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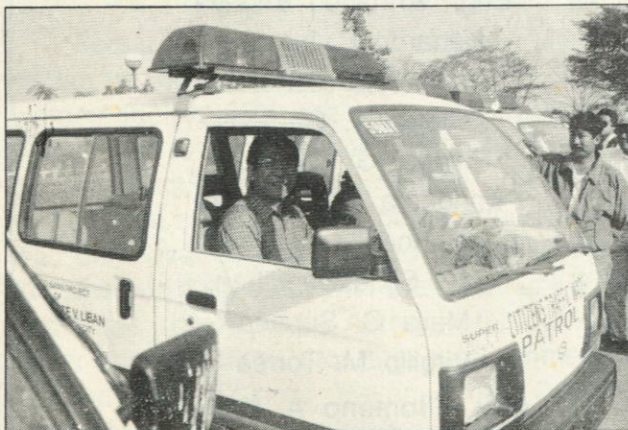
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DANTE V. LIBAN :

**QUEZON CITY'S
POLITICAL DAVID
FIGHTING GOLIATHS**



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To My Beloved Fellowmen,

Macro-economic advancement will not have any impact on the lives of ordinary Filipinos if policies to aid social reform are not in place. Recognizing this chasm, in my second term, I support an agenda that would strengthen and sustain the economic gains achieved in the last three years. I would strongly advocate for policies that would aid in the flow of economic progress down to the poorest of the poor.

Since the Tenth Congress opened, I filed a total of 322 proposed measures of national and local significance. Among my proposals are the creation of Novaliches City (House Bill No. 1235), banning cigarette smoking in public places (House Bill No. 1237), exemption of savings deposits of less than fifty thousand pesos from withholding tax (House Bill No. 1847), reorganization of the Philippine National Police (House Bill No. 1315), amending the Inventors and Invention Incentives Act and expanding the power of the Filipino Inventors Society Inc. (House Bill No. 4789), amending Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995 (House Bill No. 22921), regulation of showing of violent scenes and events over the television (House Bill No. 1846).

Part of major legislative measures of national implication. As of the latest, I have co-authored more than 700 proposed measures.

Focus of my effort in Congress for this term would be on empowering the youth, worker and women sectors. With the support of my constituents I would like to achieve youth empowerment through the promotion of technical training and skills development and strong support for the education program with emphasis on science and technology. Towards this end, I collaborated with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority through NCEP Director Alicia Santos for the establishment of the Quezon City Lingkod Bayan Skills Development Center in Barangay Fairview. The center offers

training in electronics, building wiring installation, dressmaking, industrial sewing machine operation and computer repair.

To empower women in my district, I have the full support of my wife Mrs. Marvina "Baby" Liban and the Quezon City Center for Women in Development. Through various livelihood projects initiated by the QCCWD we seek to harness the talents and capabilities of this sector for productive endeavors.

Chosen as chairman of the Special Committee on overseas contract workers, I am for the full empowerment of workers. I filed House Bill 58 creating the Philippine Overseas Workers Bank which was already approved by the committee on banks. My office has a financial assistance program for qualified individuals wanting to work abroad.

A REPORT TO



MY COUNTRYMEN

Recognizing the importance of a home to bind parents and siblings, I am seeking the exclusion of family homes from the payment of real estate tax.


These are among the advocacies that I champion. All of these were made possible with the active involvement of many of my constituents. That is why, I stick to a policy of openness. I believe, with an open heart, an open mind and an open door, I can better serve the people I represent.

The success of many of my undertakings, are primarily credited to the citizens of Quezon City's second district who have entrusted me with the precious mandate of bringing their voice to the drawing tables of this government.

To my constituents and to every Filipino, I dedicate my service.

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January 7, 1996

Representative Dante V. Liban
2nd District, Quezon City
House of Representatives
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

Dear Representative Liban: *(Dante)*

Mrs. Ramos and I join your host of loved ones and friends in extending to you our warmest greetings as you celebrate another milestone in your life.

As you add another year to your fruitful life, may the thought of serving our country with dedication and honesty bring you much joy and fulfillment.

May you continue to enjoy God's blessings of peace, good health and continued success.

Happy Birthday!



LETTERS



Dear Cong. Liban,

May I inform you that your bill to exempt real estate taxes on residential houses of retired individuals appeal to many. I, for one, will be grateful if your bill is approved.

Very respectfully yours,

Efren T. Baconawa

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Dear Cong. Liban,

Considering how much you have helped Lagro, I would like to commend you for your efforts. I see that this place enjoys peace and prosperity because of your remarkable performance.

Me and my neighbors wish to inform you that we appreciate your efforts for the betterment of our city. More power and God Bless !

Cherryl F. Festin
Quezon City

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Dear Cong. Liban,

Ipagpaumanhin po ninyo kung ngayon lang ako nakasulat sa inyo. Ngunit bago po ang lahat ay binabati ko po kayo.

Ako po ay nagpapasalamat sa malaking tulong na

ibinigay ninyo po sa akin upang ako ay makapagtrabaho dito sa taiwan. Ito ay nakapagpaligaya ng lubos sa aking mga magulang.

Wala po akong hinihiling sa maykapal kundi ang mabuhay kayo ng matagal upang patuloy kayong makapaglingkod at makatulong sa marami pang katulad naming mahihirap.

Salamat po.

Gumagalang,

Michael Ramos
Hongin Diamond Industries
Taipei hsien, Taiwan

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Dear Cong. Liban,

Congratulations on your concern regarding the existence of a "maid mafia" as reported in the Manila Bulletin (Nov. 19, 1995).

We realize that this is one of the more serious problems confronting our country today.

May God continue to bless you in all your undertakings.

Sincerely yours,

Minerva G. Laudico
President

Stop Trafficking of Pilipinos Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Cong. Liban,

Ako po ang asawa nang namayapang si Remedios S. Derrada. Ako ay nagpapasalamat sa inyong ibinigay na tulong sa amin. At sana ay huwag kayong magsawa sa pagbigay ng tulong sa aming mahihirap. Pagpalain sana kayo ng Panginoon.

Lubos na nagpapasalamat,

Eduardo P. Derrada
Quezon City

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Dear. Cong. Liban,

We would like to express our gratitude for giving us the deep well. We are very happy to have it in our area. This will greatly contribute to the solution of the water-supply problem in our community.

Respectfully yours,

People of Purok Sto. Domingo
Holy Spirit

THE QUEZON CITY LINGKOD BAYAN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER HASTENING ECO GROWTH

"Our youth are gems that we can harness to power the full industrialization of our economy."

Having a firm grasp of the unemployment problem, Rep. Dante V. Liban initiated the establishment of the Quezon City Lingkod-Bayan Skills Development Center (QCLBSDC).

During the inauguration of QCLBSDC last October 28, 1995, he expounded on the factors contributing to the high unemployment rate in the country.

Foremost among the factors he cited is the lack of appropriate skill of many Filipinos living in most industrialized areas. While opportunities for employment have improved with the dynamism of the national economy under the Philippines 2000 program of President Fidel V. Ramos, most young people remain unemployed.

He attributes this situation to the absence of an educational support system that would enable people to acquire skills for gainful employment.

Recognizing this fact he

relentlessly worked for the establishment of QCLBSDC. He acknowledged that much credit for the successful opening of the center goes to Ms. Alicia Santos, Regional Director for NCR of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The center provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient skills training in support of the development of high quality Filipino middle-level manpower who are self-reliant, highly productive and globally competitive.

Located in Barangay



Mrs. Baby Liban cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the inauguration of the QCLBSDC. She is assisted by Rep. Liban, TESDA-NCR Director Alice Santos and Brgy. Captain Antonio Ancheta.

Fairview, the center is open to everybody who are willing to be trained in courses such as building wiring installation, electronics or industrial sewing machine operation.

With the center, Liban envisions progress to acquire more meaning for the out-school-youth not only of Quezon City but of

neighboring communities as well.

"Our youth are gems that we can harness to power the full industrialization of our economy. If our youth remain unskilled, untrained and ill-equipped they will be like unpolished gems. Precious but unappreciated because they are untapped," he stressed.

MOA SIGNED TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF QCLBSDC

A memorandum of agreement was recently forged to ensure the success and sustainability of the Quezon City Lingkod Bayan Skills Development Center (QCLBSDC).



The agreement between the Congressional Office of Rep. Dante V. Liban, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority-National Capital Region under Director Alice Santos and Barangay Fairview represented by Barangay Chairman Antonio Ancheta was signed last October 28, 1995.

As agreed, the TESDA is mainly responsible for the formulation, coordination and full integration of technical education and skills development policies

and programs.

While Barangay Fairview, the host local government unit, through Brgy. Chairman Ancheta helps in the promotion of the program, the recruitment and selection of trainees.

On the other hand, the congressman's office is actively involved in the formulation of a placement scheme and implementation of measures that maximize the success of the program.



Speaker Jose V. De Venecia swears into office Rep. Liban as Chairman of the newly-created committee on overseas contract workers.

TAX EXEMPT FAMILY HOMES

Family homes, in nature according to Rep. Dante Liban are permanent domiciles and are occupied with the intention of dedicating such premises for purposes of bonding parents, siblings and relatives.

In recognition of this, the solon filed a bill exempting the family home from taxes.

House Bill 3956 seeks to exempt family homes from real estate taxes.

"Family homes are non-income generating structures, hence dwellers should be freed from an unwanted encumbrance such as a recurring real estate tax," he explained.

Moreover, the solon added that the family home is a sacred symbol of love among parents and children. It is also the repository of conviviality in the basic unit of Philippine society.

An active member of family oriented-groups, he emphasized that family homes foster solidarity. He added that a tax-free family home could provide peace and contentment to the dwellers.

Real estate tax on family homes owned by senior citizens could accrue year after year and deflate their meager resources. Granting tax exemption to family homes could be a significant relief to retirees living on old-age pension.

He pointed out that exempting family homes from real estate taxes is widely practiced in many states of America.

• Family homes, as defined in the bill, are those dwellings constituted jointly by the husband and the wife or by an unmarried head of a family, where they and their family reside, and the land on which it stands.

Most Outstanding Congressman

The Metropolitan Press and Radio-TV Club of the Philippines (MPRTVP) has conferred the "Most Outstanding Congressman" award on Representative Dante V. Liban of Quezon City's 2nd District.

The award was handed by MRPTVP Club president and chairman of the board of trustees Larry S. Dominguez, assisted by board secretary Teri Mauricio on the occasion of the Club's 30th anniversary held at the Jade Vine, UN Avenue, Manila.

The award cited Liban's "exemplary performance and achievements in his field of endeavor, worthy of honor and confidence for the preservation of Filipino ideals as a people and a nation."

Quality Public Service in '96

To further improve the delivery of public service to the people of the second district of Quezon City, the members of the staff of the Office of Rep. Dante V. Liban recently conducted a workshop meeting.

The meeting was aimed to give focus and consolidate efforts for the benefit of the solon's constituents.

During the opening of the meeting Liban emphasized the thrust that his office will pursue in the year ahead. He said all efforts should be exerted to

improve the delivery of services to the public.

Towards this end he urged for unity, solidarity and teamwork among his staff which he fondly refer to as his family. He also encouraged everybody present during the meeting to strive to be positive and constructive.

The meeting organized by Atty. Filomeno A. Palma, the office's chief of staff was aimed at promoting quality public service for the people of Quezon City.



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IS THERE UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING ?

There is a need to determine whether there are unclassified public forest lands in Quezon City which could be used for the socialized housing program of the government.

The committee on housing and urban development is trying to investigate the existence of unclassified public forest lands after Representatives Dante V. Liban and Gregorio Andolana filed House Resolution Number 130.

The use of these lands for socialized housing, according to the solons is held hostage until the sta-

tus and records of these lands can be ascertained.

They will specifically inquire on the existence of available land covered under Bureau of Forestry Map LC-639 approved on 11 March 1937 by the Bureau of Forest development declaring certain parts of Quezon City as unclassified forest lands of the public domain. Although the Central Bank of the Philippines in the early seventies warned banking institutions to watch out for land titles emanating from OCT Number 333 issued by the Land Registry of Rizal in

1907.

The Central Bank further instructed banks not to accept properties covered by such titles as collateral alleging titles for said land had been fraudulently secured.

There is a strong possibility that some spurious titles from OCT Number 333 cover lands actually belonging to still unclassified public lands, Liban believes.

The status of these lands need to be investigated to determine whether spurious derivative titles should be annulled or cancelled. Furthermore, the possibility

of reverting the land in favor of the government should also be determined.

As of now, Liban observed that most of these properties under question are occupied by urban poor dwellers who could benefit from the reversion of the land to the government.

According to him it is important to immediately resolve this issue in order to cope with the 3.7 million units backlog in housing. The estimated annual demand for housing is 250,000 units.

THE IMPACT OF THE HOUSING PROBLEM ON WOMEN

Views presented by Rep. Dante V. Liban, vice chairman, committee on housing and urban development in the Habitat II Consultation at the PAG-IBIG FUND Training Center in Makati City

Almost 3.8 million Filipino women are silent victims of social injustice due to lack of decent housing.

Alleviating the plight of women in crowded living spaces remains an insurmountable challenge that calls for creative, innovative and effective solution.

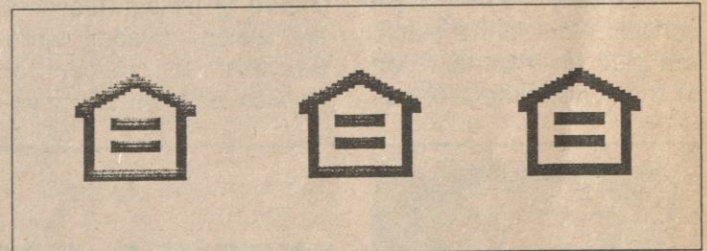
The housing problem, should not be viewed as a deficiency in infrastructure but as a corrosive agent that erodes the basic unit of Filipino society.

Social scientists widely recognize the dangers faced by 3.8 million Filipinos who are forced by economic circumstance to dwell in obsolescent, unsanitary, unhealthful, and

in many ways detrimental to the safety, comfort and morale of a human being.

People living in crowded environment obviously are deprived of privacy, a factor which may be of great importance, especially in its effects upon interpersonal relations.

Studies revealed that the blighted condition, the poor ventilation, the reek of pollution is only the visible aspect of the slum. Beneath is a way of life hammered by difficulties and deprivation. A background for tragic stories of economic defeat, physical illness, alcoholism, drug addiction, prostitution, gambling and a loss of grip on



life.

Openly exposed to this undesirable environment and living conditions are the 3.8 million Filipino women. Not only women, but even children are robbed of normal home life and wholesome community relations because of lack of housing.

Due to the problem women have to endure exploitation, health and moral hazard and other form of disorganization.

For a woman or any human being, all this battering can bring a feeling of insecurity, low morale and loss of dignity.

The problem of housing is so complex.

President Ramos recognizes the problem of housing as a most important and pressing challenge to government. The social reform agenda, the blueprint for action of this administration which seeks to ensure equity in growth for the majority of the Filipinos have included in its priority -affordable housing.

Due to the complexity of the problem it demands the best of innovation, creativity and efficiency from government planners.

As a step toward the eradication of the problem the Ninth Congress approved the Comprehensive Housing Financing Act signed by President Ramos as Republic Act Number 7835.

EDUCATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION

"The poor quality of science and mathematics instruction in the country's educational system remains a stumbling block in efforts to propel the country towards industrialization."

This was according to Rep. Dante V. Liban, chairman of the sub-committee on technology during a workshop promoting science and technology career supported by the Science Education Institute of the Department of Science and Technology.

He explained that the poor quality of science and mathematics instruction can be attributed to a dire lack for competent science and mathematics teachers in the elementary and high schools. He said that teachers play an important part in the development of sci-

ence education and careers.

The solon noted that more than fifty percent of



mentors teaching mathematics are not mathematics majors. Moreover, sixty percent of general science teachers are science majors. Furthermore, less than a third of biology teachers are biology majors, while less than ten percent of physics teachers are phys-

ics majors.

The lack of educational preparation of majority of

science and mathematics teachers, Liban opined could be the reason why most Filipino schoolchildren lack interest towards and have low regard about science and technology.

In a workshop held at the Philippine Science High School, Liban exhorted

teacher participants to constantly upgrade their competence and keep abreast with technological advancement. He also urged them to devise teaching strategies to attract students toward basic and applied sciences, engineering technology and science careers.

The solon cited that the educational system of most successful Asian economies prioritizes the promotion of science and mathematics. He cited among others, Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

He observed that 36 percent of Japanese students are studying science and engineering, while 44 percent of Korean youths pursue studies in the discipline. Moreover, Taiwan has six in every ten student studying science and engineering.



The 184th birth anniversary of Melchora Aquino or "Tandang Sora", mother of the Katipunan uprising in rebuke of Spanish governance was marked last January 7, 1996 in simple rites.

Rep. Dante Liban, emphasized that every modern Filipino citizen have something to learn from the heroine.

LESSONS FROM TANDANG SORA

The civic consciousness as exemplified by the grand lady is important today as it was during the country's fight for independence, he emphasized.

Every Filipino, he stressed should learn from Tandang Sora's spirit of service to country. This is even more relevant now as the nation gears toward a new millenium and in efforts to vitalize Philippine economy.

Learning from the grand lady, every citizen must

have to share in efforts toward the national aspiration. He compared today's fight against poverty to the struggle for freedom during Tandang Sora's time.

"Our people can only be freed from the shackles of economic difficulties if each and every Filipino will take an active role in the battle to eradicate poverty," he said.

Hailed as the matriarch of the Katipunan movement "Tandang Sora" took care of the fighters for freedom at the height of the country's quest for freedom during the Spanish era. She opened her home to the sick and the wounded.

The solon, a past president of the Rotary Club of Tandang Sora, also recalled that it was in recognition of the old lady's special role during the war that the Rotary Club adopted her name fifteen years ago.

HELP RAPE VICTIMS COPE WITH TRAUMA

There should be a program to assist rape victims cope with the complex trauma they experience.

Mandatory psychotherapy treatment for rape victims according to Rep. Dante Liban is a must.

Victims of rape suffer a complex trauma needing psychological intervention. The solon cited studies showing that all rape victims experience the "post-rape syndrome": they don't want to talk to anybody, not even their family; they remain shocked and listless; they shut themselves in their rooms; they cry day and night for the first two days to three months; and worse, some carry a grudge against men.

To help victims deal with the "post-rape syndrome" the solon said government must provide psychological therapy to help them cope with the psychological, emotional and mental distress they experience.

He said institutionalizing a program assisting victims

is a more humane agenda for Congress to prioritize on the rape issue. Since the previous Congress, debates on rape has been centered on its definition.

"We must have a new definition of rape but I believe we have to provide the right assistance for the growing number of victims now," he stressed.

"If the government have a program for indemnification of crime victims and protection of witnesses, it should also provide some assistance for the rape victims," Liban added.

Cases of rape according to the Philippine National Police continue to be on the rise since 1990. Police authorities attribute the continuing increase of rape cases to the proliferation of illegal drugs and extreme violence in the entertainment media. Moreover, it was observed that most rape victims were minors with ages ranging from 18 years old and below.



The feet of vehicles given by Rep. Liban to various beneficiaries, was the backdrop for the ceremonial turn-over of keys.

TRAFFIC WATCH PATROL TURN-OVER

With the worsening traffic problem in many areas of the second district of Quezon City various barangay and civic organizations lauded Congressman Dante V. Liban for providing eleven units of Citizen's Traffic Watch Patrols.

Barangay Kagawad Bert Espinosa of Holy Spirit in expressing gratitude in behalf of the recipients said the provision of Traffic Watch Patrol units can go a long way in easing the flow of traffic in their locality. He also cited an improvement in the mobility of various civic organizations. According to him this could mean better service for the people in the barangays.

Cong. Liban turned-over eleven units of vehicles for the use of deserving barangay and civic organizations in the second district of Quezon City. The units were acquired through the solon's country-wide development fund (CDF).

The vehicles were meant to be used not only for

traffic purposes but also for the delivery of necessary services in the barangays.

During the simple turn-over ceremony Cong. Liban said that the patrol units is his contribution in the promotion of active people participation in solving problems in the community such as traffic congestion.

Among those who availed of the Citizen's Traffic Watch Patrols were the Commonwealth Homeowners Ass'n, Barangay Holy Spirit through Kgw. Bert Espinosa, Brgy. San Agustin through Kagawad Norman Lacsamana, Brgy. Sta. Monica through Kagawad Cesar Gillego, Brgy. Gulod through Kagawad Erning Tanigue, Brgy. Bagbag through Kagawad Connie Ambita, Brgy. Talipapa through Kagawad Larry Galgana, Brgy. Sangandaan through Kagawad Terio Galgana, Brgy. Baesa through Mr. Dado Almodovar and Brgy. Apolinario Samson through Kagawad Tero Gajudo.



Women learn alternative means of earning additional income for their families in a QCCWD sponsored workshop program.

The Family

A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING*

"Whatever we labor, we should always put in mind that we are working to help our family, to strengthen it and not the other way around."

This is according to Rep. Dante V. Liban who in his forties believes that mental and emotional stability are essential in enabling a person to pursue any productive endeavor without sacrificing his social foundations.

"The most important institution is the family," he stressed.

An adage he first read from an old house along Padre Faura in Manila when he was still a student continue to influence him in making his choices in life. It says:

"No amount of success can ever compensate for failure in the home."

He live by this philosophy and strive to impart the same to his children and constituents.

"You may be the most famous trial lawyer, richest businessman or a popular politician but if your family is not united, you are not a friend to your wife and to your children — how could you call it success?," he asked.

Some may consider it to be a bit old fashioned, but for him, ultimate success is in the family.

He is for equality between sexes but admits that he is conservative when it comes to family matters.

"I believe in the view that there is a certain equality. But I always believe, when it comes to family relations, the headship principle must apply. Meaning the man must be respected, must be followed."

Alluding to biblical teachings, he explained: "A good



wife listens, heeds and acknowledges the man as the head of the family. Kasi kung lahat sa pamilya ay bida, there won't be a family. I am being honest about this. Without recognition of the headship principle, the children could be confused. So the essential component of family solidarity is the headship of the man in the family."

Looking forward to the year 2000 when he celebrates with his wife Marvinna their silver wedding anniversary, the solon takes pride in how they work together for family unity.

"Kami ni Baby (Mrs. Liban), we are always together attending prayer meetings twice a week. I keep courting my wife. I give small gifts in unexpected moments."

In return, the solon confides, Baby has been very supportive of him. She devote her time in many projects for the lawmaker's constituents in the second district of Quezon City.

Baby left her post as vice president for a multinational company based in Makati City to devote fully attending the constituency of her husband.

Leaving her job did not come easy.

"It came to a point that I have to make a choice. It is either I have to support Dante's political career or I keep my job. There was no middle-ground. I think if I insist to keep both, I might end up losing everything."

"I realized early on what to choose, but I find it very difficult to decide. Considering that I had been work-

ing for twenty years. I rose from being a secretary to become the vice president of the company. I invested a lot of hard-work in my profession," Baby confided.

Shifting from a corporate life to a public one, had not been easy for Baby. She admits the phase of adjustment had been difficult for her. But when she started to gain confidence in her role as a wife of a public servant, she began to enjoy her newfound life. As president of the Quezon City Center for Women in Development, she finds satisfaction in helping other women become productive not only in terms of supporting their families but also in contributing to the economic vibrancy of their communities.

As the husband and wife are active in the public service and in church and civic groups, they make it a point to communicate as often as their busy schedules allow.

The couple said they make sure that Sundays are free for the family. If they have to attend to some public functions on such days, they bring the children with them.

Dante and Baby is the proud parents of Joan Catherine, Joan Christine, Joan Criselle, Joan Carla Luz and only son Julio Carlo.

* Based on interviews made by Ms. Mae Ann Gonzales, correspondent Tinig Filipino Magazine



Rep. Liban joins Secretary Lina B. Laigo in launching a counselling program for Filipinos in Hong Kong. Also in photo are International Social Service officials Mr. Stephen Yau, Mr. Anthony Lawrence and Mrs. Anne Marden.

PINOY COUNSELLORS FOR OCWS IN HONG KONG

Emotionally distressed Filipino workers in Hong Kong can now get counselling assistance from somebody who understands their heartaches in the context of the Filipino culture and values.

This was according to Representative Dante V. Liban, who with Secretary Lina Laigo jointly announced the deployment of two professional social workers to Hong Kong.

The counselling program for Filipino OCWs is being undertaken in close cooperation with Mr. Stephen Yau, executive director of the International Social Services-Hong Kong.

There are about 150,000 Filipinos working in Hong Kong. A survey have shown that about 40 per cent or about 60,000 of them are emotionally distressed. Marital problems and depression due to long absence from the Philippines.

Liban, chair of the special committee on overseas contract workers said:

"The cooperation be-

tween ISS-HK and the DSWD is significant because it is a move beyond the concerns for cold statistics on labor and remuneration."

Migrant labor, the solon stressed is not all about service and remuneration. According to him, it is important to consider that workers have gone beyond the borders of their country and culture.

Transplanted in a different milieu most OCWs suffers an erosion in their feeling of security. This makes them susceptible to emotional stress.

The special guidance program of ISS-HK and DSWD according to Liban aims to help distressed workers cope. Liban said that this can be done by providing culturally safe psychological or social intervention to help them face problems such as infidelity, despair and alienation.

Psychological intervention can be culturally safe, he explained if dispensed in a manner sensitive to the

OCW BANK GETS SOLONS NOD

The proposal to create a Philippine Overseas Workers Bank was recently approved by the Congressional Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries.

House Bill No. 58 containing the proposal was principally authored by Representative Dante V. Liban.

The measure was subsequently referred to the Committee on Appropriation.

With the fast action of the Committee on Banks, Liban expressed confidence that the four million Filipino overseas could soon have a bank to call their own.

A similar measure had been filed and approved by the House during the Ninth Congress, though due to lack of material time, the Senate was not able to approve the same.

He envisions the creation of the POWB as an efficient system to fully harness the investment potentials of OCWs

The bank, he added, could also attend to the

special financial needs of OCWs. In particular in remittance and money-transfer service.

The bill provides that in the exercise of its lending authority, the Bank shall give preference and priority to loans for agricultural and small and medium-scale commercial and industrial enterprises particularly for overseas workers and their immediate family.

Preferred shares, representing 49 percent of the two billion pesos capital stock of the bank shall be opened for subscription only to an overseas worker, his spouse or compulsory heir at the rate of one (1) preferred share per overseas worker. Each share will have a par value of one thousand pesos.

Fifty one percent of the capital stock shall be common shares to be held by the Republic of the Philippines, on behalf of OCWs. The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration shall advance the necessary amount for the government's subscription.

needs of OCWs in terms of Filipino values and culture.

The solon attributes most of the emotional problems of migrant workers to the crumbling-down of cultural

security among migrants. According to him, with lack of security, a psycho-social fissure is created by straining marital and familial relations.

ANTI-ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT TASK FORCE

An inter-agency task force to curtail illegal recruitment and stop non-documented workers from leaving the country was proposed by Rep. Dante Liban.

Most illegally recruited workers, it was pointed out during a hearing of the committee on OCWs, do not carry working documents and leave the country as tourists. Likewise, most of their passports have irregularities.

To stop undocumented and illegally recruited workers from leaving the country, Liban said that it is important to have a close inter-agency coordination between the airport police, immigration officials and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

The inter-agency task force, according to him will work in scrutinizing passports and documents of suspected illegally recruited workers.

Undocumented workers leaving the country posing as a tourist easily get through the immigration counter at the NAIA because BID personnel just ask for the boarding pass without checking the identity of outgoing workers against his passport.

This was according to Chief of Police Peter Mutuc of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport who was present during the meeting.

Mutuc supporting Liban's proposal said, illegally recruited workers leaving the country can easily be spotted in the departure area of NAIA because they mostly come in groups and are obviously uneasy.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR FILIPINO OCWs IN 96

The plight of Filipino overseas contract workers will be enhanced more this 1996 as the legislative and executive branches of government continue to give top priority to the upliftment of their rights and welfare.

Work to ensure the dignity and fundamental human rights and freedoms of Filipinos working overseas Rep. Dante V. Liban said will remain a priority this year. He vowed that the committee on OCWs will continue to take to lead in

formulating policies and programs aimed at economic maximization of the country's foreign based labor force.

Speaker Jose de Venecia's proposal to exempt the more than a million Filipino OCWs and other non-resident citizens from paying income taxes to give them a chance to raise their standard of living was hailed by the solon.

According to Liban, the tax-exemption proposal is patterned after other Asian

countries which tax individuals based on residency and not on citizenship. It is contained in the comprehensive tax reform program set to be deliberated in the House early this year.

At the same time, the solon lauded the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for committing to give top priority to concerns affecting about six million Filipinos abroad.

BILATERAL LABOR AGREEMENTS WITH ASPAC COUNTRIES

Vigorous pursuance of forging bilateral labor agreements with countries in the Asia-Pacific region was recommended by Rep. Dante Liban.

The solon pressed for labor agreements with Asia-Pacific countries following a sharp drop in demand for blue collar workers in traditional Middle East destinations of Filipino OCWs such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

He cited that the Asia-Pacific region is fast becoming the most important destination for Filipino overseas contract workers (OCWs) after the Middle East.

"The DFA should take the lead role in this effort that needs international cooperation to effect a long-term solution to OCW related problems. The fast



Abroad. Rep. Liban always assure Filipino workers that the government is serious in improving their plight.

growing Asia-Pacific economies can attain a very high labor absorption capacity that job-oriented Filipinos can fully take advantage and be the next most important destination for Filipinos after the Middle East.

In the first half of 1995, more Filipinos left the country to work in the Asia-Pacific. There was an increase of 5.67% from the 1994 level of 92,704, according to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

During this period an additional 35,759 workers had been deployed to

Hongkong, while 24,317 were offered jobs in Taiwan, on the other hand Japan hired 17,834 Filipinos.

During the same period employment offers in the Middle Eastern countries has substantially plunged due to a sharp decline in the economic performance of major employers like Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

POEA figures further showed that in the first six months of 1995, hiring of Filipino OCWs in Middle East countries shrunk by 17.52% to 129,373 from the year-ago level of 156,862.

ENVIRONMENT**MAIL CHECK: Your letters could carry Bio-hazards without your mailman knowing it**

Biologically hazardous organisms and substances could easily slip into the country through the mail.

The use of the postal window as a gateway for genetically modified organisms (GMOs), according to Rep. Dante Liban is alarming. He said this could trigger major human and environmental disturbances.

The country's postal service, Liban said could be vulnerable because it is not equipped with technologies to detect environmentally hazardous substances.

A check with the office of the Post Master General revealed that the Philippine Postal Corporation does not have a laboratory for the purpose.

Although, a rule prohibiting the mailing of disease-causing and infectious organism exists, Liban observes that there is a lack of capability to enforce the regulation.

In this regard, he proposed that the postal service explore possible safety measures in the form of a detecting mechanism to cope with technological trends that might have adverse biological effect.

He also recommends mail-handlers to be aware of the various forms that genetically modified organisms take and their nomenclature.

According to newsreports Greenpeace International, an environmental group was able to establish that bacteria, viruses, plant and animal cells, even seeds with deliberately modified

hereditary traits, can travel through the mail system and get delivered, like any harmless merchandise, to any address in the world.

On the other hand, the Philippine Agricultural Journalists (PAJ) expressed alarm because a genetically-modified organism has the potential to survive and multiply and, in ways unknown, trigger ecological disasters, disturb the ecosystem, erode biological diversity, and set off an outbreak of diseases.

Further, PAJ, a media-based advocacy group opines:

"Transporting GMOs through the bumps and grinds of the postal service is like allowing an infected individual to travel barefoot and naked from one quarantine station to another."

Greenpeace International, has mailed from Washington DC and Switzerland 18 packages containing "harmful substances purporting to be biohazards."

Eight packages were labeled as containing genetically modified materials while the rest were declared as biological materials. Actually the packages contained standard baker's yeast mixed with water.

The packages were sent to nine different countries in Europe (including United Kingdom, Germany, and Switzerland), the United States, Latin America and Asia.

*Do You Know . . .***THE EFFECTS OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER**

Do you know that untreated waste water when introduced to bodies of water like rivers, lake or seas can destroy marine life?

This could be due to the high biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of the waste water. BOD is the

oxygen needed for the decomposition of solid particles in waste water. High BOD levels can alter the balance of oxygen and carbon dioxide in bodies of water. Lack of oxygen can stunt the growth of marine plants and aquatic animals. In extreme cases, this could

cause the extinction of some species.

Untreated waste water with dangerous levels of BOD are usually dark in color, smells bad and is accompanied by solid particles.

Laboratory tests on the waste water sample from

the outflow of the septic vault of EVER GOTESCO shopping complex along Commonwealth Avenue showed that the quality of liquid discharged as waste have failed to meet the environmentally safe standards set by the Department of Environment and Natural resources.

IN THE SERVICE...

LEADERSHIP UNLIMITED

With a strong desire to serve, Rep. Dante V. Liban has extended his capabilities as a leader beyond the bounds of the national and political circle. A sampling of the posts he currently holds.

Chairman, Asia-Pacific Region
World Scout Parliamentary Union



The World Scout Parliamentary Union was established as an international network of parliamentarians who have been scouts, or are scout leaders, to support scouting at both national and international levels.

Rep. Liban is active in spearheading preparations for hosting the 1997 WSPU Second General Assembly here in the Philippines.

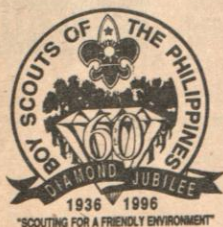
Governor, Philippine National Red Cross



The Philippine National Red Cross is an affiliate of the global organization of volunteers for the purpose of providing relief and medical aid in time of disasters and calamities.

As an elected Governor, Rep. Liban would like to further enhance the involvement of the youth in the organization.

National Treasurer, Boy Scouts of the Philippines



The Boy Scouts of the Philippines is an able partner of the government and the private sector in the well-rounded development of the Filipino youth. The BSP is noted for inculcating among youths the virtue of patriotism, self-reliance and discipline with emphasis on spiritual values for the development of a strong character and sound citizenship.

Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee
Boy Scouts of the Philippines



The committee was constituted to celebrate the Jubilee with relevance and nobility that befits the legacy of more than half a century of scouting in the Philippines.



QC's DANTE V. LIBAN

A STONE FOR THE SLINGSHOT conscience of the people

(Reprinted in part from a feature on Trailblazers in Lawmaking in the 5th Anniversary Issue of Congresspost Philippines)

A David among Goliaths, Dante V. Liban almost single-handedly opposed successfully the move to transfer both houses of Congress in the Philippine National Bank Complex along Roxas Boulevard. He did it in the Ninth Congress.

With the resurgence of the transfer issue early in the Tenth Congress, Liban invited the senators to transfer to the Batasan complex and filed House Bill 3555 allocating funds for the construction of a building for the Senate in Quezon City, thereby realizing the people's clamor of putting both chambers under one roof.

His consistent opposition to transfer Congress to the PNB Complex due to unconscionable cost gained overwhelming support from a public battered by a supply crisis in commodities such as rice, corn and sugar. Fear of an impending oil price hike further strengthened the opposition to the proposed transfer.

It did not take long for proponents to back track and give up what many considered a profligate option. Through Sen. Sergio Osmeña III, majority of the senators considered the transfer plan as dead in the water.

Fighting the giants is not new to Liban. He clinched an overwhelming victory for a second term as representative of the Second Congressional District of Quezon City.

In contesting for another term, Liban faced a formidable opponent. Though he did not, for a moment waver. The former newsboy, cigarette vendor and waiter, who by diligence earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration and Bachelor of Laws, depended solely on a wide mass-base support.

Of the 28 barangays in his district, Liban has the expressed support of only two Barangay Chairmen. Yet in all the barangays, even in almost all precincts, he won an overwhelming majority.

Political observers describe Liban's re-election victory as phenomenal. For Liban bided successfully his re-election against the arsenal and the highly vaunted political machinery of an incumbent mayor. Mayor Ismael Mathay of Quezon City, a partymate of Liban in the Lakas-

"The former newsboy, cigaret vendor and waiter who, by diligence earned a degree in public administration and bachelor of laws, depended solely on a wide mass-base support in fighting the giants to clinch an overwhelming victory for a second term in Congress."

NUCD, earlier agreed to support the incumbent solon of the city's second district.

However, Ismael "Chuck" Mathay favored son of the mayor ran against Liban. A show of utter disregard for the commitment made by the elder Mathay to President Ramos and Speaker Jose De Venecia to support Liban. A move considered by many as unthinkable for a seasoned politician like Mayor Mathay. This caused political consternation within the party.

Liban first entered into politics in 1988 as a councilor of the district he now represents. From then on he steadily soared like a meteor in the political firmament. In no time, he gained the reputation as a "lingkod Bayan", ready to be of service anytime to those who seek his assistance.

In his stand on various issues, Liban was hailed as "Pulso ng Bayan". His pro-

poor, pro-people advocacy is well known though few seem to perceive him to be quite close and, highly endeared to squatter families or informal occupants. At the same time, Liban is all-out against squatter syndicates.

His effectiveness as a fiscalizer in the city council and his real concern for the poor did not go unnoticed. He first run for a seat in Congress in 1992 against incumbent Tony Aquino. Considering Aquino's influence and resources, former Speaker Ramon Mitra, hailed Liban after his electoral triumph as a giant-slayer.

In his second term, Rep. Liban vows to support an agenda that would strengthen and sustain the gains of the country in the last three years. He emphasized that macro-economic advancement will not benefit the common man if policies to aid social reform are not in place.

MAKING AN IMPACT WITH RESPONSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

People in the second district of Quezon City has peculiar needs in terms of public services. As a leader with keen sensitivity to the needs of his constituents, Rep. Dante V. Liban initiated projects of scale that directly improved the lives of many.

Below is a listing of completed infrastructure projects and some that are still in the process of completion.

Infrastructure Projects

Multi-Purpose Halls



1. Sitio Republic, Brgy. Holy Spirit
2. Damong Maliit, Brgy. Nagkaisang Nayon
3. Capitol Bliss Estate, Brgy. Batasan
4. Palmera Homes I, Brgy. Sta. Monica
5. Area VI, Brgy. Gulod
6. Novaliches Elementary School

Covered Courts

1. Kaingin Plaza, Brgy. Apolonio Samson
2. Capri Plaza, Brgy. Capri
3. Novaliches High School, Brgy. San Agustin
4. Plaza, Brgy. Bagong Silangan
5. South Lagro Plaza, Brgy. Pasong Putik
6. Villa Verde, Novaliches Proper
7. Archer St., Brgy. Pasong Putik
8. Plaza, Brgy. Payatas

Multi-Purpose Raised Platforms

1. Dona Faustina Subd. Brgy. San Bartolome
2. Gilarmi Subdivision, Brgy. Holy Spirit
3. Kaunlaran St., Brgy. Commonwealth
4. Constitution Hills, Brgy. Batasan
5. Luzviminda St., Brgy. Batasan
6. Freedom Park
7. Dona Juana Plaza, Brgy. Commonwealth
8. Balumbato Elementary School

Health/Lying - In Centers

1. A Bonifacio St. Brgy. Unang Sigaw
2. Sitio Talanay, Brgy. Batasan Hills
3. Lupang Pangako, Brgy. Payatas
4. GSIS Village, Brgy. Sangandaan

Sports Facilities

1. Cementing of North View Tennis Courts

2. Construction of Basketball Courts

- a. Fil-Heights, Brgy. Silangan
- b. Phase IV, Lupang Pangako, Brgy. Payatas
- c. Sitio 3 & 4, Brgy. Culiati
- d. Villa Amor, Brgy. Batasan Hills
- e. Villareal St., Brgy. Gulod
- f. Champaca St., Brgy. Pasong Putik
- g. Sitio Aguardiente, Brgy. Santa Monica
- h. Pacamara St., Brgy. Commonwealth
- i. Sitio San Roque, Brgy. Holy Spirit
- j. Lower Everlasting, Brgy. Payatas
- k. Purok Garcia Heights,

Fairview

- r. Silverland Village, Brgy. Tandang Sora
- s. Hilltop Subdivision, Brgy. Novaliches Proper
- t. F. Carlos St., Brgy. Baesa

Pathwalks

1. Junjie St., Brgy. Kaligayahan
2. Sitio Aguardiente, Brgy. Santa Monica
3. Champaca St., Brgy. Pasong Putik
4. Phase II, Lupang Pangako, Brgy. Payatas
5. Ilang-Ilang St., Brgy. Batasan Hills
6. Pasacola St., Brgy. Nagka-isang Nayon
7. Sitio Aguardiente,



- l. South Green Park Village, Brgy. Tandang Sora
- m. Tribu, Behind COA, Brgy. Batasan Hills
- n. Maligayan Park, Kaliwa, Brgy. Pasong Putik
- o. Maries Village, Brgy. Pasong Tamo
- p. Purok Uno, Luzon Ave., Brgy. Culiati
- q. Ruby St., Brgy.

- Brgy. Gulod
8. Sitio Kumunoy, Brgy. Bagong Silangan
9. Kasunduan, Katarungan and Katuparan Sts., Brgy. Commonwealth
10. Brgy. Culiati
11. Lilac St., Brgy. Fairview
12. DM Munoz Cpd., Brgy. Tandang Sora

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MAKING AN IMPACT ... (From page 16)



- 13. Dona Juana Elementary School, Brgy. Holy Spirit
- 14. Mendez Compound, Brgy. Baesa
- 15. Sitio Cabuyao, Brgy. Sauyo
- 16. Loan St., Brgy. Sangandaan
- 17. Luzon Avenue Ext., Brgy. Sangandaan
- 18. Kaingin Bukid, Brgy. Apolinario Samson
- 19. Open Space Ruby, Brgy. Fairview
- 20. Ibayo 2, Brgy. Bagbag
- 21. Sitio Mabilog, Brgy. Culiat
- 22. Soldier's Home, Brgy. Batasan Hills
- 23. Metro Heights, Brgy. Culiat
- 24. Purok 5, Brgy. Culiat

Asphalt Overlay

- 1. Congress View Park, Brgy. Commonwealth
- 2. NEC Pilot Area, Brgy. Commonwealth
- 3. Pleasant View Subdivision, Brgy. Tandang Sora
- 4. Veterans Village, Brgy. Pasong Tamo
- 5. Pingkian St., Brgy. Pasong Tamo
- 6. Kasiyahan St., Brgy. Batasan Hills
- 7. Odelco Subd., Brgy. San Bartolome
- 8. Dona Fausntina Subd., Brgy. San Bartolome
- 9. Maligaya Park, Brgy.

- Pasong Putik
- 10. Salam Mosque Compound
- 11. Sitio Kumunoy, Brgy. Bagong Silangan
- 12. Don Victoriano St., Brgy. Holy Spirit
- 13. Neptune St., Brgy. Banlat
- 14. Sampaguita St., Brgy. Nagkaisang Nayon
- 15. Corvette St., Brgy. Fairview
- 16. Don Enrique, Brgy. Holy Spirit
- 17. F. Calderon St., Brgy. Sta. Lucia
- 18. Upper Banlat, Brgy. Tandan Sora

Playgrounds

- 1. San Pedro IX, Brgy. Bagbag
- 2. Phase II Lupang Pangako, Brgy. Payatas

Passenger/Transport Terminal

- 1. Jordan Plaines Bagbag
- 2. Sauyo Road, Brgy. Bagbag
- 3. BF Road corner Commonwealth Avenue
- 4. Tandang Sora Avenue cor Commonwealth Ave.

Day Care Center

- 1. Abbey Road, Brgy. Bagbag
- 2. Sitio Veterans, Brgy.

- Bagong Silangan
- 3. Payapa cor. San Luis Sts., Brgy. Gulod
- 4. King Fisher St., Brgy. Kaligayahan
- 5. Homar Road, Brgy. Baesa

Repair of Novaliches Elementary School, Brgy. Gulod

Deepwells

- A. Brgy. Batasan Hills
 - a. Sinagtala Plaza
 - b. Pasilio 3
 - c. Santan St.
 - d. Sitio Talanay Area-B
 - e. Alton St., Sitio Talanay Area-A
 - f. Sinagtala St.
- B. Brgy. Commonwealth
 - a. Kamagong St.
 - b. Upper Nawasa
 - c. Purok 14m Ibong Adarna Ext. corner Pilot Drive
 - d. Ibong Adarna Unit V
 - e. Kasunduan Extension St.
 - f. Bicol-Leyte St.
 - g. Pipit St., Purok 7, Unit 5
 - h. Bato-Bato
 - i. Purok 17
 - j. Purok 13 Lower
 - k. Purok 14 Lower

- C. Holy Spirit
 - a. St. Peter St.
 - b. St. Andrew St., Sitio Republic
 - c. San Roque Plaza
 - d. San Simon St., Sitio Kambal Mangga
 - e. St. Vincent St.
 - f. Interior Samonte St.
 - g. Galilie St., Area 6, Sitio Republic

- D. Brgy. Santa Monica
 - a. Lydia St.

- E. Brgy. Balumbato
 - a. Balumbato Elementary School
 - b. Maximina Drive

- F. Brgy. Apolinario Samson
 - a. Oliveros Drive

- b. Eulogio Drive

- G. Brgy. Baesa
 - a. Sitio Mendez
 - b. Sitio Pajo
 - c. F. Carlos

- H. Brgy. Bagbag
 - a. Seminary Road
 - b. King Nicholas, King's Point

- G. Brgy. Payatas
 - a. Rosal, Lower Payatas

Waiting Sheds

- 1. Tandang Sora Ave., Brgy. New Era
- 2. Fairlane St., Brgy. Fairview
- 3. BF Road corner Commonwealth Ave.
- 4. Samonte St. Brgy. Holy Spirit
- 5. Litex Road
- 6. Area B. Brgy. Payatas
- 7. Atherton St., Brgy. Pasong Putik
- 8. Area A, Brgy. Payatas
- 9. Quirino Highway, Brgy. Gulod
- 10. Brgy. Sauyo
- 11. Sitio Libis, Brgy. Pasong Tamo
- 12. Don Enrique corner Commonwealth Ave.

Concreting of the Following

- 1. Portion of Central Ave., Brgy. New Era
- 2. Katuparan St., Brgy. Commonwealth
- 3. San Simon St., Brgy. Holy Spirit
- 4. Luzon Avenue

Fire Station

- 1. Bitoon Circle, Brgy. Commonwealth

Drainage Improvement

- 1. Macaya St., Brgy., Pasong Tamo
- 2. Tandang Sora Ave., Brgy. Pasong Tamo
- 3. Quirino Highway, Brgy. Talipapa

THE QUEZON CITY CENTER FOR WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT: Hastening the Trickle Down of Progress to Women

Women as a sector, largely remains untapped for economic development. This fact was recognized by Mrs. Marvina "Baby" Liban. Hence, she worked hard to put up the Quezon City Center for Women in Development (QCCWD).

Today, the center counts 30,000 women as members. They are spread all over the 28 barangays of the second district. A significant achievement for a young organization registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 16, 1993.

Primarily organized to provide livelihood and skills training opportunities to idle housewives and women with strong social and community involvement, the QCCWD was inaugurated on January 1994. It is a joint project of the Congressional Spouses Foundation and the Office of Congressman Dante V. Liban through the Lingkod Bayan Foundation.

To date, thousands of women in the second district of Quezon City have benefitted from the livelihood training programs of the QCCWD. By providing relevant livelihood training programs designed for women particularly housewives the center has improved the lives of many.

Livelihood programs offered, according to Mrs. Liban are intended to provide women a chance to augment their family income without leaving their homes. Women have a chance to choose from a range of courses available to them. This include jewelry box making, jars, angel and animal figures using papier mache technique, stuff toy making, christmas decor making, paper recycling, dried fish making, fruit juice making, candle making, soap making, hair and beauty course and garments making.

Mrs. Liban asserts that QCCWD is not only working

for the economic advancement of women in the district. She also takes pride in the many socially relevant undertakings of QCCWD.

"We cannot claim to have made an impact on the life of women if we do not have a wholistic approach on improving their lot. That is why we incorporate instructions relevant to building a strong

family. These include discussions on husband-wife and mother-child relations."

Recognizing the importance of a sound familial environment to women, QCCWD takes the lead in sponsoring mass baptisms and mass weddings to complement the various livelihood training programs.

To promote the health and well-being of women, Mrs. Liban secured an agreement with Mrs. Leonarda

Parungao of St. George Polyclinic which was signed on June 15, 1995. It was agreed that St. George Polyclinic will provide all the medical service requirements of QCCWD. Medical service open for all bonafide QCCWD member range from X-ray and other laboratory examination. All a member has to do is to secure an authorization slip duly signed by Mrs. Liban.

In its own way the QCCWD, under the leadership of Mrs. Liban, is slowly bringing out the best there is in the Filipina.



Mrs. Baby Liban, Founder of QCCWD was recently chosen by the Soroptomist International as a recipient of the **Women Helping Women Award** for her effort in transforming marginalized women as vital partners for national development.

THE LAWMAKER

In Congress, Rep. Dante V. Liban as of the latest count has filed 322 proposed legislative measures. Below are the gist of some of the bills he principally authored.

House Bill No. 5765, An Act to Classify the Faking or Fabricating, Negotiating, Transacting, Conveying or Mortgaging of Fake or Illegally Fabricated Torrens Certificate of Title as a Heinous Offense.

The bill seeks to provide the necessary deterrent to the proliferation of fake or fabricated titles by providing stiff penalties of 15 to 30 years of imprisonment for faking or using spurious titles and classifying the same as a heinous crime if committed by a syndicate or in a large scale.

This is to uphold the stability and integrity of the Torrens system of land titling.

House Bill No. 5452, An Act Making Mandatory the Employment of Women and for Other Purposes.

In keeping with the Constitutional mandate, the bill directs that in all businesses and enterprises requiring or actually employing at least ten regular employees, at least 20 per cent of the total workforce should be qualified women. Exception is provided when nature of work may cause to impair the health of the woman employee.

House Bill No. 5486, An Act Making Mandatory the Computer Literacy Pro-



Speaker Jose De Venecia is joined by Rep. Dante V. Liban and other House leaders during the presentation of the legislative agenda to maintain the momentum of Philippine development.

gram in All Public and State Owned Schools at the Secondary Level and for Other Purposes.

Computer Education should be integrated in the curricula for third and fourth year students.

House Bill No. 5262, An Act Instituting a Public School Teachers Scholarship Program and for Other Purposes.

To ensure quality education, public school teachers should be provided with quality instruction. Much needed professional teaching and administrative skills can only be acquired through a continuing education program.

House Bill. No. 5224, An Act Allowing Government Lawyers to Render Free Legal Service to Indigents Charged with Crimes.

The Public Attorney's Office lack lawyers to represent many indigents accused. By allowing government lawyers to render free legal service to indigents charged with crime, criminal proceeds can be hastened and justice can be administered efficiently.

House Bill No. 4628, An Act Suspending Payment of Real Property Tax by Landowners whose Property, From Which the Tax is Due and Accruing, is Occupied in Whole or in Part by Squatters.

This provides relief and protection to private landowners whose lands are illegally occupied by the squatters by exempting them from paying real property taxes by the local government where the property is located.

House Bill No. 4789, An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7459, Otherwise Known

as the Inventors and Invention Incentives Act of the Philippines and Expanding the Power of the Filipino Inventors Society, Inc.

The bill cuts short the tedious process of obtaining incentives for inventors. It also empowers further the Filipino Inventors Society Inc.

House Bill No. 3429, To Amend Further Book One Of Presidential Decree Numbered Four Hundred Forty-Two Known As The Labor Code of the Philippines, As Amended.

The bill seeks to allow the posting of cash bond in other forms of negotiable instruments recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

House Bill No. 2921, An Act to Amend Republic Act 8042 Entitled " An Act to Institute the Policies of the Overseas Employment and Establish a Higher Standard of Protection and Promotion of the Welfare of Migrant Workers, their families and Overseas Filipinos in Distress.

The bill seeks to recognize the role of the private sector as shepherds of the employment industry. It also seeks to rationalize the deployment of unskilled workers.

of patients in hospitals and medical clinics on grounds of nonpayment of hospital bills or medical expenses

House Bill No. 29, An act amending the law on rape, reclassifying the same as a crime against persons, redefining it as to include other forms of sexual assault on any person, prescribing penalties therefor, providing evidentiary requirements and procedures for the effective prosecution of offenders and institutionalizing protective measures for rape victims.

House Bill No. 165, An act providing for a system of continuing registration of voters and prescribing the procedure thereof

House Bill No. 167, An act providing for a system of absentee voting by qualified Filipinos abroad

House Bill No. 197, An act increasing the benefits of Barangay officials, including Tanods, and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa

House Bill No. 218, An act providing for an increase in the salary of teachers in Day Care Centers and appropriating funds therefor

House Bill No. 241, An act to strengthen and expand the Scouting Movement in the Philippines

House Bill No. 496, An act creating the Magna Carta for the Urban Poor, providing funds therefor and for other purposes

House Bill No. 518, An act exempting interest

earned on any Philippine currency bank deposit of low-income depositors from any tax, and for other purposes

House Bill No. 949, An act to provide a comprehensive program against wife cruelty, increasing penalties for offenders thereof, and for other purposes

House Bill No. 1132, An act to include on an optional basis, a voluntary civic work or community immersion as part of Basic ROTC and/or Citizen Military Training

House Bill No. 1372, An act providing protection for job applicants by rationalizing media advertising of job openings and placements, providing penalty for violations therefor and for other purposes

House Bill No. 1378, An act providing for a Magna Carta of Students

House Bill No. 1619, An act strengthening Basic Education by improving its quality, making it more relevant and accessible to all, creating for this purpose the Department of Basic Education

House Bill No. 1953, An act classifying the crime of child abuse committed with the use of drugs or intimidation against a child under eight years of age as heinous crime and imposing death penalty therefor

House Bill No. 2155, An act declaring pedophilia a heinous crime and imposing death penalty therefor



URBAN FARMING: A HARVEST OF MUSHROOMS

Lack of space in crowded urban communities almost make it impossible to make a farm in the metropolis. The pace of living, lack of resources and technological know-how compounds this challenge.

Not anymore.

This was shattered, after the initial harvest of a pilot mushroom culture center in the densely populated Barangay Bagong Silangan.

Seven trainees, under the mushroom culture project under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology were just to glad and eager to share the simple cultivation of the highly marketable and delicious vegetable.

Many observers took notice and expressed belief that the project could be easily replicated in many areas of the metropolis.

Cited as a big advantage of mushroom culture as a primary program to be pursued in urban agriculture is the easy method of cultivation. It requires minimal supervision and a very small space.

The office of Rep. Dante V. Liban had already received several requests to replicate the same project in several other barangays.

House Bill No. 2302, An act declaring torture a crime, prescribing penalties for commission of acts of torture

House Bill No. 2436, An act according equal rights to wives and husbands by amending certain provisions of the Revised Penal Code

House Bill No. 3252, An act expanding the scope of

acts of discrimination against any woman by an employer

House Bill No. 4384, An act granting free hospitalization to senior citizens

House Bill No. 5060, An act providing for the adoption of a socialized tuition program in state colleges and universities

House Bill No. 1858, An Act Providing for a Colleague Scholarship to Children of Philippine National Police Officers in Any State University and College.

House Bill No. 1856, An Act Requiring the Inclusion of People Empowerment and human Rights Subject in the Curriculum of Both the Elementary and Secondary Schools.

House Bill No. 1846, An Act to regulate the showing of Violent Scenes and Events Over the Television and Providing for Penalties Regarding Violation Thereof.

The bill intends to promote awareness and discretion among entertainment establishments and foster consciousness among parents and elders through sustained adequate information campaign.

House Bill No. 1847, An Act exempting Savings Deposits Amounting to Fifty Thousand Pesos or Less from Withholding tax, Amending Section 21 (C) (1) of the National Internal Revenue Code Thereby.

The bill seeks to equalize the purchasing power of the rich and the poor by not unduly depriving them of the use of the interests which their deposited money earns from the banking system. Further, more people could be encouraged to put their extra money in the bank. Consequently more money could be made available to boost the economy.

House Bill No. 1848, A Act Amending the Provi-

sions of the Presidential Decree No. 1606, Otherwise Known as the Revising Presidential decree No. 1486 Creating a Special Court to be known as "Sandiganbayan" by Providing Additional Special Division for Environment and Ecology Thereof Which shall Exclusively Hear, try and decide Special Cases Involving the Destruction of Environment and Ecology in the Country.

Liban has filed 322 bills and co-authored 629 other measures.

The bill ensures that appropriate legal steps and measures be taken to stop all illegal activities against the environment and that offender be subsequently punished.

House Bill No. 1315, An Act Reorganizing the Philippine National Police.

The bill proposes a top to bottom reorganization of the PNP in three phases. It also gives the President enough leeway to effect a smooth reorganization.

House Bill No. 1237, An Act Banning Cigar and Cigarette Smoking in Public Places and Imposing Penalties for Violation Thereof.

House Bill No. 10, An Act Creating the Internal Revenue Authority, Defining its Powers and Functions, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.

This bill seeks to establish the Internal Revenue

Authority (IRA) to replace the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The bill authorizes IRA to design an organizational structure that is best suited to their mandate and functions. It also provides for the creation of contractual and confidential positions for revenue examiners and the adoption of a suitable compensation and benefits package for its personnel.

House Bill No. 58, An Act Creating The Philippine Overseas Workers Bank, and For the Other Purposes.

The bill seeks to tap the investment potentials of overseas workers and attend to their various financial needs through the institution.

Barangay Credit Cooperative, Fruit Tree Nursery, Audio Visual centers, Senior Citizens Assistance Center, Garbage Recycling Center, Public Library, health centers, hospital, Manpower training Centers

House Resolution No. 319, Directing the Special Committee on Overseas Contract Workers to Conduct an Inquiry in Aid of Legislation on the Alleged Existence of a Recruitment Syndicate Victimized Young Filipinas Deployed to the Middle east countries For Purposes of Determining Remedial Measures Therefor.

House Resolution No. 166, Urging the Department of Finance and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to Extend the Forward Cover Period From Ninety (90) to Three Hundred Thirty (330) Days for the Purchase of petroleum Products by Oil Companies or Such Other Supplementary Measures That Could Suppress an Oil Price Hike

House Resolution No. 142, Urging the House of Representatives to Vehemently Oppose the Plan to transfer the Two houses of Congress to the Philippine National Bank Building Along Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City or Elsewhere for Financial Prudence and Propriety and to Bring About the Transfer of the Senate to the Batasan Complex.

Rep. Liban is also an ardent supporter of 629 measures which are pro-poor, pro-youth and pro-women. Among the measures co-authored by the solon are:

House Bill No. 1, An act Institutionalizing a National Strategy for Poverty Alleviation

House Bill No. 6, An act to foster long-term sources of domestic financing by providing incentives to individuals to increase their long term-savings

House Bill No. 27, An act creating the National Livelihood Development Council thereby institutionalizing the Livelihood Movement of the Philippines

House Bill No. 28, An act prohibiting the detention

CONGRESSMAN ... *From page 27***Past-President**

U.P. College of Public Administration Alumni Ass'n.

Life Member

Asia Pacific Regional Scout Foundation

Life Member

Boy Scouts of the Philippines Foundation

Life Member

YMCA of Manila

Fourth Degree Knight

Order of the Knights of Columbus

Member

Rotary Club of Tandang Sora, Quezon City

Pugad Lawin of Fairview

Couples for Christ Community

Parish Renewal Experience Movement

Santo Niño Cursillo Movement

Quezon City Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Bishops-Businessmen Conference of the Phils.

III. RIZALISM**Delegate**

International Conference on Rizal and the Asian Renaissance held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 1-4, 1995

Retraced the footsteps of Dr. Jose Rizal in Madrid Spain last July 1994

Founding Comander

Order of the Knights of Rizal, Novaliches Chapter

Past Deputy Commander

Order of the Knights of Rizal with the rank of Knight Commander of Rizal

During his student days, he attended many national youth conferences about Rizal

Served as speaker or resource persons to various fora, symposia or workshop about Dr. Jose Rizal

Donated several busts of Dr. Jose Rizal to various schools in the second district of Quezon City

**IV. A W A R D S
R E C O G N I T I O N
D I S T I N C T I O N**

Named One of the Top Ten Outstanding Congressmen of the Ninth Congress by the Media

Most Outstanding Councilor of Metro Manila. 1991

Most Outstanding Councilor of Quezon City, Quezon City Press Association. 1989, 1990, 1991

Most Outstanding Councilor, Christian Union of Professionals, 1990

Most Outstanding Rotarian of the year, 1988-1989

U.P. Man of the Year, University of the Philippines. 1970

Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary Club International District 397. 1988-1989

United Nation's Path to Greatness Award, International Academy of Leadership. 1974

Most Outstanding Student Parliamentarian, Association of Southeast Asian University Students, Bandung, Indonesia. 1972

YMCA Membership Man of the Year, Young Men's Christian Association of Quezon City. 1971

Most Outstanding Alphan, Alpha Phi Beta Fraternity, U.P. 1971

Lions International Journalism Award, Host Capitol Lions Club. 1968

President Manual Roxas Leadership Award. 1964

Recipient of more than 150 plaques of recognition and citation from youth clubs, civic organizations and professional associations.

Cited in "Who's Who in the World," Seventh Edition for Outstanding Youth and Community Service. 1977

V. YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Champion of youth empowerment. Advocate of the development of the full potentials of the youth as future leaders and partners in progress.

One of the principal authors of the law creating the National Youth Commission

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For overseas job applicants Interest - Free Loan

The Quezon City Lingkod Bayan Foundation extends interest free loans exclusively to residents of Quezon City's second district.

Interested overseas job applicants can avail of the loan by submitting to **Michelle Carranza** at the Congressional office of Rep. Dante V. Liban the following documents:

- Recommendation letter

from the recognized representative of the Lingkod Bayan Foundation in the applicants' Barangay.

- Barangay Clearance
- Bio-data
- A photo copy of the applicants passport, visa,

contract of work, confirmed plane ticket and voter's affidavit.

For more inquiries, applicants may call **Michelle Carranza** at telephone number 931-5360.

Conference Speaker, Resource Person, Delegate of many international youth conference and seminar-workshops held in Southeast Asia, East Asia, Europe, North America, Middle East and Australia.

Adviser to many youth association and community organizations since 1975 up to the present.

Earned the singular distinction of being the first Youth Director of the young Men Christian Association of Manila.

President, First National Youth Constitutional Assembly. 1970

National Chairman, National Constitutional Assembly. 1969

Senate President, National Youth Congress of the Philippines. 1968

President, College "Y" Student Council. 1968-1970

President, Capitol Federation of Youth Organizations of Quezon City Youth Central Council

Most Outstanding Youth Leader, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. 1971

Most Outstanding Yout Award, National Youth Congress of the Philippine Institute of Leadership. 1968

VI. BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT

Newspaper boy, 1955 to 1959

Cigarette vendor, 1960 to 1962

Waiter, 1963 to 1964

Professorial Lecture in selected universities

Engaged in management consultancy, international trading, plastics injection moulding, and import-export operations.

VII. Education

Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration

Mast of Arts in Public Administration

Bachelor of Law

University of the Philippines Campus Debater/Student Leader

Scholarship Grants

Entrance scholar/College scholar/Jovito R. Salonga Scholar

Fellow

International Labor Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Founder

Xavier Montessori (Escuelahang Munti as Batasan Hills)

VIII. PERSONAL

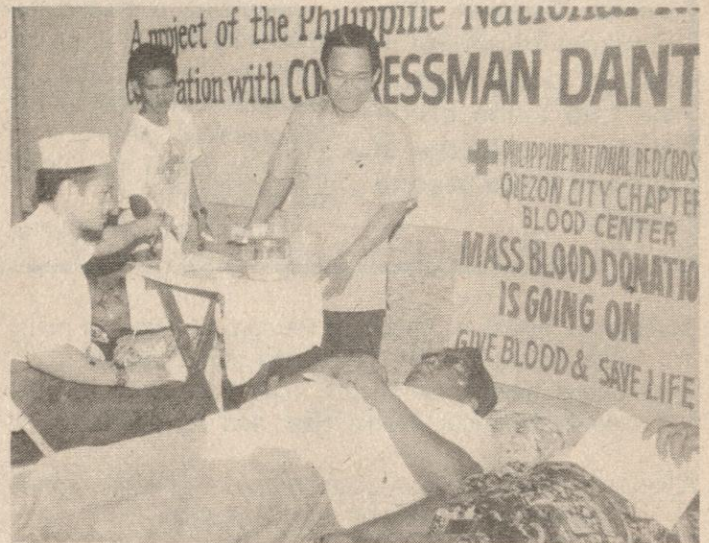
Born January 7, 1947 and spent his childhood years in Quezon City (Project 2 and 3, Murphy and Cubao). Hails from the beautiful Cagayan Valley. A native of Balzain, Tuguegarao.

Currently residing in North Fairview Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Putik, Quezon City

Happily married to the former Marvinia de Leon Reina of La Paz, Iloilo and Talipapa, Novaliches, Quezon City.

A proud father of five wonderful children, Joan Catherine, Joan Cristine, Joan Criselle, Joan Carla Luz and Julio Carlo.

The Power



Representative Liban believes that to empower the people of the 2nd district of Quezon City provisions for better services, for education, and for health should be accessible to the masses.



to the People



Mrs. Baby Liban supports the vision for a fully empowered constituency by sharing in the beliefs of Rep. Liban that is pro-poor, pro-women and pro-youth.



THERE IS A SCOUT IN THE HOUSE

To more than two million young Filipinos, Scouting is adventure and fun. An exciting way to learn the rudiments of living with others. Imbibing the virtues of honesty, friendliness and eagerness to be in the service of others, along the way.

Rep. Dante V. Liban, a scouter since his elementary, high school and college years, even up until he was starting out with his professional career he seem not to have enough of the scouting spirit.

Up to this day, he is actively involved in the scouting movement. With the Boy Scouts of the Philippines celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year, Liban's hand is full preparing the activities, as chairman of the celebration committee. This is on top of his responsibility as the Treasurer of the National Executive Board of the BSP.

Likewise, he take an expanded involvement in scouting, concurrently as the chairman of the Asia Pacific Region of the World Scout Parliamentary Union.

A long way indeed for the Scout who with a pioneering spirit founded, while President of the Rotary Club of Tandang Sora, the first community-based Boy Scout Troop in Barangay Talipapa, Novaliches, Quezon City. The troop enlisted sons of tricycle and taxi drivers, balut vendors, gardeners, waiters and domestic helpers.

Immediately after the triumphant people power revolution, Liban success-

fully fought for the restoration of the independence of the BSP Quezon City Council and assumed its chairmanship in an interim basis.

In the pre-Martial Law years, the BSP Quezon City has an illustrious record in terms of membership and level of performance. All these were lost during the Martial law period. Without consultation, the Council was lumped with the Metro Manila North Council.

For some years, Liban chaired the Manila North Council. Through his determined and resolute efforts, Quezon City claimed the distinction as the first BSP Council to have been restored.

Unconsciously, Liban provided the spark that inspired the revival of the Councils of Pasig, Mandaluyong, Marikina and even Makati.

As National Treasurer, Liban was responsible in putting back a sense of

financial order in the fiscal management of BSP.

Funds generated particularly from the membership dues of the more than 2 million Scouts all over the country, he emphasized must always be handled with a high degree of prudence and exemplary honesty.

A major reform he instituted in managing the finances of the BSP was the establishment of a trust fund, fully distinct from the general fund.

He also ended the previous practice of mixing the share of the World Scout Bureau (WSB), as well as premiums for BSP insurance with the other funds. The previous practice had cause the use of funds for purposes other than it was intended for. This also created problems in the prompt settlement of insurance claims. Some claims have remained outstanding for 2 to 3 years because of this practice.

As National Treasurer, he worked for the separation of the funds for the World Scout Bureau, for the National and Local Councils.

Lumping of all the funds had contributed to the failure of the BSP to religiously remit the share of the WSB. As of now arrears in dues with WSB run to more than 10 million pesos, excluding the due for 1995-1996.

With the help of officers and members of the Board, Liban is very determined to comply with the official obligations to the WSB within this year.

In carrying out his task as Treasurer, he is also known to be strict and meticulous. Personally, he looks into the accounts of the movement.

At all times, he emphasize his advocacy for transparency and full disclosure anchored on the BSP principle that a Scout is trustworthy and honest.

He is of the belief that BSP funds are in the nature of trust funds and as such must be well managed and well utilized. Accordingly, whether officers and members of the Board or professional executives and rank and file employees should practice transparency and full disclosure, he said.

While Liban was strict, on the other hand he was very much concerned with the plight of the rank and file. As a matter of fact, upon learning that the compensation system in the National office is way below existing standards, he wants to explore ways of upgrading the same.

According to him for BSP to be effective in its mission of moulding young boys into upright citizens, the efficient system of managing the affairs of the movement is important.

CONGRESSMAN DANTE V. LIBAN

"Mr. Lingkod Bayan"

I. PUBLIC SERVICE

1995

Overwhelmingly reelected as Representative of the Second Congressional District of Quezon City. In the process, established a record setting electoral feat by winning in all 28 barangays of the District.

1992-1995

Elected to his first term as Representative of the Second District of Quezon City in the Ninth Congress.

Highlights

ONE OF THE TEN MOST OUTSTANDING CONGRESSMEN OF THE NINTH CONGRESS. Named for two consecutive times by select media organizations.

An enlightened legislator, known as the "PULSO NG BAYAN" and advocate of people of empowerment.

Almost single-handedly and SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED the planned transfer of the House of Representatives to the PNB site along Roxas Boulevard.

Shuttle-out the second district of Quezon City from under development to the forefront of the national infrastructural map by initiating major projects such as the fly-over at Commonwealth Avenue, improvement of transportation accessibility and advancement of pedestrian protection at strategic locations.

CHAMPIONED THE RIGHTS OF THE URBAN POOR.

Supported legislation providing socialized and low-cost housing for the urban poor. Strongly fought for the bill extending the moratorium on demolition of squatter houses for another 3 years.

1988-1992

Elected as Quezon City Second District Councilor

MOST OUTSTANDING COUNCILOR. Metro Manila (1991); Quezon City (1989 & 1990)

An effective fiscalizer as Minority Floor Leader in the City Council

Authored the ordinance providing free tertiary education by creating the Quezon Polytechnic University.

Authored the ordinance for Socialized Housing Program in Payatas estate.

Opposed the re-zoning of residential areas into industrial areas.

Opposed the increase in real property taxes in Quezon City.

II. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Chairman for Asia-Pacific Region and Executive Committee Member
World Scouts Parliamentary Union

Governor, Philippine National Red Cross

Assistant Treasurer, Board of Governors
Philippine National Red Cross

Counselor and Director
Red Cross - Quezon City

Chairman
Consumers Union of the Philippines

Former Member of the Board of Trustees
Philippine College of Commerce, now known as the
Polytechnic University of the Philippines

Chairman
Quezon City Youth Development Foundation

Chairman
Quezon City Lingkod Bayan Foundation, Inc.

Chairman
Quezon City Lingkod Bayan Skills Development
Center

Adviser
Quezon City Center for Women in Development

National Treasurer
Boy Scouts of the Philippines

Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee
Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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DON'T EVER GIVE UP... PRAY ... IT WORKS.

MR. LINGKOD BAYAN



One of the Ten Outstanding Congressmen (9th Congress)

DANTE V. LIBAN

Representative
District II, Quezon City