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A war is brewing among Metro Manila's mayoralty aspirants vying for the First Couple's blessing to represent the ruling Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL) party in the coming local polls.

Incumbent mayors and vice mayors, including younger KBL leaders courting the First Couple's attention, have been reportedly seen mingling with their constituents. They have been holding secret meetings with barangay officials and key residents, and have been going from house to house with the old campaign line: "Pag ako ang nanalo ay makakaasa kayo na gagawin natin lahat ang ating makakaya para matulungan natin ang mga mahihirap at mga nangangailangan."

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Young mavericks press KBL purge

Kilusang Bagong Lipunan youth leaders and mavericks are pressing the ruling party to rid itself of scalawags and opportunists, sources said.

Calling themselves reformists, the group is composed mainly of young party leaders who have remained loyal to President Marcos and the First Lady Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos, sources said.

The group is also agitating for a thorough shakeup of the party's national directorate, and regional, provincial, city and municipal chapters.

The group's target are KBL members who joined the organization for selfish personal motives and who have enriched

themselves because they have become officials in the government through election or appointment and are a big burden to the honest-to-goodness and well-intentioned members.

One member of the reformist group, who requested anonymity said: "The time for reform and change has come. It is long overdue. The scalawags and opportunists in the party must be discarded if the KBL flag must continue to fly and survive the 1986 and 1987 elections which are fast approaching."

He said that many KBL party insiders are encouraging the reform movement leaders to

organize regional, provincial and city chapters to compel top leaders to act on their suggestions to institute reforms in the party.

It is said that the reform party movement was started by supporters and followers of Assemblyman Arturo Tolentino when he was ousted from his Cabinet position on a trivial issue.

The group also has links with supporters and loyal followers of labor minister Blas F. Ople and defense minister Juan Ponce Enrile, sources said.

They said the need for a party reorganization gained momentum after the expose' on the alleged involvement of three

sons of a top Manila city hall official.

The reformist group said the uprising in the ruling party must be quelled before the campaign for the 1987 local elections starts.

"If reforms are not instituted soon enough," one member stressed, "we'll see the end of a great vision of President Marcos and consequently endanger his much avowed reelection bid in 1987."

The movement has started to spread in the provinces after gaining headway in Metro-Manila where several city and municipal mayors are the target of the reformists.

(Vito Barcelo Jr.)

'Police quota system' MP seeks 'blue ribbon' probe

A Manila opposition assemblyman yesterday said he will initiate a move to create in the Batasan a bi-partisan "blue ribbon committee" to undertake an exhaustive probe into the reported "police quota system" which has allegedly spawned widespread graft, corruption and demoralization in the law enforcers' ranks.

MP Joselito Atienza (Opposition, Manila) said the envisioned "blue ribbon committee" will conduct a thorough inquiry into the reported police "racket."

The alleged "quota system"

reportedly imposed by commanding officers has been denounced in the WE Forum by members of the so-called police "reformist" group similar to that of the military.

The group charged that commanders and section chiefs were allegedly asked by their superiors to shell out a weekly "patronage" or "goodwill" fee in some police circles, ostensibly to be given to certain high MPF officials.

It will be recalled that the "blue ribbon committee" earned a reputation as a graft-busting bi-partisan legislative in-

quiry group in the House of Representatives of the defunct Congress.

Atienza, who earlier filed Parliamentary Bill 190 providing for the return of police supervision and control to local officials, said the Batasan probe committee would dig deeper into allegations of a quota system in the police to enable the assembly to come up with remedial legislation to restore the people's waning confidence in the city's police.

He said that while the Batasan is still in recess, he will ask Defense Minister Juan Ponce

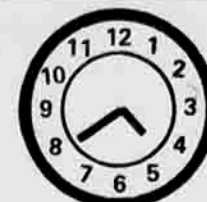


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Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos, acting armed forces chief of staff and INP chief, to initially conduct an investigation, the results of which will be submitted to the Batasan committee which will in turn undertake its own inquiry in aid of legislation.

The police reformists group told the WE Forum investigative team that their commanding officers and section chiefs were being asked to deliver a weekly "patronage fee" ranging from P2,000 to P8,000. The amount varies depending in their assigned jurisdiction.

METRO CRIME CLOCK



Goods and cash totaling P77,400 were lost to robbers in four break-ins between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. yesterday. The largest single haul was made by four unidentified men at 8 a.m. who took some P26,000 worth of office equipment and cash from the Fortune Commercial at 255 J. De Mesa street in San Juan, Metro Manila.

There were two dead in two stabbings. The first fatality was Wilfredo Urdaneta who was stabbed dead at 2 p.m. by Rogelio Magpantay for unknown reasons near the NPC Compound in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

At 3:30 p.m., Mayor Medina of 161-D P. de Guzman street in Sta. Mesa, was found dead near his residence with stab wounds in the back.

An unidentified man was found dead at 2:30 p.m. yesterday near the San Sebastian College on Recto Avenue in Sampaloc, Manila. The cause of death was not immediately established.

At 11 last night, Agapito Canonige, 22, of Barrio Obrero Vizcaya, Tondo, Manila, was arrested after he reportedly tried to snatch a wo-

man's necklace at Recto and Rizal Avenues.

There were three shooting incidents in which one was killed. Dead was Basilio Montalia, 49, of 21-D Magsaysay street, Tondo. He was shot several times and was dead on the spot at Teresita corner Herbosa streets in Tondo at 10 last night by a gunman.

At 3 a.m. yesterday, Samuel Uningan, 18, of Don Antonio Subdivision in Quezon City was wounded after he was shot by unidentified gunmen in a car. He was driving on Congressional Avenue near EDSA, in his Toyota Silver Edition when the gunmen drilled his car with bullets. Uningan received gunshot wounds in the left temple and in the neck. He was taken to St. Agnes Hospital.

The other shooting incident was at 7:20 p.m. A Quezon City policeman assigned to the Quirino sub-station was shot and wounded by an unidentified man. Pat. Carlos Mangahas, 46, of Project 2, Quezon City, was shot by a suspected car thief whom he accosted for acting suspiciously. — Eric Olona

'If attacks are assailed, why not praise?'

A lawyer for three journalists charged with contempt in the Benigno Aquino murder trial has told the court it should punish those who praise it if it punishes those who criticize it.

In a petition Saturday, Attorney Rene Saguisag called for the dismissal of contempt charges against Malaya publisher Jose Burgos Jr. and two members of his staff. He said articles published by Malaya on one of the judges allegedly coaching defense lawyers were fair reporting.

Saguisag described as scandalous a widely published statement by a local association of judges praising the three-justice court for its recent decision throwing out the main evidence against Armed Forces chief Gen. Fabian C. Ver and seven others among the 26 accused in the assassination trial.

The association had said the court's action was "a triumph of the rule of law" and "a demonstration of the court's courage."

Saguisag called the association an "orchestrated cheering squad," and asked, "if 'attacks' must be assailed, why not

'praise?'" The contempt case stems from a Malaya article alleging that one of the three justices hearing the Aquino murder case passed questions to the defense panel during the cross-examination of a prosecution witness who testified that she had seen a soldier shoot Aquino, President Marcos' rival. A lawyer said later that Justice Bienvenido Vera Cruz was the one who had passed the questions.

Malaya published an editorial saying the alleged indiscretion "puts to serious doubt the fitness and impartiality of the court."

Saguisag also asked two of the court's three justices to disqualify themselves from hearing the contempt charge, saying they already had prejudged the case and could not render an impartial ruling.

The two justices are Vera Cruz and Augusto Amores, who had issued a press statement saying none of the justices could have committed such an impropriety. Vera Cruz also has denied the allegation. AP

Cops bully Malabon strikers

Heavily outnumbered strikers were roughly dispersed by police this morning from a manufacturing firm they were picketing in Potrero, Malabon, Metro Manila.

No injuries were reported. Some 50 policemen in riot gear bullied five of 60 strikers of the Associated Labor Union (ALU) picketing the Four Aces Manufacturing Co., a garments firm, on San Pascual street.

The bulk of the strikers had left when policemen start-

ed dispersing the remaining picket. Policemen were stopping every person that passed through the street to check out the strikers.

The ALU, on strike for two months, demands the rehiring of some 60 workers retrenched by the company and is asking for recognition by the firm.

Observers said tension was rising and the strikers are expected to return to the picket lines later today. — Vito Barcelo Jr.



Editorial

MMC shortchanges people

The execrable garbage situation throughout Metro Manila has everybody boiling mad. Piles of stinking garbage are scattered everywhere, particularly where markets are located, and this exasperating failure to collect has caused all residents to complain to their local officials.

The Metro Manila Commission, which is supposed to take care of the collection and disposal of garbage, has been offering so many alibis. However, it has come to a point where nobody believes the MMC anymore.

What is the best thing to do now, in the face of the continuing MMC inability to handle the garbage responsibility all throughout these years?

Should the people continue to be patient and just wait for the situation to improve? But suppose the situation will not improve and will, instead, deteriorate? What then?

At least two cities — Pasay and Manila — have requested the Metro Manila Governor that the job be returned back to them in the face of recurring public

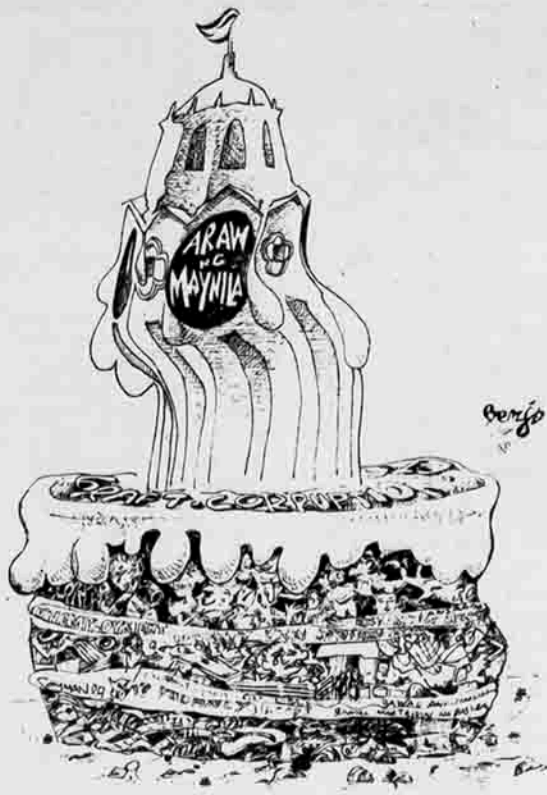
complaints against the slipshod manner the Environmental Sanitation Center of the MMC is attending to the job. The MMC Governor has remained silent on the requests.

The other local governments, we are certain, feel the same way, thinking that they can better do the garbage-collection function, as they used to do it satisfactorily before the MMC was created.

But the MMC would rather insist on maintaining the present set-up — for reasons that are already known to perceptive people.

The four cities and 13 towns feel that they are being shortchanged by the MMC's failure to render an efficient garbage collection and disposal service. After all, they contribute no less than 27 per cent of their annual income to the MMC for garbage and traffic services.

It is such failure to deliver the basic services expected of it — and for which it is being paid — that most residents of Metro Manila today feel that the MMC should be abolished.



PIECE OF CAKE ANYONE?



A word or two...

By JOSE J. BURGOS, SR.

'Alay lakad' now useless

I was thinking that "Kuring", with its winds and rains, should have cancelled out yesterday's annual "Alay Lakad." But that was not so. So in the very inclement weather, the program had to go on.

But it's about time the "Alay Lakad" is discontinued. Because this yearly marathon walk, to which thousands of government employees complain against, is not only useless; it has become a Bagong Lipunan folly.

If money is to be raised for the welfare projects of the less fortunate and the out-of-school youngsters, there is no need to force thousands upon thousands of government employees to walk many kilometers to the Luneta and to listen to a program which has long lost its meaning.

Don't get me wrong. I believe in the aims and purposes of the program which has been put up by the Ministry of Social Services and Development. The raising of funds for its social services projects, particularly for youths who have been forced to stop schooling, is laudable, most laudable.

But why don't they simply collect the pledged contributions of government and private offices? Why do they still oblige all government personnel to participate in a long-distance march to the Luneta very early on a Sunday morning and to listen to a program which, through the many years, has become repetitious, like a broken record?

The employees have to spend precious money to participate. They go to their respective assembly points from their homes. This means transportation money. They put on their office clothes or uniforms which get soiled, the washing of which costs money. After the Luneta program, they return home, again spending for their transportation.

An employee taking part in the silly affair spends not less than P5 to P10 if he lives in Metro Manila. More, if he lives outside. Considering his marginal pay, such an amount means a lot in these days of unaffordable prices.

It might have been all right in previous years, when the employee's government office paid him for participating but now, his office has no more money for this purpose. Except, perhaps, for the well-heeled government corporations, like the GSI, Central Bank and a few other government firms.

The MSSD's fund-raising program for the unfortunate and for the out-of-school youths should continue. But the "Alay Lakad" portion of it should be skipped. The government personnel, who do the "lakad", should be kept out. It's an additional burden for them. Their time wasted in the affair could be put to better use.

Four out of 7 'wonders'

Today and yesterday

By ARMANDO J. MALAY



Lowell Thomas, the famous American traveler, was once asked to list down what he considered the greatest ("most awe-inspiring") man-made structures on earth. I am rather disappointed that of the seven structures he listed, I had seen only four.

But then, that's a better average than most, considering that my opportunities for travel have been rather limited by my work in newspapers and the academe.

Thomas' (personal) list:
 (1) The Great Pyramid in Egypt
 (2) Taj Mahal in India

- (3) Potala in Tibet
- (4) Panama Canal in Central America
- (5) Empire State Building in New York
- (6) St. Peter's Basilica in Rome
- (7) Great Wall in China.

I have not seen the Taj Mahal, Potala, and the Panama Canal. But of the remaining four, I had made some notes in my log book.

The visit of my wife and myself to the Great Pyramid on September 9, 1962 was spoiled by peddlers and camel drivers who kept tugging at my elbow and insisting I buy Egyptian

curios like a camel's saddle (what would I do with a camel's saddle if I have no camel in the Philippines?).

Another fellow insisted we should dine in his restaurant. Saying he was a friend of many Filipinos, he pulled out a long list of names of Filipinos who, he said, had patronized his restaurant.

Even when I openly showed annoyance, the vendors would not leave. I would have wanted to get into the interior of the mammoth pyramid constructed by the Pharaoh Cheops (it took 20 years for hundreds of thousands of slaves to pile

block on top of block), but due to the annoyance, which had changed to anger after an hour, I limited myself to looking up at its height of 450 feet from the base to the tip.

It was a very impressive structure, though; only, I kept thinking of how many millions of slaves throughout the world had labored like animals and died, just so a ruler could satisfy his ego.

When Manila's Film Palace collapsed, burying many workers under its rubble, I remembered the Great Pyramid of Cheops which I saw 23 years ago.

(To be continued)



Politics & politicians

By ERNESTO R. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

Is Jose Diokno out of Bayan?

Jose Wright Diokno is unquestionably one of most brilliant men of his generation. One of the best and brightest. Men like him are hard to find these days, a genius with a heart. He has come to the defense of every victim of government oppression, he has joined every movement that promised to advance the interests of his country, he has been most outspoken in his denunciation of any violation of human rights.

When I was on trial, along with nine others, on a charge of alleged subversion, he appeared in court and conducted an exhaustive and searching cross-examination of the self-anointed No. 1 military witness against the *WE Forum* indictees. Needless to state, he was able to prove that I was guiltless of the crime with which I had been accused. I had not approached him to defend me and no one had requested him to do so. As a matter of fact, it was the first time I had seen him in many, many years. He came to my defense voluntarily and without getting paid for it. Need I say more about what kind of a man Pepe Diokno is?

Senator Diokno's career as a public figure is a matter of common knowledge. He was elected to the Senate as a Nacionalista, and this was at a time when elections were truly reflective of the people's will. He earned his right to his seat in the Senate because among other things, he had courageously and unstintedly demolished the public standing and fortune of a powerful carpetbagger. When he later realized during his Senate tenure that his party was no longer acting in accordance with what he in conscience felt it should, he lost no time in announcing that he was no longer a party-

man. He became an independent.

That's one fact about Pepe Diokno that should be borne in mind by all those who deal with him. The man is absolutely incorruptible, his integrity is unassailable. No one can doubt his intellectual honesty. The best evidence of how much he is loved by his people was the popular reaction to the news that he was sick. Through the years he had built for himself a reservoir of popular good will and affection that is matched by no one in public life today.

It was natural therefore that when the time came for our people to consider the names of the men who could be trusted with our national destiny, his name, like Abou Ben Adhem's, led all the rest ("I pray thee then, Write me as one that loves his fellowmen." And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.) In time he had become the BAYAN's best bet for the Opposition's presidential nomination.

That is, although, as Poole and Vanzi say in "Revolution in the Philippines," he "had ruled himself out as a presidential contender. He said he did not see how anyone in his lifetime would be able to govern a democratic Philippines without at least tacit U.S. backing, and he said he would not get such support since he remained adamant that the big U.S. bases must go. He said he recognized that this attitude ultimately would also make him unacceptable to large numbers of Filipinos, since many had a stake in the American con-



Joke only

By FR. BEN A. CARREON, OMI

Try Jesus Christ for melancholia

Psychologists say we have floating anxieties that bother us now and then and come when we have nothing to do.

We should accept these anxieties graciously. Take it as some internal bleeding to pay for our many inanities and "atrazos." That's one way to convert pain into pure gold for Christ!

The Monk's Inn in Quezon City is a favorite eating place for priests. All the waiters are dressed in monk's habit. The place looks like a monastery complete with bells and candles.

One American visitor jokingly asked a waiter: "Could you bless my rosary?"

Two Japanese tourists ate at an expensive restaurant in Makati. They ordered lobster, champagne and other expensive food.

The bill came to more than P3,000. They didn't have that much cash so they had to call the Japanese Embassy to bail them out.

Man, with hand on TV knob, to wife: "Nancy, do you have anything to say before the basketball game starts?"

"Religion doesn't save," so many evangelists tell us. It's an ambiguous statement, because they mean by religion the organization, or the Church.

But religion's original meaning is "faith or belief in God." If that does not save, what does? Unbelief?

"By their fruits you shall know them," Christ said of believers. There's only one way to find out: What works of love does a Christian sect do?

St. James strongly, insists: "Faith without good works is dead! (James 2,12)"

Anomie or melancholy is the most widespread disease, according to psychologists. Others point to "floating anxieties" that you cannot explain.

Whatever it be, Christ said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened."

Try it. You've got nothing to lose and lots to gain.

Paul Harris has a book, "The Blessed Mary." A rabid Protestant, he claims all the miracles of Lourdes, Fatima and elsewhere can be attributed to the Evil Spirit.

I believe that Paul Harris himself is inspired by that spirit.

Harvey Cox, who wrote the best seller "Secular City," thinks otherwise. Mary has raised womanhood in the Western world and has inspired all women by her chaste and simple ways.

I cannot see how Protestants have to debunk the Mother of Jesus in their hatred of Catholics!

Across the street from the Malolos Cathedral is a movie house showing bomba films.

It happened once that while people in Church were crowning the Virgin Mary, the movie showing next door was "Bomba Queen."

Once more, with feeling

By ESTY JUCO

Happy birthday, Manila!

It is Saturday night as I pound away at the typewriter, to prepare a timely piece for today, June 24, "Araw ng Maynila."

Outside, the winds are howling mad and the rains fall in temper tantrums. Typhoon "Coring" is supposed to be exiting from Philippine territory and is flailing her skirts at the "imperial region" of Ilocos Norte, but the swish of her hemline is sending Manilans to the sick-bay, battling bouts with colds and pneumonia.

(I wonder if those succumbing to the sniffles compounded by some mysterious unnamed "allergies" will have to undergo "tracheotomy" and then go on a "sea journey" aboard the Presidential yacht?)

On my way back home from a "coffee-and-update" session with a visiting foreign correspondent from Radio Suisse based in Tokyo, the taxi I was riding got "savaged" (that means "half-savaged") by a speeding jeepney. The rear lamp got dislodged and drowned somewhere in the swirling floodwaters.

The eloquent vehemence of the taxi driver enriched immeasurably my vocabulary in the vernacular. Also, I got conned into alighting and looking for another cab to enable the warring drivers to engage in "balagtasan-polemics" while the jeepney passengers fumed and fussed and did their own mumbled cursing.

Anyway, there I was, stranded under the

dubious shelter of the LRT which was leaking at various points down Taft Avenue, between Pedro Gil and Malvar Streets. I couldn't seek safety under store awnings along the sidewalks because these (the sidewalks) were buried under menacing flood waters.

There was just that island of "high-rise" which also had little lagoons of water-filled potholes, plus one or two dripping waterfalls from the LRT weep overhead.

And everytime a speeding vehicle went past on either side, there was the inevitable "tidal wave" mercilessly spurring out from under the careening tires. *Aaaa-CHOO!* Happy birthday, Manila!

It looks like the menfolk are taking over Manila once more. "La Gobernadora-Governess" *Pers Ledi* seems to be in the mood to keep a low profile for the time being, thus relegating to Metro Manila Vice-Governess Mel Mathay the dubious honor of manning the ramparts for the present. (So he gets the brunt of the curses and the complaints during this terrible "season of (dis) -grace" characterized by typhoons, floods, uncollected garbage, sickness, poverty, unemployment and *blah! blah! blah-souffle!*)

My good friend Raul (no, not the one based

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Ni AVE PEREZ JACOB

Kailan ang kaarawan ni Rajah Soliman?

A RAW ng Maynila, pare ko.

Sa mga taong mahilig sa saya at aliw, ang araw na itong pista rin ng patrong si San Juan ay hindi makalilig-taang okasyon para sa mapambuskang pagsasaboy ng tubig (mabuti kung hindi galing sa kanal at imburnal, hindi gaanong nakabubuwisit kung walang amoy at walang dumi, ang ipampapaligo nang hindi oras sa kapwa), maingay na lasingan at nakabubundat na lalakan. Sa madaling salita, para sa kanila ay talagang selebrasyon ng pista itong ika-24 ng Hunyo sa Maynila gayundin sa lahat ng municipalidad na pinapatnubayan daw ng rebulto ni San Juan.

Kahit paano'y kilala natin ang santong ito. Siya yaong nagbinyag kay Kristo sa Ilog ng Jordan, hindi ba, pare ko? Kaya nga ba sa pagdriwang ng kanyang araw, kasamang naging kaugalian sa Pilipinas ang pagsa-

sabuyan ng tubig na, kung tayo ang tatanungin, ay sasabihin nating isang maanomalyang pagsasadula ng ginawa ni San Juan Bautista sa Anak ng Diyos. Alam din natin kung bakit sa pista ni San Juan sabay ipinagdiriwang ang Araw ng Maynila. Kasi, 414 na taon na ang nakalilipas, matapos magapi ng conquistador na si Legazpi ang rajah o hari ng Maynila na si Soliman, upisyal na sinakop at itinatag ng kolonyalistang mga Kastila ang tinawag nilang **Distinguished and Ever Loyal City.**

Hanggang sa panahong ito ng maalab na pakikibaka ng mga bansa sa Ikatlong Daigdig na kinabibilangan ng Pilipinas laban sa paninil at pagsasamantala ng mga dayuhan - paghahari ng banyagang mga imperyalista at lokal na mga aso nila sa katutubong kultura, huwag nang banggitin pa sa larangan ng ekonomya at pulitika - ay

nag-uulol pa rin ang pananalig ng maraming Pilipino sa piyudal at baliw na mga pakulo, gaya'ng nitong Araw ng Maynila raw.

Kailangan bang ipagdiriwang sa habang panahon ang pangyayari na ang katutubong hari ng Maynila sampu ng kanyang mga kalipi ay naging mga alipin at busabos ng mapanalakay na mga Kastila? Kung gayon, ang mga Manilenyo sa partikular ay isang tambak ng sagad-sagaring mga masokista. Dapat bang ikatuwa ngayon at kailanman na ang Maynila ay bininyagan ng taguring "Mabunyi at Lalaging Matapat na Lunsod"? Mabunyi... okey, ayos. Nguniit "Lalaging Matapat" kanino

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Just propaganda tactics

Sir:

I have read the speech of Commodore Brillante Ochoco where he said that he agrees with the goal of the AFP We Belong movement but he does not agree with their tactics.

Frankly, I think those people are more interested in getting promoted than in reforming the armed forces.

Their tactics are just like the ones used by politicians and movie actors: publicity gimmicks.

The result is that the issue is now something like a circus with the AFP as the clowns and that includes the We Belong group because they belong to the AFP.

I know that the military should be reformed in many ways. But I agree with Commodore Ochoco that this should have been handled without the unnecessary propaganda gimmickry which has caused the common people to

lose their respect for the AFP even more.

For your information, I am a retired enlisted man and I was always proud of my service in the armed forces. But now, even my children are wondering if I was not also abusive. The We Belong have smeared the reputation of the entire AFP to achieve their selfish objectives.

Domingo Donaire
Mandaluyong, MM

Bataan Welga saluted

Sir:

We salute and strongly support the three-day Welgang Bayan staged by the people of Bataan to dramatize their protest against the construction and impending operation of the deadly monster that is the Bataan nuclear power plant.

We commend their firm and determined resolve to continue opposing the licensing of this expensive death machine despite government maneuvers to operate the plant, even at the cost of wiping out all traces of the province from the map, and along with it, its people.

For the people's firm position to waver at this point is to push the button that will annihilate an entire people and destroy their homes and properties, a catastrophe whose effects will be felt in neighboring provinces immediately and for years to come, and will plague future generations in the form of infant mortality and birth defects because of radioactive wombs.

Now, more than ever, the combined strength of a people long disregarded from determining its own fate becomes crucial. History has shown that the people can rely on themselves to secure meaningful changes in their struggle for national liberation.

We now call on all freedom-loving people of Bataan to remain vigilant in the struggle against the nuclear plant and against all forms of oppression. Let the Welgang Bayan be a show of wrath of a people who have suffered too long.

ROLANDO M. OLALIA
Chairman, KMU

Narvasa's behavior disappointing

Sir:

Dean Andres Narvasa excused himself from further participating in the prosecution of the Aquino-Galman case saying that everything that was supposed to be done by him had been done.

When Rebecca Quijano revealed last June 6 that Dean Narvasa cross-examined her in a simulated or mock trial in Narvasa's house, requiring her to view the "composite" video created by Jose Marie Gonzales, to listen to the Sandra Burton tape, and given "lectures" on the Agrava reports, many of us were disappointed over the behaviour of the venerable Dean.

We never thought he was capable of "cloak-and-dagger" operations. And to think that Quijano stayed with Dean Narvasa for three days and three nights. What has become of our values!

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Nuke plant safety problems

Meltdown! Meltdown!

March 28, 1979, in central Pennsylvania, USA. What began as a minor problem — a stuck valve — escalated into the most ominous accident in the history of the 25-year-old nuclear industry.

It was found out that the stuck valve and inadequately-trained operators of the Three Mile Island's unit 2 resulted in overheating in the reactor, generating heat registered at 5,100 degrees and creating a huge radioactive steam that drifted down to the populous Pennsylvania countryside.

Six years after the accident, it was determined that at Three Mile Island nearly occurred the worst accident that can hit a nuclear plant — a meltdown. Indeed, a partial meltdown occurred.

No one died in the TMI incident but it sparked a worldwide reevaluation of the safety problems besetting the nuclear industry.

Meltdown. This means the loss of cooling water in the reactor. The uncovered fuel rods would then reach extraordinary heat, soon melting the fuel rods themselves right through the reactor vessel.

Ultra hot radioactive materials will drop to the floor of the chamber then burn deep into the earth, conceivably

right through the core of the globe, the so-called China syndrome.

To deal with abnormal situations such as this, nuclear plants are equipped with multiple safety devices which are supposedly fail-safe.

These credible accidents were classified into eight categories, from trivial mishaps (or Class One) to major disruptions (Class Eight). The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission safety analysts concluded that even in the worst Class Eight accidents, plant safety systems would forestall any serious damage.

However, in the nuclear industry, there is yet another category.

It is a catch-all category known as Class Nine which lumps together all "hypothetical" circumstances that are potentially catastrophic but deemed "incredible" accidents that supposedly could not happen.

What happened at the TMI reactor was a Class Nine accident. And it proved to the world and to nuclear proponents that there are no incredible occurrences in the field of nuclear plant operations.

The National Power Corp., operators of the Philippine

By NORA O. GAMOLO
(Sixth of a series)

Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP), however, refuses to acknowledge damage to the reactor core as a possible accident.

According to an NPC information material, "the worst possible accident that can happen in a nuclear power plant would be the release of radioactivity."

True, an accident like this would be pre-empted by the multiple barriers within the design of the plant.

These include the fuel pellets, the safety rods, the reactor vessel itself which is made of solid steel approximately five inches thick, and the huge containment building which is approximately 200 feet high and has walls three feet thick made of steel and reinforced concrete.

All these structures are specifically designed to ensure that the radioactivity in the fuel is contained inside the plant.

But what if a Class Nine, an "incredible accident," does happen?

On July 3, 1979, Dr. Edwin X. Berry of California prepared a study for the Center for Development Policy on the transport of a radioactive gas plume released from the PNPP in Bataan. Berry showed that

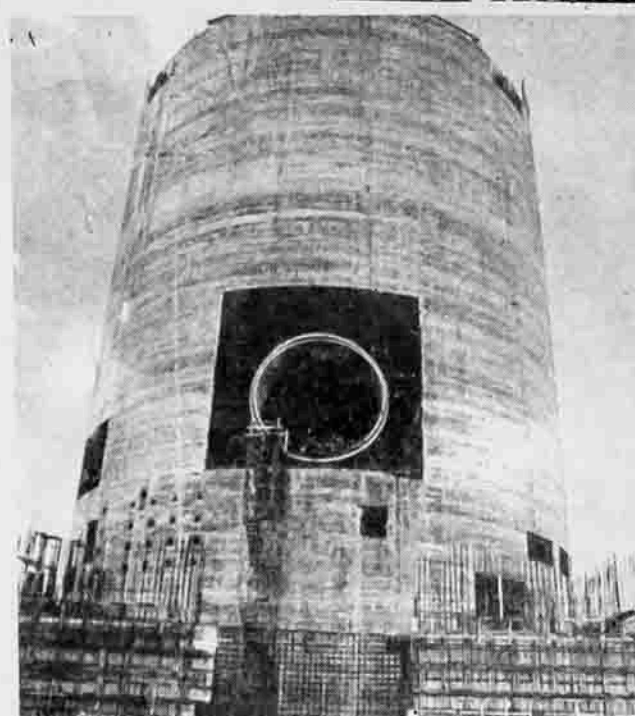
two wind patterns (the southwest and west-northwest flows) would transport a plume directly to populated areas.

There is also a diurnal flow commonplace in the summer which is also dangerous. Berry found that during the summer months, there was an 86 per cent likelihood that the wind would blow a radioactive plume from the Bataan site into populated areas of Manila, Subic Bay or Clark Air Base or all three.

There are about nine million people in the Metro Manila area which is 65 kilometers away from the plant; 261,000 in the Bataan peninsula, 18,400 American military personnel at Clark Air Base and 13,000 at Subic Naval Base.

A typical flow pattern during the summer would be an evening flow expelling the radioactive plume to the sea followed by mid-morning sea breezes which would return the plume about 12 hours later back to land.

The results of Berry's study showed that "wind flow patterns that would transport a Bataan plume to Manila, Subic Bay or Clark Air Base may be expected to occur approximately 24 per cent of the time in spring, 86 per cent in summer, 28 per cent in the fall and seven per cent in winter, for an annual



NUCLEAR PLANT reactor building under construction

occurrence frequency of 37 per cent."

In addition, Berry noted that a marine inversion of 10 degrees Celsius would typically exist during the monsoon or summer season mornings. An inversion is a rise in atmospheric temperature with increasing altitude.

This inversion would limit the vertical dispersion of the radioactive plume. The morning inversion would be broken by ground heating and convection, followed typically by rain showers which would bring the

particles back to the ground.

Thus, the summertime would "be expected to expose populated areas to higher particle concentrations than other seasons of the year."

Berry also mentioned that thunderstorms would spread the plume even more. Slightly more than sixty thunderstorm days are anticipated for the site region each year with the greatest frequency of these storms between May through October.

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Crime for fun

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The letters "FFF" were spray-painted along Ventura Boulevard, a glittering strip better known for its Rolls Royce dealership and sushi bars than for gangs' graffiti.

The affluent teenagers who painted the letters form groups that "are more like secret societies of the Middle Ages than gangs. They glory in anarchy and destruction," said detective Paul Bishop.

Police call them "rat packs." They come from exclusive neighborhoods where enter-

tainers such as Michael Jackson and Steve Allen live — their parents give them everything money can buy.

But these teenagers would rather steal what they want — they believe crime is the thing to do, said Bishop, a veteran juvenile officer.

They take luxury cars, clothes and anything of value they can resell after plundering the homes of their parents' friends in the comfortable suburbs of the west San Fernando valley.

Sudden changes in travel plans

NEW YORK (AP) — Some Americans and others are changing their summer travel plans because of the hijacking of TWA flight 847 and President Ronald Reagan's warning about safety at the Athens airport, travel organizations reported.

"We've had people canceling their travel plans all week-

end, and the president's message has precipitated more cancellations this morning. There's no question about it," said Joseph H. Stallbaum of Bartlett Travel Service in Philadelphia.

"This year has been touted as the biggest year for European travel ever," said Howard Fine, president of Miami-based Costa Cruises. "It (the hijacking) is

affecting the first-time travellers who are a little more skittish than the veteran traveler."

Pan American World Airways announced that it was temporarily suspending flights between the United States and Athens because of the security problems.

Since Monday, travel agents have booked 450 berths on

Costa Ships "specifically transferring over from cruises that left from Athens," said Fine.

About 500,000 Americans had been expected to arrive in Greece this summer and nearly all arrive at the Athens airport aboard the 10 daily flights by Pan Am, TWA and Olympic Airways, the Greek airline.

WE FORUM
Chronicle

By NORA O. GAMOLO

Today in history:

Laurel elected

June 24, 1984 — Minority opposition groups choose Jose B. Laurel of Batangas to serve as minority floor leader of the Batasang Pambansa.

Pag-Ibig fund

June 24, 1983 — The First Lady, Mrs. Imelda Marcos, announces that the Pag-ibig fund membership will be expanded to include Filipinos working abroad.

Protest

June 24, 1980 — Thailand protests invasion of Vietnamese troops to the United Nations.

Jabidah

June 24, 1968 — President Marcos is asked by the House of Representatives to disband the Jabidah special forces following a massacre of its trainees in Corregidor Island during the course of their training.

MP says coco loan unwarranted

By GIRLIE B. HUBILLA

A few months ago, the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF) started negotiating with the World Bank for a \$50-million loan to finance the PCA's coconut replanting program.

PCA said that the agency had run out of funds and has

to resort to foreign borrowings to maintain the beneficial program.

It involves the replacement of senile coconut trees with the "high yielding and precocious MAWA variety."

But can the PCA and the MAF justify the need to further burden the overtaxed

Filipino people with this however needed program?

Opposition Assemblyman Cesar Bolanos of the coconut-rich Quezon province maintains that the loan being negotiated is "unconstitutional, unwarranted and highly questionable."

Bolanos explained to WE Forum that the PCA under PD 582 was able to collect billions of pesos in coconut levies from November 1974 to August 1982.

According to him, the levy collection implemented to finance the nationwide coconut replanting program was P20.00 for every domestic sale of 100 kg. of copra or its equivalent in husked nuts.

He cited figures published by a newspaper in 1980 that the PCA's collection amounted to some P2.2 bil-

lion.

Bolanos contends that the levy collection plus aggregate levy collections for various purposes will reach the hefty sum of P4.25 billion.

Aside from this, Bolanos said, from November 1983 to December 1985, P406.25 million or 10 per cent of the collection from the export tax on coconuts was added to the replanting funds.

Bolanos added that basing on the speech of Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile that the cost of replanting 30,000 hectares was only P459.6 million and only P100 million was used to finance the operation and maintenance of the hybrid seednut farm in Bunsuk, then the PCA must still be holding more than one-half of the collections.



ISRAEL TO FREE 31 SHIITES

JERUSALEM, June 23 (AFP) — Israel announced today that it would release 31 Lebanese Shiite prisoners tomorrow as a goodwill gesture aimed at breaking the deadlock in talks for the release of 40 US hostages held in Beirut.

Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin made the announcement in an interview with the US television network CBS and this was later confirmed by the Prime Minister's office.

Informed sources said the move was aimed at reassuring the United States that Israel was not insensitive to the plight of the 40 US hostages held in Beirut by hijackers of a Trans World Airlines jet.

But they stressed that this was in no way a concession to the air pirates, who are demanding the release of 766 Shiites held in a northern Israeli jail at Atlit.

In Beirut, Nabih Berri, head of the powerful Shiite militia Amal which is believed to be holding most of the US captives in different locations, said the Israeli gesture did not meet the hijackers' demands.

"The (hijackers') demand involves a global solution," said Amal Politburo member Ghassan Siblani.

Until now, Israel had said it would not budge until it received an official request from Washington for the release of the hostages.

Washington had refused to do so, saying it would not bow to terrorist demands. But it had also described as "illegal" and contrary to the Geneva conventions on war prisoners the recent transfer of the Shiite prisoners to Israel when Israeli troops withdrew from South Lebanon.

The Israelis have insisted that they have always intended to free the Shiites, but only by taking into account "security conditions" in southern Lebanon.

Police detain 130 suspects

KATMANDU (AP) — Authorities questioned suspects Sunday about possible links with a revolutionary group that claimed responsibility for bombings it said were aimed at overthrowing the absolute monarchy of Nepal.

There was no official comment on the authenticity of the claim of the group Janwani Morcha or revolutionary front, delivered to two Indian newspapers and the Press Trust of India (PTI) agency.

"The investigation is going on from all sides," Tek. B. Khatri, communications ministry secretary, told the Associated Press. "Many people have been arrested and are being interrogated," he said.

Police said about 130 persons have been detained for interrogation about the blasts that killed 7 persons and injured at least 27 others last

week in the capital of the Hindu Himalayan Kingdom and three towns along the border with India.

In a statement carried Saturday in the Calcutta Telegraph newspaper and Sunday in the Express and PTI, the Janwadi Morcha said it set off the explosions at the royal palace, parliament, luxury hotel, and other targets.

"With these nationwide explosions, a great revolution has been launched," said the Hindi-language statement delivered to the New Delhi news offices. "We have embarked on the revolutionary path to overthrow the monarchy. This is a fight to the finish."

The group said it wanted to overthrow King Birendra, establish a democratic republic, abolish private property and attain "economic equality and liberty."

AMAL WARNING: RETURN HOSTAGES TO HIJACKERS

BEIRUT, June 23 (AFP) — A Shiite militia leader today reiterated his warning that Amal would return the hostages from the TWA jet to the initial fundamentalist hijackers if negotiations remained deadlocked.

"We have the impression of being up against a wall. If we see we can do nothing, we will hand back the American passengers to the hijackers," Hassan Siblani, one of Amal leader Nabih Berri's close advisors, told Agence France-Presse.

"Then it will be their turn to be up against the wall," he said, warning that "the worst could happen."

He said that neither Amal nor the hijackers had fixed a deadline for the Shiite movement's mediating role, but "when we really feel we can do nothing more, we will give up."

He stressed that the hijackers had dropped all but one of their original demands and were now calling only for the release of Lebanese Shiites held in Israel.

He said the hijackers would not free the American hostages in exchange for guarantees that the Shiite prisoners would be released later, but would agree only to a "simultaneous exchange."

He also warned that if the United States tried to use military force to free the hostages, "they will not recover the passengers, but their bodies."

In Paris, the Israeli ambassador Hovadia Soffer indirectly implicated the Soviet Union in the hijacking.

In an interview with *Le Journal Du Dimanche*, he said the hijacking was an "action by Syria, pushed by a superpower" and intended to destabilize the Middle East and damage US and western interests.

World's biggest fruit tart, 5.2 m

MENTON, France, June 23 (AFP) — High-school students in this Mediterranean coastal town have cooked the world's largest fruit tart, a lemon-laden monster pastry 5.20 meters (17 feet) across.

Guy Schramm, former pastry chef aboard the luxury liner *France*, directed night-long operations to whip up the ingredients.

The lemon tart steam-rolled the previous record, held by a mere 4.6-meter (14 feet) wide cherry tart.

What does one need to get into the record books? Just 200 kilos (440) pounds of flour, 140 kilos (308 pounds) of lemons, 50 kilos (110 pounds) of sugar, 30 kilos (66 pounds) of butter, 1,200 egg whites, 750 yolks and 80 liters (18 gallons) of milk.

Pieces of the pie, which was made yesterday, were sold on holiday beaches.

Wanted: policewoman for Princess Diana

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana could become the first member of Britain's royal family to be protected by a woman bodyguard because she apparently regarded her last four male minders as unsuitable, news reports said Sunday.

Several British newspapers predicted that one of Scotland Yard's 2,508 policewomen would be chosen as the next personal, armed guard for the 23-year-old princess by its royalty and diplomatic protection department.

The weekly *Sunday Telegraph* said police inspector John Brownridge, 43, was told last week that his services were no longer required at Kensington Palace, the London home of Princess Diana and Prince Charles, heir to the British throne.

Brownridge was the fourth male bodyguard to depart since the couple became engaged four years ago.

Scotland Yard, London's police force, said in a statement Saturday night that candidates should be intelligent, fluent in several languages, top-class marksmen, under 30 years and single — because of the amount of traveling involved.

But it added that male officers would also be considered for the post.

"We are an equal opportunities employer and will accept any officer for protection duties regardless of sex," it said.

GLOBAL GLANCE

We are the World

PAPER BARES FOUR-POINT PLAN

BEIRUT, June 23 (AFP) — The Lebanese daily paper *An Nahar* today published details of a proposed four-point plan to end the plight of 40 American hostages from the hijacked TWA jet still being held here.

An Nahar quoting an unidentified diplomatic source said the plan had been proposed by Switzerland, Austria and the International Red Cross. However both the US government and the Shiite Amal group in Beirut have denied knowledge of the proposals.

An Nahar said the plan proposed that in the first place the hostages aboard the TWA jet seized on June 14 would be set free. This would be followed by:

— A statement from the United States condemning violations of international rights, which would cover hijackings and the detention of Lebanese prisoners in the Israeli camp of Atlit.

— The opening of talks, limited to a week at the most, between the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Israel on the liberation of the Shiite detainees.

— Finally, the Lebanese government would impose tough security measures at Beirut airport to prevent further hijackings.

An Nahar said it "would not be a bad outcome" to the Beirut hostage crisis, adding that the US ambassador in Lebanon had sent details of the plan to Washington.

BEIRUT (AP) — The Shiite hijackers of the TWA jetliner at Beirut airport regularly throw open the door and fire a few shots at nothing in particular.

But in a country where everyone has lived with gunfire for 10 years, the hijackers' antics go almost unnoticed as the drama of TWA flight 847 settles into a daily routine.

Armed men walk into the plane parked on the apron and different gunmen come out — creating great confusion as to who exactly the original hijackers are and who's holding the three American crewmen aboard the plane.

The voices crackling on the control tower are also different, but they all introduce themselves as "Abu Firas," the name of a famous Arab poet centuries ago.

Officials at the tower, surrounded by obsolete and rusting navigation equipment, respond to the gunmen with respect laced with a tinge of fear.

To the hijackers crisp orders they say "Yes sir. At once." When the gunmen shout in anger, as they often do, they are submissive.

In between coping with the hijackers' demands, they have to talk to the pilots of incoming and outgoing flights of Middle East Airlines, Lebanon's national carrier and the only airline that still uses what has become the world's most dangerous airport.

DE LOREAN CHARGES CONSERVATIVES

DETROIT, June 23 (AFP) — John de Lorean, former boss of a British government-financed Ulster sportscar factory which went bust, accused the British Conservative Party today of employing US and British intelligence agents to implicate him in a drugs ring.

De Lorean, who was acquitted last August of alleged cocaine trafficking after a much-publicized trial, asserted in an interview with the *Detroit Free Press* newspaper that his business partner, Gordon Novel, a former detective, had "serious" proof of Britain's ruling Conservative Party's role.

He also accused the conservatives of driving his car factory out of business.

A federal court is currently examining claims by the factory's creditors that De Lorean took millions of dollars from the company's investors.

Novel has said he would clear De Lorean of these accusations, and incriminate the British Conservative Party, when he produced the proof at the end of this week in a press conference in Rome. The proof was said to include documents, photographs and 36 hours of tape recordings.

The two partners said they were planning a new factory in Columbus, Ohio, where \$85,000 "Firestar 500" sports cars would be built.

SCATTER MENGELE'S BONES

TEL AVIV (AP) — A twin who survived cruel genetic experiments by Nazi doctor Josef Mengele said Sunday she wanted his bones scattered over the ocean so his family could not visit his grave.

Miriam Tzeiger said an organization of twins who survived Mengele's treatment do not believe Mengele is dead, despite increasingly conclusive indications that the skeleton exhumed two weeks ago in Brazil was that of the Nazi fugitive.

"But if it becomes clear beyond a doubt that this is in

fact Mengele's body, my personal request is not to bring him to burial but to scatter his bones in the ocean so that his family does not have a grave, just like my family doesn't and those whose families died in the concentration camps in Europe," she said on Israel Radio.

Police in Sao Paulo, Brazil, have said the bones will be put at the disposal of the Mengele family, and if the family doesn't want them they will be reburied in the same grave from which they were exhumed.

COSSIGA ITALY'S NEXT PRESIDENT

ROME (AP) — Leaders of the dominant Christian Democrat Party announced Sunday they were unanimously proposing for president Francesco Cossiga, a two-time premier and now senate president — practically assuring him election as head of state.

The recommendation, by the party's ruling council, was expected to be approved later in the day when the 365 "great electors" from the Christian

Democrats vote by secret ballot on the party's nomination.

Italy's president is elected to a 7-year term by 1,011 "great electors" — members of the Senate, chamber of deputies and representatives from the country's 20 regions.

The Christian Democrats have reportedly worked out agreement with other parties that Italy's 8th president should be a Christian Democrat, Italy's largest party.

President Sandro Pertini, an 88-year-old socialist, said he did not want to serve another term.

'Dallas' star weds

DALLAS, Texas (AP) — The ceremony started 20 minutes late, but the wedding between actress Victoria Principal and Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Harry Glassman otherwise went off without a hitch Saturday evening.

Only family members and close friends were allowed at the wedding at the Mansion, one of Dallas' most exclusive hotels. But about 50 photographers and almost as many onlookers waited outside for glimpse of Miss Principal, who played Bobby Ewing's wife, Pam, on the TV series, "Dallas."

After the ceremony, the actress, 36, and her husband, 42, appeared briefly on a hotel balcony and waved to onlookers.

The vows were exchanged under a bower of ivy and gardenias in the hotel's garden room. A flutist played for the ceremony, performed by James K. Allen, associate justice of



the Dallas county court of appeals. The reception also was at the Mansion.

The 20-minute delay was caused by a misunderstanding between Allen and the couple, hotel spokeswoman Julia Sweeney said.

"They thought the judge had not arrived, but he had," she said. "He was waiting in another room."

The Mansion is the summer home for the actress while she is filming episodes of *Dallas*. Ms. Principal also lived at the hotel last summer, Ms. Sweeney said.

'The Boatman' vs 'Scorpio Nights'

By DANNY T. VIBAS

As the sex movie "Scorpio Nights" goes on its second week SRO run at the Manila Film Center (MFC), its audience, braving the rains and the traffic jam, another sex movie is scheduled to open in Metro Manila theaters this week. It is "The Boatman" — which also enjoyed jampack audiences when shown for several weeks early this year at the MFC.

What is scheduled to be shown starting June 27 is a censor-approved version of the movie which stars Sarsi Emmanuelle, Ronnie Lazaro, Josephine Manuel, and a foreign actress. It will be released not by Amacom which produced it for the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP), but by V-3 Films, a new outfit which is also all set to produce "Napakasakit, Kuya Eddie," starring Janice de Belen and Aga Muhlach, with Lino Brocka directing.

"The Boatman" is directed by the US-educated Tikoy Aguiluz, and like "Scorpio Nights," the film became controversial due to its graphic sex scenes. Several critics praised the movie as a whole and was even lauded by no less than National Artist Nick Joaquin.

Controversy seemed to cloud "The Boatman" as after several weeks run at the MFC, showing was stopped due to the protests of various conservative groups. The film also later got into trouble with the censors — the Board of Review for Motion Pictures and Television (BRMPT) — when it was submitted to them for approval before it can be shown in the regular theaters.

The BRMPT allegedly cut up portions of the movie not only from the print submitted to them but also from the master negative. Amacom sued the BRMPT for P5-million damage to the master negative, and also filed a separate criminal case against the BRMPT chairman, Maria Kalaw Katigbak and her deputy.

Whatever happened to the legal tussles and the movie's fate at the hands of the censors, nobody's saying. Not even Aguiluz himself who has just come back from attending several international film festivals where "The Boatman" was shown either as a competing entry or as a guest movie in special screenings. One of these festivals was the recently concluded Cannes in France.

"I don't want to talk about the problems 'The Boatman' had with the censors and about how different is the version



Sarsi Emmanuelle and Ronnie Lazaro in "The Boatman" together with director (Boy Toro) Tikoy Aguiluz.

they finally approved to be shown at regular theaters. I don't think Amacom and myself as the film's director still have the right to talk about those things. That's now the right of the releasing company," Aguiluz told WE Forum last Saturday (June 22) night.

He has not seen the censored version but he maintained that whatever the censors did with the film, he would not complain. Although he did not directly say it, he apparently has a print of the uncensored version, and it must be the copy he brought to the foreign festivals and will be bringing to the other festivals he has been invited to, such as those in Venice (Italy) and in Montreal (Canada).

It is obvious, though, that Aguiluz cares about his movie, especially the original version. In the middle of this interview he remembered how negatively, according to him, columnist Alice Guillermo reviewed the movie.

Bristled Aguiluz: "Your Alice Guillermo assailed not only the movie but also my morality as its director. I think she said something like 'The Boatman' was immoral and it could have only been directed by an immoral person. Hers was the only negative review that really offended me because I did not expect her at all to react that way towards the

movie. I've been reading her before she reviewed my movie and I was of the impression that she has a mind and that she is very progressive. But I know now that she is progressive only politically but not sexually, or not in her attitude towards sex movies. It must be the feminist in her or the fact that she must be sexually unhappy. I can't be sure about how conservative or liberal her sex life is because I don't know her as a person. But if she bothered to watch the movie, shouldn't she have at least given the movie an A for the efforts of all the people involved in it. After all, a lot of critics who said negative things about 'Boatman' appreciated the craftsmanship behind it. Only your Alice Guillermo had nothing good to say about it and yet she bothered to even write about it, and expose her unprogressive mind about sex and sex movies!"

Aguiluz amiably went on with the interview, however.

"There's another reason I want to stop thinking and talking about 'The Boatman' — I'm actually preparing now to do my next movie. If I don't detach myself from all the problems that 'The Boatman' had and might still have while it's being shown here, I'd never be able to concentrate on my new project," revealed Aguiluz.

He said his new project is a



suspense-thriller which he has especially conceptualized for Rudy Fernandez as its main star. "I've approached one of Rudy's producers and asked him to initially sound off Rudy about the project. Apparently, I was not able to explain fully well to the producer the concept of the movie because when I called him up later, he said Rudy did not sound too keen about the project. I plan to see Rudy myself sometime this week so I can fully explain to him the movie's concept. I'm actually very convinced that only Rudy can give justice to the concept of the movie I have in mind. If my explanation to him fails to convince him, then I would have no choice but to drop the concept altogether and to think of a new movie for somebody else," explained Aguiluz.

Knowing that piracy of movie ideas is common in movie circles in Manila, Aguiluz refused to reveal further the gist of the movie and also its title. He probably plans to have the movie's storyline and title copyrighted before revealing these things to the public. He

went on to say, though: "I have in mind a gangster movie in which only Rudy will be the popular star, and everybody else nameless but competent stage actors and actresses. It's not going to be a low-budget movie, though, and definitely not a quickie. I will execute it as meticulously as I did 'The Boatman.' Music will be very important to the movie and I'm refining the movie's concept with my core staff of three people with the music very vitally integrated to the movie. Even the future editor of the movie is working very closely with me now in writing the first draft of the movie's script."

But why a suspense thriller after a sex thriller? "It's because Hitchcock is one of my major idol filmmakers. Besides, Manila inspires me to do a gangster film. It abounds with locales that are perfect settings for gangster movies. No one has to go far to shoot a gangster movie."

Meanwhile, "The Boatman" is the last of the movies announced and publicized to be shown in Metro Manila theaters beginning June 27. Two

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Minus-one innovation

Ivory Records now comes out with another music innovation — the Ivory Records Multiplex. Voice or minus-one convertible, the Ivory Records Multiplex separates the voice and minus-one in the left and right channel of the music system. One can turn the balance control to the extreme right to sing to the minus-one. Vocal guide of the song comes out as the balance control is turned the other way. Mixed voice and minus-one version for pleasurable listening is attained when balance control is set at the middle or when played in monaural sound system.

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Sightings

By ALICE G. GUILLERMO

Painful choices

In more ways than one, *Miguelito, Ang Batang Rebelde*, directed by Lino Brocka, and *Hinugot sa Langit*, directed by Ishmael Bernal have their similarities as they have their differences. Both serious and superior films, they deal with the coming of age of two young people, in the first, Miguelito (Aga Muhlach), the pampered teenage son of a Laguna despot, and in the other Carmen (Maricel Soriano), a pretty young girl starting a life and career.

The town of Rojas, Laguna has long suffered under the iron hand of the mayor Ven Herrera (Eddie Garcia) who, from no other motive than boredom and self-aggrandizement, launches his candidacy for the Batasan. His character is first revealed when he lectures his son on the macho code that he lives by which treats women as play things and halfwits to be deceived. Auring (Nida Blanca) makes her appearance as the aggrieved woman whom Herrera has unjustly sent to jail to cover up their relationship in order to make him free to marry Cristina (Gloria Romero) of the town's richest family. Auring is determined to seek justice and expose Herrera during the crucial period of his candidacy, and at the same time to reveal the truth to Miguelito, her son with Herrera. The latter mobilizes his staff of hired goons to keep tabs on Auring and to harass her in order to dissuade her from seeking restitution. The change in Miguelito's character from a docile to rebellious teenager is effected by the revelation of who his real mother is and of the deception and injustice done her by his father. From that moment on, he chooses Auring's side against her father. His accusation, however, is simple: *Sinungaling ka! Sinira mo ang buhay ng ina ko!* As such, his perception seems to be limited to the personalistic level of his relationship as son to his father and real mother and does not seem to rise to the larger social level of the corrupt and hypocritical system revolving around his mayor father who has constantly made use of terrorism, bribery, and suppression of speech and human rights to maintain himself in power.

The moral issues in the film are spelled out clearly: the steadfast courage of Auring, and the new sense of justice in Miguelito are contrasted with the venality and fascist brutality of Herrera. From these conditions, the action picks up momentum when Auring is abducted, then joined by Miguelito and builds up to the

final shoot-out. It is Herrera's mistress, played by Beth Bautista, who manages to shoot him fatally and Miguelito still shows enough filial sentiment left to embrace the slimy old beast.

How much of a rebel is Miguelito? Such a sweet and cherubic face as his can only leave a trail of weeping mothers, real or surrogate, in its path. His new-found cause for justice is inextricably bound up with the call of kin and does not disengage itself from the personal and familial into a larger social context. His decisions are few, such as joining his mother and thereby defying his father, but he himself does not plot out strategies or assume a more active and social role.

In *Hinugot sa Langit*, the moral issues are ambiguous and open-ended. Carmen Castro (Maricel Soriano) gets pregnant by Jerry (Al Tantay), a young married male whom she has unfortunately fallen in love with, while her boyfriend Bobby (William Martinez) is away in Davao. Her character change is gradual as she goes through the severe emotional turmoil of deciding whether or not she will undergo an abortion. It is a crisis which makes her confront herself, her numerous fears and anxieties, and at her lowest point, she attempts suicide. The crisis likewise brings out the sense of honesty in her when she does not take the easy way out by marrying her boyfriend, who is ignorant of her condition and whom moreover she does not love. With him, she feels that she is but the necessary element for the ordered and well-regulated life that he envisions. Carmen is influenced by several strong characters that are interesting for their contradictions: her landlady Ate Juling (Charito Solis) who is a religious freak but is completely indifferent to the plight of the poor squatters on her property, her friend Stella (Amy Austria) who lectures her on the ways of "liberated woman": "Keep on moving, baby!" as she coolly dismisses her boyfriends, while she herself later goes on a self-destructive and violent binge when she is spurned by the man she loves. Religious fanaticism in the case of Juling is shown as bound up by a deep and secret sense of guilt, at the same time that its other worldly posture blinds it to the needs of fellow human beings.

It is with a fine balancing act that the film tackles the issue of abortion. Carmen chooses to

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Amy Austria and Maricel Soriano in "Hinugot".



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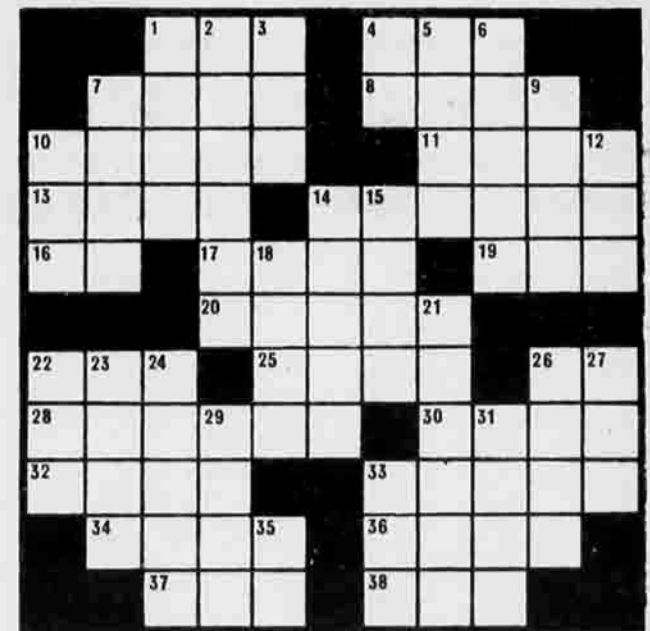
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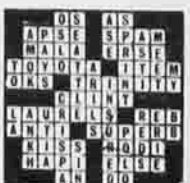
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Friday's solution

3rd worst air disaster

DUBLIN, June 23 (AP) — An Air India Boeing 747 with 329 persons onboard crashed into the Atlantic Ocean southwest off Ireland today and rescue officials said there was little hope of finding any survivors.

In New Delhi, Indian Minister of State for Civil Aviation Ashok Gehlot said a mid-air explosion aboard flight AI-182 was being considered "in view of the fact that the wreckage is spread over eight KMS (five miles).

Rescue officials said Irish, Spanish, Singaporean and Panamanian vessels had picked up 75 bodies so far, including those of three women and a girl which were flown by helicopter to Cork airport, in southwestern Ireland.

Informed sources in Dublin said Irish rescue vessels had detected automatic signals from the aircraft's "black box,"

which records all movements and incidents aboard, in an area with depths of 750 meters (2,250 feet).

The Air India Jumbo Jet, en route from Montreal to London on a Toronto-to-Bombay flight, disappeared off the radar screens 150 KMS (90 miles) southwest of Ireland, at 8:30 a.m. (0730 GMT), officials at Shannon airport and the Air India office in London said.

An Air India spokesman in London said most of the 307 passengers and 22 men aboard the plane, named "Kanishka", were Indian nationals.

One air controller at Shannon airport said the jetliner, which had been flying at 9,400 meters (31,000 feet), dropped out of the sky "like a stone."

A British Royal Air Force (RAF) pilot, flight Lieutenant Paul Reardon, reported sighting an oil slick more than one KM long at the site of the crash

NEW DELHI (AP) — India's civil aviation chief said Sunday that sabotage was "a distinct possibility" as the cause for the crash of an Air India jet which went down off the Irish coast with 325 persons aboard.

Minister of State for civil aviation Ashok Gehlot made the statement to the Associated Press before a scheduled press conference in wake of the crash, the worst in India's civil aviation history.

In a statement to be released at the press conference, Gehlot said the possibility of any survivors "is considered remote."

"Explosion is considered a possibility in view of the fact that the wreckage is spread over a wide area," the statement said.

as well as "sections of seats, cushions and chunks of aircraft."

Irish authorities said the air search involving British Royal Air Force helicopters was being suspended during the night but that ships would continue looking for survivors.

Air India officials earlier reported that there were 303 passengers and 22 crew aboard the ill-fated plane. But they later explained that children under the age of two had not been counted because officially they don't hold seats. The school year in Canada ended on Friday and many children were

aboard the jet.

Traffic controllers at Shannon airport said they were very surprised with the speed with which the Boeing 747, seen as one of the world most reliable aircraft, suddenly plunged into the Atlantic without sending a distress signal.

In Montreal, a senior Federal Transport official said three "suspicious-looking" suitcases seized at Montreal-Mirabel airport before the Boeing's takeoff did not contain any explosives. Flight AI-182 had earlier arrived from Toronto.

Rubin Ginzburg said police only found an iron within the suitcases.

Marcos

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rich metropolitan area, where administration candidates lost, 15-6, in the last elections for assembly posts.

The Agence France-Presse (AFP) wire agency last week reported that President Marcos replaced his wife as the ruling KBL's poll campaign chief in Metro Manila, where KBL bets were routed in the May 1984 Batasan elections.

The MMC, which oversees services and projects in the four cities and 13 municipalities in the metro area, gets its multi-million funding from the local governments under its jurisdiction.

MP Luis Villafuerte claimed "Mr. Marcos' takeover of the metro KBL is but an indication of his loss of confidence in his wife's ability to lead a winning political campaign.

The Camarines Sur solon told guests at the 4M media club Saturday the "all-too-sudden change" in the metro KBL hierarchy, however, could presage a "new role for Imelda."

On the other hand, former KBL assemblyman Jose Tombokon told the same forum that speculations on the reasons behind the President's takeover of the campaign managership of Metro Manila are a "distortion of facts."

Tombokon said President Marcos has every reason to assist any of the ruling party's sector which needs his wisdom and expertise, being the KBL's undisputed leader.

In the same media forum, former Foreign Minister Arturo Tolentino agreed that Mr. Marcos' takeover could mean a show of lack of confidence in his wife.

"That's the initial interpretation that one gets on hearing the news," the maverick KBL assemblyman said.

He quickly added, however, that both the President and Mrs. Marcos could share the powerful campaign manager position in the metro area, if only to allay growing speculations of alleged lack of confidence.

Opposition quarters, at the same time, contend that the President "must have had enough of the so-called" woman's intuition" when he decided to take a direct hand in metro politics.

It will be recalled that despite Mrs. Marcos' prediction of a "21-0" sweep by KBL bets in the last Batasan elections, 16 opposition candidates won handily, clearly debunking KBL claims of strength and popularity with the voters.

Some political observers interpreted the move as a "cover-up" or a "mere diversionary tactic" of Malacanang to mislead political opponents. They claimed that Mrs. Marcos was replaced as campaign manager in preparation for a bigger role for her, like being named official KBL presidential bet in the forthcoming national elections.

Politics

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nection."

Last week, the word came out that Jose W. Diokno has resigned as president of BAYAN, the cause-oriented Opposition so-called. No, it is not his health because he has just been given a "clean bill of health by his doctors." I am sure it's something more fundamental, a deeper thing. I am afraid it is because he must be beginning to entertain fears that the BAYAN is now undergoing a transforma-

tion into a kind of Frankenstein's monster. Its leadership is slowly but surely going into the hands of a radical element with which neither of its original founding fathers would like to be associated, because it is against their conscience. It is a question of how reforms or changes in government are going to be best effected.

Pepe Diokno must have seen the handwriting on the wall. He probably thinks — and this is also just surmising, on my part — that we are headed for something that is fraught with danger for all our people. And he, certainly, will have nothing to do with it. He loves our country, that must be understood by all.

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Boatman

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Men at

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at saan?
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ruon mang dapat sabuyan ng
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uhan sila at marahil pagkata-
pos ay magsimulang maghalung-
kat at malaman kung kailan
ang kaurawan ni Rajah Soli-
man, pare ko.

Sightings

undergo it finally, but the scene brings out all the burden of psychological anguish that it involves. There is nothing light, cursory, or sensational about the treatment; in fact, it is a most painful and mournful scene. A thin stream of blood flows into a white enamel basin: Whose blood is it? At the same time, the slow display and handling of the gleaming and bladed surgical instruments convey so much dread, repulsion, and danger. Afterwards, Carmen asks: Will I bear a child again? Was it a girl — of her own sex which so often pays the price? An important angle is the character of Jerry himself, callous, uncaring, and irresponsible, the incurable gambler who lets the toss of a coin decide on life and death. As for Ate Juling, it is Carmen's perception of the metaphysical hoax that leads the latter to arrive at her decision outside of the bounds of institutional religion.

A scene of violence takes place towards the end when the ejected and wounded squatter David, for whom Carmen had felt a painful sympathy, barges into a prayer meeting and stabs

Once

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in Washington, D. C. but the one who lives close by United Nations Avenue, kitty-corner from Manila Hilton) is a punster of sorts. So up he comes with his latest (ugh!) original: "Why is Mel Mathay (the most likely candidate to succeed Joe Aspiras as Minister of Tourism?

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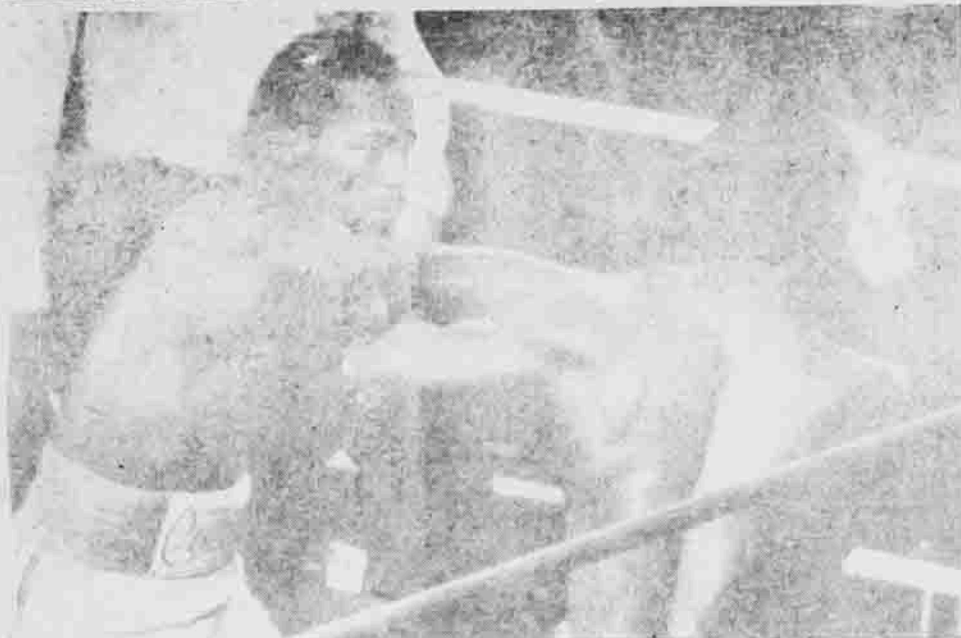
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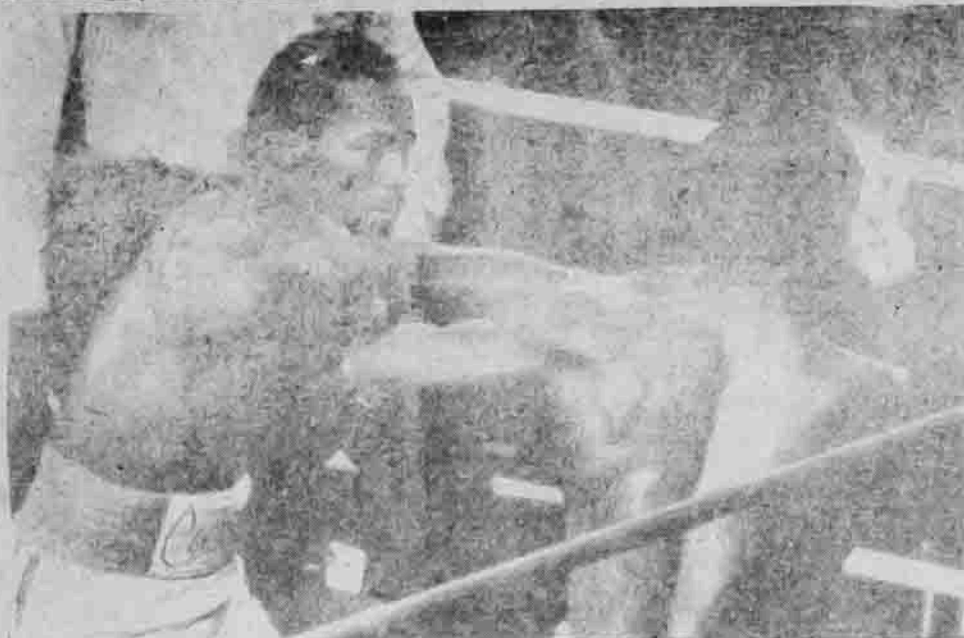
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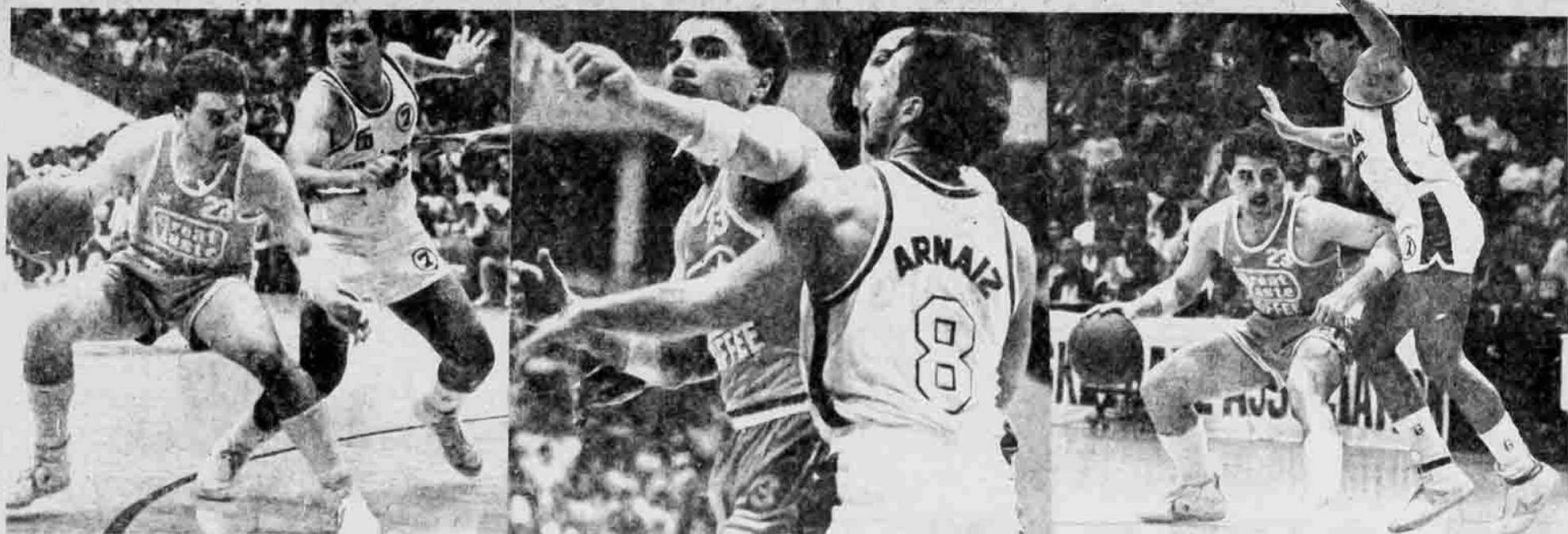
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GERONA, Spain, June 23 — Coach Ron Jacobs of San Miguel Corp. has become doubly doubtful his team could salvage a win in the 2nd Basketball Clubs world championship which opened here and in Barcelona today. Offhand, Jacobs said the only clubs his boys are capable of tripping are San Andres (Argentina), Guantanamo (Cuba) and Maxaquene (Mozambique) which, unfortunately, are all in the "tamer" bracket seeing action in Barcelona.

Jacobs named Monte Libano of Brazil as the only team in Bracket B they could most likely stop, although the Brazilians were believed to have kept under wraps two top cagers during a workout in a sports pavilion in downtown Gerona yesterday.

"We will most likely miss that chance (of win-

ning) against Brazil, because by the time we meet them, they would have fully scouted our aces, like Chip (Engelland). It would have been better if we had met them first," Jacobs told his men on the eve of the opening.

"Against Banco di Roma, we could spring a surprise, but by then our boys would have been dead tired after playing three straight games," Jacobs added.

The player who initially drew much of Jacobs' attention was Drazen Petrovic, the 6-foot-5, 21-year-old wonder of the European cage circuit.

In today's game, lost by the Philippines to the European Cup champion Cibona of Yugoslavia, 111-86, Petrovic, — a sleek, sweet-shooting

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AFP sports chiefs want him out

Special services chiefs of the four branches of the Armed Forces of the Philippines are reportedly drawing up a petition to have national boxing head coach Ting Ariosa removed, it was learned from AFP sources yesterday.

The sources told WE Forum that the four officers involved have become increasingly disturbed over Ariosa's training methods which it is said "have not maximized" the potentials of AFP ringsters.

Sources identified the petitioners as Col. Parsons Nabiula, PC special services acting head; Col. Bernabe Orena of Army, Col. Antonio de Guzman of Air Force, and Cmdr. Fermin Cuison of Navy.

The stand of AFP special services chief Col. Ricardo Silverio was not known, but the same sources said "wala nang urungan ito" in the case of the four officers mentioned.

Coaches have been at a loss as to why Ariosa never varies his

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WORLD INTER-CLUB BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP B STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Cibona de Zagreb (Yug)	1	0	1.000
Golden Eagles (US)	1	0	1.000
San Miguel (RP)	0	1	.000
Banco di Roma (Ita.)	0	1	.000
Monte Libano (Bra.)	x	x	xxx

Games Today
Group A
San Andres vs. Guantanamo
Limojeh vs. Barcelona

Group B
Golden Eagles vs. San Miguel
Monte Libano vs. Banco di Roma

Games Tomorrow
Group A
Guantanamo vs. Limojeh (A)
Maxaquene vs. San Andres (A)
San Miguel vs. Monte Libano (B)
Cibona vs. Golden Eagles (B)

Fancy this

By TITO TAGLE

Mamerto Eden, 62



I still remember the man in the yellow jersey pedalling nearly leisurely in a big pack of cyclists into the road between the Rizal Memorial baseball and basketball enclosures, even as cheers echoed from the football stadium where the eventual last lap contenders matched wheels.

I can't rightly recall who last that last lap in that particular Tour of Luzon, but the name of the man wearing the yellow jersey symbolic of overall leadership, and

who the moment he crossed the finish line was to be proclaimed champion, was Mamerto Eden.

When you mention Mamerto Eden, a list of rarities immediately come to mind.

Like it was in the Tour he won, back in 1958, when the first fatality in local bikathoning was recorded: Army Sgt. Pablo Ramos crashed against a cliff on the way down Naguillian Road and succumbed to

injuries sustained.

Like Mamerto Eden was the oldest to win a Tour here; he was 35.

Like he was the first and only Tour champion to afterwards finished second.

The first Tour champion to emerge champion in another sport, too, that of running. Present-day runners may not have known of Mamerto Eden of cycling lore, but they knew of the Eden who won race after another in the masters group, those 50-above.

Thursday last week, Mamerto Eden was constant with his firsts for the last time: he became the first Tour of Luzon winner to die.

Mamerto Eden of Mapandan, Pangasinan, was coach of the Mapandan Joggers Club, and up to last year was very much

into running, little realizing that he had only a little over two weeks after his 62nd birthday to live.

It was only last December when lung cancer manifested itself and he became bed-ridden. Most victims of this dreaded disease succumbed within three months of the malady's final onslaught. Mamerto Eden resisted and managed to pass a 62nd milestone last June 4 before yielding to the inevitable.

The year has been rather harsh on Philippine sports. First to go was the great Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, last January 2, victim likewise of lung cancer. Then the dean of Philippine sportswriters, Enrique (Ricky) Llanos, last month in Australia.

One of the greatest patrons of Philippine sports, Sr. Don Manolo Elizalde, passed away less than two weeks ago. Now Eden.