KATHMANDU, Feb. 26 (AFP) — The Nepalese government has cleared expeditions from 15 countries for summit assaults in the Himalayan spring season starting on March 1, it was officially announced today.

They will attempt to scale 27 different summits including the world's tallest peak, Mount Everest, the ministry of tourism said.

Japan tops the list with four expeditions scheduled for the 8,163-meter-(26,778 ft) high Mt. Manaslu, the 7,161-meter-(23,491 ft) high Mt. Pumori, the

8,201-meter-(26,903 ft) high Mt. Cho Oyu and the 7,371-meter-(24,180 ft) high Mt. Churen.

The other expeditions granted permission are from Austria, Australia, France, Italy, Spain, United States, Hungary, South Korea, Norway, New Zealand, Nepal, Poland, Yugoslavia and West Germany.

The two expeditions to tackle the 8,848-meter-(29,028 ft) high Mt. Everest are a team from the United States and a joint team from the United States, Norway and Britain, the ministry of tourism said.

Two separate expeditions from France are to attempt the 8,463-meter-(27,762 ft) and 7,678-meter-(25,187 ft) high twin peaks of Mt. Makalu, the ministry said.

An Italian expedition under the leadership of Reinhold Messner is to tackle the 8,091-meter-(26,542 ft) high Mt. Annapurna via the west route without oxygen.

A British team, led by Chris Bonington, made the first successful attempt through the treacherous west route in 1970.

Expeditions from the United States will attempt the 8,167-meter-(26,791 ft) high Mt. Dhaulagiri via the north-west face route and the 8,586-meter-(28,166 ft) high Mt. Kanchanjunga, the world's third tallest summit, via the north and north-west route.

England out of running in cricket

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — India's spin bowlers virtually knocked England out of the World Championship of Cricket series at the Sydney Cricket Ground Tuesday.

Left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri and 19-year-old student Laxman Sivaramakrishnan took three wickets each as England plunged to an 86-run defeat.

England also lost to Australia on the opening day of the series in Melbourne 9 days ago.

Indian opening batsman Krishna Srikanth who slammed 57 runs off only 53 balls, was named man of the match.

SSS CHESS

7 achievers vs IM De Guzman

Seven chessers of the Social Security System scored victories over young international master Ricky de Guzman in a simultaneous exhibition held at the SSS complex.

Occasion was the awarding of trophies, medals and other prizes to winners of the 1984 SSS team and individual chess tournaments. De Guzman won 26 matches and drew two.

The achievers against de Guzman were Philip Cruz,

EDPS; Paterno Eustaquio, Horace Templo, Rey Bautista, Artemio Ramones, Primo Esguerra and Danny Alegre.

Awarded trophies were claims department, the team champion, and runner-up EDPS. In individual play, Paterno Eustaquio of claims department received the gold medal while Rey Valencerina of premium accounts department got the silver medal.

De Guzman was a special

guest for the occasion.

The 1984 tournaments were held under the auspices of the SSS Chess Club under Horace Templo, club president. Lut Cerrojano was the tournament chairman and chief arbiter while Lito Bancaso was tournament director.

Jan Mata, SSS Chess Club PRO, said the meets were held in line with the sports development program for SSS employees of administrator Gilberto Teodoro.

'Fighting chess' in next series?

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Jun Castro's target

18 elite runners for 1986 PTWM

Firmed up by the success of his 3rd Pilipinas-Third World Marathon, last Feb. 17, race organizer Jose V. Castro Jr. bared bold plans to bring in no less than 18 elite runners in the 2-hour-10-minute to 2-hour-14-minute category next year.

Castro, who saw Belgium's Jose Revijn set a new PTWM record of 2:21:11 in his very first marathon triumph after 21 tries, said the Belgian would be back to defend his title.

Runners from France, England, West Germany, Switzerland, Holland, the United States, Australia, Japan and seven other Asian Third World countries will form the foreign field in the 1986 version, Castro said.

The man recognized as the dean of Philippine marathon organizers said 8 world-class women runners headed by Belgian Denise Verhaert, winner of the 3rd PAL-Manila International Marathon last year and of the PTWM this year as well as the all-comers record holder at 2:45:27, will complete the overseas field in next year's edition.

Miss Verhaert, will be back with tougher competition from compatriot Marie Duerbroeck, a 2:32:32 marathoner who represented Belgium in the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Among the tourist runners who competed in the Feb. 17 race and promised to return were Keizo Yamada, the Japanese winner of the 1953 Boston Marathon, and Francis Kavanaugh of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

Yamada said he will be back with some 30 to 50 tourist runners from Japan while Kavanaugh wrote from Hong Kong that more runners from the British Colony have expressed interest in running in next year's race.

In a letter to Castro, Kavanaugh said "my stay in your country was a real pleasure... Efficient organization and control of the race was of a high order indeed."

Castro said the Third World Marathon is bidding to host the 1986 congress of the prestigious Association of International Marathons (AIMS) to showcase the big strides that long-distance running has made in the Philippines.

The AIMS is an association of the world's biggest marathons.



CAMPO DECISION STAYS - FIDE president Florencio Campomanes stuck by his Feb. 15 decision to put the Anatoly Karpov-Garri Kasparov marathon match to an end. The latest word was that Kasparov has accepted the FIDE head's decision and said he would be ready to play a new match in September.

Sering seeks

Gintong Alay in Oro

An athletic training camp easily accessible to Visayan and Mindanao athletes is being targeted by the new sports czar of the country.

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Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose Sering, also the officer-in-charge of Project: Gintong Alay, has asked the Batasang Pambansa for P11.5 million for such a center to be set up in Cagayan de Oro City. It will be patterned after the PGA training camp in Baguio City.

The training camp will include the construction of a multi-purpose gymnasium, the renovation of an existing swimming pool and the construction of a dormitory by the Marcos sports complex.

Rufus B. Rodriguez, vice-governor of Misamis Oriental and president of the local chapter of the Philippine amateur track and field association, cited Sering's plan as a milestone in the development of athletics in Southern Philippines.

The Marcos sports complex is being readied for the Philippine Open track and field championships set May 2-5.

Twelve foreign countries, led by the United States and China, have been invited to compete in the multi-nation meet.

Vice-Gov. Rodriguez said prominent sports leaders in the South have pledged their support to insure the success of the tournament. Among those who have already expressed financial aid are Minister Concordio Diel, Misamis Oriental Gov. Fernando Pacana, Mayor Pablo Magtajas and Mayor Miguel Paderanga.

Pedroza defense

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AFP) - Panama's Eusebio Pedroza has signed to defend his World Boxing Association featherweight title against British and European champion Barry McGuigan, London promoter Frank Warren said today.

The world chess championship being reverted to the traditional 24-game series is almost a certainty, but whether or not a 12-point score by the defending champion would be sufficient for him to keep his title will have to be passed on by the FIDE congress.

This much was gathered from FIDE president Florencio Campomanes yesterday at the press conference he called to announce his affirmation of that Feb. 15 decision to terminate the Karpov-Garri Kasparov championship encounter after 48 games.

A 12-point score could be achieved by drawing all 24 games, and it was precisely the great number of draws obtained in the protracted series - 40 in all - which led to Campomanes' decision to end it all, "in the best interests of the game," the FIDE president iterated.

Campomanes said there is now a clamor for reversion to the traditional 24-game series after the only-wins-to-count format first introduced in 1978 was exposed as faulty because both Karpov and Kasparov have achieved such excellence in the game either could, by simply abandoning attacking play, always play to a draw.

Under the old format of a 24-game series, a champion retains the championship by equalling the total points of his challenger.

All that's definite now about the upcoming rematch between Karpov and Kasparov is the date - Sept. 2, which will be the day after the FIDE congress ends.

Philippine Chess Federation president, Justice Federico Moreno, told WE Forum he had recommended to Campomanes that the coming 24-game championship call for at least three victories by any one side out of the 24 games before that side can claim the crown.

This, Moreno said, would preclude the rash of grandmaster draws that marred the aborted championship match.

Fancy this

By TITO TAGLE



The setup

With his usual flair for the dramatic, Florencio Campomanes, president of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE), kept the gathering of local and foreign media with bated breath at his press conference yesterday.

Conducting the confab in a runabout way, Campo first held a question-and-answer session before he made his statement. It almost always is the other way around, but Campo is never predictable.

After having run every question to the ground in his usual suave, sometimes cynical, sometimes condescending, but almost always charming, style, Campomanes read his statement, with appropriate pauses that swelled pregnant at the most crucial points.

"I have," Campomanes began, "within the last 9 days... been receiving requests to alter the February 15th decision (to end the match without decision)..."

Here we go, I said to self, Campo's stupendous chess swindle about to be sprung. "Foremost, and most direct and most persistent has been from Mr. Anatoly Karpov..."

"You are familiar with the reasons for that decision? Let us review them..."

These interspersed with quick, cool glances at his audience, which hung on his every word.

What reasons could there be for a change of that decision? Campo asked. Why should we resume the match from where we left off? Then he spoke of Karpov's open letter "which he had

distributed to media in Moscow" and which he said he had read in full when still in Athens en route to Manila.

"This circumstance alone is unprecedented, and deserved total attention. Note the emotional tone. He wishes to redeem his 'blasted sports and public reputation.'"

"Have the conditions changed today to warrant a reversal?"

"Assuming it is resumed, they'll play, say, by March first. Two weeks interval. Mr. Karpov shall have rested, it can be alleged..."

"Will the former excellence of play be revived?"

"If I become convinced of the wisdom of the proponents of resumption, or succumb to the fleeting but fierce pressures of 'the show must go on' groups..."

"The organizing committee will dutifully renew preparations and in quick time place Sports Hotel or Trade Union hall in full match gear... bring (the other principals of the match) back to Moscow..."

"Mr. Karpov will have a chance to redeem, to paraphrase him, his blasted sports and public reputation."

"Mr. Kasparov will have his opportunity to gamble with his 25 or 30 per cent chance to

win the match."

Here it comes, I whispered to Jun Engracia, editor-in-chief of PM, he's going to bow to the clamor, he'd say, and order play resumed. I was all ready to grab the microphone again and ask, trying hardest to keep sarcasm out of my voice, if meanwhile, Mr. Karpov has already thanked him for the respite.

I never got to the mike. In fact, I almost clapped when Campo announced that he was sticking to his Feb. 15 decision to end the match without decision and start a new match from scratch in September.

Sorrowfully defiant - "I'm sorry, Tolya" (Karpov's nickname).

Graciously triumphant - he released xeroxed copies of a message from "Limkokann, FIDE gensec" that word from Moscow was that Kasparov no longer wanted to continue the match, has accepted the FIDE president's decision to consider the match ended, and is ready to play a new match in September.

Resurrection.

Redemption.

From abominable villain to admirable hero.

So thoroughly Campo. Stiletto. Between the ribs.