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# WE FORUM

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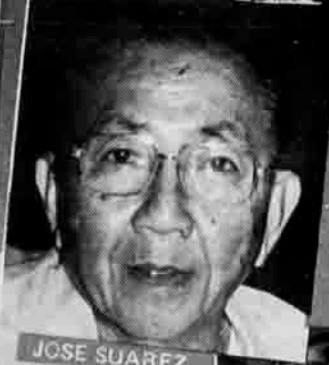
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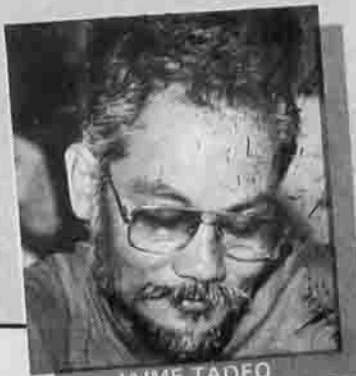
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JOSE SUAREZ

## The Con-Com: A house on fire



JAIME TADEO



PONCIANO BENNAGEN



MINDA LUZ QUESADA

# MOVING ON TO A NEW CHALLENGE

With this brief note, I bid all my beloved readers of *Malaya* a fond farewell. The call of public service is hard to resist and I have decided to heed it. Journalism — where I spent 25 years first as a police reporter and then as editor and publisher — is no less a public service, but I thought that at this crucial stage of our history, it would be criminal to deny a mandate to serve the government in general, and the people of my home province, Ilocos Sur, in particular.

Last Friday, I took my oath of office before President Aquino who had earlier requested me to serve as Governor of Ilocos Sur, a great land of a greater people.

To maintain *Malaya's* independence and to avoid any conflict of interest, I have relinquished my position as publisher to a longtime friend and associate, Jake Macasact who has been with us in *Malaya* since its founding and is currently our assistant publisher and business editor.

Along this line, too, I am winding up my previous plan to democratize ownership of *Malaya* by divesting my personal stockholdings in the People's Independent Media, Inc. (PIMI), which publishes this great newspaper.

Also, with this development, *Malaya*

## Publisher's notes By Jose G. Burgos, Jr.

parts ways formally with its sister publications — *We Forum* and *Midday* and *Tinig ng Masa* which I have turned over to the staff under a cooperative venture. These three will henceforth be distinct and separate from *Malaya*. But the friendly ties between them, which evolved through a long period of time, will remain indestructible.

Despite its modest resources and operations, I leave *Malaya* a very viable and self-reliant institution, thanks to the unqualified support that you, dear readers, newspaper distributors and dealers, advertisers and our new investors, have extended to us and our newspaper during all these years.

You have been with me in our fledgling days and in our struggle against the dictatorship. You have inspired me to overcome the obstacles. You have kept faith

with me, dangerously searching for the truth and resolutely espousing justice and freedom, despite the insurmountable odds. My arrest and detention and the closure of our newspaper flagship, *We Forum*, had been less painful when you comforted and supported me during those dark days.

Without you, *Malaya* would not have been a leading light in our country's fight against oppression and repression.

You have done your bit, as much as I have done mine — no matter how humble and puny. We have prevailed and democracy once more reigns supreme in our land.

But there are other risks, other challenges.

And so, today, I go to face them with the same commitment and determination as when I started putting out *We Forum* and *Malaya*.

*Ipagpatuloy natin ang labanan sa ibang larangan para sa bayan at mamamayan!*

I wish you all the best and with it, my prayers of thanks and hope for what lies ahead. Till we meet again!



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## Readers' Forum

### WHAT IS ENRILE UP TO?

The National Democratic Front strongly denies the allegations made by Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile of a supposed "NDF three-phase plot" to infiltrate and destabilize the government.

Coming at a time when peace talks between the

NDF and the Aquino government are about to begin, Enrile's motives in resurrecting the McCarthyist era by blaming the revolutionary forces of destabilizing the country, are highly suspect. With this latest intrigue, Enrile shows that he will stop at nothing to sabotage the peace talks.

He accuses the revolu-

tionary forces of insincerity and of acting in bad faith. However, it is he and the AFP who have shown rank insincerity by pretending to support the Aquino government's peace initiatives on the one hand, and throwing obstacles along the way of smooth negotiations, on the other.

Earlier, Enrile had also

attempted a witch-hunt against so-called communists in the government bureaucracy. In this, his motives are clear. He obviously wants to rid the government of liberals and progressives whose views sharply contrast with his own preferences for a military solution to the "insurgency problem." Enrile, a Marcos hatchetman before changing loyalties last February, is also uneasy in a government where he has to work with individuals identified with the anti-Marcos struggle.

Enrile has also indirectly thrown the blame at the Aquino government's reconciliation policy for the military's "inability" to arrest the so-called communists in the bureaucracy. Through this, he hopes to project the Aquino government as weak-willed, and himself as a strong leader.

Curiously, the defense minister's recent statements find a strong echo in Hawaii. Together, Enrile and Marcos are proving to be among the prime sources of

instability for the Aquino government.

Enrile's actions strongly recall the feverish preparations prior to the declaration of martial law, in which he played a crucial role. Is Enrile cooking up a similar scheme to install himself as president?

### National Democratic Front

#### LAND REFORM LOOPHOLES

On paper, the draft on agrarian reform as approved by the Con-Com is beautiful. In actuality, though, it is a disaster. It is shot through and through with gaping loopholes that will set back agrarian reform to the pre-Magsaysay era!

The biggest loophole is the saving and qualifying clauses and phrases on "retention limits."

Under PD No. 27, the maximum retention area of 7 hectares is subject to two conditions: (1) personal cultivation on the part of the landowner, and (2) absence of any other land owned by the landowner

and providing him with adequate income. Even with the foregoing conditions, it is estimated that 52 per cent of all the farmers that would otherwise fall under the program are disqualified from becoming beneficiaries of land transfer.

The right to the retention area has never been mentioned in any previous constitution. It has only been provided for in statutes in a conditional and limited way. Now comes the present draft which institutionalizes in the constitution the right of the landowner to a retention area. The right is unconditional in the sense that it removes the two conditions of personal cultivation and non-ownership of other land that provides adequate income for the landowner.

Moreover, the right of retention of the small landowners will become absolute, because the State is mandated to "respect" said right. As Commissioner Felicitas Aquino was reported

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## OUR COVER

Five members of the 48-man Constitutional Commission quit en masse last August 23 to protest the passage of numerous provisions which they called "anti-Filipino, undemocratic, and pro-foreign capital." It climaxed the more than two months of increasing tension between the progressives and the conservatives. Last Saturday's walkout severely damaged the Con-Com credibility.

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## Curtains for the Con-Com



Manolet Agoncillo

Sr. Christine Tan, Jaime Tadeo, Lino Brocka, and Felicitas Aquino: Losing ground to the conservatives.

# Nationalists blow the whistle

**T**here goes the whole kit and caboodle. When those five commissioners quit the Con-Com they took with them the last shreds of credibility the charter body ever possessed. Who would believe in the new constitution now? Just imagine all those hours and all that money gone to waste.

The five commissioners have effectively turned the tables on those they have said had ruled by the tyranny of the majority. Members of the so-called nationalist bloc; Pociano Bennagen, Minda Luz Quesada, Jaime Tadeo, Jose Suarez, and Wilfredo Villacorta, they had been defeated in almost every radical pro-Filipino measure they have tried to get legislated by the sheer weight of numbers. Now they have snatched victory from their tormentors.

For the third time in just eight session days, the "macho" Commissioner Christian Monsod, husband of NEDA head Solita Monsod, nearly got involved in another tiff on the session hall. Only the quick reaction displayed by Rep. Regalado Maambong frustrated Monsod's charge against Villacorta.

The latest defeat for the nationalists came when an amendment proposed by Hilario Davide Jr. raising to 75-25 the ratio of Filipino-foreign equity control in public utilities was voted down 21-19. The Con-Com settled for a 60-40 ratio.

It was the latest in a series of defeats. It also proved to be the last straw. Thoroughly demoralized they simply gave up hope that a truly Filipino constitution can be

accomplished.

The first clashes occurred last August 15. In the minds of the "nationalist" bloc of commissioners it was an infamous day, the day when pro-Filipino industrialization and protection provisions were crushed both in plenary session and in caucus. During a short recess amidst the heated arguments Commissioner Christian Monsod of NAMFREL fame and economist Alejandro Lichauco, the leader of a group of Filipino businessmen lobbying for a protectionist economic stance, nearly came to blows.

Frustrated over the impending defeat of the pro-Filipino provision, Lichauco had accused Monsod of "not knowing his business". Monsod retaliated with like invectives. Cooler heads though prevented a clash.

Three days later, August 18, after the defeat of the motion to reconsider the Charter body's decision on the provision, ten Commissioners did not show up for the afternoon session of the Con-Com, a move that had been variously defined by the commissioners themselves as a "walk-out", "taking time out for a period of reflection", and "a spontaneous protest". Holing up in the office of Commissioner Jose Suarez, also vice-chairman of BAYAN, the delegates stayed in past five in the afternoon.

Aside from Suarez, the boycotting commissioners included Lino Brocka, Minda Luz Quesada, Sr. Christine Tan, Jaime Tadeo, Ponciano Bennagen, Edmundo

Garcia, Chito Gascon, Rene Sarmiento, and Wilfredo Villacorta.

The commissioners, however, returned to work the next day but with the exception of film director Lino Brocka who was reported to have said that he had enough of the duplicitous nature of the Commission. "Lino, it seems, has no more intention of coming back but we're still trying to change his mind," said Tadeo.

"It was a sign of protest. When we try to pass resolutions in the interests of the poor, of the majority of the Filipino people, it has to pass through the eye of the needle. But when we talk about the concerns of the rich and of the multinationals, all the laws they want are immediately passed. What kind of country is this that would not accept legislation for the poor? What we perceive is an anti-Filipino, anti-nationalist mood in the Con-Com. They say that we (the nationalist bloc) are only a few but they have to realize that we represent the greater majority of the Filipino people," Tadeo declared.

Tadeo called attention to a possible conflict of interest among some commissioners noting that these delegates are lawyers for some multinational firms and hence are looking out for these firms' interests.

"It was a spontaneous reaction, we need time to reflect. We just talked, naglabas ng sama ng loob. What we are creating is very important, this is the instrument that could either protect or destroy the future of the Filipino people. There have been good reforms in this charter but it is not going to be the ideal one. Hindi natin dapat asa-

han ito. Marami pang laban. There has to be more mass organizations and mass actions before we will achieve what we want to achieve. What we have obtained here is just a basis for future actions," said Quesada.

The boycotting commissioners however do not yet count themselves out on the issue, "I am hopeful that the commissioners, being reasonable people, would see the light. We can try to convince the Commissions to suspend the rules, but that would take a unanimous vote," said Suarez.

The Con-Com had voted 25-17 in turning down a motion to reconsider a decision of an approved provision which the nationalist bloc claims would perpetuate "the development philosophy prescribed by the IMF-WB group."

The controversial position states, "The state shall protect Filipino enterprises against unfair foreign competition and trade practices." The nationalists said that the word unfair, if not deleted, would compel the government to grant only very limited protection for Philippine industry. They added that the provision would incorporate the labor-intensive, export-oriented policies that the WB and the IMF always wanted us to have.

Proponents of the bill, among them Commissioner Bernardo Villegas, defended the provision saying, "The basic principles are decisively pro-Filipino without being xenophobic; distinctly biased in favor of the underprivileged without fomenting class struggle; and predominantly in favor of private enterprise without espousing untrammelled capitalism."

Fully committed to free trade, the bill laid emphasis on the private sector to be the "engine of the economy". Villegas ridiculed the dissenters with having "been influenced by such obsolete theories as state capitalism or socialism."

"The majority of the commissioners were convinced that individual initiative was the key to a dynamic and progressive economy. Excessive state intervention — either through state capitalism or socialism — is incompatible with human freedom," added Villegas.

Commissioner Rene Sarmiento however cited a United Nations report which disclosed that the labor-intensive, export-oriented development strategy was a failure in every developing country where it was tried.

Sarmiento advised that "the domestic market should be preserved and secured for domestic industries as a matter of principle, irrespective of whether import competition is fair or unfair." He added that protection of this sort is still practiced by even highly developed states, the most notorious of which is Japan.

Commissioner Edmundo Garcia noted with concern the way the section was worded saying that it "leaves the government under no mandate or directive whatever to apply direct modes of protection even if such modes have become obviously necessary."

"What we are really protecting in pro-



Alejandro Lichauco: Monsod's foe



CHRISTIAN MONSOD

protecting the local industries, is the domestic market itself. That market is an integral part of the national patrimony because it is the ultimate source of wealth. It is through the market, through the profits one makes from the market, that capital accumulates and expands. . . The present section operates to curtail the sovereign power of the State to protect its most important economic resource: the domestic market for the nation's output of goods and services," Garcia said.

As of Friday last week, Commissioner Brocka still had not shown up at the sessions of the Con-Com, making good his threat to bolt from the Commission permanently. Tension mounts even as the commissioners try to patch up the gaping cracks in their facade of camaraderie. The polarization continues, the stakes are much too great. (J. Raul Alibutud) □



BERNARDO VILLEGAS



RENE SARMIENTO

## 'A great cloud of doubt'

By ALEX MAGNO

**T**he reported resignation of several commissioners from the Constitutional Commission throws into a crisis not only that political body tasked with writing a new charter but the very government that called it to office.

Before last Saturday's walkout, a tense and heated confrontation between the "nationalist" and "conservative" blocs in the Con-Com had been going on. Commissioner Lino Brocka had disappeared from the sessions days before the other commissioners identified with the nationalist bloc stalked out of the assembly hall. Brocka expressed disgust over the decision of the conservative majority in the commission to water down the nationalist content of the proposed provisions on the country's patrimony. Those who stalked out of the assembly, and Brocka earlier, expressed their intention to resign from the Con-Com.

The prospect of commissioners resigning from the constitutional assembly shall throw a great cloud of doubt on the charter being fashioned. If nationalist opposition to the constitution-writing project snowballs, the possibility of rejection in a plebiscite of the proposed charter becomes a possibility.

If a broad campaign for rejection of the proposed charter materializes, this would create for the Aquino government not only a constitutional but a political crisis as well.

Most of the nationalist and progressive political forces have pinned their hopes on the Constitutional Commission producing a charter that shall provide the framework for social and structural reform in the aftermath of a heady people's uprising. The constitutional basis for the reinvention of our political institutions and processes was almost taken as a given considering that the commission was called into office by a reform-oriented political

leadership swept into office by a people who were not only discontented with the dictatorial regime but with the social order that regime was a product of.

The expectation for democratization not only in the political but also in the social and economic spheres was high. Given the "revolutionary" character of the new government, people expected that the commission shall draft an appropriately revolutionary charter. A number of revolutionary political currents were willing to set aside their revolutionary agenda for the moment and wait for the Con-Com to establish the juridical basis for authentic social reform.

This did not appear realizable from the onset, however.

The composition of the Con-Com revealed the compromising disposition of a government dependent on a political coalition where conservatives played a prominent role. An unduly large number of retireable politicians were appointed to the body, making the Con-Com a venue for their last hurrah. The popular movements were from the onset thought to be under-represented. The working class was represented by one who many thought more appropriately represented the union aristocracy. The single representative for the peasantry was considered by many as a mere token given the overwhelming size of the social section he represented.

Ideologically, the composition of the Con-Com was thought by many to be disproportionately favorable to conservatives. The selection process leading to the final choice of who shall compose the assembly was vague. The generous allotment of seats left to the discretion of pro-Marcos elements was highly questionable.

A number of conservatively-inclined provisions, including the restoration of the pre-martial law institutional arrangement, brought the cause-oriented groups to the galleries of the Con-Com in protest. An otherwise radical provision on land reform was negated by the decision of the Con-Com to leave the implementing procedures

entirely to the new Congress. If the pre-martial law Congress shall be a rough indicator, even the new Congress would more likely be dominated by representatives of the landlord class.

Progressives in the Con-Com increasingly despaired over the solid majority the conservatives were always able to muster on any issue. Increasingly, the new charter being fashioned resembled those preceding it. The point of writing a new charter that after all resembled the old ones boggled the minds of many commissioners who had earlier fought the dictatorship with the goal of realizing social reform.

**Given the intensity and bitterness of the divisions within the Con-Com, it is not likely that the Con-Com can heal its own wounds by itself.**

The debates over the provisions concerning economic sovereignty proved to be the last straw for many progressive commissioners. The tyranny of the Con-Com majority had become as evident as that majority's conservative disposition. Their solid voting strength left the progressives frustrated.

Should the threatened resignations materialize, and if they include a significant number of commissioners, the Aquino government shall be faced with two options. Both of them shall entail great political costs.

The present constitutional assembly may have to be dissolved and a new assembly, more preferably one elected into office, might have to be convened. This option may have to be resorted to if the credibility of the present assembly

becomes severely damaged by desertions.

The government may also choose to continue with an undermanned assembly and submit an anti-nationalist constitution to a plebiscite as scheduled. This shall constrain the cause-oriented groups and popular movements to campaign against the draft constitution, and therefore severe its support for the government sponsoring the draft charter. The government installed by the popular movements shall find itself campaigning against the nationalist popular movements. Such a situation shall be extremely uncomfortable politically, to say the least.

A break between the Aquino government and its Constitutional Commission on one hand, and the popular movements on the other shall put the political balance in a precarious situation.

The government's sponsorship of a conservative document might be taken by the popular movements as an indication that the new government has turned against the spirit of reform that is the heritage of the February uprising. If this becomes the dominant perception among the politicized sections of the population, it might create a dynamic of polarization between the Aquino government and the people's movements. Such a dynamic would tend to push the Aquino government to the Right and the popular movements to the Left.

Anticipation of such a development would put the Aquino government's other political projects, such as the ceasefire talks, in severe jeopardy.

The dangerous possibilities opened by the walkout of some commissioners should merit the immediate and decisive intervention of the President herself. Given the intensity and bitterness of the divisions within the Con-Com, and the great voting strength of the conservative bloc, it is not likely that the Con-Com can heal its own wound by itself.

The decision not to hold elections for members of the Constitutional Commission is now most clearly a regrettable one. □

# The killing of Felizardo N. Lota

It was all so casually done. There was a tap on the arm and a nod in response. The killer and his victim talked for a few minutes.

They even bid good-bye to each other before parting. Suddenly, the man in checkered with long sleeves pulled out a .45 caliber pistol and pumped three bullets into loyalist lawyer Felizardo N. Lota, two of them into the head, leaving him sprawled on the Manila Hilton parking lot fronting Maria Orosa St.

It was past 8 in the evening. The gunman sauntered over to T.M. Kalaw where he flagged down a get away cab. One report even claimed that the gunman even took time out to buy a cigarette along the way. Lota was pronounced dead on arrival at the Philippine General Hospital.

The 47-year-old former Batangas City fiscal had been on his way to a loyalist meeting when he was gunned down. Earlier, he had been at the Western Police District headquarters where he represented radio commentator Ben Nuega in the Stephen Rodriguez Salcedo maul-slaying.

A widower, Lota left behind a son and a daughter, aged 16 and 18.

Even before Lota's body cooled down at the Tres Amigos funeral parlor, rumors had already begun to fly thick and fast. There was talk of an NPA rub-out, an internal funds mess, a power play, a Yakuza connection and others so fantastic as to be incredible.

Everyone was getting into the "whodunit" act. There was talk of generals being involved, of a high police official blocking investigation, and NPA sparrow teams being spread by the loyalists. On the other side, police investigators began feeding information to the hungry media who played up every possible angle even though the investigator had cited no real basis to sustain his theories. It was a serious breach of professional ethics.

Loyalist leaders charged that the "killers of fiscal Lota appear to be in cahoots with certain police authorities feeding the media with false, confusing, and muddled information."

They further stressed that the "maligning" of the "late fiscal's character and public image was to mislead the authorities and the general public, and in the process succeed in framing up somebody else for the crime."

WPD Homicide section head Lt. Jose Pring revealed two days after the killing that a possible motive may have been a dispute over the large sums of money being handled by Lota for the loyalist movement.

Lota had allegedly handled a P800,000 fund earmarked for the legal defense of the 26 loyalist leaders charged in connection with the aborted Manila Hotel Coup. He was supposed to "be the man responsible for the loyalist logistics."

Loyalist leaders including former MP Rafael Recto and lawyer Oliver Lozano vehemently deny the existence of any loyalist fund from the Marcoses. "Right now, I have in my hands 1,300 pesos in loyalist funds. That's all there is. We simply pass the hat around," declared Recto.

Lozano added that the funds that Lota distributed was Lota's own resources which he had advanced for the loyalist cause. "He even sold his house to raise money."

Pring said that investigators confirmed the existence of the alleged loyalist funds when policemen overheard several statements from Nuega when he was under custody. Nuega was complaining about the delay in raising his bail money. Another of the 26 loyalist co-accused who was with Lota during the incident was movie bit-player Amay Bisaya. Bisaya contradicted his colleagues by saying that it was Lota who provided bail money for all the accused actors and actresses in the Luneta incident.

Two other loyalist leaders are now being actively hunted by WPD men: Fernando "Ding" Diaz, head of the Ako'y Pilipino Movement (APM) and alleged assassin of Lota and former action star Carlos Salazar who was identified by a witness to be fleeing the crime scene.

Diaz, an adopted son of Fortuna

Marcos-Barba the youngest sister of the ex-president, was supposed to have surrendered himself several times last week to police authorities, but he never showed up. Diaz bore a very surprising resemblance to a sketch of the gunman made by an NBI cartographer according to descriptions given by witnesses. Police said that three or more loyalist leaders may have been involved in the Lota murder. Diaz however claims that he could not have been the murderer because at the time of the shooting he was at a birthday party in Tondo. Diaz added that at least a 100 people can vouch for his presence there.

A 32-year-old housewife told investigators that she saw Salazar fleeing down United Nations Avenue seconds after they heard the sound of gunfire. "Shocked na shocked siya (Salazar) na parang takot at

hindi alam kung saan susuot," described the woman.

Loyalist leaders denounced what they termed to be an orchestrated smear campaign against the pro-Marcos movement. They pointed out several inconsistencies in the main police theory, that of the squabble over the funds.

"Just because Lota spoke to the gunman doesn't mean that Lota knows him. Hindi rude ang mga Pinoy. Pag kinausap mo nang mabuti, sasagutin ka ng mabuti. The very confidence with which the gunman acted has all the earmarks of a well planned attempt, a conspiracy. In addition, the gunman was obviously a sharpshooter," said Lozano who also revealed that at least 20 military men who sympathize with the loyalists are also conducting their investigations in the case during their off-duty hours. Lozano promised to have their official report out by the middle of September.

Recto said that up to two weeks before Lota was executed, "he had already told me that he was afraid he was going to be arrested or salvaged by the police."

"It is impossible that Diaz would even think of hurting Lota. You see in the movement those three, Lota, Diaz and Salazar represent the hard-line faction. They were buddies both in fact and in perception," added Lozano. "Lota was murdered because he dared expose the communists in the government, something which even Enrile could not do."

At the Malate church, around 200 mourners and curious bystanders milled around the north wing where the wake was held. People lined up in queues to view the coffin.

"We plan to pay due homage to our slain companion. There will be more rallies, more demonstrations. We will assert our rights. If they can do it for Ninoy, we can do it for him. After all what's the difference between Ninoy and Lota? At least Lota was an anti-communist," declared Recto.

Already in the works is a "massive civil disobedience campaign which will be carried out within the limits of the law" and a "salubangan" which the loyalists claim will make people power look like a sparsely attended Sunday picnic.

Meanwhile, over at the WPD, witness Danilo Regalado positively identified Diaz as the murderer of Lota. When he was shown a picture of Diaz he exclaimed, "Ayan, siya nga. Iyan din ang damit na suot niya pero medyo mahaba ang buhok niya ryan."

The police are still having trouble persuading the people at the scene to make themselves available as witnesses.

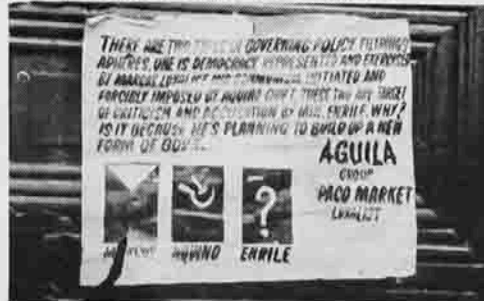
It's a whole new ballgame from now on for the Aquino government. This time, they would be put on the defensive, no matter if it was the loyalists themselves or a zealous Cory fan, or a private grudge was the cause of Lota's death.

It's hard to disagree with a dead man. (J. Raul Alibutud) □

## Death was no stranger



The late Batangas fiscal's relatives and friends.



A poster in Lota's wake



Flowers from Marcos

# Where was Lina Gal



Despite the noticeably smaller crowd turnout this year, Filipinos still turned out in force both in the cities and in the provinces to mark the late senator's third death anniversary. Note NDF-Makati banner in the picture at right.



## By ROMY MARIÑAS

**M**adame Zorayda, a.k.a. Maria Luisa Enriquez when not fortune-telling and Sister Mary when faith-healing, squatted on the approach to the grassy, elevated expanse fronting the Quirino Grandstand almost midway between the bronze replicas of a carabao and tamaraw.

She joined at least 49,999 others in celebrating the third death anniversary of Ninoy Aquino last August 21. Her alalay had their paraphernalia all prepared — a pile of scratch paper, rice and *bangus* in a plastic wrapper, a *bayong* of dirty clothes, and the day's bulky issues of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and *Malaya* which she had spread out on the hot cement walk to sit on.

"Halika, huhulaan kita," she cajoled me, assuring that I did not have to pay anything. "Donasyon lang," she said.

Madame Zorayda, who claims she is the sister of a former governor of Pangasinana and the niece of a former oppositionist-in-exile, impressed me more as a transcriber than a manghuhula who "meets her clients at the Manila Hotel and

She scribbled and scribbled away, writing down addresses, phone numbers, almost everything that caught her fancy during our conversation. She even gave me a poster showing the picture of basketball star Joel Banal who will testify on his "encounter with Jesus" in a Miracle Jesus Rally at the Marcos Stadium in Pasig next

week.

She spoke good English, lending some support to her claim to an AB degree from the College of the Holy Spirit besides having studied at the UP College of Law.

"Hulaan mo na lang itong Cory Government," I requested. She demurred saying, "Confidential 'yan." But apparently trying not to disappoint a customer, she relented and offered some fearless forecasts on whom she perceived to be the "political enemies of Cory."

"Iyang si Laurel, may ambisyon 'yan. Sayang, wala akong baraha ngayon pero hindi bale. May mga opisyal ng militar na magdedestabilize kay Cory. Tingnan ko nga ang kamay mo. Nakikita ko sa mga guhit dito na yayaman ka," Madame Zorayda said.

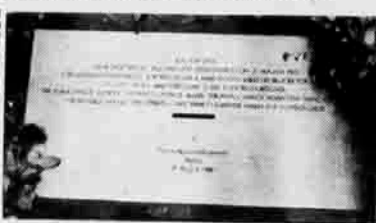
In parting, I gave her five pesos. In return, she wrote down what she said would be two prize-winning sweepstakes numbers that "will make you a rich man." Her first prize number was 316271 while if you are interested in the second prize, it is 321621.

Other scenes at the park that day were predictable. There were the usual marches of political groups, easily identifiable by the colors of the streamers and banners they waved and the slogans they shouted. There was the usual flea-market atmosphere with peddlers hawking twenty-five peso Cory dolls and ten-peso color photographs of Marcos-the-devil and Imelda-the-vampire.

Sto. Domingo Church, of course, is

hallowed ground for most Ninoy and Cory fanatics. But just the same, it was a proper place for worship and veneration and good enough a stage for making political statements. The cause-oriented No Nukes asked for signatures to their ban-the-U.S. bases stance. The Ugat Media & Research Service vended twelve-peso "collector's editions" of *People Power Komiks* featuring "The Miracle at EDSA."

Cardinal Sin was less concerned with catastrophes and commerce. Instead, he warned against troublemakers who are



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Brass marker at MIA tarmac.

fostering factionalism, engaging in political maneuvering, and "inordinately" searching for personal security in their drive to destabilize the Aquino government. He then allayed the fears of the faithful by calling all social, political, and economic problems as "ultimately spiritual problems" over which heroes and martyrs could rise above.

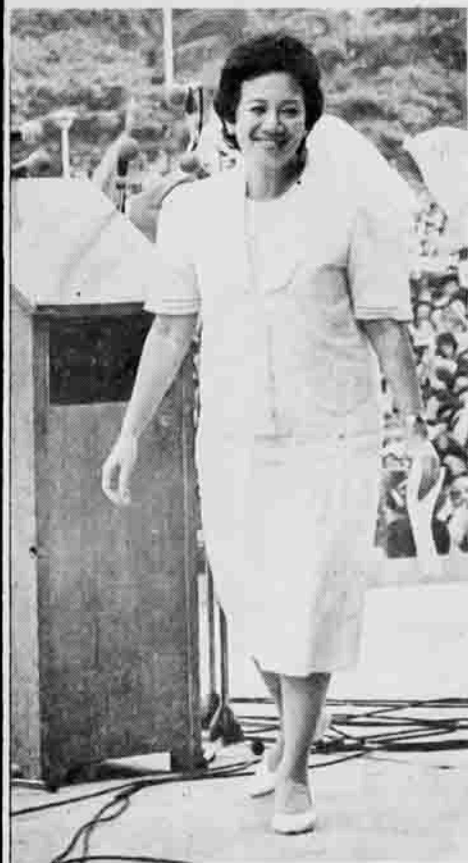
There were no miracles, though, for some mediamen who covered the ceremonies at the tarmac of the Manila International Airport, regarded as the centerpiece of the

day's activities. Unable to show the yellow passes that a security guard at a basement entrance demanded, six locals and one Japanese photographer had to watch from a distance the rites at the exact spot where Ninoy fell from assassins' bullets three years ago. It was consolation, though, that some 200 Filipinos sporting yellow headbands, armbands, and visors deplored the "discrimination" of Reli German's boys who let in Caucasians who did not even have a trace of yellow on their bodies, yellow passes included. Cooler heads intervened when the gathering mob pushed against the chain-link fence. But by then, the effort had become futile, because by half past one in the afternoon we saw the American ambassador's car leave the area. The tarmac marker, incidentally, reads in part that "from ground like this (where Ninoy lay prostrate) springs that which makes the Filipinos great."

The Yugoslav consul and the New Zealand ambassador to the Philippines were among the diplomats who missed the MIA dedication rites. A monstrous traffic jam caught them on Imelda (now Ninoy) Avenue a few hundred meters away from the airport. Luck also ran out too on other foreign dignitaries as latecomers from embassy row were reportedly barred from entering the tarmac.

The hurt feelings of the "mob," however, were not easily assuaged as some of them chided the guards: "Pag turista, pinapapasok ninyo, bakit kami hindi?" The drizzle at about one in the afternoon

# man the day we remembered Ninoy?



Vin Toledo



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Tribute from Kiyoshi Wakamiya.



Vin Toledo

drowned their protestations as they scamp-ered for shelter up the main terminal area.

Light showers and threatening clouds at the Luneta Park also sent thousands heading for home just as Senator Lorenzo Tanada was extolling the legacy of Ninoy. It was only five in the afternoon but the rather boring program could not hold the attention of the retreating crowd. BAYAN's Baltazar Pinguel's admonition to the effect that "We booted out the Marcos dictatorship, so we can stand the rains" appeared not to have a sympathetic listener. By then, Cory had spoken a good hour earlier and special guest Coretta King, even much earlier.

The task of revving up the revelers who stayed behind fell on lesser Cabinet men not known for their ability to rouse people from slumber. The President's men, however, just sat out the rest of the program. The others who mattered more, among them Vice President Salvador Laurel, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, and Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel Ramos were conspicuously absent.

A few hours earlier, though, the three graced the MIA rites. Occasionally, however, the crowd would come to life following Pinguel's announcements about the presence of Aga Muhlach and other Regal babies. Then the cheers would be reduced to whimpers when another speaker was introduced.

Audience response to most of the speeches was polite. Education Minis-

ter Lourdes Quisumbing, who spoke in Visayan, was greeted by the embarrassing clapping of a few hands. Don Chino Roces elicited a few cheers. The mention of Rolando Olalia's name was met by a boisterous acclamation, indicating that the Kilusang Mayo Uno which he heads came out in full force to show that their "support for the Aquino government" is not empty rhetoric.

The Philippine Air Force flew to be counted also. Near dusk, when even the placard-bearers were heading for the buses and jeepneys that would take them home, two helicopters showered confetti on the throng, prompting two yellow-clad ladies to remark: "Kung kuwarta ba ang ibinabagsak ninyo, mas mabuti pa."

Filomena Policarpio, 33, a yellow corn vendor from La Loma, Quezon City, counted her blessings in the usual manner treating Ninoy day as an "ordinary working day."

"Maski nu'ng nagsasalita dito si Marcos, nagtitinda pa rin ako ng mais. Parehas din kahit ngayong nandiyan na si Cory." At the time she spoke, Princess Nemenzo of GABRIELA was talking about the rights of women but Filomena was more interested in selling every P2.50-corn cob from her tin pail.

Over at the Museum of Philippine Art near the US embassy, hundreds gawked at Ninoy memorabilia, taking their sweet time in the sweltering heat at the lobby, ogling the blue 1980 Volkswagen Rabbit



Cory with Ninoy's friends and admirers.

the late senator drove around for three years in Boston, Massachusetts. At an adjoining room on the first floor, Ninoy tapes were being shown, occasionally drawing applause from an audience of peninsulares and indios. Outside, CAPCOM and police troopers lolled around. Inside, there was a brisk sale of exorbitantly priced Ninoy and Cory whatchamacalits.

One of the few things that came free was the special issue of the underground Liberation that surfaced near, where Madame Zorayda kept her vigil. The issue gave the message that for all the short-comings of Ninoy, the late senator could be considered as a man of the hour but whose legacy has been threatened by some ill-meaning "rightists" who wish his widow ill.

Nobody, on the other hand, appeared

to be aware of the sadness of another family that had figured equally in the national consciousness during the last three years: The Galmans.

No friends and relations of the alleged assassin of Ninoy merited more than passing mention in the print and broadcast media save for a one-minute flash on the channel 7 screen of Rolando Galman's mother, Saturnina, his daughter Marilyn, and his chubby son Reynaldo.

Indeed, the people's honeymoon with Lando ended with the "people power" revolution, underscoring in its wake the short memories Filipinos have of an "assassin" who never had the chance to be one, anyway. Ninoy's murderers made sure that he will not live to tell it all.

But who cares about Lando? The Vasquez Commission, maybe. Who cares about Lina Galman? Only Reynaldo, most especially. He wants his mother whom he has not seen in three years since her abduction by the same killers who killed Ninoy and his father.

"Gusto ko lang pong makita ang nanay ko," the boy said. But my dear Reynaldo, your peers are still whooping it up at the tarmac, the Quirino Grandstand, Ugar-te Field, places where your father probably had not even set foot on in his lifetime. In the meantime, get some more sleep so you will become the chubbier boy your mother would have wanted to hug and will want to come home to. □



## Local OICs stir up trouble

# Bicol's a-boiling

By OCA P. MOLENILLA

Nowhere is the OIC problem more viciously contested than in Bicol region, once the proud bastion of anti-Marcos opposition. While many still believe in the sincerity of President Corazon Aquino, disenchantment has begun to creep in mainly because of the region's unresolved OIC problem.

Now, nearly six months after the events of February, the people find themselves angry and confused. Where was the new "democratic space" they were promised? Where was the "reformed" military they were told to expect?

What they got instead was a smattering of incompetent OICs (Officers-in-Charge) who had proceeded to create trouble and disunity instead of harmony and peace in the region.

Local Governments Minister Aquilino Pimentel had appointed several provincial OICs who, it would seem, could not even win a baranggay popularity contest.

Lawyer Elizalde Diaz, a PDP-Laban leader and a self-proclaimed hero of Sorsogon in the snap presidential elections, was appointed Sorsogon OIC, triggering massive protests from residents.

Trying to counter the province-wide protest against him, Diaz called for a "People's Congress" last July 12 to demonstrate his interest in a consultative government. However, it was only his PDP-Laban followers and local political opportunists who attended.

It was during this occasion that he swore in hundreds of new baranggay OICs to replace the incumbent baranggay captains in his attempt to consolidate his political mass base. Thousands of pesos were spent.

But it had been a mistake. Instead of consolidating his constituents, he split them even more. Most of Sorsogon then had two baranggay captains, one elected and one appointed by Diaz, creating more confusion than ever before.

In Masbate, it was the government's unsynchronized version of "musical OIC chairs" that is souring the people. Sometime last March, lawyer Romeo Mijares was appointed OIC of Masbate by Pimentel. But unfortunately for Mijares, Cory Aquino dissolved the Batasan just a few days after his appointment. One of those who lost their jobs was ex-Assemblyman Jolly Fernandez.

Fernandez had supposedly actively campaigned for the opposition during the last presidential elections. In view of the political considerations, Mijares was eventually "persuaded" to vacate the position of OIC governor in exchange for a vice-governorship.

One of the very first acts of Fernandez

was to immediately layoff no less than 100 government officials in a purge of political rivals.

On April 24, 1986, he reportedly mauled Nicolas Bergantin, OIC of Palanas town for allegedly refusing to give up his post in favor of Fernandez' protege.

Protests have been filed against him since then. Rallies had been constant in front of the provincial capitol. A criminal case was filed against him for the mauling of Bergantin and a newsman. Pimentel was eventually forced to recall the appointment of Fernandez. Pimentel installed Nestor M. Espenilla as the new OIC.

But Masbate's troubles were not yet over. "I will never step down unless Cory Aquino herself orders me to do so," declared Fernandez, adding further to the tension.

It was eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation and Cory and her government backed down. A 15-day suspension, a mere slap on the wrist, and Fernandez was reinstated, leaving Espenilla in political limbo.

In Camarines Sur, the once united UNIDO team that had proudly called themselves "Apat na Aguila" during previous elections under the Marcos era has recently gone their separate ways, split by their self-interest and rivalries.

This time the clash was over the vice-governorship position. Julian C. Napal was reportedly appointed by Cory Aquino but at the same time, Felix Alfelor Jr., younger brother of Local Governments Deputy Minister Ciriaco Alfelor, also claimed he was appointed by Pimentel.

Napal is reportedly backed by provincial OIC and Presidential Commission on Government Reorganization (PCGR) head Luis Villafuerte while the PDP boys over at the Local Governments ministry favor Alfelor.

Compounding the problem are some minor OICs, who observers say, act even worse than their Marcos counterparts. Perciverando Roa, OIC designate of Lagonoy, Camarines Sur reportedly hired one of the most notorious bullies in his town as his receptionist and personal bodyguard. Recently, sources said he hired 20 municipal employees - who had absolutely no work to do.

Another pistol-packing municipal OIC threatened a student after he was asked by the restaurant owner to pay for the bottles of beer he drank.

Already, over a thousand employes and workers suffered the consequences. A survey conducted by an independent paper reveals that no less than 1,800 government employes were laid-off from March to June 1986 after the different provincial and municipal OICs assumed power in their respective provinces. Seventy per cent of these laid-off employes, according to the report, are Civil Service eligibles. The report adds that the laid-off government employes have recently been replaced by "unqualified persons" with political backing.

Such is the situation in the Bicol area. People are not satisfied with what the government is doing to relieve matters. And the region is starting to boil. □



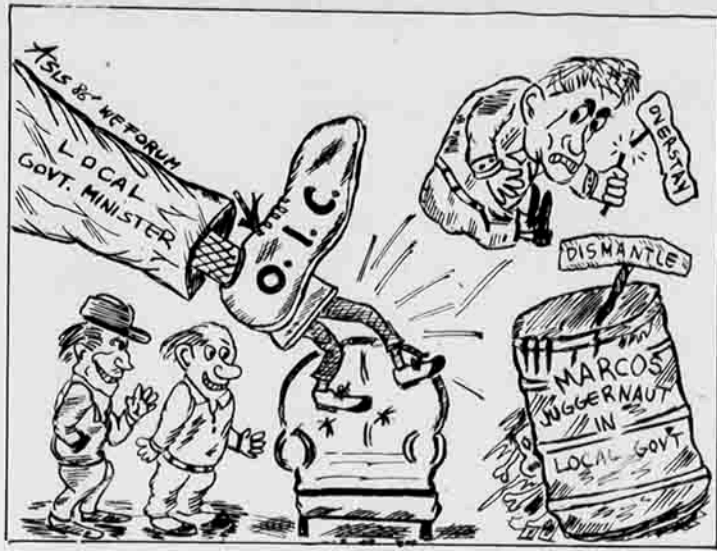
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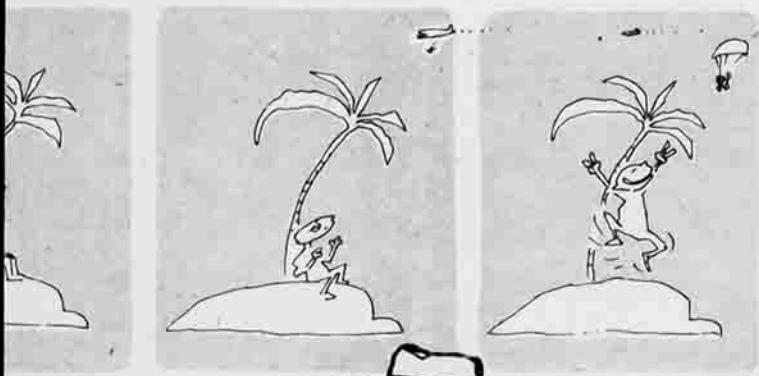
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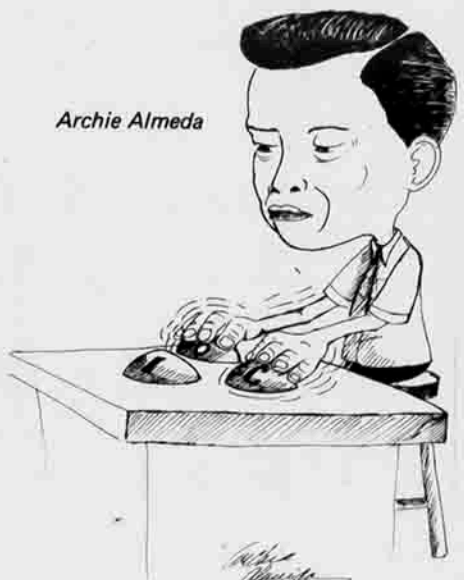
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# Depo-Provera: Menace in the market

By CHEREE QUIZON

"Naku, mare, meron akong magandang balita!"

"Ano 'yon?!"

"Galing kami ng kumpane mo sa Family Planning Clinic at nalaman namin ang tungkol sa isang matipid na method ng pagpapalano ng pamilya."

"Ano 'yon?!"

"Ang INJECTABLE, iniksiyon para sa babae nang 'di siya mag-buntis sa loob ng tatlong buwan."

I nearly choked on my morning pan de sal. That injectable contraceptive I was familiar with... it is one of many controversial drugs in use in the Philippines. In a number of countries in Western Europe, it is available only as a second-choice contraceptive. In the United States, it is banned altogether. Now, they are advertising it here and on one of the more popular radio programs, too.

Depo-Provera 150 is an injectable contraceptive for women. Manufactured by Upjohn of Michigan, it is a substance developed from the synthetic hormone progesterone. The drug suppresses ovulation for up to three months from a single 150 mg/ml dose. It is also known as Depomedroxyprogesterone, D.M.P.A., D.P. or simply as "Depo." The woman injected with Depo becomes infertile in those three months due to the action of the drug which suppresses the surge of a specific hormone (luteinizing hormone or LH) which normally precedes ovulation. Consequently, menstruation is also halted.

There was no direct mention of either Depo or Upjohn in the radio spot. Meanwhile, in a nearby market place in Quezon City, also Depo leaflets were found hanging on the post of a vegetable stall. It was a komiks version of the radio plug and more. It included a lengthier discussion of the safety and practical advantages of the injectable contraceptive, interspersed with pictures of cheery nurses, happy couples and smiling young women. Published by the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, it also gives out several telephone numbers for interested parties to call up in Metro Manila, Metro Cebu and Legazpi City.

At the office of the local Upjohn representative in the country, I was given a stack of colorful brochures written in English. "Plan with Depo-Provera 150," it said with the expected picture of a happy young family on the cover. The brochure tackled the alleged advantages and benefits of the drug in greater detail. Surprisingly, it was published not by the drug company but by the Commission on Population (POPCOM). The brochure, in an easy-to-read format, was being distributed by Upjohn's sales representatives to its target audience: health workers, young wives and mothers in the rural areas all over the country.

The Commission on Population has advocated a "cafeteria approach" in its

family planning program. Women (and sometimes their husbands) are given information on all types of birth control, starting from the natural methods (rhythm, cervical mucus technique are examples), the barrier methods (condoms, diaphragms) and methods using artificial hormones such as pills and injectables.

The POPCOM ad claim that the injectable drug is cheaper but the 150 mg/ml dose which lasts for three months costs 50 pesos while a comparable three month supply of *Noriday* contraceptive pills (one box a month at the government subsidized price of nine pesos) would amount to only 27 pesos, definitely a more manageable amount for poor women.

Upjohn and the POPCOM agencies enumerate a number of side effects that are dismissed as harmless. These include occasional bleeding or spotting, headaches, and amenorrhea (absence of menstruation). What these pamphlets fail to mention are other contraindications such as liver dysfunction or disease, depression, hair

## Consuming concerns



loss, sharp weight gain or loss, anemia, skin changes and drastic loss of sexual appetite. This latter-most effect is so marked that a number of sexual offenders in the United States have been offered early parole if they agree to receive injections of the drug. Now that's control — you won't even feel like having babies at all.

Upjohn says it's safe. But for the most part of this decade, they have been unsuccessful in convincing the U.S. Food and Drug Authority. POPCOM says it's safe, going as far as citing countries like Thailand where it is reportedly in extensive use.

Attorney Eugenia Jamias, POPCOM executive director, believes that the Philippines should take its cue from other Asian countries. Dr. Carmen Garcia, director of clinical services of the same agency, believes that the controversy in the US is "political in nature" because "US pill manufacturers are being threatened" by the advent of Depo on the drug market (*Health Alert*, issue 22, March 15, 1986).

The World Health Organization of the United Nations categorically states that the

drug's link to cancer is still inconclusive, but they caution young women who have never had children to use other forms of contraception due to the real possibility of permanent infertility (WHO Technical Report Series 657, 1981).

Studies done in the United States over a 22-month period show that beagle dogs and rhesus monkeys develop breast and endometrial cancer at an age equivalent to menopause. Other effects include increased risk of arteriosclerosis and osteoporosis (bone deterioration), as well as decreased resistance to infection and lowered life expectancy.

Doctors and other policy makers of the WHO and other world population control funding agencies (such as the World Bank and the U.S. Agency for International Development, USAID) are not convinced that the occurrence of cancer in laboratory animals would prove true in humans. So Depo is aggressively promoted in the rest of the world, especially in those countries where popula-



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tion control is perceived to be a major problem.

In countries like Great Britain, the Netherlands and West Germany, Depo is allowed as a second choice contraceptive. What does this mean? "It is not considered the most safe (form of contraception) but if they don't react well to the pill or others, then they can use it," explained Anita Hardon, a member of WEMOS, an international women's network on pharmaceuticals based in the Netherlands. It is affiliated with Health Action International (HAI). Hardon is currently doing work with HAI-linked groups here in the Philippines.

"For us, it's a drug that doesn't increase the freedom of women to control their own fertility. And we have so many examples from women all over the world — India, Thailand, South Africa, from my own country Holland. It is being given to women without all the information. It is not being brought on the market properly," Hardon explains.

How does the drug threaten the safety of Filipino wives and mothers who receive the injections today? The 1,000 women in Cavite who received doses as a "test run"

over a nine-month period sometime in 1984? The NEDA 1985 yearbook cites figures on the acceptability of injectables starting from 1978 with an all-time high in 1981 of 5,922 acceptors.

Have you received Depo injections, or at least, are you considering visiting the nearest Family Planning Clinic for one? Chances are, you will only be told the same things which the brochures contain. Keeping in mind the possible long-term dangers, take a look at some of the other dangers which we are already sure of:

(1) If inadvertently given a shot while pregnant, there will be bad effects on the fetus. This is true for the use of sex hormones in general. So if you still are hell-bent on getting an injection, demand for a pregnancy test first.

(2) Doctors and health workers are told to give Depo shots to nursing mothers only after six weeks after delivery. But if you choose to breastfeed your children, consider this: Depo is transmitted through mother's milk. Every drop the infant sucks contains an orally active dose of depomedroxyprogesterone which is known to be harmful to infants. The synthetic hormone may interfere with the immunoglobins in the breast milk which helps the infant produce its own protective antibodies against cholera or diarrhea. The other danger is a long-term threat — sex steroids can cause abnormalities which may not become apparent for 15 to 20 years or more, when the child becomes fully developed sexually.

(3) There is a tendency among international family planning circles to promote greater and greater lengths of infertility periods in newer contraceptives. It will only be a matter of time before drugs like *Norplant* will be marketed. These are also sex-hormone drugs but they are implants placed under the woman's skin to keep her infertile for periods of five to ten years. Do not rely on short-term studies because they will not prove anything conclusive on long-term safety.

(4) Sometimes, doctors have been known to administer injectable contraceptives without the women knowing. This has been reported in Great Britain as well as in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Studies conducted by Hardon's group in Amsterdam among doctors reveal that they use injectables on women of black communities since the language barrier poses problems in explaining birth control methods. Hardon notes that there is a large working immigrant community in Amsterdam from Turkey, South Africa and other foreign countries. In Britain, some doctors have reportedly given the shot to some female patients, including a few under psychiatric therapy, in the face of their perceived "incapacity" or "ignorance" of proper birth control methods.

Mare, kumpane, you won't get any of this information unless you ask. Even then, you may not be told the whole story. So if you're the gambler type, take your chances if you want to. Planning fewer babies means we care about their health as our own. Just don't get stuck with a lifelong aray! □

## Doy, Joker or Johnny: Who do you fancy as OIC?



LUISA BAUTISTA



LUZ MAGAT

As a rule of thumb the vice president must act as the officer-in-charge when the president cannot attend to his or her duties. So naturally Salvador Laurel should be the OIC.

But considering the present condition of our country, the situation is more a question of who the president can trust in handling the government and in making the right decisions. Most importantly, the OIC must be one who won't take advantage of the momentary powers given him or her.

In this context I think Executive Secretary Joker Arroyo is the man who has all these qualities.

President Aquino certainly will not lose any sleep over him.

### JANE ALCANTARA

Cashier, Cooltown Mufflers and Headers

Si Enrile dapat ang OIC dahil mas hawak niya ang military. At least si Enrile hindi na magloloko dahil hero na siya sa people's revolution. Siguro hindi na niya sisirain pa ang pangalan niya.

Sa akin hindi importante ang nakaraan. Pinatunayan na ni Enrile ang kanyang loyalty sa kanyang pagsumpa ng allegiance noon sa gobyerno ni President Aquino.

Ito na ang kanyang chance para i-prove na rin sa media na hindi niya gusto i-overthrow ang gobyerno ni President Aquino. Na hindi siya power-hungry.

### MEL BAUTISTA

Owner, Transvideo, 24

Sa tingin ko si Joker Arroyo dahil maging siyang maghandle sa affairs ng gobyerno gaya noong aborted Manila Hotel coup. Kasi kung hindi siya mahusay magpatakbo hindi niya maayos ang coup.

Mahirap na kung si Enrile dahil hinihintay at inaasahan lagi siya ng mga loyalist na mag-lead. At saka ayaw niya sa mga communists. Kung siya ang maghandle sa gobyerno ay hindi niya pakikinggan masyado ang mga leftists.

Oo, tutoo nga siya ang turning point noong people's revolution, silang dalawa ni Ramos, pero baka siya uli ang turning point ngayong pag-alis ni President Aquino.

Si Doy naman may interest sa pagka-presidente. Tingin ko sa kanya parang isa pa siyang Marcos. Lalo na kung nakikita ko 'yung asawa niya parang nakikita ko si Imelda.

May mga instances na nagbigay si Laurel ng mga pronouncements kahit hindi pa sinasabi ng gobyerno. Parang 'yung pagka-Vice President niya hindi bukal sa loob, parang naghinihintay lang siya.

Hindi gaya ni Arroyo na hindi masyadong prominent sa politics, mas nakakaintindi siya at tingin ko may trust ang tao sa kanya. Nasa neutral ground siya.

### WILLIE LIGON

Businessman, 26

Si Arroyo kasi kasama na siya ni Ninoy Aquino noong simula pa lamang. May loyalty siya rito.

Hindi tulad nila Enrile at Doy Laurel na

dati ay kay President Marcos sila.

Si Arroyo ay nationalist at civil libertarian. Kahit na sabi ng iba diyan na communist, mahirap paniwalaan at tingin ko hindi.

Iba si Arroyo at tingin ko marami siyang alam kaysa kay President Aquino.

### RAYMOND MEDINA

Fourth year, BS Management, PSBA

Kay Enrile, sa kanya mas secure ang tao dahil hawak niya ang military. Kapag nagkagulo kaya niyang kontrolin. Alam nating kaya niyang i-handle ang gobyerno. Kasi hindi ba kung wala siya walang February Revolution.

Si Joker Arroyo naman may pagka-communist ang background. Hindi ako naniwala sa sinasabi niya.

### MARIA LUISA BAUTISTA

AB Economics, Central Colleges of the Philippines

I feel that AFP Chief of Staff General Fidel Ramos will do a good job of taking care of the country. I think Ramos is a dedicated and sincere person who values his country more than his life.

I rate him as the most trustworthy and honest. Even before the February revolution, he was already known as a non-conformist in the Marcos government. He does not simply follow orders. Instead he fights for his principles. For me, having Ramos on top of everything will discourage the loyalists (or whoever are against the present government) from overthrowing the government.

### MALOU LUCERO

4th year, UP Student

Joker Arroyo, the executive secretary, could best serve as the caretaker of the government in the absence of Pres. Aquino. He is considered as one of the most credible and dependable figures in the Aquino government. We should have someone who knows how to handle the affairs of state. But the best thing is that all political officials work hand in hand to regain the stability of the government especially when President Aquino is away.

### LUZ MAGAT

Researcher/  
Corporate Planner,  
Interpress Enterprises

I'd rather have three caretakers instead of just one. I would choose, of course, the vice president, Mr. Doy Laurel, for his dedication, experience, and legitimate right to take over — although I would not leave it all up to him since our government is much too unstable. There are certain things that he is not very familiar with.

I suggest that Nene Pimentel be included in this group. He can take charge of the local government matters. The third caretaker could be Minister Enrile who would handle security. He knows a lot about military activities.

I rather like a tripartite system kaysa naman sa magkagulo-gulo silang lahat habang wala si Ma'am.

### JORGE YLAGAN

4th Year, Broadcast Communications Student

Ang gusto kong maging caretaker habang wala si Pres. Aquino ay si V.P. Laurel. Wala kasi akong mapiling iba.

Pero kung talagang tatanungin mo kung sino ang gusto kong presidente, pipiliin ko pa rin si Marcos. Marami na siyang natulungan sa KKK projects, land reform, etc. Sa sinasabi niyong kurakot, ang maganda sa kanya, numukurakot nga siya, pero lahat ng tuta niya ay nakinabang. Mali ito sa mali pero kahit naman sino ang nasa pwesto niya gagawa rin iyon. Binibigyan ko lang ng katwiran 'yung kay Marcos. Karaniwan lang ang kasalanan niya. Sumobra nga lang ng kaunti. Pero panig pa rin ako sa kanya dahil sa talino niya.

### JUN PINON

Xerox Maintenance and Student, STI

Wala akong mapili, eh. Hindi naman ako masisiyahan kahit na sino pa siguro ang ilalagay nila. Mas maganda pa kung ako ang ilalagay nila. Bakit, kung bilib ka sa sarili mo, hindi naman kayabangan iyan, ah.

### EXEQUIEL BESANDE JR.

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foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will SELL at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the herein described real property including improvements existing thereon on September 18, 1986, at 10:00 AM or soon thereafter, in front of the Main Entrance of the City Hall Building, Manila, facing Philippine Normal College, to wit:

Description of Real Property  
CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 1175

"Unit No. 23 SF, commercial unit with an area of 36 square meters, more or less, which condominium unit forms part of the MIDLAND PLAZA CONDOMINIUM PROJECT."

Prospective buyers or bidders may investigate for themselves the title hereinabove-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Manila, Philippines, August 22, 1986.

(Sgd.) CESAR P. JAVIER

Clerk of Court  
& Ex-Officio Sheriff

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF MANILA, NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION, BRANCH X

IN THE MATTER OF THE CORRECTION OF THE BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF JAIME, ROSE MARIE, JOCELYN, ARNOLD, JOSE JR., GRACIA, VIDA and RUEL, ALL SURNAMED REYES.

SP. PROC. NO. 86-36873  
YOLANDA B. REYES, Petitioner, versus—THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA, Respondent.

ORDER

In a verified petition the petitioner seeks correction in the birth certificates of Jaime, Rose Marie, Jocelyn, Arnold, Jose, Jr., Gracia, Vida and Ruel, all surnamed Reyes and prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, the birth certificates be corrected to show that petitioner's children were not legitimate at birth by leaving the "Date and Place of Marriage of Parents (For Legitimate Birth)" blank, that in the birth certificate of Jocelyn, the place of birth of Jose P. Reyes is "Dinalupihan, Bataan" not "Dinalupihan, Batangas" and that in the birth certificates of Arnold and Ruel, the age of

Jose P. Reyes are "thirty-seven" and "forty-eight" instead of "thirty-six" and "forty-seven" respectively.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby orders that the petition be set for hearing on September 30, 1986, at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Regional Trial Court of Manila, Branch X at the 2nd Floor, City Hall, Manila. All interested parties are hereby ordered to appear and file their opposition and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner in the "WE FORUM", a newspaper of general circulation in Manila once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the last publication of which shall not be later than September 8, 1986.

Let copies of this Order together with copies of the petition be served upon the Office of the Solicitor General and the Local Civil Registrar of Manila.

SO ORDERED.  
Manila, Philippines, August 15, 1986.

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. BENZON  
Judge  
Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 1986

# Who cares for Nina?

**WHITE NIGHT, BLACK NIGHT.** Several shows were unceremoniously zapped by that mysterious blackout that hit Metro Manila and most of Luzon last Thursday evening. Among those "enveloped" in darkness was the dance party show at EZDZ in Malate, ironically billed **White Night**. The club, festooned with white balloons and bunting, was a surreal sight. Patrons looked like ghosts in their all-white attire as they waited in vain for the lights to return.

It was also bad business for other shows that night like the premiere of Repertory Philippines' new play about AIDS **As Is** at the Insular Life; Jo Anne Lorenzana's **Breaking Loose** at the Vault in Greenhills; **Mitch and Mel** at Bert Nievera's Music Lounge; and all other shows in Manila's watering holes.

Some of the nightclubs, beer joints and hotels had their generators on but there were still no takers. The wild coup rumors intimidated showgoers. Also missed on TV were the top-rating **Scoop**; the much-awaited telecast of **Freedom Without Fear**, the Ninoy Aquino Legacy on Channel 4, and other shows marking Ninoy's third death anniversary.

By the time electricity was restored, it was almost midnight. Show producers and promoters are hoping that "flash" blackouts would not happen again. "Mahirap, ata ang malugi!" wailed one publicist.

**NINA SARA ONLY FOR THE TABLOIDS?** Will Nina Sara be another statistic in the growing list of unsolved crimes? The 21-year-old starlet's kidnaping-rape-torture case is being treated as one of those sensational crime stories in the tabloids. A week has passed and we have yet to hear of concrete moves by the police and courts of law against those who brutalized her. And what, we also wonder, are her co-workers in the movie-world doing about the tragedy? They should be the first ones to give her moral and monetary support. Or doesn't the bold starlet's case merit their concern?

Nina was recently brought home from

## People, Places, Pleasures

By MARIO DUMAUAL



A little help from DANGAL and MAKINILYA for Nina Sara

the hospital. The poor girl cannot be interviewed, according to a colleague who visited her last week. She always breaks into hysterics when she recalls her ordeal. **Paging DANGAL!**

**CORY TRIP A BIG TV EVENT.** All the local networks are pooling their resources together for what is billed as the biggest media event after the Marcos rule. Channels 4, 7, 9, 13 and ABS-CBN radio will have full and equal coverage of the five-day trip of President Cory to Indonesia and Singapore this week.

There will be no government free-loaders in this hook-up. Participating broadcast mediemen will shoulder their expenses, including airline tickets, hotel bills and international phone calls. Materials gathered will be made available to all channels for airing. Satellite feeds started last Sunday. Expect Cory favorites June Keithley, Maria Montelibano and Mitos Villareal to be on top of the coverages.

**HERE AND THERE.** A group of concerned movie writers led by some **Makinilya** members is sponsoring a benefit show to raise funds for those left behind by the late Emy Santos Vivar. Emy succumbed to cancer early August.

Among the invited performers are Zsa Zsa Padilla, Dulce, Jam Morales, Bert Marcelo, Raymond Lauchengco, Keno, Vernie Varga, Jeffrey Coronel, Boy de Guia, Lolit Solis, Christie Gatchalian, Ivy Violan and Gary Valenciano. The show, entitled **That's What Friends Are For**, will be staged at the Bodega City in Quezon Avenue, Quezon City on September 10, Emy's birth anniversary.

Zsa Zsa Padilla was finally persuaded to appear in movies. She will be Dolphy's next leading lady for a December film, according to her publicist, Boy Abunda. Zsa Zsa nixed several big movie offers in the past, including a project with Ronnie Poe. The lovely singer is still riding high on the concert front. She has a new show, **Woman in Satin**, at the Light and Sound beginning August 27.

Sally Villanueva, whom **We Forum** publisher Jose Burgos, Jr. replaced as OIC of Ilocos Sur, was recently appointed



Zsa Zsa Padilla

member of the TV and movie censors board. "That's quite a comedown," quipped one board insider. Villanueva was also named acting mayor of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur.

Commissioner Lino Brocka may have an early homecoming to showbiz. Lino, a member of the so-called nationalist bloc in the Con-Com, is threatening to resign from the body over the defeat of the bloc's proposal for full economic protection of local industries. Several projects are waiting for Lino, among these, a new drama anthology, **Ina**, on ABS-CBN and two movies.

Regal Films' publicity machine is taking great pains to counteract the flood of negative publicity about its contract star. "Taray Queen" Maricel Soriano. They are doling out thicker "white envelopes" to scribes as incentive for positive Maricel write-ups. Maricel is in **Inday, Inday sa Balitaw** but she's not the one selling the film. Wonder kid Matet is.

Fast rising pop-rock singer Randy Santiago is slowly stealing the limelight from his brother, Rowell. The punk eyeglass-wearing Randy is performing with Gary Valenciano in the latter's **ULTRA** concert on August 30. His well-kept secret was disclosed to us recently by a mutual friend. Our source claims that Randy was Pops' former flame, and not Rowell as popularly believed. □

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION  
Makati, Metro Manila

Foreclosure No. 86-301

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 (AS IMPLEMENTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3 DATED OCTOBER 19, 1984 OF THE SUPREME COURT)

PURSUANT to the terms of the Deed of Real Estate Mortgage dated July 21, 1983, executed by Mortgagor/s ARTURO MANALANG in favor of Mortgagee/s IMUS RURAL BANK, INC., to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness amounting to P136,722.50 PESOS, in Philippine currency, as of June 16, 1988, with interest, penalty, attorney's fees and other charges together with all lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the EXECUTIVE JUDGE of the Regional Trial Court of Makati Metro-Manila, through the undersigned Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff of Makati, Metro Manila, hereby announces that on Sept. 12, 1988 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the Main Entrance of the Municipal Building of Muntinlupa, Metro Manila, he and/or the Deputy Sheriff incharge, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder and for cash, in Philippine currency, the following

described real property/ies, together with all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 112452

Makati, Metro Manila

"A parcel of land (Lot 242-C of the subd. plan (LRC) Pcd-305128, approved as a non-subd. project, being apportion of lot 242, Muntinlupa Estate, LRC Rec. No. 8137), situated in the Municipality of Muntinlupa, Province of Rizal (Now Metro Manila), Island of Luzon, Bounded on the NE, Containing an area of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (1,434) SQUARE METERS, more or less, . . .

Interested parties are enjoined to investigate for themselves the title/s to the said real property/ies and encumbrances thereon, if any there be,

Makati, Metro Manila, July 21, 1988.

FOR THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE:

(SGD.) MAXIMO C. CONTRERAS  
Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff

(Sgd.) BERNARDO J. SAN JUAN  
Deputy Sheriff Incharge

Atty. Manuel Paradas, Counsel for the Mortgagee Imus, Cavite;  
Arturo Manalang 338 Alabang, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila

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Pops Fernandez's big secret: Randy Santiago (left)

# Yes, Ronnie goes to the john

People with hardly any movie fan mentality maintain that it is very good that showbiz stars get a lot of flak from columnists and reporters during talk shows like *See-True* and *Scoop*. These un-star-struck citizens think that revealing showbiz idols' "feet of clay" will surely diminish people's near adoration for this or that movie star or singer.

There should, be better and more worthy idol, the reasoning goes, than showbiz celebrities. Besides, most movie folk do not have the talent and skills deserving of their massive popularity. Most of them only have their faces and/or their bodies as their ticket to stardom. This much is true, of course. Not all of our award-winning actors and singers deserve their trophies and their popularity.

But then, the exposes on movie stars and singers do not really succeed in disabusing people, young and old alike, of their illusions about their showbiz idols. Many fans, especially from the provinces, still believe that their favorite movie star or singer is a special creature. As such, they don't get hurt when pinched, they don't get worn out by crowds, they don't get tired of signing autograph notebooks, or they don't get hungry. Some even believe that their favorite "artista" is not subject to calls of nature.

Provincial fans, despite their access to

By **DANNY VIBAS**

the muck-heaping columns in most newspapers and showbiz magazines, as well as watch replays of *See-True* and *Scoop* seem to be the last people who could ever be convinced that their idols are normal human beings.

Entertainment reporters who join movie stars and singers in provincial engagements (filming, promotional appearances, or special shows) always come back with the most amusing stories about the fans in those far-flung towns. For instance, Lhar Santiago, a close friend of action star Jess Lapid Jr., once joined the actor in a movie promo tour in Mindanao.

They stayed in a pensione where some fans would turn up even in the middle of the night to take a look at the actor. Santiago chanced upon a group of such fans one night while Lapid was asleep upstairs. When Santiago told them that, some of them naively remonstrated in their mixed Visayan-Tagalog: "Dili man tuod 'yan. Dili man magtulog si Jiss, dahil artista man 'yon'" ("No, he couldn't be possibly sleeping because he is a movie star").

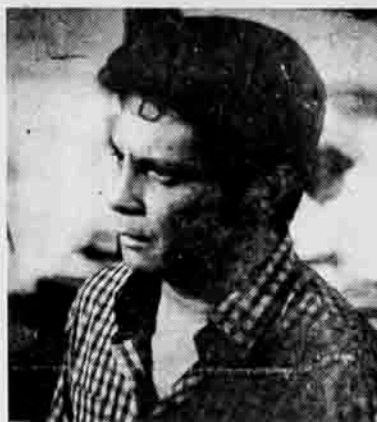
In another encounter with star-hounding fans in the same town, Santiago tried to dismiss them by saying that Lapid couldn't see them because he had to keep going to

the john due to stomach trouble caused by the water they have been drinking. The fans stoutly declared that movie stars don't go to the john and don't ever suffer any kind of illness.

Many avid fans even in fairly urbanized provinces also seem unable to accept the fact that what they see in the movies are just acted out scenes. Fernando Poe Jr., still very much the top-grossing action star, once said that he can never make a movie in which he dies at the end of the story. He has heard from the provincial distributors of his films that in one theater where his movie was showing, a man shot the screen all because the man thought his idol would be beaten to the draw by one of his foes in the film's plot. The fan, for all the grown-up, gun-toting man that he is, just couldn't believe that FPJ could possibly die even if only in the movies. It's hard to imagine who that man would shoot if and when FPJ breathes his last for real.

But even supposedly jaded city-dwellers think that their idols never tell lies. Or that they are ever ready to tell the truth. At *Scoop*, where this writer holds a part-time job receiving phoned-in questions, some fans sound so convinced that their idols would truthfully answer their phoned-in questions.

Most of these questions seek to confirm rumors or publicity gimmicks about a movie star's romantic relationship with his or her TV or movie sweetheart. It is as if those who phone in such questions have never known that there are only two instances when a showbiz celebrity admits a romantic affair: either when it has ended or when it's about to enter a new phase — marriage. Sharon Cuneta and Gabby Concepcion, for instance, never admitted their relationship until the time they announced their wedding plans. And so did Pops Fernandez and Martin Nievera. Sharon and Gabby got married after they had broke up and Gabby went steady with Janice de Belen. But both Sharon and Gabby admitted they were "on" only



**Fernando Poe Jr: Mortal like us** when they broke up. Then, too, Janice and Gabby only admitted that they have split only when the latter's wedding with Sharon was announced.

Precisely because we already know that movie stars are likely to lie about their love affairs, we avoid airing phoned-in questions about who their boyfriend or girlfriend is. However, if the callers can cite the place and the time they saw two movie stars rumored to be sweethearts go on a date, we always air the question even if there's always the possibility that the guest star would deny it.

The initial reaction of the guest star, usually caught by the camera as soon as the question for him or her has been read by the off-camera announcer never fails to indicate if the guest star is lying or not. The truth can be gleaned from their body language, or heard from the sound of their voice, but not from the words they mouth.

Movie stars are also prone to defensive answers in response to questions about their cosmetic surgeries, vices, and dubious sidelines. Some *Scoop* followers get very disgusted about movie stars' denial of what they (the callers) have sought confirmation.

Some even call us back soon after the stars have given their answer to denounce the dishonest guests. We take it to mean that those showbiz followers still believe that in spite of movie stars and singers having been exposed, a lot of fans continue to expect them to be honest.

That's showbiz for you. □



**Eddie Gutierrez and Susan Roces: The reel from the real escapes most movie fans**

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Makati, Metro Manila

\*\*and Amended Mortgage  
Contract on March 5, 1971\*\*

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 (AS IMPLEMENTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3 DATED OCTOBER 19, 1984 OF THE SUPREME COURT)

PURSUANT to the terms of the Deed of Real Estate Mortgage dated August 5, 1970\*\*, executed by Mortgagor/s Sps. Roy N. Decena and Remedios F. Decena in favor of Mortgagee/s SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness amounting to P92,374.71 PESOS, in Philippine currency, as of April 1, 1986, with interest, penalty, attorney's fees and other charges together with all lawful fees and expenses of foreclosure sale, the EXECUTIVE JUDGE of the Regional Trial Court of Makati Metro-Manila, through the undersigned Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff of Makati, Metro Manila, hereby announces that on Sept. 12, 1986 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, in front of the Main Entrance of the Municipal Building of Parañaque, Metro Manila, he and/or the Deputy Sheriff Incharge, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder and for cash, in Philippine currency, the following

described real property/ies, together with all its improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 296987  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR PASAY CITY

"A parcel of land (Lot 10, Block 9 of the consolidation-subd. plan (LRC) Pcs-9785, Sheet 2, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 3433-A-3433-B, both described on plan Pcu-123840 & Lot 3434, situated in the Barrio of Ibayo, Municipality of Parañaque, Province of Rizal, Island of Luzon, Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS, more or less, ...

Interested parties are enjoined to investigate for themselves the title/s to the said real property/ies and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.  
Makati, Metro Manila, August 4, 1986.

FOR THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE:

(SGD.) MAXIMO C. CONTRERAS  
Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD.) BERNARDO J. SAN JUAN  
Deputy Sheriff Incharge

Atty. Mercedes Balas, SSS Bldg., East Ave., Quezon City; Sps. Roy Decena & Remedios Decena Lot 10, Block 9, Moonwalk Subd., Bo. Ibayo, Parañaque, MM; 1020-A General M. Malvar, Malate, Manila.

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## Readers'

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to have said, the landowner need not be cultivating the retention area; and if a tenancy relation exists over the retention area, said tenancy relation shall be abolished (Manila Bulletin, August 14, 1986, page 11). Hence, the tenants in retention areas stand to be ejected. This will mean the ejection of the majority of all tenants! Then again, the right to a retention area will be extended not only to the landowner but also to each and every one of his children, according to Commissioner Christian Monsod and Jose Suarez as they have been quoted in the News Herald issue of August 12, 1986,

Page 1.

With such provisions on agrarian reform, the peasants will be lucky if 5 percent of them could become landowners and if 80 percent of them will not be ejected! How could such a program be called genuine agrarian reform if it is so incomplete and so retrogressive?

**Federation of Free Farmers**

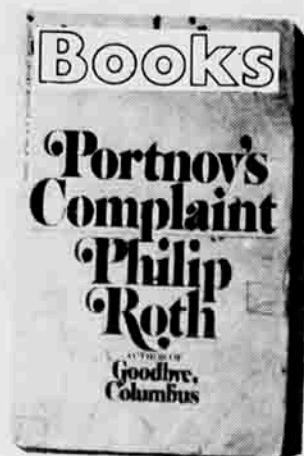
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Final title: *The Sun Also Rises* (1926)  
Author: Ernest Hemingway
- Original title: *Tenderness*  
Final title: *Lady Chatterley's Lover* (1928)  
Author: D. H. Lawrence
- Original title: *Twilight*  
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- Original title: *O Lost*  
Final title: *Look Homeward, Angel* (1929)  
Author: Thomas Wolfe

- Original title: *Bar-B-Q*  
Final title: *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (1934)  
Author: James M. Cain
- Original title: *Tomorrow Is Another Day*; also *Tote the Weary Load*, *Milestones*, *Jettison, Ba! Ba! Black Sheep*, *None So Blind*, *Not in Our Stars*, and *Bugles Sang True*  
Final title: *Gone with the Wind* (1936)  
Author: Margaret Mitchell
- Original title: *The Various Arms*; also *Return to the Wars*  
Final title: *To Have and Have Not* (1937)  
Author: Ernest Hemingway
- Original title: *Something That Happened*  
Final title: *Of Mice and Men* (1937)  
Author: John Steinbeck
- Original title: *Proud Flesh*  
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- Original title: *Salinas Valley*  
Final title: *East of Eden* (1952)  
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- Original title: *The Tree and the Blossom*  
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- Original title: *Come and Go*  
Final title: *The Happy Hooker* (1972)  
Author: Xaviera Hollander with Robin Moore and Yvonne Dunleavy
- Original title: *The Summer of the Shark*; also *The Terror of the Monster* and *The Jaws of the Leviathan*  
Final title: *Jaws* (1974)  
Author: Peter Benchley
- Original title: *Before This Anger*  
Final title: *Roots: The Saga of an American Family* (1976)  
Author: Alex Haley

— R.J.F. & The Eds.

## Green with envy

Enrile is being accused of witch-hunting. I disagree. Communists are not witches. That's an insult to Joma, Morales, and the 17,000. standing Army of the NPA.

A few officials in the government may have green cards. Some critics may be green with envy.

The young couple going over their monthly bills were finally down to the last two.

"Gosh, honey," said the husband, "We're practically broke. I don't know whom



to pay — the electric company or the doctor."

"Oh, the electric company of course," answered the wife. "After all the doctor can't shut off your blood."

An alumnus who was shown a list of current examination questions by his old economics professor exclaimed, "Why, those are the same questions you asked when I was in school!"

"Yes," said the professor, "we ask the same questions every year."

"But don't you know that students hand the questions along from one year to the next?"

"Sure," said the professor. "But in economics we change the answers."

Most awards given by civic clubs for distinguished services are in the form of

plaques and medals. They presume that's what most people need.

I disagree. Most people need cash instead.

A retired Manila policeman residing in Tagig told me top police and city officials were collecting P50,000 per week as long from the underworld in Manila. No wonder, they now live in mansions!

Fr. Wency Laguidao, OMI our pinoy missionary in Fukuoka said most Japanese children say yes when asked if they ever think of committing suicide.

The worst our children think of doing is run away from home. Thank God.

The Japanese think Christianity is too high an ideal. So most Japanese converts come from the intellectuals and the elite.

Over here, the gospel has been watered down to produce pious frauds and cheap imitation saints.

"Mother," the middle of her three boys complained one day, "you are always saying, 'You two big boys do this or You two little boys do that' and I always get caught." □

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JUDICIAL REGION  
Pasig, Metro-Manila

OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by the DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, Mortgagee, with principal office at DBP Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati, Metro-Manila, against Achievers Construction and Development Corporation represented by its President AMADO BAGATSING, Mortgagor, with business office at City of Manila, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 31, 1985 amounts to Twenty Nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six Pesos and 90/100 (P29,759,336.90) Pesos, Philippine Currency, excluding daily interest thereon, penalties, charges, attorney's fees, and expenses of foreclosure the undersigned or her duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on SEPTEMBER 16, 1986, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in front of the Office of the Regional Sheriff of Pasig, Metro-Manila, located at the New Hall of Justice Building, Capitol Compound, Pasig, Metro-Manila, to the highest bidder for CASH, in Philippine currency, the following real property, together with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 27742 - RIZAL

A parcel of land (Lot 16, Block 2 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-04-000122, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 49-C-3-A-C-3-A-4-A-5-A to D and H, described on plan (LRC) Pcd-253913, LRC Rec. No. 7672), situated in the Mun. of Marikina, Metro-Manila, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW, along line 1-2 by Lot 15, Block 2; on the NE, and SE, along lines 2-3-4 by Road Lot 5; on the SW, along line 4-5 by Road Lot 3; and on the SW, along line 5-1 by Lot 1, Block 2, all of the consolidation subdivision plan, xxx; containing an area of SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE (791) SQUARE METERS, more or less.

NOTE:

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves to the title of the property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Pasig, Metro-Manila, August 14, 1986.

(Sgd.) GRACE S. BELVIS  
Regional Sheriff of Pasig, M.M.

(Sgd.) MAXIMO I. MANUEL  
Deputy Sheriff Incharge

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PBA bonanza

# Tanduay vs Ginebra

By IGNACIO DEE

**A**s the lights went out all over Luzon Thursday last week and the rumor of another coup swept over Manila, the last Great Taste hope for a finals berth in this year's All-Filipino flickered out in the generator-powered ULTRA.

Unwatched by a city plunged in darkness, minus airconditioning and electronic time, the Tanduay Rhummakers spear-headed by Ramon Fernandez hammered out a 115-107 win over the Coffeemen in the knockout match for the second slot in this year's edition of the All-Filipino finals.

Tanduay kept its grand slam hopes alive but it now faces a most formidable opponent, Ginebra. This extremely hungry Ginebra has never won a PBA crown though it has won the finals of the PBA Open in 1983. It also marks the first time in two years of coaching that Sonny Jaworski has guided his team to the finals.

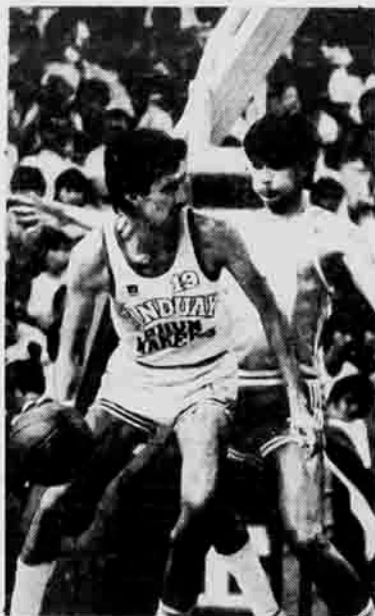
Despite the absence of imports and the generally disappointing turn-out for the All-Filipino games this year, PBA officials expect a huge bonanza from the coming Tanduay-Ginebra setto.

It is the fanatical Ginebra crowd that the PBA has longed to harness to boost the gate receipts. It is no secret that Ginebra has indeed the largest following in the six team pro league. Internal squabbles have long denied the Ginebra team their chance for a conference crown, but a purge of the team last December left coach Jaworski a bunch of loyal and physical-playing men.

Jaworski at 40 is not an athlete gone to seed. The muscle tone is still there, though his stamina may fail him during the especially strenuous moments. His court sense though, the experience gained through more than two decades of playing basketball will never desert him. That coupled with his passion for the game has given the fans the idol they had been looking for this series despite his occasionally wayward elbow.

Tanduay could not boast, of the same large armada of followers but their star player, two-time MVP Ramon Fernandez is not called the "Franchise" for nothing. The Jaworski-Fernandez rivalry is another added fillip to the match, their well-known squabbles while still teammates in Toyota having been played out on the media stage. The scars of the particular conflict has yet to heal.

Fernandez, the master of elegant moves at the low post is mainly an offensive player though he can defend well if he put his mind to it. Teammates J. B. Yango, Padim Israel, and Ely Capacio could take up the defensive slack however. Tanduay has a real edge over Ginebra in the middle but Romulo Mamaril, Ginebra's former laughingstock has been turning some head



Ramon Fernandez (19) powers Tanduay Rhummakers to the PBA's All-Filipino finals.



Robert Jaworski (7): The pride and the passion remain.

lately.

It all boils down to whether Tanduay's deeper bench could successfully overcome the fighting spirit and the very intense physical game Ginebra usually plays.

Of course, one cannot discount the fact that the referees could very easily decide the series. As far as this goes, Tanduay seems to have been getting the raw end of the officials' calls. We need only remember Tanduay's barely averted walkout in the semifinal game also against Ginebra.

"Sobra, patay kami sa referee. Sa tagal ng paghawak ko ng team, isa na yata iyon sa pinakamasamang officiating na nakita ko," said coach "Turo" Valenzona.

But this statement does not sit well with Jaworski, "Minsan kami naman ang agrabyado. Hindi mo namang masasabi

na nanalo lang kami dahil sa officiating. Nanalo kami kasi kaya naming manalo."

Both coaches agree, however, that it must not be the referees who would decide the series.

Wary of the insidious influence of game-fixers among the players, Tanduay's management has doubled their monetary incentives to the players if they win the series. Already, Mon Fernandez has guaranteed a Tanduay victory. "If we get the kind of officiating we had against Great Taste... we will win the series in three straight games."

This early, no one can predict with any certainty who would win. But back in the PBA offices, they are already counting their blessings. □

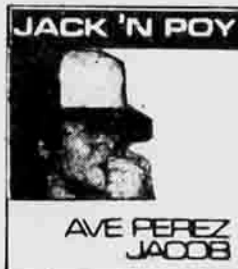
## Kapatid ni ermat

**S**ANA makahabol pa rin sa patay na guhit o deadline ang p'yesa nating 'to, iso.

Kasi 'di ka'gad tayo nakasulat dahil nakipaglamay saka nakipaglibing tayo sa patay. Dats rayt... maraming oras tayong tumambay sa bahay na kinalagakan ng taong patay, hanggang ihatid ang bangkay sa huling hantungan at hanggang kinabukasan pa.

Ang tutoo e 'di tayo mahilig at madalas pa ngang umiwas makipaglamay at makipaglibing. Bihira nating gawin 'yan. Ano pa'ng magagawa mo kung patay na'ng tao? At masigurado mo bang alam ng bangkay na naro'n ka, umiinom ng kape at ngumunguya ng matsakaw kung 'di man tumotoma ng agua de pataranta? Kahit no'ng paglalaman at ilibing ng milyunmilyon ang 'sang napakasi- kat na tao tatlong taon na'ng nakalilipas e 'di tayo nagt'yagang pumila at sumilip do'n sa kanilang haybol.

Malayong maging bayani at, s'yempre, 'di rin dakila 'tong patay na pinag-uusapan natin, tso. Katunayan e mahirap siyang tao, nakatira tulad ng kapwa niya mahihirap sa mga marurusing na bahay, o nakasampid sa magkabilang gilid ng riles ng tren do'n sa 'sang lugar sa Malabon. Wala siyang kayod na pinagkakakitaan no'ng buhay pa kung 'di ang magbilang ng



mga baldeng pinupuno ng tubig mula sa 'sang gomang nakasuso sa kung kaninong gripo at maningil ng ilang sentimong upa sa umiigib na mga tagaro'n din.

Natagpuan siyang walang malay at naghihinalo pagtapos ng maghapon at magdamag na pakikipagtoaman. Payat at mahina ang kanyang pangangatawan dahil matagal na siyang me sakit na TB. Siguro ginawa niya 'yon para tapusin na'ng kanyang paghihirap. Tutoo ba'ng sabi ng iba na masarap mamatay nang senglot, tso? Nadala pa siya sa ospital pero ilang oras lang e nadedbol din.

Akala natin e do'n siya ibuburo sa Malabon. At dapat unang gabi pa lang ng lamay e nakarating na tayo. Pero meron tayong press work sa ibang magasin na 'di p'wedeng 'di gawin dahil siguradong magugutom tayo at mawawalan ng pambayad sa 'ting madilim at malamok na lungga. Wala siya ro'n nang humabol tayo para sa likatlong hapon at gabi ng lamay. Kasi, dinala pala siya ka'gad do'n sa

'sang baryo sa 'sang bayan sa Bulakan na kanyang sinilangan at nilakhan.

Ayaw sana nating tumulo do'n. Malayo, maraming palipatlipat na sakay - d'yip at traysikel, traysikel at d'yip, p'wera pa 'yong Kontraps'yong tinutulak ng mga bata sa riles ng tren papunta at palabas sa lugar na 'yon sa Malabon. Saka napakarami ring memorya, magaganda at malulungkot, na magbabangunan sa 'yong gunuguni 'pag umuwi ka ro'n sa bayang sinilangan mo rin sa Bulakan. Isa na rito 'yong hubo't hubad na paliligo mo sa sapa no'ng tsikiting ka pa, no'ng malinis pa ang tubig sa ilog at 'tong patay na paglalaman at ilibing mo e binata pa at isa sa mga nagtuturo sa 'yong lumangoy.

Hayan, meron nang isport sa p'yasang 'to ha, tso? Paglangoy, pero mas okey siyang kumanta at tumugtog ng gitara lalo na no'ng binata pa nga. At mabuti't naipasiya nating pumunta ro'n. Ke sarap ng kantahan at pakikipagtoaman natin sa mga kamag-anak na 'di natin nakapiling nang labinlima o dalawampung taon. Kahit nalingbing na siya e nagpaiwan tayo at hanggang kinabukasan e nakikipagtoaman at nakikipagkantahan ng mga awiting Tagalog na paborito niya at ng mga kasabay niya no'ng bata pa si Sabel.

Siya e nakababatang kapatid ni ermat, tso. □

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# Intelligence report

## Secret armies secret enemies

By JORGE BUNTON

**T**he death of PMA graduate Henry Zulueta appears to be heading towards historical oblivion, after the turmoil of February changed the "status" of some of the Marcos regime's top henchmen. Zulueta was a recent graduate from the PMA assigned to a counter-insurgency unit of the military when he met an untimely death in a night "encounter" with alleged NPA guerrillas at Nueva Ecija. But upon closer investigation, it was discovered that Zulueta was killed in an encounter between elements of the RUC in that area and an "unofficial counter-terrorist team" under the Ministry of Defense. The latter intruded into the area of operations of Zulueta's group without informing military authorities. In the dead of the night, the two team confronted each other leading to Zulueta's death. But the story has been hushed up because of the serious implica-

tions that the young officer's death might have on the military establishment's "prestige".

The hush-hush operations, however may lead to more problems for the culprits. Zulueta's batch mates swore by his coffin that in the event of any rift between the Defense Ministry and the Chief of Staff, they would stand by Gen. Ramos — to the death. It was their way of warning those responsible for their classmate's death that retributions will be made in the future.

Our source gave us more information on the nature of the Enrile "counter-terrorist group". He mentioned that this group is composed of the "scalawags" of the PMA, i.e., those who were expelled or forced to resign from the academy because of their dismal academic record, their active involvement in hazing incidents and their lack of appreciation of the real role of a future soldier in society. Their loyalty is solely towards Col. Gringo Honasan and they maintain this intense hatred for their batchmates who finished



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the rigorous four-year military training in the PMA. Our source fears that in the event of a conflict, these people will not hesitate to point their guns and fire them at civilians and soldiers who will try to defend the government against a possible coup.

Now that Mamintal Adiong was able to corner the position of Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Public Works and Highways, there is no more obstacle to the appointment of his top henchman, Bala-min Mamainti to being regional director of Region 9. Mamainti was extremely disliked by the people of Dipolog City for his alleged corrupt activities. This dislike has grown more intense because the people in that southern town know of his blood ties with the Deputy Minister. With Adiong's appointment, the people now joke around that a new "We Belong" group is being set up starting with Mamainti. Corruption, they believe, will definitely continue with Adiong and Mamainti's inclusion in the new government.

And what has Political Counsellor-cum-Minister Teodoro Locsin been doing lately? Unfortunately, nothing. Locsin, the new head of the Presidential Center for Special Studies (PCSS) — which is ostensibly the presidential think tank — has done nothing substantial to help prepare President Aquino for her Southeast Asian visit. This caused some problem in the Palace, forcing Cory Aquino to call UP President Edgardo Angara to seek his assistance for the preparation of briefing papers and speeches (1) for her Indonesian and Singapore visits. Angara hastily prepared a team of professors from the Political Science Department and the College of Law for the presidential request. The PCSS lacked the competent staff to do these things. Locsin merely aggravated this dismal situation. The professors were forced to drop their responsibilities for the failure of the presidential think-tank to respond to the work normally assigned to them.

There is a growing consensus among some yellow oppositionists that in the 1986 presidential election where Cory Aquino will not seek re-election and Defense Minister Enrile will declare his candidacy, they will field no less than Gen. Fidel Ramos to oppose the Enrile candidacy. Ramos, who will (hopefully?) retire by then will be the only person with the popularity and the following to challenge Enrile's bid for power. They yellowists have conceded that Vice President Laurel is a political goner, after his booboos in Cebu and the fact that he is practically a political exile at the foreign ministry. On the other hand, potential candidates like PCGG head Jovito Salonga and MLG's Aquilino Pimentel do not have the political savvy and high profile of Enrile. Besides, PDP-Laban has yet to establish a firm mass base. Thus, it will only be Ramos, a professional soldier and definitely an American boy, who will be able to withstand the political offensive of Enrile. This will be quite an interesting match-up if Ramos will accept the offer.

Who are some of the men behind Cory Aquino who do not occupy official positions or are minor functionaries but wield considerable influence over the President's political decisions? Apart from Jesuit Joaquin Bernas, there is retired Gen. Jorge Vargas who was instrumental in the appointment of the new NICA Chief Luis Villareal Mr. Jose "Chito" Ayala, a member of the Monetary Board, who advises Cory on the appropriate responses to the insurgency question, and of course, the President's brother Peping Cojuangco. Another minor adviser is believed to be Emmanuel Soriano, leader of the business political group **Maninindigan**, who was Aquino's neighbor in Times Street and who is believed to be one of the engineers behind the operation to weed out "reds" inside the government even before Minister Enrile started his own witch-hunt. Another influential personality is Joker Arroyo's assistant, Fulgencio Factoran, Jr., but we will reserve his story for the next issue. □

## Crossword

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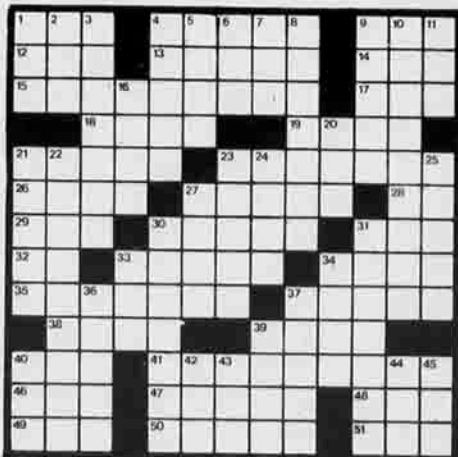
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- 19 Ireland
- 21 Slept
- 23 Minuet-like dance
- 26 War god
- 27 Attempted
- 28 Print measure
- 29 Soft metal
- 30 Paces
- 31 Sum up
- 32 For example
- 33 Aids
- 34 Reed
- 35 Absence of sound
- 37 Piano type
- 38 Monicker
- 39 Alda
- 40 Small flap
- 41 Took back
- 46 Ear; comb. form
- 47 Poplar
- 48 Spanish gold
- 49 For each
- 50 Fewest
- 51 Clear profit

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- 1 — Sawyer
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- 3 Inhabitant
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- 5 Departed

- 6 Flightless bird
- 7 German article
- 8 Dress parts
- 9 Planet's path
- 10 Anticipated
- 11 Decade
- 16 Bad day for Caesar
- 20 Scepter
- 21 Appointments
- 22 Begin
- 23 Complain
- 24 Small islands
- 25 Finished

- 27 Soft mineral
- 30 Mil. officer
- 31 Withdraw help from
- 33 Garment edge
- 34 Algerian seaport
- 36 Bobbit's milieu
- 37 Sparkle
- 39 Ono-spots
- 40 Child's toy
- 42 Compass pt.
- 43 Mineral spring
- 44 Thitherto
- 45 Speck



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