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RP marks 97th Independence Day

The Philippines marked its 97th Independence Day on June 12, 1995 amidst perennial problems besetting our country, which is trying hard to improve itself economically.

Maintaining peace and order, which is a basic requirement, before our country can move forward to progress, continues to be a big problem.

The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) was preparing to fight anew the government troopers, claiming its camps in Sulu and Basilan were attacked by the military pursuing the Abu Sayyaf bandits.

In Metro Manila, the rafters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) were shaken, when the Senate probed three police generals and one colonel for involvement in the alleged rout of 11 Kuratong Baleleng Gang members

in Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City last May 18, 1995.

The country's claim to some parts of the Spratly Islands continues to be a threat to our sovereignty as other big nations are contesting its ownership.

CRIMEBUSTER foresees that serious efforts are being made by the Philippine government to address the said problems. Negotiations will continue with the MNLF, despite the drive against the feisty Abu Sayyafs.

PNP will be revamped to improved its image in line with President Ramos' vision of a Philippines 2000.

And the Spratly Island's case will be resolved through international diplomacy so as to save the country from clashing with the other claimant countries in an unwanted war.



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Reinvigorating the Quezon City police command

By CEFERINO ACOSTA III



CYCLE COPS. Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. (left) and the motorcycle policemen of the Central Police District Command of Quezon City.

When Quezon City Mayor Ismael A. Mathay Jr. assumed office in 1992, he found a police force that was reeling from the effects of a celebrated murder and abduction case and wanting in morale and in much needed equipment for crime fighting.

Before he became the city's chief executive, Mathay was also the congressional representative of the city's fourth district. He was also the chairman of the Metro Manila Authority in 1993-94 for a total three six-month terms.

In that office he was made aware of the many problems besieging the city's crime busters and the city in general. His decision to run for mayor was galvanized by the fact that he saw his beloved Quezon City decaying into a shadow of its former self. To bring it back to its former glory, massive reforms were needed and the police force was the first place to start.

After conferring with top police officials, Mathay set about with the task of reinvigorating the police force so it can regain its former glory as a keeper of the public trust and protector of the city's more than two million residents.

Mathay's program of government involved realigning the city to the dream of its founding father, the late President Manuel L. Quezon, for it to become the premier city of the country.

To do so involves reinventing government and attracting investors to make

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QUEZON CITY MAYOR ISMAEL A. MATHAY, JR.

Quezon City the home for their factories and businesses, increasing the city's revenue take and employment opportunities for its residents.

But above all this is making the city a safe and secure place for business and for its residents.

"Improving the peace and order situation would not only attract more investors to the city, but would also make it easier for our citizens to go through their daily lives enhancing their capacities to be more productive at work,

Mayor Mathay was no stranger to police affairs having served as vice governor for Metro Manila for seven years and as a member of the Batasang Pambansa for Quezon City.

through an upgrading of equipment and hiring of additional manpower.

"There is an urgent need to improve the response mechanism of the police force to incidence of crime and violence in the city," Mathay said. The city had a crime rate figure of 307.59 per 100,000 population in 1992.

One of the first moves of Mathay was to work with the Quezon City Council where he asked and got a P1,000 increase in salary for Central Police District Command policemen.

The move earned numerous praises from both within the police force and from political observers in the city. Not only would the additional salary augment the meager income of our law enforcers so they can give their families a better life, but it will also help the policemen resist the temptation of corruption.

Aside from the financial assistance, Mathay also worked for the purchase of modern communication equipment and 30 brand new police vehicles, with full communications equipment, for the use of the law enforcers.

Mathay said that by providing better communication and more mobility the response time of the police to calls for assistance would be greatly decreased.

With the new police vehicles and communication equipment, Mathay said the law enforcers should be made more visible to the public.

promoting the appropriate and supportive environment for business enterprises to operate, even for government offices and public servants in performing their tasks, and certainly, most of all for the citizens in maximizing their enjoyment of a higher quality of life," Mathay said.

INADEQUACIES

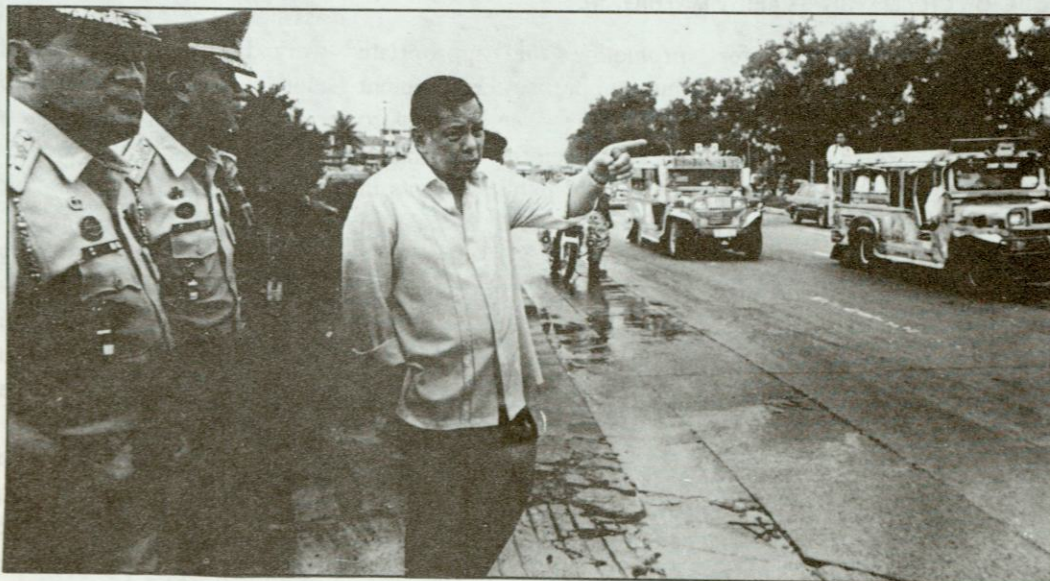
In his first state of the city address in 1992, Mathay admitted there were inadequacies in the police force that needed to be filled



INSPECTION. Mayor Mathay is escorted by Chief Supt. Ricardo de Leon, CPDC director, and Chief Supt. Jewel Canson, then NCRC chief, while inspecting an area in Quezon City.



BLESSING. Mayor Mathay attends the blessing of one of the 30 brand new mobile cars.



CITY JAIL. Mathay visits the inmates of one of the jails in the city.

He stressed that the sight of a law enforcer in full uniform, either directing traffic or walking his beat, gives residents a sense of security.

Quezon City was also one of the first test areas for the "Cops on the Block" program initiated by the Philippine National Police.

NOVEL CONCEPT

The "Cops on the Block" program is a novel concept in law enforcement as it aims to make the policeman not just a person in uniform securing a particular place, but one who is like family to residents in the area — a person they can trust and whom they can count on when there is a need to do so.

With the success of the "Cops on the Block" program, the city government and the Central Police District Command, under Chief Supt. Ricardo de Leon, took the program a step further by inviting the Rotary International District 3780 to work with them.

The "Adopt-A-Block" program of Quezon City involves the 66 Rotary clubs under Rotary International District 3780 where each club will "adopt" one "Cops on the Block" and provide it with full support in terms of finances for seminars and other forms of assistance.

"The fight against criminality and violence in the city has been stepped up resulting in reduced crime incidents as big criminals have been apprehended. This is with the renewed vigor of our police and the zeal and commitment of the new leadership of the Central Police District Command," Mathay said in his state-of-the-city



BRAND NEW. Mathay tries his hand on one of the dozens of brand new motorcycles donated by the city government to the CPDC.

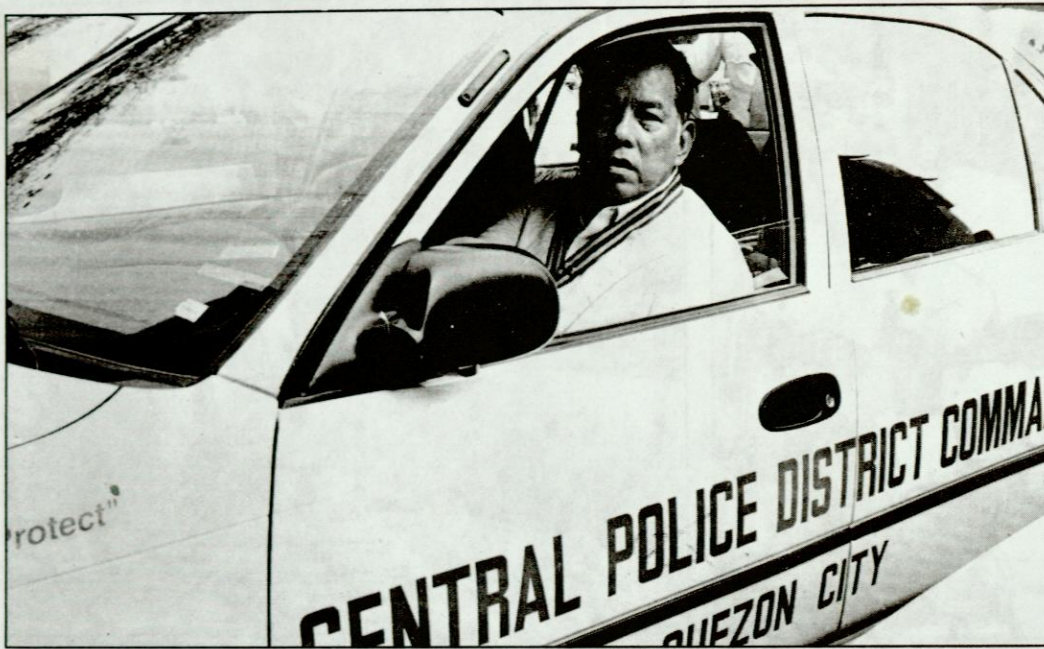


TOY GUNS. Mathay directs the destruction of seized toy guns and weapons near Our Lady of EDSA Shrine.



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TEST DRIVE. Mathay tests one of the 30 newly acquired mobile cars donated by the city government to the city's police command.

address in September 1994.

On the "Cops on the Block" and the "Adopt-A-Block" pro-grams, Mathay said "this early, the initiative is working, an innovative idea

long overdue, which will make our police and integral component of community action, not only to fight crime and keep the peace, but to assist in community initiatives in

many areas."

In the fight against crime, Mayor Mathay not only reinvigorated the city's police force, but also provide several programs and projects

in support of this objective to deter crime.

STREETLIGHTS

Chief among these is the massive streetlighting program which began in 1994.

The program sought to illuminate the once dark streets of the city, particularly the major thoroughfares, not only to deter criminals from victimizing citizens, but also to prevent traffic accidents.

"With the new streetlights, our residents can now feel safe and secure when walking on our streets to run errands, to visit friends. The streetlights not only made our streets safe, but it also made them look clearer and more appealing," Mathay said.

Among the major thoroughfares that received the new streetlights were: Quirino Highway in Novaliches, E.

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AWARD. In left photo, Mathay (in a black suit) receives an award from Chief Supt. De Leon, CPDC chief, as Rep. Sonny Belmonte (extreme right), Chief Supt. Canson (2nd from left) and Director Percival Adiong look on. In right photo, Mathay poses with Chief Supt. De Leon (extreme right) and other guests after the wreath laying at the statue of the late Maj. Gen. Tomas Karingal, during the general's 11th death anniversary at Camp Karingal, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City.

Rodriguez Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue, N. S. Amoranto (formerly Retiro) Street.

Aside from these, Mathay also initiated, with the

cooperation and support of the Philippine National Police command, the establishment of a "Women's Desk" in all police stations throughout the city to handle crimes involving

women either as victims or suspects.

The "Women's Desk" is headed by a policewoman who can better communicate with women regarding their

problems and complaints.

All these and other innovations and improvements in areas of governance earned for the Quezon City government a net performance



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KIDS & CANAL. In left photo, Mathay visits public school kids, while in right photo, the mayor with Ms. Divina Paredes-Japa, PAISO director, inspects a canal construction project.

rating of +55 in the Social Weather Station survey in 1994. Mayor Mathay received the highest rating among offi-

cials in the land. "If indeed we have achieved, and as perceived by our people we have, and they

approve of what we are doing for them, it is because during our administration we took the necessary bold steps and

pursued strong initiatives in many areas and which we believe are paying off," Mathay said. ■



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KID GRADUATES. Mathay smiles as a young boy kisses his hand during the graduation rites of nursery school children. Councilor Ramon Mathay (behind him) a mayor's son, also beams.

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SOSIA chief's many-sided career

Police Senior Superintendent Hiram C. Benatiro, the new chief of the Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies (SOSIA) under the Philippine National Police Headquarters, Camp Crame, Quezon City was born to spouses Gorgonio Buanjing Benatiro, Sr. and Columba Arrogante Cuyos of Tapilon, Daanbantayan, Cebu on June 25, 1946.

Benatiro took his primary at the Tapilon Elementary School, where he graduated with honors in 1958. He completed his secondary education at the Colegio de San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu City in 1963.

In 1968, he graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology from the University of the Visayas as Class Valedictorian and CUM LAUDE. It was in the same university, where he, likewise, obtained his degrees in Bachelor of Science in Education and Bachelor of Laws later in 1980 and in 1982, respectively, while then the ROTC Commandant of the same institution.



He joined the Philippine Constabulary as a Probationary Officer in 1968, after graduating at the top of his class of 60 PLOTG Graduates from all over the country who attended the Probationary Officers Training Course at the then Philippine Constabulary School based at Camp Panopio, Quezon City.

His early exposure to the field of law enforcement and his outstanding performance as a Junior Officer of Masbate Constabulary Command and later of the Bohol Constabulary Command, backed up by his excellent record in the PC School later named the Constabulary

Training Center as a student of the various career course he has undergone with honors and flying colors, earned for him not only a commission in the reserve force of the Philippine Constabulary and his immediate Call to-Active Duty but also his integration into the regular force of the Constabulary equivalent to a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy.

His name was immediately placed below PMA class of 1970 and above the graduates of 1971 of which the younger generals of the PNP today are members of.

As a PC officer, he was assigned to the various units

of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, among which were: his stint as Instructor of the Philippine Military Academy and the Constabulary Training Center; lecturer of the National Police Commission Academy; ROTC Commandant of the different colleges and universities of the country; Commanding Officer of different PC companies; Chief of Police of a municipality placed under PC Control and of at least two chartered cities; Provincial Commander of the provinces of Siquijor, Negros Occidental and Bohol; District Officer of the Criminal Investigation Service; Staff Officers in various Regional Commands like the PNP Regional Command 12 in Parang, Maguindnao and in the PNP Regional Command 7 where very lately he was the Chief of Staff until he was reassigned to his present post in Camp Crame.

Aside from his civilian educational background, he is also a graduate of the following courses which he finished either at the top of his class or with high honors; Master in National Security Administration; Commands and General Staff Course; PC Officers' Advanced Course; Intelligence Officer's course; Intel-

ligence Collection Course; Home Defense Course; Public Information and Relation Course; PC Officers Basic Course; Applied Project and Logistics Management Course; Criminal Investigation Course; PC Probationary Officers Training Course; Industrial Security Management Course; JR, Standard and Advance First Aid Course.

In addition to these courses, he has always find time to attend service-connected seminars including those conducted by other line agencies of the government and non-governmental organizations.

During his stint as a PC Officer and lately as a PNP Officer, he has earned to his credit a number of awards and distinctions like:

The Outstanding Senior Police Officer Award given by

the Metropolitan Press and Radio TV Club of the Philippines last 17 March 1995 at Quezon City

The Outstanding Senior PNP Field Officer of RECOM 7 Award in 1995;

The Outstanding Provincial Commander Award given by various Non-Governmental Organizations in 1987;

The PC Officer Award given by III PC Zone in 1975

The PC ROTC Commandant of the Year National Award received consecutively for a period of 5 years from the CPC on the occasion of the PC Day Celebration, and

The company commander Award given by III PC Zone in 1975

He was a recipient of the following medals:

PNP Medalya ng Kagalingan, awarded 3 times;

PNP Medalya ng Kasanayan, awarded 4 times; PNP Medalya ng Papuri, awarded 4 times; Military Merit Medals, awarded 17 times; Military Commendation Medals, awarded 16 times; Military Civic Action Medals; Medalya ng Kagitingan; Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medals; Luzon Campaign Medal, Visayas Campaign Medal, Mindanao-Sulu Campaign Medal, Long-Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citations and Martial Law and EDSA Revolution Campaign Medals.

As a duly registered criminologist, a certified security professional, a career service professional, PSSupt. Benatiro is a rated criminal investigator, traffic accident investigator (records show that he was responsible in renaming the then PC TRAFCON-ANCAR

into a PC HIGHWAY PATROL in 1971), a college professor, intelligence specialist, community relations specialist, operations specialist, a finger-print technician, a driver and a typist.

Married to the former Miss Rosario Siangko Antiligando of Tapilon, Daanbantayan, Cebu and Tondo, Manila. PSSupt. Benatiro is blessed with four children, namely: Rizal, now a physical therapist practitioner in the USA; Bayani – an electronics and communication engineer; Rosario – Filipinas, a mass communication student in Cebu City and Rosario Mutya – a kindergarten student in Cebu City.

He hopes to retire from the Police Service by the year 2002 with a record his family and friends can be proud of. ■

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Fearless ranger is Munti City's first cop chief

By WILLY E. IRINCO

In 1975, a seven-man PC Ranger team was dropped by a helicopter along Pinamakan River deep in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range on a mission to capture a New Peoples' Army (NPA) training camp.

After a last minute briefing by then Col. Orlando Dulay, commander of the 55th PC Ranger Battalion, the team was left behind as the official and the helicopter flew away.

The team, led by a young and dashing PC second lieutenant landed at about 9 a.m. and reached the target area at about 5 p.m. by hiking through the deep forest.

Superintendent Romeo A. Adduru, now the new chief of the Muntinlupa City Police Station, and the young PC lieutenant, then reported to CRIMEBUSTER that he saw smoke of a fire coming from the camp in the jungle, when his team was

only about 200 meters away from the target area.

Adduru also saw the newly washed clothes hanged at the clothesline in the camp, where some 50 fully armed NPA rebels were conducting training for new recruits.

Since it was late afternoon and darkness was creeping in, Adduru decided to postpone the attack, for it would be hard to count the casualty at night.

The team decided to conduct harboring, meaning

staying near the camp until dawn the next day. This he did so they could clearly see the targets.

Early at 5 a.m., the next day, Adduru and his team moved in as they crawled by leaps and bound. "We attacked on one side at the exact edge of the camp's perimeter," he said.

But when the team reached the camp, they found it abandoned. The NPAs withdrew leaving behind some of their firearms, like shotguns. "They did not engage us in a gun battle," Adduru said.

The grounds of the NPA camp had no more grass, meaning that it had been used for a long time, Adduru related.

The rangers seized voluminous subversive documents, as they captured the camp without any fire fight.

A military helicopter landed to pick up the voluminous communist documents. "We were again left behind, as the helicopter flew anew," he said. "We burned the camp."

The PC rangers continued to search the area in the process finding an empty 17 NPA huts nearby. "Foodstuff, such as boiled ripe saba banana were found," he said.

The camp was under NPA Commanders Diego and Marcing.

The NPAs ran away from a fight and went down to Isabela and Kalinga provinces. Despite this, Adduru said the 55th PC Ranger Battalion pursued the rebels up to Kalinga, where the government forces lost one officer and six soldiers in an encounter.

Adduru said they suffered casualties, specially in Chico Dam site, because the NPAs positioned themselves in higher grounds.

"I suffered foot blisters, despite using combat shoes, fighting the rebels," he said.

Later, the 55th PC Ranger Battalion regrouped and retrained in preparation for assignment in Mindanao at the PC Training Command in 1978 in Silang, Cavite.



MUNTINLUPA CITY HALL. A panoramic view of the Muntinlupa City Hall along the National Road, Barangay Putatan, Muntinlupa.

A few weeks after, elements of the battalion were flown in a C-130 military plane to Basilan and Sulu.

"I spearheaded the first flight," Adduru said.

In Mindanao, the bat-

talion encountered many gun battles against Muslim separatists. "It was a normal day-to-day life, to have armed encounters with the enemies," Adduru said.

Today, as new chief of

the Muntinlupa City police, Adduru considers his new assignment a good challenge.

"Peace and order in the city is generally normal, compared to other towns and cities in Metro Manila" he said.

"Crime volume is low," he reported adding that inhabitants in Muntinlupa were usually relatives which was a deterrence against crimes.

He was assigned as Muntinlupa City's first police

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chief on April 21, 1995. And since his assumption to office, no sensational case has occurred yet in his jurisdiction.

"Mostly petty crimes, such as neighborhood quarrels," he related on the incidents in his area of responsibility.

"Sensational cases, like murder, are seldom. Stabbing and common troubles are usually reported," he said.

Muntinlupa is marked with rich and poor areas. It has exclusive subdivisions like the Ayala-Alabang Village. Depressed areas, such as the Kabulusan Creek in Barangay Cupang and along the railroad tracks, exist.

To improve the city police, Adduru has launched a program. "Of course, I started with the discipline of my men," he said.

"My emphasis is on



CITY MAYOR. Reelected Mayor Ignacio R. Bunye, the first city chief executive, assured Adduru that the Muntinlupa City police mobile cars and other equipment will be increased.

their constant presence. Absenteeism here is dealt with severely," he said.

"I want to mold harmony of the unit to achieve teamwork here," he said.

Adduru said that police

community relations "is being embarked. It is very dynamic."

Regular dialogues are being held in the barangays helping in the dissemination of the police programs.

Some limitations are today bogging down the operations of the station. It has only four police mobile cars. "The car engines are not working," he said.

But Adduru revealed that Muntinlupa City officials, led by reelected City Mayor Ignacio R. Bunye, have signified their desire to improve the equipments of the police

"Additional mobile cars will be procured," he said.

The station lacks personnel. There are some 200,000 city residents, while the police have only 157 officers and men.

The city's police to population ratio is pegged at one lawman for every 2,000 inhabitants. The ideal ratio should be 1:700.

To maximize properly the police efforts, the AOR has been divided into four



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On the protection of banks, Adduru said his station has implemented Oplan Anti-Bank Robbery and Carnapping.

The city has some 35 banks mostly located along the national road and in Bgy. Ayala-Alabang, where a commercial complex is found.

Adduru said the blocks assisted in the protection of the banks. Visibility patrols are also being done so as to serve as a deterrence against would-be robbers.

In case a bank robbery occurs, the blocks will help the visibility patrols in fighting the culprits.

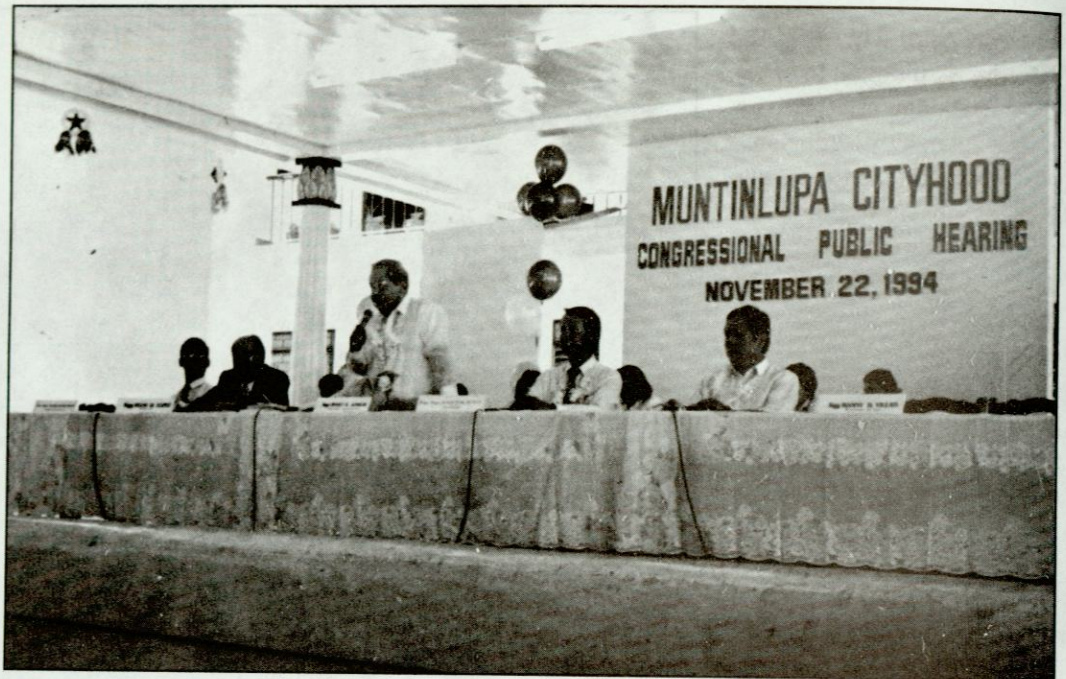
Adduru hails from Tuguegarao, Cagayan. He is a grandson of Col. Marcelo Adduru, a former Cagayan governor during the Commonwealth period.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from the Philippine College of Criminology in Manila.

He finished an ROTC advanced course and was made a direct commissioned officer in the PC.

An Ibanag and a Baptist, Adduru has received many awards and commendations as a valiant peace officer.

Among his awards were



CITYHOOD. Rep. Ciriaco Alfelor (with mic) presides a congressional public hearing for Muntinlupa's cityhood. Also in picture (from left) are Vice Mayor Jaime Fresnedi, Elias V. Lopez, Mayor Bunye, and Rep. Ceferino Paredes of the House Committee on Local Government. The hearing was held at the Muntinlupa Elem. School.

Kagitingan Badge Commander, Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medal, Luzon Campaign Medal, one Medalya ng Kasanayan, one Medalya ng Papuri, two Military Merit Medals, and a Military Commendation Medal.

He also got a Markmanship Badge (M-16 Rifle); Tanglaw Trainor's Badge, Martial Law Citation Badge, Presidential Unit Citation Badge, and a US Army Defense Information Badge.

Adduru was adopted by the City Mayor of Indianapolis, Indiana, USA as an Honorary Citizen in 1983.

Chief Supt. Percival L. Adiong, then director of Recom 3 and former Highway Patrol Group director, issued three commendations to Adduru.

Chief Supt. W. P. Reotutar, PNP director for operations, also commended to Adduru.

Adduru is blissfully married to Rizalina S. Adduru. They are blessed with three children, namely: Ron Michael, Ruth Melody and Robin Mark. ■



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Batangas City's jaded law enforcer

By SONNY YASAY & ROLLY GONZALES

BATANGAS CITY—The maintenance of peace and order in this city is assigned to Chief Superintendent Carlito Rivera Dimaano, a veteran law enforcer who has seen action against criminal elements, specially in Jolo, Sulu in the south.

A former Philippine Constabulary (PC) officer, Dimaano opted to join the new Philippine National Police (PNP) and brought with him a wealth of experience in combatting underworld denizens.

Dimaano was installed as Batangas City Police Station chief last Dec. 31, 1994. Prior to his new post, he was the assistant provincial director of the Negros Occidental PNP Headquarters.

He told **CRIME BUSTER** that "the peace and order situation within his area of jurisdiction in Batangas City remains normal."

Batangas City has an estimated population of 200,439 spread out in 105 barangays. It has 24 urban areas.

The station has three



blocks located in Bgys. Ferry, Sta. Clara, and Balite. Each block is manned by varying numbers of cops.

The station has a total manpower of 111 police officers and men including six policewomen. These statistical figures indicate a ratio of one policeman for every 1,805 residents.

The station has four mobile patrol cars used in roving the area by police officers to pre-empt the commission of crime.

On the crime situation in the city where the cityfolk engaged in farming, fishing, livestock and poultry raising, Dimaano reported that the

first quarter of 1995 was relatively peaceful compared to the first quarter of last year. Crime against persons is still the station's problem, followed by crime against property.

However, there were no reported bank robberies in the area. This could be attributed to the constant radio monitoring through barangay officials and tanods of Poblacion and urban places, the increased in police visibility, increased of police precincts and the recruitment, training and deployment of the Civilian Voluntary Organizations (CVOs).

He said that the crime

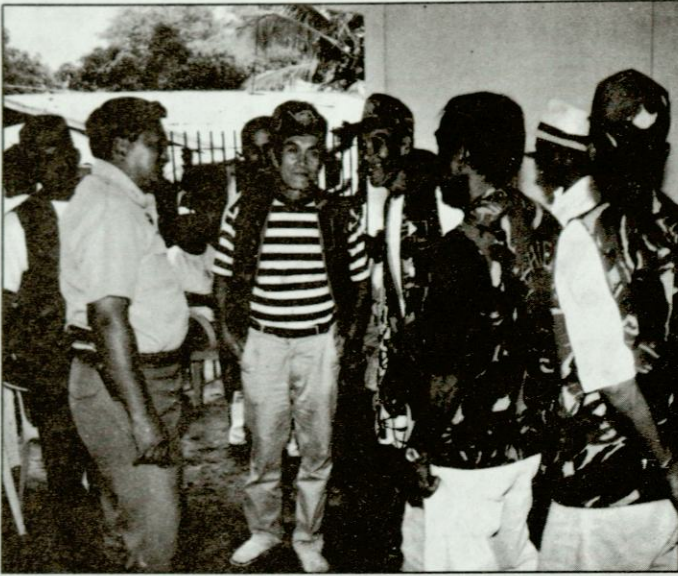
volume for the first quarter of 1995 registered a low 31 cases only. Of these reported cases 22 were index crimes and nine non-index crimes.

On the campaign against illegal drugs, the station under Dimaano's courageous leadership has busted four shabu gangs. In March of this year, Dimaano led a group of operatives and arrested a bigtime drug syndicate leader, Alberto Vicente Panalangin, an escapee from Muntinlupa Penitentiary. Recovered from the suspect were one unlicensed .357 caliber revolver with six live bullets with S.N. 880057 and 50 decks of shabu weighing 4.2 kilograms worth P68,560.

The hike on the non-index cases was the result of the station's operations against illegal gambling, prostitution, illegal drugs, lewd shows and loose firearms.

Dimaano reported that his station scored a high crime solution efficiency rating (CSER) for solving 30 cases out of the 31 reported from the first quarter of 1995.

On the drive against drug addiction, Dimaano launched project "COM-PADRE" (Community for the Program Against Drug Abuse



PEP TALK. Supt. Carlito R. Dimaano (left) talks with the members of the barangay tanod of Bilogo, Batangas City.



SEMINAR. Supt. Dimaano (at the lectern) lectures the 35 participants during the Barangay Tanod and Crime Prevention Program a seminar held on Feb. 11, 1995 at the Batangas City Police Station.

and Rehabilitation) which aims to educate and inform the citizens of the adverse effects of drugs. He continuously urged the people of Batangas to join hands in the campaign against drug abuse

and trafficking.

On the traffic problem, Dimaano assigned police traffic enforcers on some major streets, equipped with communication system to regulate traffic flow in the thorough-

fares. Today, the vehicular traffic has greatly improved which was usually heavy during Thursdays, the market day.

On loose firearms, Dimaano and his men in-

stalled and conducted checkpoints in every gateway of the city.

On enforcing municipal ordinances, the station has conducted operations against illegal vendors charging them

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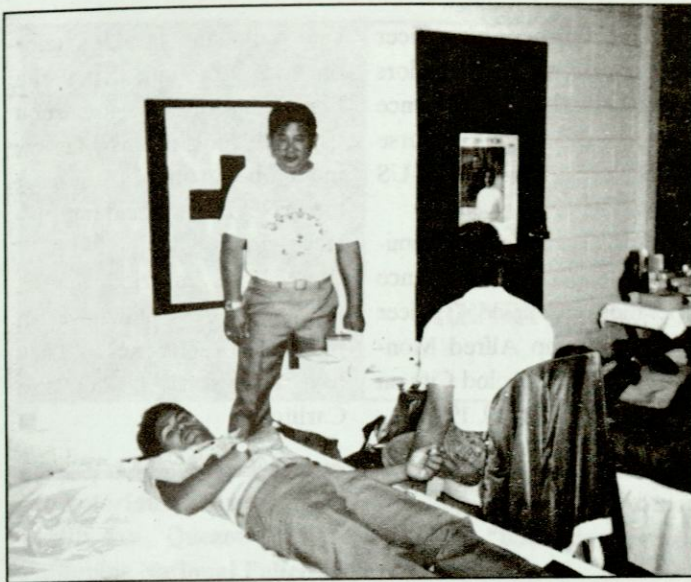
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BLOOD DONOR. PO2 Danilo F. Balmes (lying at the cot), of the Batangas City police, donates blood to the Red Cross during Operation Purple on Feb. 2, 1995 at the Batangas City Police Headquarters. Supt. Dimaano (standing) watches.



CHECKPOINT. Two Batangas City policemen stop a car as they man a checkpoint to enforce the gun ban.

in court. On sidewalk drinking, they have collared and charged several residents of this city.

He notes that lack of technical investigative equip-

ment for crime scene investigation is one of the station's problems.

Another is lack of communication equipment such as hand-held and base radios

for policemen engaged in field operations.

Despite these problems, Dimaano through sheer dynamism and diligence, has achieved success in his work

as Batangas City police chief in so short a time.

Born in this city on April 4, 1949, Dimaano received seven commendation medals (MCM) in 1987 to

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1989. Two Military Merit Medals (MMM) with first Bronze Anahaw Lead in 1986, and also a Long Service Medal in July 1992.

His other awards were the February Revolution Ribbon given on Sept. 7, 1989, the AFP Combat Badge "Kagitingan" with three Gold Stripes and two Bronze Stars, Presidential Achievement Award from National Presidential Fraternal Order of Eagles, April 8, 1984.

He was a recipient of 21 commendations from Cebu City Mayor Tomas P. Osmeña in August 1988; Chief Supt. Pedro G. Sistoza PNP regional director, Recom 6 in Oct. 4, 1991; Brig. Gen. Ismael Z. Villareal, AFP group commander, Presidential Security Command in Oct. 1992; Sr. Supt. Edward H.

Pagunsan, provincial director, Negros Occidental PNP Command in May 16, 1994.

His dedication to duty earned for him a Medalya ng Papuri on March 12, 1993 and Medalya ng Kasanayan on Sept. 21, 1994 both at Recom 6 Headquarters.

Dimaano started his military career as a junior officer of the 532nd PC Coy, 53rd PC Bn. in Jolo, Sulu, eventually rising from the ranks. He was assigned as deputy assistant regional director for intelligence (ARDI) and chief, Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) PNP Recom 6 on July 22, 1991. He was posted as commanding officer of 339th Mobile Force (MF) in Jan. 1992 and of 331st M.F. both of Negros Occidental PNP Command on Nov. 30, 1993.

He finished his officer basic course with flying colors and attended an intelligence research and analysis course at Ecotech a joint RP-US Program in 1988.

He also attended a seminar on Special Intelligence Operation Course (Officer Class) at Camp Alfred Montelibano Sr. in Bacolod City on Feb. 28 up to Mar. 19, 1994.

Dimaano is a Bachelor of Arts graduate from the University of Visayas, Cebu City. He took up his Masters in Public Administration at the Negros Occidental - Recoletos.

He is married to Dr. Florencia A. Dimaano, a private practitioner. They have two sons, Dexter and Carlito Jr. ■

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The May 18, 1995 slayings of the suspected members of the notorious Kuratong Beleleng Gang (KBG) in Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City turned into a "black day" for the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Announced as a "shootout" in newspaper reports the next day on May 19, 1995, the gunning down of 11 alleged KBG gangsters, became later the subject of a Senate's Committee on Justice and Human Rights hearing chaired by Senator Raul Roco.

The hearing was held after SPO2 Eduardo delos Reyes, an investigator of the PNP Criminal Investigation Command (CIC) on the KBG killings, issued a sworn statement that the incident was a "rubout" and not a "shootout."

With the turn of events, the Senate summoned the police

Rule of Law is vital

generals reported to be responsible for the incident called Operation "Tumba."

Summoned were Chief Supt. Jewel Canson, National Capital Regional Command (NCRC) chief; Chief Supt. Romeo Acop, PNP CIC chief; Chief Supt. Panfilo Lacson, Presidential Anti-crime Commission (PACC) chief, and Sr. Supt. Francisco Zubia, PNP Traffic Management Command (TMC) chief.

The Senate grilled the PNP officers on the KBG slayings turning it into a scandal, instead of a successful operation against the dreaded and notorious KBG men.

When the Senate ended its four day hearings, Roco told the media, that all indications showed that there was no shootout. This means the KBG men were killed in cold blood.

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Not to be outdone, the PNP, even before the Senate could wrap up its probe, swiftly filed murder charges against the three generals and one colonel before the Ombudsman.

The filing of charges against the top PNP officers, gave the subjects of the probe the chance to cite their rights to remain silent in the face of the barrage of incriminating questions from the Senate.

Prior to that, Canson, et. al. told the Senate they would no longer talk on the KBG case, because the hearing was turning into a "trial by publicity" as many senators were "grandstanding" as they hurled questions against the generals.

All this circus should not have occurred, if the officers and men of the PNP and PACC tasked to fight the KBG, swiftly filed charges before the prosecutor's office against the 11 suspects, after their arrest.

When the PNP and PACC men tarried awhile, while holding in custody the KBG suspects, the unwanted "rubout" got a chance to take place.

"The rule of law" is vital so as to maintain our country's democratic processes. The PNP and PACC men forgot this Constitutional provision guaranteeing the accused the right to a fair trial and to answer the accusations against them.

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His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos should look into the feasibility of molding our police into like that of the Japanese National Police Agency (JNPA).

There is only one police agency in Japan. Unlike here in the Philippines, where there are too many law enforcement arms.

In our country, our law enforcement agencies are fragmented and divided. There should only be one police agency.

And this police agency should absorb the National Bureau of Investigation, and other government bodies having investigative powers.

PNP must copy the Japanese cops

Today, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has many supporting units, such as the Narcotics Command, the Criminal Investigation Command, the Maritime Command, etc.

Sometimes, misencounters occur among these law enforcement agencies, which no doubt duplicate each others functions.

If only one police agency is tasked in fighting crimes, our country will have enough policemen, because all lawmen will only be under one command.

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CPDC Women's Desk means a lot

"Rape cases are decreasing in Quezon City," revealed Senior Inspector Remedios "Remy" A. Escobar, chief of the Women's Desk of the Central Police District Command (CPDC), one time this columnist dropped by her office in Camp Karingal, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City.

"Siguro kasi, may Women's Desk na (This is may be caused by the presence of the Women's Desk)," explained Escobar, whose unique story on how she became a policewoman, had already been published in CRIMEBUSTER a few months back.

Previously, unreported rape cases were rampant in QC, because there was no specific office handling it.

Women usually are shy to report attacks on them, because they will complain to a male police officer.

But now that they can file a complaint with the Women's Desk, manned by policewomen, rape victims have become bolder and aggressive.

And the would-be rapists are afraid to commit the crime, because they surely would be arrested by policewomen and would be charged in court. Death penalty also awaits them.

"Malaking bagay (It means a lot)," said Escobar, who studied first nursing, before she became a policewoman, to follow her late father, a policeman, too, who then objected to her donning the uniform, on the Women's Desk.

Escobar, who did work as a nurse with the QC police, and later became a full-pledged policewoman, when her father died, is the first chief of the CPDC Women's Desk.

Her office serves QC women who are victimized by their own husbands, neighbors, and others.

Capt. Escobar, however, reported that some police stations in the CPDC have no Women's Desk yet.

She said that some of her policewomen were called to the Camp Papa, Bgy. Bicutan, Tagig, on detached service with the National Capital Regional Command (NCRC) Headquarters, weakening her force.

To fill up this gap, QC women file their complaints with the nearest police station which has a Women's Desk.

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P'que police head is ex-rebel hunter

By WILLY E. IRINCO

"Swift action," said Superintendent Felix E. Muchada, new chief of the Parañaque Police Station on his policy to bring the people closer to the government, represented by the lawmen.

"I don't want that complaints will remain unacted upon," said Muchada, who took over as Parañaque police chief on April 15, 1995, replacing Supt. Gaudencio Cordora.

"I'll see to it that all mobile cars will be seen by the people for police visibility," he emphasized adding the need for quick response by the said police vehicles.

Muchada, 47, former chief of the Special Operations Branch of the National Capital Regional Command (NCRC) Headquarters in Camp Ricardo Papa, Bicutan, Tagig, Metro Manila, said that when citizens sought the help of the mobile unit "we can swiftly respond, because we have enough gasoline."

Previously, it is of common knowledge, that policemen do not answer calls for help from the people, reasoning they have no gasoline.

Today, Muchada, a na-

tive of Miag-ao, Iloilo, said all the 27 mobile cars of the Parañaque police were in running condition.

Although, he was just 19 days at the seat of the town's police chief, since he was assigned by NCRC as requested by the Commission on Elections, Muchada has launched a program to make his command an effective one.

These were: 1) placing the right person in the right job; 2) quick response and police visibility patrols, 3) strengthen the New Cops on the Blocks (NCOBs), 4) home visitations, and 5) "ugnayan" (dialogue) with the barangays in order that the community will support the police operations.

Muchada explained that



by placing the right man in the right job, he could muster maximum efficiency and effectiveness from every police officer.

"They must be on time in their job," he further said on the need for his officers and men to discard the bad habit of coming late to their assigned tasks.

He, likewise, urged his men to foster closer relationships among them within the command to build up teamwork vital in combatting crimes.

Today, the Parañaque police has a strength of 260 police officers and men, compared to the booming town's population of some 480,719 inhabitants.

The station lacks policemen, if the cited statistics will be used. One

policeman serves 1,800 civilians. The ideal police to population ratio is 1:500.

To counter this problem, Muchada said, he was utilizing the manpower of the barangay tanod to augment "the depletion in my personnel."

"Deployment of policemen is based on priority. I will be reducing office personnel by sending some of them to field operations," he said.

So far, Muchada's command has eight NCOBs spread all over the town's 16 barangays. Big NCOBs have 13 to 15 policemen, while the smaller ones have 10 to 12.

"It's generally peaceful," assessed Muchada on the law and order situation in his jurisdiction.

Just recently, he reported his station has just

busted a robbery- holdup gang which preyed on Sacred Heart School in Parañaque.

"We solved the case, through the help of the civilians, who immediately reported the incident to the police," he smiled.

Parañaque lawmen arrived at the crime scene within three minutes after they responded to the call for assistance.

Muchada's experience as a former chief of the Valenzuela Police Station under the Northern Police District Command (NPDC) from 1991 to 1993, is putting him in good stead within his new task as Parañaque cop chief.

He reported to CRIMEBUSTER that in Valenzuela, his station solved



IN ACTION. Parañaque police operatives arrest a suspected bank robber.

heinous crimes as quickly as possible. "It took us one week to solve our longest case, while it took us one day for the shortest," he related.

Solved within seven days was the brutal massacre of the six members of the Lope Burce family in the morning of Jan. 24, 1992 in

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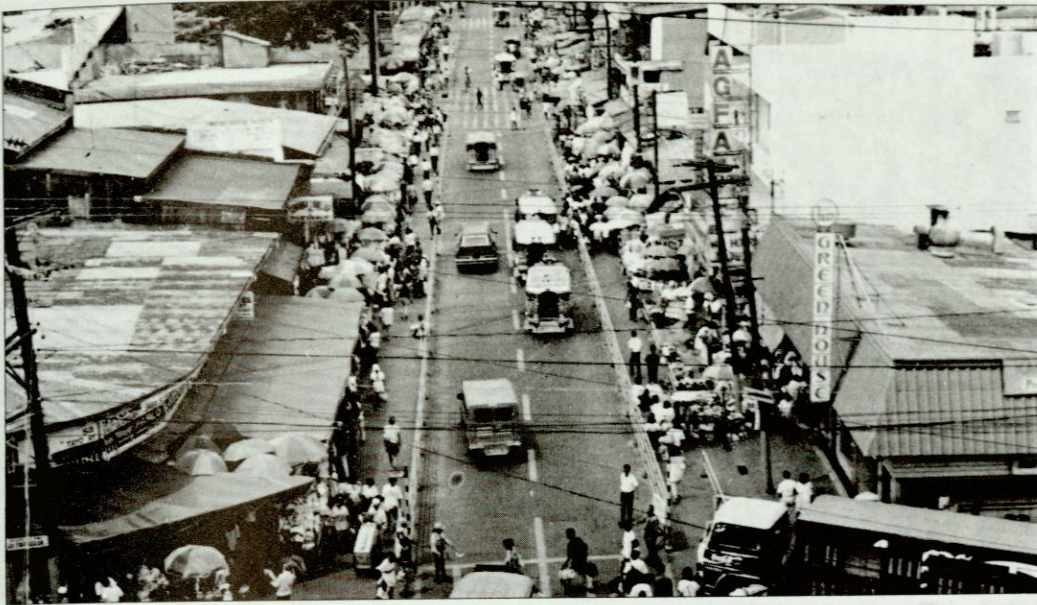
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DOWNTOWN. A view of the busy Redemptorist Road in Barangay Baclaran, one of the heavily populated areas in the boom town of Parañaque.

another suspect, was arrested.

Muchada said that his station then solved the bloody murder of three members of the Feliciano Hu family in February 1992 in just one day.

All the suspects, natives of Binangcalan, Negros Occidental, were arrested immediately.

Other sensational cases swiftly solved under

Muchada's leadership, were: 1) the twin slaying of the couple Benny and Analiza Ong in July 1992, where all the suspects were arrested; and

2) The rape with homicide case of Chemical Engineer Farita Punzalan, who was abused and mercilessly killed at about 6 a.m. on April 23, 1992 at Polo Railway Station, Dalandan, Valenzuela. Arrested were all the five suspects.

After his stint in Valenzuela, Muchada was posted as assistant chief of the NPDC Directorial Staff for Operation from 1993 to May 30, 1994.

Later, he was assigned chief of the Special Operations Branch of the NCRC from Jan. 17 to April 1, 1995.

Muchada recalled that prior to his Valenzuela assignment, he was then assistant chief of the NDPC-Capcom Directorial Staff for Internal Management from May to August 1992.

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Before that, he was deputy and executive officer of the Capcom's Northern Sector Command from 1987 to 1991.

Earlier, he was operation and training officer of the Capcom's R- 3 Division from 1986 to 1987.

But Muchada's most memorable experience as a former PC officer was his past stint in Eastern Samar from 1975 to 1977.

He was then a junior officer with the rank of PC second lieutenant assigned with the 59th PC Battalion of the Third PC Zone based in Cebu City, when he was ordered to proceed to Samar.

As a member of the 364th PC Company of the 59th PC Bn., Muchada and his team operated in the town of Calbiga, in Western Samar,



NEW HEADQUARTERS. A west side view of the new Paranaque Police Station building in Coastal Road (Aguinaldo Highway) in Bgy. La Huerta, Parañaque.

where a nine-man PC team had just been ambushed by New Peoples Army (NPA) rebels.

Seven soldiers of the PC team were killed, while two

survived in that surprised attack.

Muchada was one of the platoon leaders of the 364th PC Coy, which hunted the NPA ambushers in the moun-

tains of Samar.

He told **CRIMEBUSTER** he got the rank of second lieutenant, because he completed an advanced Reserve Officers



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Training Course (ROTC) in University of Negros Occidental Recoletos (UNO-R) in Bacolod City. He took up a criminology degree from the said school.

In Samar, he was posted in Calbiga town, in Western Samar, where the massacre occurred. He engaged in many armed encounters against NPA terrorists.

"I've been in the mountains, because I liked field operations," said Muchada on his task, hunting communist rebels. He was a member of a composite PC-Army ranger team pursuing the ambushers.

His assignment as a combat officer was made more dangerous, because his team operated in both Calbiga and Sta. Rita towns, a place of Calubid, top NPA leader of Samar.

In Bgy. Villareal, Muchada's team encountered Calubid's group wounding the NPA chieftain. The government force captured the right hand man of the NPA leader seizing a big attache case filled with voluminous subversive documents.

The rangers had no casualty, but the NPAs lost the first cousin of Calubid. The NPA top man found he had no place to hide in Western Samar, for Muchada's team was loved by the people, so he fled to Eastern Samar.

Since Muchada belonged to the 364th PC Coy, whose areas of operation included E. Samar, he and his team pursued Calubid there.

In E. Samar, the rangers covered the critical towns of San Julian, Hipapad, Maslog, Arteche, San Policarpo, Oras and Dolores.

"If my team arrived in a place, the NPAs hid themselves.

For I used to operate in the mountains supported by volunteer militiamen from the Civilian Home Defense Force," Muchada related.

Soon, Calubid felt the heat of the intense campaign launched against him by the government troopers in E. Samar. So the NPA chieftain escaped to Tacloban City with Muchada closed at his heels.

But when the Philippine Army contingent arrived in Samar, Muchada and the 59th PC Bn. was recalled to Cebu. He returned to Panay, where he was detailed as intelligence and operations officer of the Aklan Constabulary Command (CC) from 1977 to 1978.

Later, he was assigned as commanding officer, each, of the 312th PC Coy of the Aklan CC from 1978 to 1980 and 322th PC Coy of the Iloilo CC from 1980 to 1981. In late 1981, he was again posted as operation officer of the Aklan CC.

Muchada was assigned anew as commander of 312th PC Coy of the Aklan CC from 1981 to 1980.

In 1982 up to 1983, he was detailed chief of the CI of the R-2 Division of the PC Recom 6 in Iloilo.

Then in 1983 to 1984, he was tasked as intelligence and operation officer of the Antique CC. He was posted commanding officer of the 315th PC Coy in Antique CC from 1984 to 1986.

Aside from his criminology course, Muchada graduated with a Master in Public Management with thesis from the Central College of the Philippines in 1988-1990.

Previously, he took up his secondary from the Pio del Pilar High School, Makati,

Metro Manila from 1964 to 1966, and Miag-ao Vocational School, Miag-ao, Iloilo from 1962-1964.

He got his primary from Ma-ao Central Elem. School, Bago City in 1955-1961.

His service record showed that from probationary 2nd lieutenant, in 1971, he was promoted to 2nd Lt. on June 1973 and was called to active duty (CAD) on July 1973.

He was promoted 1st Lt. (permanent) in 1976, captain (perm.) in 1979, major (perm.) in 1986 and superintendent (perm.) in 1992.

A multi-awardee, Muchada has received one

Bronze Cross Medal for his participation in the quelling of the failed coup d'etat in 1989; three Medalya ng Papuri; one Medalya ng Kagalingan; six Military Commendation Medals and one Military Merit Medal.

His other awards include nine commendations, two Plaques of Recognition, two Certificates of Appreciation, six Plaques of Appreciation, two Plaques of Commendation and other honors.

He was given an Achievers Hall of Fame Award, a Media Achievements Award, and a Top Award '92. ■

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Malate cops foil Arab terrorist's papal slay

By WILLY E. IRINCO

On Jan. 6, 1995, a Pakistani national suspected to be an international terrorist, was arrested by police authorities, because of an explosion that caused smoke in an apartment along Quirino Avenue, Malate, Metro Manila.

Responsible for the arrest of the Pakistani, a chemist expert in making liquid bombs, was the Malate Police Station, under the command of Chief Inspector Francisco F. Bautista.

Bautista, 51, reported to CRIMEBUSTER that the arrested suspect was a member of an Arab international terrorist group, whose mission was to assassinate Pope John Paul II in the Philippines, last January 1995.

The timely arrest of the bomb expert and the seizure of explosives, two gallons of chemicals and iron pipes helped the police agencies in discovering the plot and in foiling any attempt to liquidate the Pope in the country.

For this feat, Bautista, and his police station were awarded by a United States international agency with a Certificate of Appreciation for the arrest of the Pakistani

national, who was also linked to the World Trade Center building bombing in New York last year.

This accomplishment boosted the police career of Bautista, who just assumed as officer-in-charge of the Malate station M. Adriatico St. on Sept. 8, 1994 and was offi-

cially named police chief on Sept. 9, the next day.

Bautista also joined in the arrest of Peter Lim, a prime suspect in the twin murder case of Lawyer Eugene Tan, former Integrated Bar of the Philippines president, and his driver at about 8:55 a.m. on Nov. 22, 1994 at No. 2353 Taft Ave., Malate, Manila.

This occurred after Police Officer 3 Romeo A. Cruz and PO2 Carmelito Manaois, crew members of Mobile Car 322 of the WPDC's Malate police, informed Bautista on the presence of many law enforcement agents deployed along the area.

Immediately, Bautista proceeded to the area investigating the unusual presence of said law enforcers. He learned of an on-going operation participated jointly by the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (PACC), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)-Task Force Matatag and PNP National Capital Regional



Command (NCRC) Task Force Cabakid to arrest suspect Lim.

As chief of the Malate police, who has jurisdiction over the operation, Bautista assisted the raiders. After a few hours of continues dialogue with the immediate members of Lim's family, said suspect finally gave up peacefully to the leaders of the raiding teams, composed of Lawyer Federico Opinion, PACC Task Force Matatag chief, Lawyers Antonio Aragon and Artemio Sacaguing of NBI and Sr. Supt. Victor Tiangco, Task Force Cabakid chief, and Chief Insp. Florencio Angeles, of the WPDC-ADDI.

Lim was subsequently arrested at about 1 p.m., Nov. 22, 1994, and was brought to the PACC Headquarters, Camp Crame, Quezon City, escorted by the raiders.

The two cases showed the dogged efforts of Bautista to make his station a responsive and effective cog in the wheels of the WPDC.

"Ayos! Kontrolado! (It's all right! Under control!)," Bautista assessed the crime situation in his area of responsibility (AOR).

He reported to CRIMEBUSTER that his station has launched a campaign against prohibited drugs, snatchers, holdupmen, illegal possession of firearms, and white slavery.

Four New Cops on the Blocks (NCOBs) support Bautista in his drive against the said crimes.

These are Block 1 near the Grand Boulevard Hotel (formerly Silahis Hotel) along Roxas Blvd., Malate, under Sr. Insp. Rogelio Perez; Block 2 at the corner of Leon Guinto St. and Vito Cruz St., headed by



TURN-OVER RITES. Chief Inspector Francisco F. Bautista (right) receives the Station 9's emblem from Supt. Benjamin de Jesus, (left, front) outgoing police chief, and Chief Supt. Hermogenes Ebdane (2nd from left) during change of command recently. Also in picture are Col. Zosimo Balagtas, Mayor Alfredo Lim's chief of staff; Sr. Supt. Bandong, WPDC deputy director for operations; and Sr. Supt. Romeo Maganto, then WPDC deputy director for administration.

Sr. Insp. William Cion; Block 3 at the corner of Arellano St. and Zobel St., under Insp. Benjamin Manto and Block 4 along M. Adriatico St. beside the Jai-alai Fronton near Harrison Plaza, under Insp. Rey Sanchez.

The latest output of Bautista's station were: 1) the arrest of 16 suspected pickup girls near the Malate Church; 2) the arrest of one Ramiro Punzalan, a notorious drug trafficker and holdupman in Taft Ave., Malate; 3) the arrest of three members of the so-called Stow Away Gang, and 4) the arrest of one Rafael Gutierrez, a notorious slasher in Quirino Ave., Malate.

Station 9's records also showed that some 45 theft suspects were arrested, since Bautista took over as new chief.

Reason for this is that big department stores are found in the AOR, such as the Harrison Plaza.

Some 11 highway robbery cases were also solved by the station. The occurrence of

the said crime in the AOR was the result of the influx of moneyed people going to and from the Harrison Plaza and the nearby Central Bank of

the Philippines attracting hoodlums.

On shabu, 23 male and female suspects were arrested in the AOR.



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In tandem with the no let-up drive against crimes, Bautista holds on-going dialogues (ugnayan) with the officials and residents of some 49 barangays in his AOR.

This is so for Bautista believes that a successful drive against crimes can only be achieved, if the community supports the police.

The dialogues also served as a forum in seeking the help of the barangay inhabitants to back up the NCOB program to bring closer the police to the people.

After his barangay dialogues, Bautista held a general barangay "ugnayan" attended by all incumbent chairmen, former chairmen and different councilmen (kagawad) of the various barangays. Such affair took place on Sept. 21, 1994.

Mario Bitong, president of the Citizens Movement for Peace and Order attended it bolstering the relations between the police and the non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

"Barangay officials aided the police in the arrest of drug traffickers and users," Bautista said.

"I encourage barangay officials to visit the police station," said he on how to build up good rapport between the lawmen and the citizens.

On the problem pose by bank robbers, Bautista told CRIMEBUSTER that he has formed three teams comprising the station's Task Force Anti-Bank Robbery. The AOR has some 23 banks.

The teams are armed with M-16 Armalite rifles and radios so they can effectively combat bank heisters. Strong

points manned by policemen are also located in the boundaries of Manila, since Station 9 covers areas near Pasay City.

The station also provides protection not only

over commercial firms, but also vital buildings such as the Harrison Plaza SM Complex, Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, Apostolic Nunciature, Chinese Embassy, Manila Zoo, Central Bank of the



INT'L AWARD. Chief Insp. Bautista (left) joins (from left) Chief Supt. Jewel Canson, then NCRC chief; Station 9's Sr. Insp. Aida Fariscal, Insp. Reynaldo Tizon and PO3 Ariel Fernandez, after Bautista was awarded with an international recognition at the United States Embassy for the arrest of a Pakistani national, an alleged bomb expert, during the papal visit last Jan. 1995. Not in photo is Chief Supt. Hermogenes Ebdane, WPDC director.



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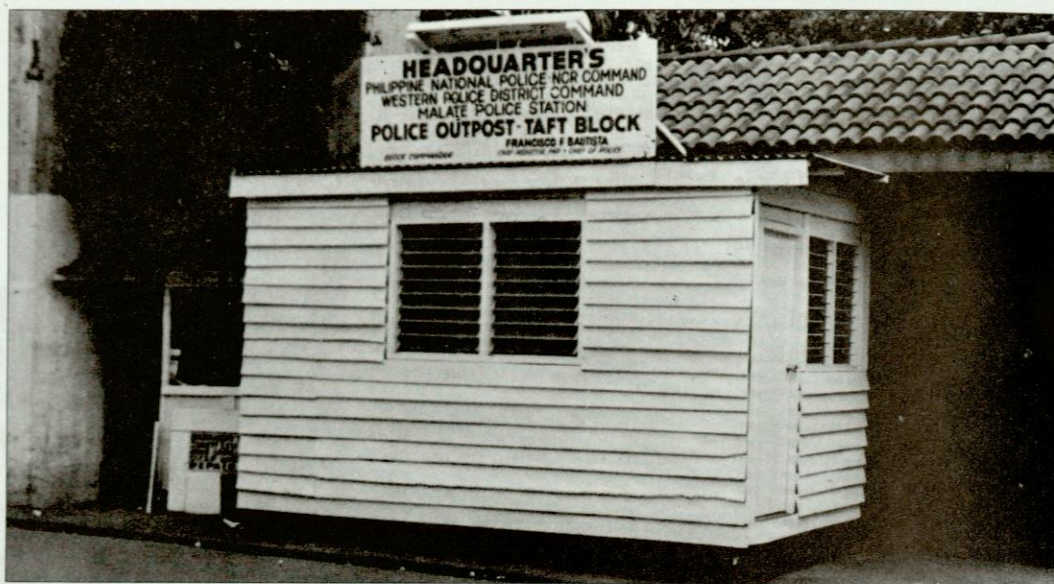
Philippines, Ospital ng Maynila, St. Escolastica College, St. Anthony College, La Salle University, Bureau of Plant Industry and others.

"No more funhouses," reported Bautista on the presence of night clubs, and other honky tonks.

Malate previously was one of the areas in Manila where prostitution fronts abound. But Manila Mayor Alfredo S. Lim closed down night spots offering bold shows and catering to tourists.

Born on June 27, 1943 in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, Bautista began his police career as a patrolman in his birth place in 1963, after Mayor Mario S. Garcia appointed him as a law enforcer.

Eager to get a job, even though he was just then a senior commerce student, he applied for work with mayor



TAFT BLOCK. This is the outpost of the New Cops on the Block at the corner of Leon Guinto St. and Ocampo St. near Prudential Bank and St. Escolastica College, known as the Taft Block under Malate Police Station headed by Chief Insp. Bautista.

Garcia's office.

"Tipo kang pulis, kaya dapat kang maging pulis (You'll make good as a policeman, so you ought to be a policeman)," said Garcia upon seeing Bautista.

For six years and nine months, Bautista worked as a patrolman and later was promoted to corporal.

Seeking greener pastures, Bautista transferred to the Manila police in 1969, but

his rank of corporal was reverted to patrolman anew.

To qualify as a Manila cop, he took up a seven months course in the Manila Police Academy. A member of Batch 18, his appointment as a



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Manila policeman was signed by then P/Lt. Col. Alfredo S. Lim, Manila police deputy superintendent, of P/Col. Gerardo Tamayo, MPD chief then. Lim was recently reelected Manila mayor during the May 8, 1995 polls.

Bautista has notched 25 years of service with the Manila police as he rose from the ranks to his present post.

Prior to his present Manila police job, he was the WPDC Traffic Enforcement Section chief in 1992, under Supt. Michael T. Aquio, WPDC Highway Patrol Group Traffic Division chief.

Aquio recommended Bautista's promotion to chief inspector, because of the latter's honesty and dedication to duty.

Schoolings and trainings have aided Bautista a lot in his quest to rise from the ranks.



TOP TRAFFIC MAN. Chief Insp. Bautista (2nd from left), then a senior inspector, shows off his Plaque of Appreciation awarded to him as WPDC Outstanding Traffic Police Officer of the Year (1992). Among those in picture are Maj. Gen. Marino Filart, then Capcom chief; Chief Supt. Ernesto Diokno, then WPDC director, and other awardee WPDC officers.

Among the police courses he took up were PNP Officers Advance Course, Traffic Management for Traffic Law Enforcers, Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Advocacy

Course, Drystone Judo-Karate Master Unarmed Defense Tactics Course, PNP Law Symposium, Basic Firearms Course, Supervision Techniques Course, Civil Disturbance Control Refresher

Course, Basic Police Course and Police Basic Science Course and others.

His eligibilities were Patrolman (Chartered Cities); Police Sergeant (CC), Police Lieutenant (CC, Police Officer

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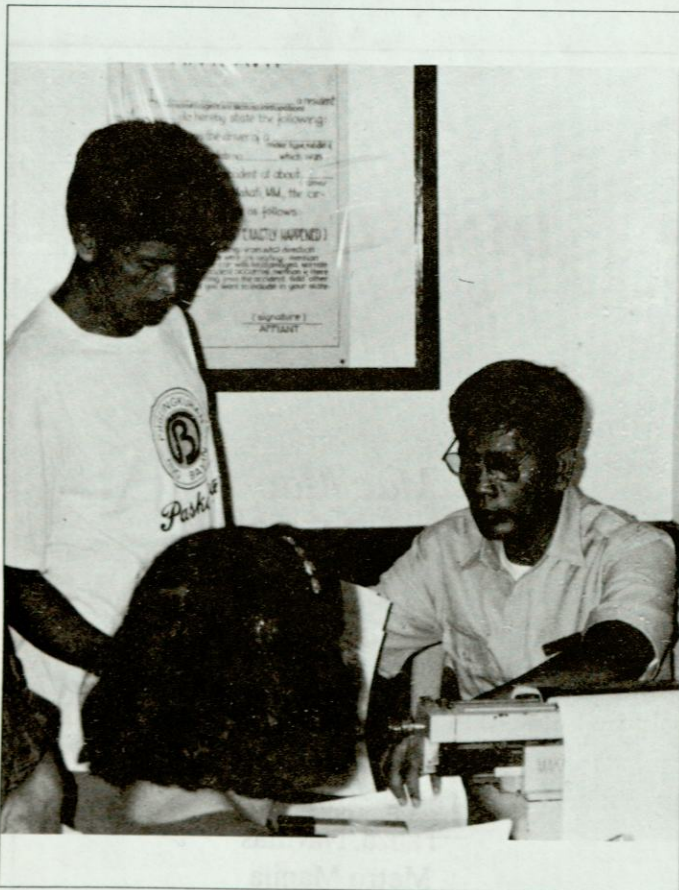
2nd Class and Police Officer
1st Class.

Multi-awardee Bautista has received 47 commendations from then Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, former President Cora-zon C. Aquino, Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim, and Chief Supt. Romeo Odi, among others.

He was a recipient of seven letters of appreciation from sports and religious groups.

Bautista's most prized award was when he was adjudged Outstanding Traffic Police Officer of the Year by former Manila Mayor Mel Lopez, during the 420th Foundation of Manila in 1991.

He is married to Aurora Esquivel, with whom, he has four children namely: Marilou, 30; Francisco, 29; Billy, 24 and Cristina, 22. ■



PROBE. A traffic investigator checks the documents presented by a complainant.



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Baler Police Station's idealistic sentinel

By SONNY YASAY & CHING P. YASAY

"It's okay!" said Chief Inspector Roberto V. Gantias, chief of police of the Baler Police Station under the Central Police District Command (CPDC) on the peace and order situation in his area of responsibility (AOR).

Gantias reported to **CRIMEBUSTER** that "peace and order here is stable. The crime rate does not increase. It even decreases."

He said that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and volunteer groups were cooperating with his station in the maintenance of peace and order.

Recently, Gantias said, his station held a seminar where some 120 Citizen Crime Watch volunteers attended.

The seminar was held on May 21, 1995 at Barangay Masambong, Gantias reported.

"The volunteers are helping a lot," bared Gantias



on the said group's contribution to the station's drive against criminality.

Gantias reported he had put strong points, to counter the occurrence of bank robberies in his jurisdiction.

A strong point is a team of three to four uniformed and heavily armed policemen ready to engage bank heisters in a gun battle.

Gantias said some 18 banks are found along the stretch of Roosevelt Ave.

from EDSA to Quezon Ave. and 17 banks are located along West Avenue.

A mobile patrol with three to four well-armed policemen also does constant patrol work along these areas. So far, no bank robbery has occurred in these places.

But Gantias said one bank robbery took place last February 1995 in the Bank of Philippine Islands in his jurisdiction. But the case has been considered solved with the ar-

rest and slaying of the Kuratong Baleleng Gang members recently in Quezon City.

Gantias' station likewise has jurisdiction over the SM City North along EDSA and West Ave.

Last April 1995, Gantias alerted his policemen after his station received reports that terrorists would bomb SM City and other big malls and department stores in his AOR.

The bomb threat followed the arrest of six suspected Arab terrorists in Kalookan City by the Northern Police District Command, led by Senior Supt. Rex D. Paid.

Baler station's policemen closely coordinated with security guards of SM City and other big stores to pre-empt the occurrence of any terroristic act. No such unwanted incident ever took place, however.

Gantias said he has launched a drive against bold shows in nightclubs in his AOR, raiding recently "Bingwit" restaurant along



LAUDED. Chief Insp. Roberto V. Gantias (left) is being congratulated by then Quezon City Vice Mayor Charito Planas, because of his exemplary performance of duty.



BSDOs. Gantias (3rd from left) poses with the members of Barangay Security Development Office (BSDO) of Bgy. San Antonio, Quezon City. Also in picture are newly elected Rep. Boy Calalay (with moustache) and Bgy. Capt. Bobot Martin (beside Gantias).

Quezon Ave. Twelve waitresses without any work permit were arrested. One dancer engaged in nude dancing was also caught. The said club was closed down.

Some 50 to 60 "pickup girls" were arrested jointly by Gantias' Station 2 and Station 10 in Kamuning along Quezon Avenue in implementation of a campaign against white

slavery.

The on-going drive is in coordination with the barangays and the media.

Pickup girls proliferate along Quezon Avenue, because it is one of the busiest streets in Quezon City. Many restaurants catering to well-to-do customers serve as a 24-hour hang-out for these street girls, coming from Makati,

Quezon City and Manila.

Gantias told **CRIMEBUSTER** that one of the most sensational cases solved by his station was the rape of 10 years old Rodesa

Rivera Echegarray.

In the morning of July 10, 1994, the victim accompanied by her mother, Rosalie Rivera Echegarray and Chairman Martin Diño of Barangay



CONVICTED. Accused Leo Echegarray (with handcuffs) is comforted by his wife, after a Quezon City court sentenced him to die for raping his own daughter.

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San Antonio, Quezon City, filed a formal complaint of rape against her own father, Leo Echegarray y Pilo, 34, painter and a former inmate of the Drug Rehabilitation Center, Camp Bagong Diwa, Bicutan, Taguig.

The victim has been continuously molested by the father on several occasions starting in April 1994 at their own residence everytime that she was alone.

Ganias ordered a team of crack operatives led by P/Inspector John Abao Mamauag, SPO2 Herman S. Peralta, SPO2 Eugene V. Almario, SPO2 Ernesto dela Cruz, SPO1 Rogelio N. Bartolome, SPO1 Felix Bitare and SPO1 Alan T. dela Cruz, SPO2 Arthur Cabales, SPO1 Reginald Nazareno, SPO1 Carlos Nicolas, SPO1 Rogelio Garana, PO3 Steven V. Arce



MEDICAL MISSION. Ganias (background) and Chief Supt. Ricardo de Leon (2nd from right, back) smile together with members of the CPDC Ladies Club, during a medical mission held at Bgy. Damayan Multi-purpose Hall, Q.C.

and PO1 Reynaldo Cabacungan of the Station Investigation and Intelligence Branch to arrest the suspect on July 8, 1994.

Meanwhile, the victim was examined by the PNP

Crime Laboratory. Later, she and her mother were placed under the protective custody of Bgy. Chairman Diño.

Ganias said, on July 14, 1994 a case of rape was finally filed against suspect

Echegarray, who was ordered detained without bail by inquest Prosecutor Hilda Fantastico-Ibuyan. Finally on September 8, 1994, after seven days of marathon hearing, the accused was meted the death

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penalty by Judge Maximiano Asuncion of Quezon City Regional Trial Court, Branch 104.

Ganias commended his men for their exemplary devotion, loyalty and efficiency to duty in the early solution of the case.

Recently the station's operatives, directed by Ganias, arrested two suspects, namely Benjamin Macarasig on Jan. 16, 1995 and Federico Siobal on Feb. 13, 1995 for illegal possession of firearms.

A MARK IV .45 caliber pistol with Serial No. 067172 and a shotgun with Serial No. AA585280 were confiscated from both suspects. They were charged in court for violation of PD 1866 and Comelec Resolution No. 2735 (Gun Ban).

According to Ganias, since the start of the political campaign period last Feb. 4, 1995, the station has conducted a total of 42 Comelec Checkpoints. The station got a negative report on election related violent incidents.

The headquarters of the Baler Police Station is located at the corner of Baler St. and West Avenue Barangay Bungad, Quezon City.

It has an operational jurisdiction over an aggregate land area of 11.09 square kilometers with a total population of 334,194, excluding transients. The average population density per square kilometer is 25,630 inhabitants. It covers 199 barangays.

Also known as Station 2, it is bounded by Dario River in the north, Quezon Ave. in the south, Culiat Creek in the east and Talayan Village in the west. Politically, it falls under the jurisdiction of District 1.

The Baler station is manned by six police commissioned officers and 106 non-commissioned police officers. They are proportionately distributed among the four operating new Cops on the Blocks, and station headquarters. It's police to population ratio is almost steady at one policeman to every 2,984 inhabitants.

C/Insp. Ganias was a B.S. Criminology graduate from the Philippine College of Criminology in 1964 and holder of M.A. in Management from the Philippine Christian College. He is an example of a good police officer, attending to whoever approaches him and to whatever situation that arises.

His career took a steady climb starting as a Quezon City police clerk to field detail. But the job did not offer much action so he transferred to the P.C. Metrocom to work as investigator from 1976 to 1979. From there on, he became the PCM Chief, Warrant and Sub PCM section chief (Homicide, Theft and Robbery and General Investigation) alternately in 1987.

In 1988, Ganias held equally challenging positions at Station 1 of Northern Police District (NPD), as Substation platoon commander at QC Police Station 11 in January and then chief, General Assignment Section Investigation Division in February. The following month, he became the Anti-carnapping Unit chief. Then, chief of the Anti-Narcotics Unit of Station 1 in March 1989. Later on he was assigned as commanding officer of the La Loma Sub-Station.

Ganias had been as-

signed to different posts almost monthly, because he tackle every assignment effectively, honestly and efficiently earning for him a promotion.

Among his other previous assignments were: chief Intelligence and Special Operations Division, Sangandaan Police Station; deputy commander of La Loma Police Station; Baler Sub-station commander and concurrent deputy commander, Station 1. In Nov. 1993, up to July 1994 he was Project 4 station commander.

His military police training includes a tough Basic INP Intelligence Course at the Constabulary Training Center in Silang, Cavite in 1977. He garnered second place in the INP officer Basic Course at the Philippine National Police Academy in Camp Vicente Lim, Laguna and the Civil Military Operations Course at Civil Relations Service AFP in Camp Aguinaldo in 1985.

To further enhance and honed his skills as a police officer, Ganias took up the rigorous hostage management seminar at the PNPA also in 1985. He attended seminars for station commanders at Camp Crame; police ethical standard and professionalism and law enforcement enhancement course at Camp Karingal in 1992.

Other seminars, he underwent in 1994, were the work values formation seminar; seminar-workshop on the proper accomplishment of national crime reporting and system. These paved the way for him to easily pass the Police Supt. examination in 1994.

In the span of his career he received two INP efficiency medal a recipient of two Medalya ng Papuri, Medalya

ng Paglilingkod and Medalya ng Pagtulong sa Nasalanta.

He received countless letters of commendation, respectively, from President Corazon Aquino, Napolcom Chairman Cicero Campos, QC Vice Mayor Charito Planas and other individuals. He was given several certificates of recognition and appreciation from former QC Mayor Jun Simon, Rep. Renato Yap, Rep. Baltazar Satur, and from incumbent QC Mayor Mel Mathay.

A seasoned police officer, Ganias is an authority on how to become an effective law enforcer. He says idealism is a key to the service.

Ganias is a firm believer of the tenet "Stick to the Rules." He says that leniency of police authorities adds to the loopholes, Rank-and-file personnel find this hard to resist. According to him, as a leader one has to hit his men's achilles heel in order for them to work harder. More than anything else, a police officer is a fighter who can easily respond to any given situation.

Ganias says that with continuous reforms in the police force, the average policeman can metamorphose into a professional foot patrol officer trusted by the people, they vowed to serve. He also stresses that sincerity and devotion to the job should be carved in their heart's like police badges.

Indefatigable, Ganias is today the vice president of the Friday Club and concurrently president of the Stallion Club of Quezon City.

He is happily married to Rizalina Sotto, a CPDC Ladies Club officer. They are blessed with a daughter Ma. Ruby and two sons Hegel and Darwin. ■

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Chief Inspector Bienvenido S. delos Reyes, new chief of the Sta. Ana Police Station under the Western Police District Command (WPDC), is one law enforcer who goes out of his way to respond singlehandedly to a call for assistance and succeeds in his efforts.

Fearless Delos Reyes, 53, has arrested many suspects with his method showing his officers and men that they should react swiftly and be dynamic in answering the complaints of citizens.

Recently, he arrested three suspects in a P282,000 swindling case in his area of responsibility (AOR).

Arrested were Tomas Gan, alias Jorge Sy, of 56 Road 20 Project 8, Quezon City; William Lim, no permanent address, and Bayani Ibayán, driver of 921 Quezon Blvd., Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The suspects were nabbed at about 11:45 a.m. last March 4, 1995 inside the Hytruck Compound, South Superhighway, Makati City.

Lawyer makes good as a peace officer

By **WILLY E. IRINCO**

The victims, Vergilio Vechos, sales agent of International Stainless Products Manufacturing Corp., Corazon Lappay, of the JNJ Communication Aspin Mobile Accessories, 178 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati; Albert Medina, of CSY International Corp., Robert Garcia and one Ronnie, positively identified the suspects.

The suspects were wanted for 14 swindling cases.

Delos Reyes reported to CRIME-BUSTER that the modus operandi of the suspects was for one of their woman members to posed as Tomasa Gan. Of course, her name is fictitious and she opens an account in a bank to secure a checkbook.

The real swindler, though, is Tomas Gan, who is a member of the so-called "Buriki Gang."

Then the suspects will look for a victim. They found one which is the proprietor of the S-Tank, maker of stainless water tanks.

At the outset, they will order one water tank worth P50,000.00. Later, they will issue a good postdated check.

Now, having attain the confidence and trust of their victim, they will order 12 pieces of tanks worth P280,000.00. They will issue a postdated check good for 10 days.

This time, the check will bounce thus swindling their victim.

Gan's group has swindled various firms, including those dealing in computers, iron metal works, etc.

Delos Reyes said that when he arrested Gan, he defended himself by claiming he was not the one who issued the checks.

Two more members of the gang are being hunted. They are Norma Tayson of the United Paranaque Sub-division, owner of the TMG Builders of Sucat Road, Paranaque and one Victor Gan, alias Basilio Gan.

Delos Reyes, as new Sta. Ana police chief, also arrested Rolando Arpon y Dador, 38, married and a pedicab driver, of 2145 Rosal 12, Fabie Estate, Sta. Ana, for illegal gambling (P.D. 1602).

Arpon, a member of the Commando Gang, was booked after he was seen engaged in "tatlo't wala," a game of chance, with other pedicab drivers. Recovered from the suspect was P25.00 in bet money.

Delos Reyes' policemen, likewise, apprehended Reynandy Reyes y Bautista, 18, married, vendor, of 2474 Oro-B Estrada St., Sta. Ana, Manila for the robbery-holdup of Leonardo Reynes y Lim, 48, married, taxi driver, a native of Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental at about 9 p.m. on April 22, 1995.

Reynes said that he was driving his taxicab along Medel St., Sta. Ana, Manila when two male passengers, accused Reyes and his cohort, Manuel Habel y Brazil, 21, married, tricycle driver, of 2547 Sampaguita St., Sta. Ana, Manila, held him up.

The victim said Reyes and Habel, armed with a gun and a knife, divested him of his earnings amounting to P600.00

But the two accused were caught by responding bystanders at the vicinity. Found in Reyes was the knife used in the robbery.

Aside from an anti-



ARRESTED. Chief Insp. Delos Reyes (2nd from right) presents two swindling suspects, Tomas Gan (2nd from left) and William Lim (extreme right), whom the police chief arrested singlehandedly.

crime campaign, Delos Reyes said his station was also engaged in police-community relations project, such as participating in the religious procession during the Sta. Ana Fiesta last May 11 to 12, 1995.

It was the first time that police officers and men of the Sta. Ana Police Station had ever joined a procession in honor of the Our Lady of the Abandoned, the patron saint of Sta. Ana Church," Delos Reyes beamed.

"It fostered good relationships between the community, the church and the police," he said.

Delos Reyes said that his station's jurisdiction is bounded by Makati and Mandaluyong in the east and south, Pasig River in the north, and Paco, along the railroad tracks in the west.

His station protects some 84 barangays with a total estimated population of 310,000 inhabitants.

Delos Reyes commands 114 police officers and men. This means that one policeman secures 2,719 citizens in Sta. Ana. The ideal

ratio is 1:500.

Despite this problem, Delos Reyes who was a former police chief of the WPDC Police Station 7 in Tondo, is expected to succeed in his task, because of his expertise in police-community

relations.

Knowing that the police can only succeed in fighting crimes, if they are supported by the community, represented by the barangays, he, no doubt, will eventually gain the assistance of the citizens in

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his tough job of keeping peace and order.

"Crime free and narcotic free," said Delos Reyes on his program in maintaining law and order in Sta. Ana.

"We will do it," he assured CRIMEBUSTER on his campaign against crime in his area of responsibility.

Recalling his assignments prior to his assumption as Sta. Ana Police chief on April 20, 1995, Delos Reyes said he was the WPDC SWAT deputy commander then.

Prior to that, he was posted with the WPDC Office of the Chief, Directorial Staff, of then Sr. Supt. Hermogenes Ebdane, WPDC director.

His other assignments were: chief, Legal Affairs Division (LAD) of the Presidential Security Group (PSG); commanding officer, Service Company, PSG 1st Security Battalion; deputy commander, PSG Headquarters Monitoring Action Unit's Charlie, Delta and Bravo Coys.

Delos Reyes was the first WPDC officer, who became PSG's LAD chief.

His other tasks were chairman, Board of Review of the WPDC Internal and Legal Affairs Division (ILAD); station commander, WPD Police Station 7; platoon commander and legal officer of the WPD Chinatown Detachment; platoon commander, WPD Police Station 6; member, WPD Investigation Division; pre-trial investigation officer, Regional Special Judge Advocate (RSJA), Capital Command (Capcom), and Trial Judge Advocate;

Member, PC-INP Judge Advocate General Office; member, WPD Station 5; WPD Station 4; member,

WPDC Homicide and WPD Intelligence and Special Operations Division.

Delos Reyes is a member of international lawyers groups, such as the World Jurist Association, and the World Association of Lawyers, both based in Washington, District of Columbia, USA.

He is also a member of the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA), the Office of the International Criminal Justice (OIC) both based in USA, and the ASEAN Law Association.

He is member, too, of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

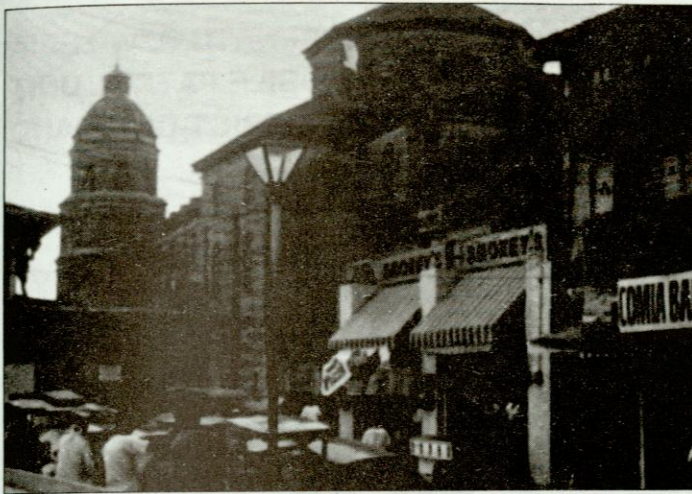
Delos Reyes took up proper education in preparation for his entrance to police service. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the East, Manila in 1970.

He completed a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from the Philippine College of Criminology, Sta. Cruz, Manila in 1966.

He finished his secondary from the Torres High School, Tondo, Manila and his primary from the F. Benitez Elem. School, also in Tondo.

His police schoolings include PNP Officer Advance Course from the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA), Camp Vicente Lim, Canlubang, Laguna graduating as class president in 1991; PNP Officer Basic Course also from PNPA in 1982, and Police Basic Course from Fort Bonifacio, Makati in 1974, finishing it as No. 5 in the class and Academic Excellence awardee.

He took up Police Com-



STA. ANA CHURCH. A view of the historic and old Sta. Ana Church. The police station is located just at the right side of the church.

bat Course from Ft. Bonifacio in 1974; Anti- Riot Control Course from WPD Headquarters, UN Ave., Manila in 1976; Dactyloscopy (Finger printing)-Ballistic Course from the National Bureau of Investigation, Manila in 1964.

In 1993, he graduated class president of the VIP Protection Course Class 21-92 from the Presidential Security Group, Malacanang, Manila.

Delos Reyes is a licensed criminologist having passed the required examinations for the title from the Professional Regulatory Commission, Manila in 1992.

His other eligibilities include Police Lieutenant (1968); Police Officer 2nd Class (1977); Police Sergeant-Chartered Cities (1975) and Patrolman-Chartered Cities (1967).

Delos Reyes' service record showed that he was patrolman in 1974, patrolman first class in 1981, police lieutenant in 1983, police captain in 1987 and chief inspector in 1992.

Multi-awardee, Delos Reyes was a recipient of three Medalya ng Papuri (Commemoration Medal) with 1st and 2nd Bronze Sampaguita Clusters, respectively.

He received 36 commendations from then Maj. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos; the Napolcom; Gen. James Barbers; Gen. Prospero Olivas; Maj. Vicente Vinarao; Col. Pedro dela Paz; Gen. Narciso Cabrera; Vice Mayor James Barbers; Gen. Guillermo Enriquez, Gen. Alfredo Lim, and Manila City Councilor Humberto Basco, et. al.

In 1990, Delos Reyes was adjudged "Crime Buster of the Year" by the WPD Press Corp and Outstanding Police Officer of the Year by the Manila Action Lions Club Dist. 301-A1.

The Manila City Council also passed Resolution 392 recommending the promotion of Delos Reyes, then the WPDC Police Station 7 chief, in 1990.

He also got seven Plaques of Appreciation, a Katibayan ng Pagpapahalaga from the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines (Fejodap), and a Plaque of Merit from the Hotline sa Trese in 1991.

A widower, barrel-chested Delos Reyes has three children. They are Bienvenido Jr., 26; Josephine, 17, and Lex, 13. ■



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CHIEF INSPECTOR RENATO P. VALEBIA
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Arch-enemy of Quezon City's bank robbers

By WILLY E. IRINCO

The Mobile Patrol Unit (MPU) of the Central Police District Command (CPDC) Headquarters has improved vastly its capability in crime fighting after the bloody robbery on the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) Branch in Kalayaan Ave., Quezon City, early this year.

Chief Inspector Renato P. Valebia, MPU chief, reported to CRIMEBUSTER that the 174 officers and men of his unit took up a Police Security Intervention Course (PSIC) to prepare them against bank robbers and other outlaws.

Valebia, 41, explained that the course taught the MPU members on how to approach a suspected vehicle and how to react on a crime incident.

Familiarization in the use of firearms was also instructed to the MPU men to avoid any untoward incident, which may occur during operations against criminals.

Valebia said that expertise in the use of guns could help greatly in the non-occurrence of mis-encounters. "A lawman shall not fire his gun indiscriminately when he doesn't see his enemy," he said.

Today, Valebia, a Bacolod City born peace officer, said that his unit was enforcing a 24-hour preventive patrol operations all over the Quezon City jurisdiction.

"We are trying to improve the effectiveness of our unit by responding at least within three minutes after the distress call," he said.

The MPU's 20 mobile cars are assigned to be dispatched easily to their sectors when a bank robbery would occur. "They are spread to critical areas," he said.

The MPU is tasked to protect some 359 banks in



QC. It is supported in the risky job by the strong points of 11 CPDC police stations and 45 police blocks.

All these units, Valebia said, today are equipped with sophisticated Motorola ultra high frequency (UHF) hand-held radio linked to Camp Crame, Camp Papa and all Metro Manila police districts.

"The radios have made the communication network dragnet easy," Valebia said.

In the event of a bank robbery, the strategy is to send only one team to proceed to the crime scene, he said.

The other units will form checkpoints in a pre-arranged standard operating procedure (SOP).

The units will cordon the crime scene so as when a hostage situation occurs, a

team can swiftly negotiate. Surrounding the scene will also help in case a dead person is found in the area.

Valebia clarified that the MPU was only adjunct unit of the stations which have jurisdiction over the banks and other business firms.

The station has responsibility over crime incidents, because it has an investigation arm. "The MPU has none," he said.

Prior to his posting in the CPDC, Valebia was assigned to the Integrated National Police Field Force (INPFF). He was one of the original members of the INPFF, an anti-insurgency group.

He saw action during the failed coup d'etat in December 1989 battling putschists in the so-called

Battle of Makati and Battle of Coastal Road.

He related that during the Battle of Makati, he and other MPFF men were in a six-by-six truck, when tracer bullets from putschists atop Nikko Hotel virtually rained on them. He jumped and covered behind the truck.

Later an L-300 van loaded with rebel soldiers armed with an M-60 machinegun fired at the MPFF men, wounding 14 and killing two.

Col. Romeo Maganto, MPFF commander, was hit by the machinegun fire in the leg and was wounded. As deputy commander then, Valebia took over command of the MPFF men, after Maganto was disabled.

For his feat in Makati, he was awarded with a Merit Medal.

Valebia entered the police service in 1978 as a patrolman in the Bacolod City Police Station under the PC-INP Provincial Command of Negros Occidental, led by then Col. Renato de Villa (now defense secretary).

He participated in many armed encounters against insurgents as a member of the Task Force Kanlaon.

After one year service as a patrolman, he took up entrance examinations to enter the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) in Canlubang, Laguna.

In 1981, he graduated from the PNPA and was designated as police lieutenant. He was immediately absorbed by the INPFF, then commanded by Col. R. Aro. Later, he became a member of the INPFF under the baton of Maganto as said earlier.



MOBILE CREW. A three-man CPDC Mobile Police Unit crew gets instructions from an officer, Sr. Insp. Eduardo Tabao, MPU deputy chief.

After his stint with the INPFF, he was detailed as deputy chief of the CPDC MPU in November 1992. Chief Insp. Romeo Berog was then the MPU chief. Later, Chief Insp. George Regis assumed command of the MPU.

Consequently, Valebia was reassigned as CPDC's assistant district director for personnel. After six months, he took over as CPDC MPU chief in July 1994.

Long before he became a policeman, Valebia took up studies to prepare him later for law enforcement job.

Aside from his Bachelor of Science in Public Safety from PNPA, he reached senior in Bachelor of Science in Commerce from University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod City in 1975.

He studied secondary from the St. Joseph High School and primary from Mabini Elem. School, all in Bacolod in 1971 and 1967, each.

Valebia has trained abroad on Anti-terrorist Urban Patrol Course in

Louisiana State Police Academy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA in 1988.

Among his other police-military schoolings were Police Cadetship at PNPA; Special Instructor Course at

PNPA; Jungle Warfare and Mountain Operation Course (JWMOC) at the PC Battalion Training Unit, Silang, Cavite; INPFF Intelligence Unit Training Course JWMOC in PC Training



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Criminal Investigation Update Course, NCRTC, Ft. Bonifacio; Update Course on

Leadership and Troop Procedures, Capcom Headquarters, Camp Bagong Diwa, Tagig, Metro Manila and PNPA Officer Advance Course at PNPA.

His eligibilities include Police Officer 1st Class (1981), Police Officer 2nd Class (1980) and Police Officer 3rd Class (1976).

He was promoted from patrolman to police cadet in 1979; police lieutenant in 1981; police captain in 1987; police senior inspector in 1991 and police chief inspector in 1992.

A bemedalled peace officer, he was a recipient of a PNP Wounded Medal, two INP Efficiency Medals, INP Commendation Medal, INP Wounded Medal and INP Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medal. ■

CHIEF INSPECTOR ULDARICO D. ANGELES, JR.
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MAKATI CITY, METRO MANILA

Makati City's new traffic czar

By SONNY YASAY & MALOU MACEDA

Have you ever heard of management by scarcity?

According to Chief Inspector Uldarico D. Angeles, Jr., chief of the Makati Traffic Unit of the Southern Sector of the Traffic Management Command, "Management by scarcity is the ultimate answer to the problem of lack of personnel."

Angeles told CRIMEBUSTER that since he assumed command on Feb. 1, 1995, the only problem he had to deal with was the number of his personnel.

Prior to his assumption as traffic chief, there were about 75 traffic officers and men. But last April, this was reduced to 35 only.

"This reality made us use whatever resources we have. And that is what I called management by scarcity," Angeles said.

"When it comes to efficiency, I would say that my



personnel are all hard working. That is why, we were able to give quality public service to the constituents of Makati," he said.

So far, since he was appointed chief, no complaints have been filed by the people of Makati against traffic officers for abuses, he added.

Angeles said the three major concerns of his division today were the following: 1) Implementation of traffic rules; 2) Campaign against

jaywalking, and 3) Campaign against sidewalk vendors.

Angeles, reported his unit has apprehended a total of 1,335 traffic violators from May 1, to 31 this year. These violations include truck ban, disregarding traffic signs, reckless driving, colorum operations, delinquent/revoked license, no franchise/Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)/PA carried, obstruction, etc.

They also arrested three

persons for illegal peddling. Likewise investigated were a total of 749 traffic accident cases, four fatal accidents, 34 non-fatal accidents and 7811 cases of damage to property. On the non-fatal accident, there were nine persons seriously injured and 30 slightly injured.

On the hit-and-run cases, the unit solved a total of 28 cases, two non-fatal and 26 damage to property accidents.

On the observance of traffic laws, the division promotes and support all the campaign of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), headed by Chairman Prospero Ureta.

Consequently, the "One Ticketing System" has been implemented last April 1995 by the MMDA. The system aims to issue only one kind of ticket for all traffic violations in Metro Manila.

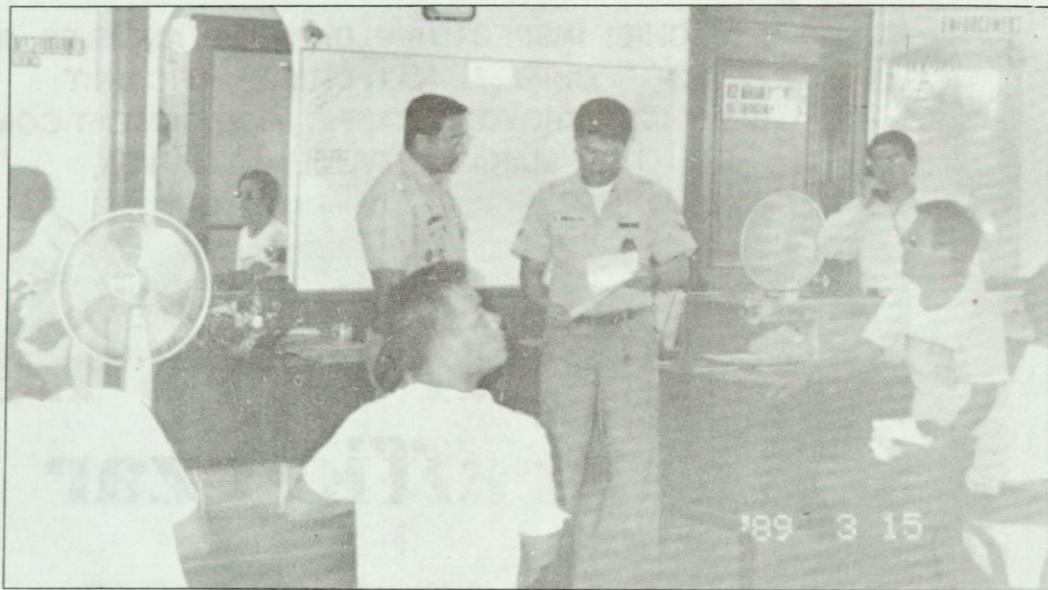
The said ticket as "traffic violation receipt" replaced the ticket for summons, ticket for temporary operators permit (TOP) and Traffic Cita-

tions Ticket (TCT). To issue the TVR, one has to be deputized by the MMDA.

Angeles said the root cause of traffic problems were the lack of discipline of pedestrians, followed by the drivers. "Pedestrians often violate traffic rules more than those committed by the drivers."

On the peace and order situation in Makati, Angeles said that "everything is under control. We are on top of the situation. There is a proper coordination. And the police visibility is there."

Angeles has stayed in the service for 27 years now, because of commitment to duty. His formula is simple stressed in three words. These are: "Maka-Diyos, maka-tao at makabayan (Love of God, of fellowmen and of country)."



CONFER. Chief Insp. Uldarico D. Angeles, Jr. confers with one of his traffic policemen.

"Ang mga katangiang ito ang nagpatagal sa akin sa serbisyo (These qualities have made me stay in the service)," said Angeles.

Affiliations to different organizations and other activities for professional growth

has helped Angeles to rise in his chosen field of endeavor and to be a constant agent of social transformation.

On his accomplishments, Angeles said that he had many which need not be mentioned.

But what matters most to him was the respect he gained from his personnel. "It's good to know that your personnel respect you. Everything follows," he added. ■

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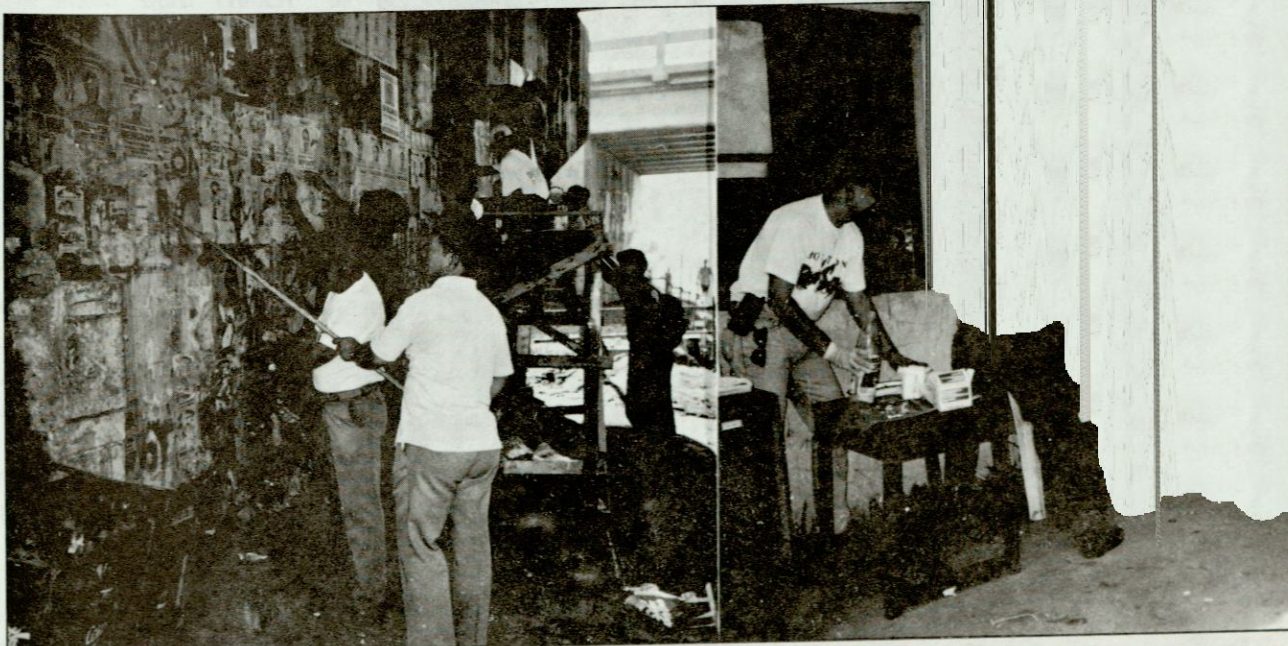
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UGNAYAN. Chief Insp. Tobias Bongon (center) and Insp. Mercedita Ines Ramos Talk with residents of PNR Site, Tramo St., Bgy. Tunasan during a dialogue (ugnayn).

PICTORIAL

Police-community relations projects are very active in Muntinlupa City



CLEAN-UP DRIVE. Chief Insp. Jose Manuel, (front) concurrent Muntinlupa City police deputy chief and Block 2 commander; SPO3 Dionisio dela Cruz, Child and Youth Welfare officer, and Muntinlupa Junior Police members remove election posters in Soldier's Hills, Bgy. Putatan, Muntinlupa City.

DENTAL MISSION. A city health department dentist (back to left) assisted by Insp. Ramos, chief, Police-Community Relations, assisting an inmate during an Operation "Bunot" held at the Cit Tunasan, Muntinlupa City. Sr. Insp. Levi Soledad (2nd from right) commander, and SPO1 Francisco dela Cruz observe.



CAMOTE PLANTATION. Mrs. Ester Carmona (standing left) and four of his children show to Mrs. Jean Olaes, city social worker (2nd from right) and Insp. Ramos the camote plantation, a livelihood project initiated by the latter two.



RUGS MAKING. Mrs. Olaes (right) visit a rugs making and ready-to-wear (RTW) project in Bgy. Putatan, one of the livelihood programs initiated by Insp. Ramos and Olaes of the Family Investment Program funded by the Office of the City Mayor.

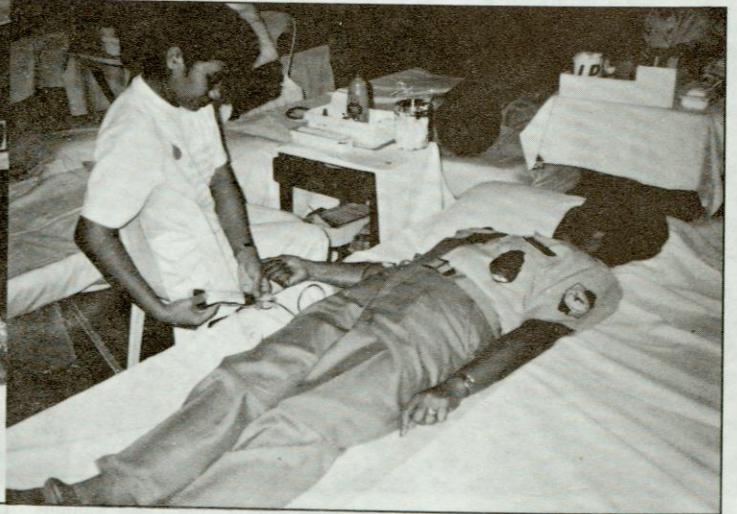


STREET KIDS. SPO3 Dionisio dela Cruz (extreme right) interviews street children to be referred to the Sigla ng Buhay Foundation, Inc. in Bgy. Alabang managed by Mrs. Delia Fortalez and Lorraine Salamat.

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MUNTI CVOS. Insp. Ramos (2nd from left) hands a certificate to one of the members of the Civilian Volunteers Organization (CVO) of Muntinlupa City who attended a Moral Recovery and Values Formation Seminar sponsored by the PNP Values Formation, Inc. Camp Crame, Quezon City.



BLOOD DONOR. Insp. Ramos donates blood during the PNP Operation Purple sponsored by the Red Cross and held at Camp Crame, Quezon City.

9 new suspects charged with 'Visconde Massacre'

After four agonizing years, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) found a female eyewitness who identified the alleged suspects in the gruesome Vizconde Massacre on June 30, 1991 in B.F. Homes, Parañaque.

Thus on June 19, 1995, the NBI filed before the Department of Justice rape-with-homicide charges against nine persons, including a son of Senator Freddie Webb and a dismissed policeman.

Lone witness, Jessica Alfaro, 31, a "single mother," claimed she was with the group when the massacre took place.

Charged were Hubert Webb, son of Sen. Freddie Webb, of 262 Aguirre St., B.F. Homes, Parañaque; Antonio Lejo, son of actress Pinky de Leon, of 5 Elizalde St., B.F. Homes; Michael Gatchalian of 100 Vinzon St., B.F. Homes; Peter Estrada of 2-C Oakville St., White Plains, Quezon City; Pyke Fernandez, Dong Ventura, Miguel Rodriguez, of 1 Gem Road, Las Piñas; Joey Filart, and Gerardo Biong, a former Parañaque policeman.

Justice Secretary Teofisto Guingona, Jr. assigned Assistant State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuno as head of a four-man panel which would evaluate the evidence presented by the NBI.

Other members of the panel were State Prosecutors Leonardo Guiyab Jr., Roberto Lao and Pablo Pumaran.

The panel was given 30 days to complete the preliminary investigation and another 30 days to rule whether to file rape-slay in court against the suspects.

Alfaro told the NBI, headed then by the late Director Antonio Aragon, who succumbed to heart attack on June 23, 1995 at the Makati Medical Center, she overheard Webb saying: "We will line up before Carmela, but I will be the first."

Carmela was the 18 year old daughter of Lauro Vizconde, who was raped and killed. Also murdered were Estrellita, 47, the mother, and Anne Marie Jennifer, 7, a sister.

In her sworn statement, Alfaro recalled that at about

8 p.m. on June 29, 1991, she met Ventura, Lejano, Webb and Estrada at the Alabang Commercial Center in Muntinlupa to buy one gram of shabu.

She said Webb asked her to invite Carmela for a date as the latter's mother would not allow her to go with them.

Alfaro and her boyfriend, Estrada, went to Vizconde's house in B.F. Homes, Parañaque at 10:30 p.m. on the same day.

But Alfaro said, Carmela told them to return at 12:30 a.m. for she promised to open the gate and leave the kitchen door open.

Carmela even directed Alfaro to blink their car's headlight upon their arrival.

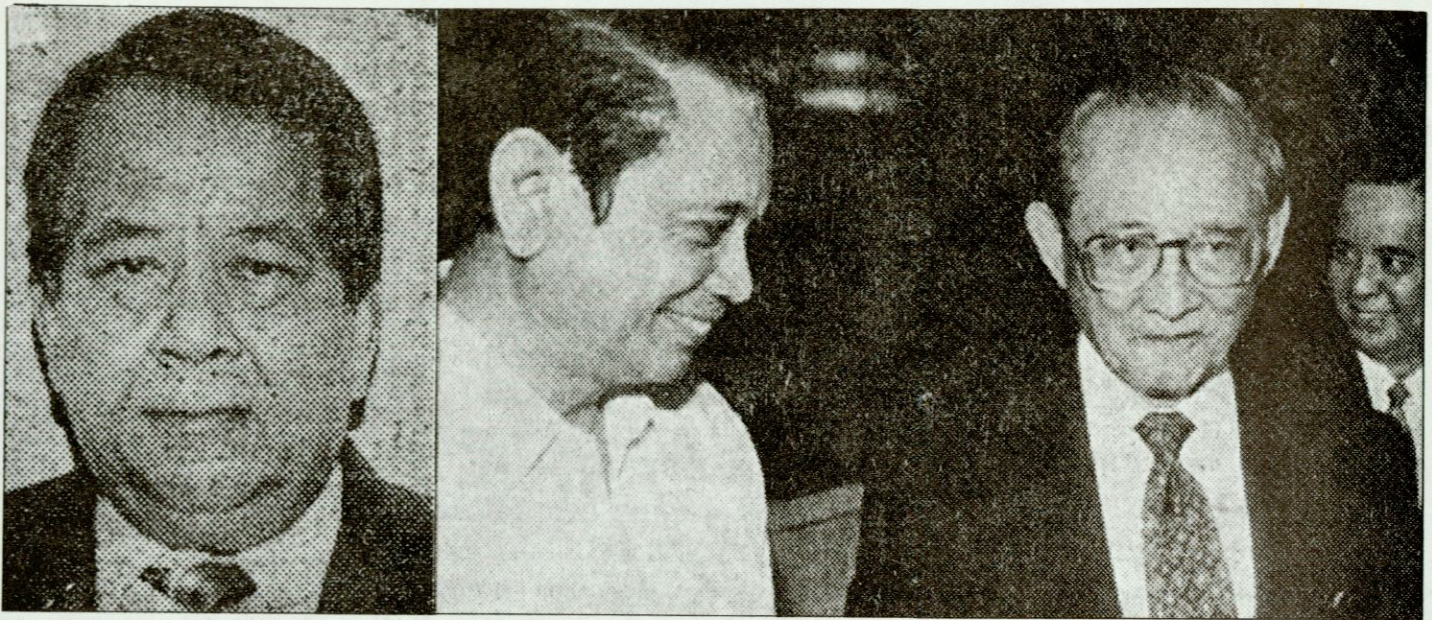
Back to Alabang, Alfaro informed the suspects who were then allegedly sniffing shabu on Carmela's words.

Alfaro said she overheard Webb's sinister plan against Carmela.

Upon arrival at the



JESSICA ALFARO



THE LATE NBI DIRECTOR ARAGON, JUSTICE SECRETARY GUINGONA AND PRES. RAMOS

Vizconde's house, Fernandez allegedly switched off the light on the Meralco post, while Ventura loosened the fluorescent light at the gate.

While Alfaro was seated at the indoor garden set of the Vizconde's house, she heard a woman saying: "Who's there!"

She rushed inside to check and was shocked to see a body on the bed and one in the floor.

Alfaro said she saw Webb on top of Carmela, who was moaning and crying, despite being gagged.

She rushed outside of the house and told Ventura to prepare for their escape.

While waiting for the group, Alfaro heard Webb saying: "Pare, I left my jacket."

The group later went to a house in B.F. Executive Homes, where Alfaro quoted Webb as saying Estrellita was killed first.

She said Webb told them that while he was molesting Carmela on the floor, Jennifer was awakened, jumped at his back and bit his shoulder.

Alfaro quoted Webb as saying he stood up and stabbed Jennifer many times.

She said she saw later Webb directing Biong, who was called by Webb to the house, to take care of the Vizconde's house.

Biong was the driver-bodyguard of the Webb family, she learned later.

Investigation showed that Biong went to the crime scene to pretend to probe the case, burning the bedsheets, carpets, and wiping out fingerprints.

His acts resulted in his dismissal from the police service.

The NBI also charged Biong for being an accessory to the crime.

The NBI reported that Estrellita got 12 wounds, Carmela had seven and Jennifer, nine.

Alfaro said she decided to testify on the massacre, because she had been bothered by her conscience.

On the other hand, Senator Webb defended his son saying he could not have done it, because he was in

California at the time of the crime.

Lauro Vizconde, told mediemen, he hoped that the new suspects were the real ones. He expressed his thanks

to the NBI for making a breakthrough in the four-year old case.

Vizconde was in the United States, when the killings took place. ■

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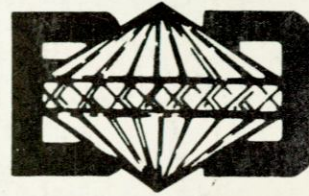
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