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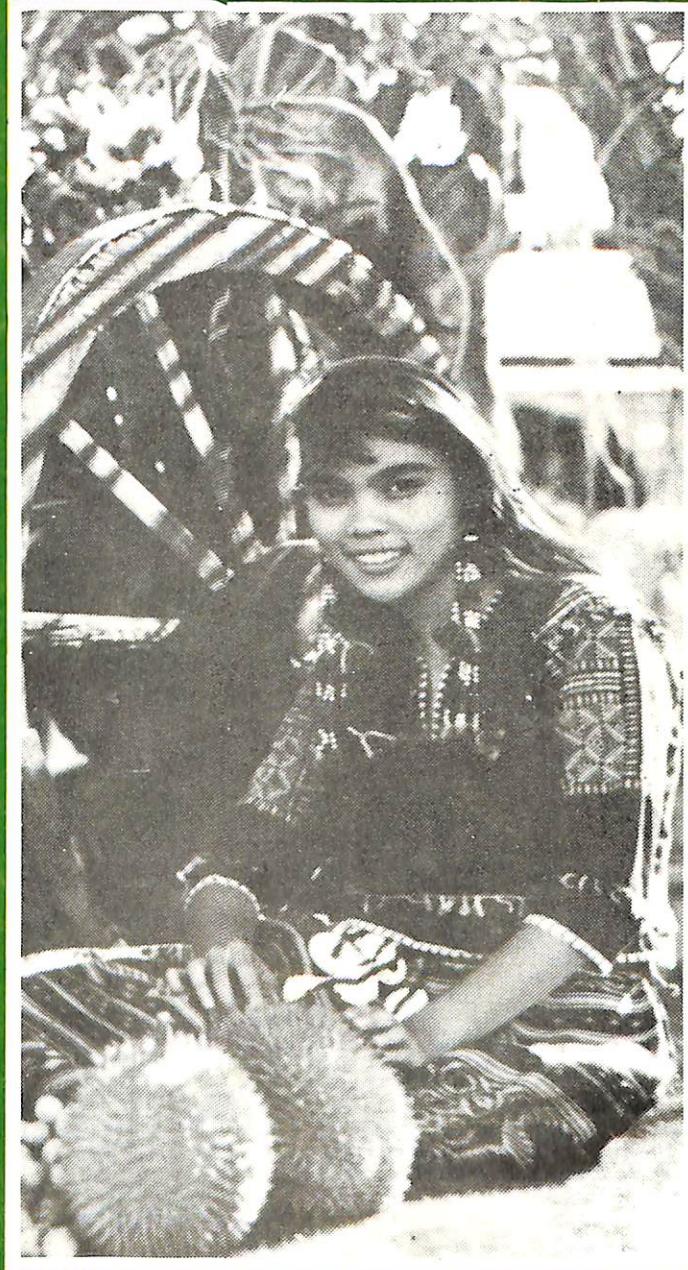
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Araw ng Davao '90

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DAVAO CITY

PREMIER CITY OF THE SOUTH

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Malacanang

Message

I extend my warmest wishes to the people of Davao City as they gather in good cheer to celebrate a much-awaited event in the life of their city: Davao City's 53rd Foundation Anniversary!

In the true tradition of Filipino festivities, this year's rituals and spectacle will once again manifest our people's piety and faith, lifestyle, and culture as interpreted in a stream of folk-religious activities that include civic parades, thanksgiving masses and processions, sports, historical presentations, and cultural shows.

Now, as we strive to build greater progress and prosperity for all, I invite you to renew your pledge to the basic democratic principle that the people's will is supreme and undeniable, and that it is our sacred duty to uphold such will and promote its objectives.

It is my fervent hope that this year's celebration will be crowned with success.


CORAZON C. AQUINO
President



MALACANANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 535

DECLARING MARCH 16, 1990, AS "ARAW NG DABAW" AND A SPECIAL HOLIDAY IN DAVAO CITY.

WHEREAS, Friday, March 16, 1990, marks the 53rd anniversary of the charter of the City of Davao; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the people of Davao City be given ample opportunity to celebrate the event with appropriate ceremonies;

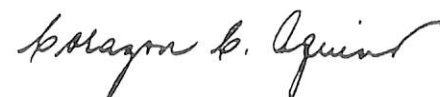
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare Friday, March 16, 1990, as "Araw ng Dabaw" and a special holiday in Davao City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

By the President:


CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.
Executive Secretary



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BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION NO. 5

DECLARING THE PERIOD MARCH 10 TO
16, 1990 AS ARAW NG DABAW.

WHEREAS, March 16, 1990 marks the 53rd
anniversary of the foundation of Davao City;

WHEREAS, all residents of the city must be
afforded the opportunity to celebrate this
historic milestone with their participation in
various social, cultural and other activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I RODRIGO R.
DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao by
virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do
hereby proclaim the period March 10 to 17,
1989 as Araw ng Dabaw.

I therefore urge all Dabawenyos to observe
this historic event, to actively participate in the
activities programmed and to give all visitors the
usual Dabawenyo hospitality.

Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this
16th day of February, nineteen hundred and
eighty-nine.

(sgd.) RODRIGO R. DUTERTE
City Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
CITY OF DAVAO

Message

It is my pleasure to greet our people on the occasion of the 53rd Foundation Day Anniversary of Davao City. This celebration, which is popularly known as "Araw ng Dabaw", is an event all Dabawenyos look forward to because it is symbolic of their unity amidst so much diversity.

Davao City, let the world know, has been liberated by its own people from years of being a "laboratory of insurgency" and is now again a peaceful and progressive metropolis of one million people united by one vision and one goal which is to continue building a community where all Dabawenyos can live, strive and work in peace.

Our City is a melting pot of the best qualities of the Filipino people, representing virtually all regions of the archipelago, intermingling with ethnic and tribal groups to produce the unique breed of Dabawenyos, who are known far and wide for their daring, enterprise and resilience in confronting challenges and overcoming difficulties.

Once again, I wish to extend my warmest welcome to all our visitors, foreign or domestic, who will be coming here to witness a heavenly congruence and to join Dabawenyos in their warmhearted celebration of "Araw ng Dabaw".

To one and all, we extend our best wishes and heartfelt felicitations.

(Sgd.) RODRIGO R. DUTERTE
City Mayor

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ON THE COVER IS MUTYA ng Dabaw 1988 TRIZZA
GAPULTOS in a setting symbolic of growth, progress
and prosperity.



Republic of the Philippines
CITY OF DAVAO

Message

On March 16th this year, we will appropriately celebrate the 53rd founding anniversary of the City of Davao, an occasion which we Dabawenyos fondly call "Araw ng Dabaw".

In retrospect, we see the struggle of our pioneers for the past 52 years. Through thick and thin, they worked together for the progress and prosperity of this community, and we can proudly say that truly, they have passed the test of the times with flying colors.

Today, we of the present generation, are commemorating the 52nd foundation day of our beloved city. With nostalgic feelings, we are inspired to look back and by looking back to the past, we see its humble beginnings until our thoughts bring us back to the present from where we should also look forward into the future which, we hope, should be brighter than today.

On this significant event in the history of our beloved City, I am extending my warmest felicitations to the people of Davao City and to all our visitors who will come to join our celebration.

Welcome to "Araw ng Dabaw" 1990!

(Sgd.) DOMINADOR ZUÑO
Vice-Mayor

A city that has survived through the centuries does not have to struggle for an identity. Its own history breathes with myth and legend; its moss-covered churches and ancient battlements are mute but eloquent witnesses to the grandeur of its past and also, perhaps, to the chaos of its present.

But to a young city, still in its formative years, like the City of Davao, it is not easy to at once attain the legendary status

who have transformed this veritable wilderness into a metropolis of the south.

Against the backdrop of constant population influx and the diversity of the origins of its residents, it is perhaps quite understandable why Davao City should strive harder to attain unity and cohesion and thereby establish, down through the years, an identity its own.

This drive towards a cultural identity of its own started quite late. It begun when the two-



The Significance Of Araw Ng Dabaw

of Cebu, Manila or Zamboanga whose histories are replete with romance and legends about heroes, kings and rajah, conquistadores and warrior-missionaries.

But the beginnings of a city, which has barely reached its 53rd year of existence, is almost within the living memory of its pioneer inhabitants although it is a already a misty past to the vast number of recent settlers

term mayor, Elias B. Lopez, first won by city mayorship twenty years ago when the idea was originally conceived for the annual celebration of "Araw ng Dabaw". And now that Rodrigo R. Duterte is City Mayor, the celebration also resumes with new enthusiasm.

This year's celebration will be marked with added significance considering Davao City's emerging im-

portance as the regional center of Southeastern Mindanao. The program of activities has more variety as indicted by the number of events and various aspects revolving around the theme: KAPAYAPAAN AY SUSI NG KAUNLARAN". And this year, several civic groups are the active co-sponsors of the celebration.

It will be the occasion for assessing and demonstrating Davao City's capacity for growth and progress along economic, industrial, social and cultural endeavors encompassed within its 53rd year of existence within its 244,007 hectares of territorial jurisdiction probably the largest in the world.

But then once cannot talk of a city and its progress simply by citing figures and statistics. One has to feel the throb of the community, the heartbeat of its people and see, with the vision of its pioneers, the future rising from this conglomeration of modern Filipinos working together to achieve a destiny.

If by celebrating "Araw ng Dabaw" once a year makes a citizen feel proud of being a Dabawenyos and a Filipino-then everything is worth the effort. For it is here, more than anywhere else in this country, where dreams are transformed to reality.

Araw ng Davao celebration has become a tradition which our people in Davao, as well as visitors, look to with keen anticipation. Every year since 1968, when observance of Araw ng Dabaw began under the initiative of a true blooded Dabawenyos, the incumbent City Mayor then — Atty. Elias B. Lopez — people participation have increased, activities expanded and the programs enriched with indigenous cultural and artistic motifs, together with exhibits reflective of Davao City's development and progress.

Various feature articles or writeups have been published in souvenir programs commemorating the event but since the real historic celebration took place two generations ago, on March 1, 1937, it is deemed important to share with the present or younger generation some ideas or knowledge of the situation then prevailing the activities held, and especially the rationale for the creation of Davao City the significance of which we continually try to focus to the attention of our people today.

The article herein presented, completed with bibliography, has been published in our local newspapers but since newspapers are not prone for collection as reference material, we feel that a more treasured and lasting medium like the Araw ng Dabaw Souvenir Program is a more appropriate publication for historical accounts such as the present.

As we observe the anniversary of the creation of Davao as a City, which took place 53 years ago, it is relevant to recall and be reminded of the intentions,

reasons and perceptions of our government leadership of that period, and perhaps reflect and recommit ourselves to carrying out the good intentions and nobler purposes that greater autonomy was expected then, and now, to achieve.

When Davao was inaugurated as a chartered city on March 1, 1937 there was widespread jubilation and popular participation in the activities celebrating the event. Dabawenyos came out in their best attire to witness, join or perform their assigned role in the celebration. Houses,

front of the City Hall.

In sum, there was manifested a lively popular interest and apparent acceptance towards the new governmental set-up with an appointive city mayor and members of the city council. It was an event that seemed to have injected among Dabawenyos a new found confidence in, and a higher expectation from a city-form of government and its officialdom.

The idea to create Davao as a city was intimated by President Manuel L. Quezon and was carried

alleviate if not avoid some problems associated with the Japanese presence in these parts, through the appointment of "men of proven honesty, character, learning and ability" to run the government.

Although there was a preponderant acceptance of President Quezon's motive, there was also a dissenting voice, albeit a feeble one, with regards the filling of positions for officials of the city. Antonio Gabila, Davao's first graduate in journalism from the University of the Philippines and erstwhile editor of the Philippine Collegian saw in it "a farce of democracy", Gabila wanted an elective body to run the affairs of the city instead of appointiveness.

"The motive for the creation of the City of Davao was the presence in Davao and Guianga of many Japanese nationals. It was then feared that through elections the Japanese would be in a position to control Davao and Guianga," Quimpo wrote.

The reasons for the creation of Davao City, however, was not solely the Japanese presence and the perceived problems they posed. The passage of the Jones Law, and later the Tydings Mcduffie Law granting a commonwealth status to the country with a definitive transition period preparatory to its independence, instead of being a mere colony of the United States, indicated the recognition of the Filipinos capability of running a government of their own. Precisely, the 1934 Constitutional Convention was called forth so that the (More on p. 9)

WHY DAVAO BECAME A CITY

By: ERNESTO I. CORCINO

business establishments and government buildings displayed the American and the Filipino flags, colorful buntings, flowers or palm leaves to enliven the atmosphere. Thousand of inhabitants and various civic, professional and other aggrupations participated in the three-hour long parade as many thousands more including out-of-town-visitors stood along the parade route to witness the proceedings and the inaugural ceremonies which followed in

out by then Assemblyman Rounualdo C. Quimpo, the first elected Assemblyman from the lone district of Davao. (His predecessors were appointe: Assemblyman Teodoro Palma Gil, Arsenio Suazo, Jose Artadi, Francisco Bangoy and Julian Rodriguez). Assemblyman Quimpo, like many dedicated officials of the period, was greatly concerned with the "Japanese Problem" in Davao. He believed, like President Quezon, that a city charter for Davao would help



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There's more sun in Davao than anywhere else in the country. Most foreign tourists who come to Davao despite all the negative publicity in the past years yearned for the city's sunbaked white beaches across the Gulf.

"Davao is like a lost paradise, a garden of Eden", a German tourist said. "It is just waiting to be discovered." Today it has been regained. . .

Davao's main attraction to foreign tourists, according to Efren "Boying" Veneracion, past president of the Davao Tourism Association and Manager of Venees Hotel is not so much the Philippine Eagle, the durian or Mt. Apo, but the year-round sun.

Remember, Davao is out of the typhoon belt; when the rest of the country goes wet with heavy rains during a depression, we still have the sun", he told this writer.

Tourists who stay in Davao for about a week during a "wet season" in the country (July-October) notice that while the rains pour in this southern Philippine City in the evening,

the sun goes right back in the morning till sunset.

Ms. Dolly Marquez, new sales manager of the famous Davao Insular Hotel also agreed, after talking to her many clients and guests at the hotel, that Davao's best attraction is still "the sun and the all-year round good weather." Many tourists in fact, according to Marquez, "have compared Davao to Hawaii" especially after enjoying the sun under swaying palm trees at white-sanded paradise beach just a few minutes across the aqua-blue waters of Davao Gulf.

Sonny Pamintuan of Apo View Hotel, a favorite haunt of businessmen, is also aggressively selling Davao's sun in his current campaign to sell the hotel to tourists and visitors in the city. "Our sunny weather in Davao is our best selling point," Pamintuan said.

Apo View has just put together a twin package of "Sun Tours" for sun lovers and gold enthusiasts. One is billed the "Sunsational Island Tours" for those who love to go sunbathing, swimming, snorkeling and

Davao City: Paradise Regained

By: AURELIO A. PENA

scuba diving at the famed white Coral Reef, while the other tour package, is billed "Put N' Green", a golf tour for players and plain enthusiasts.

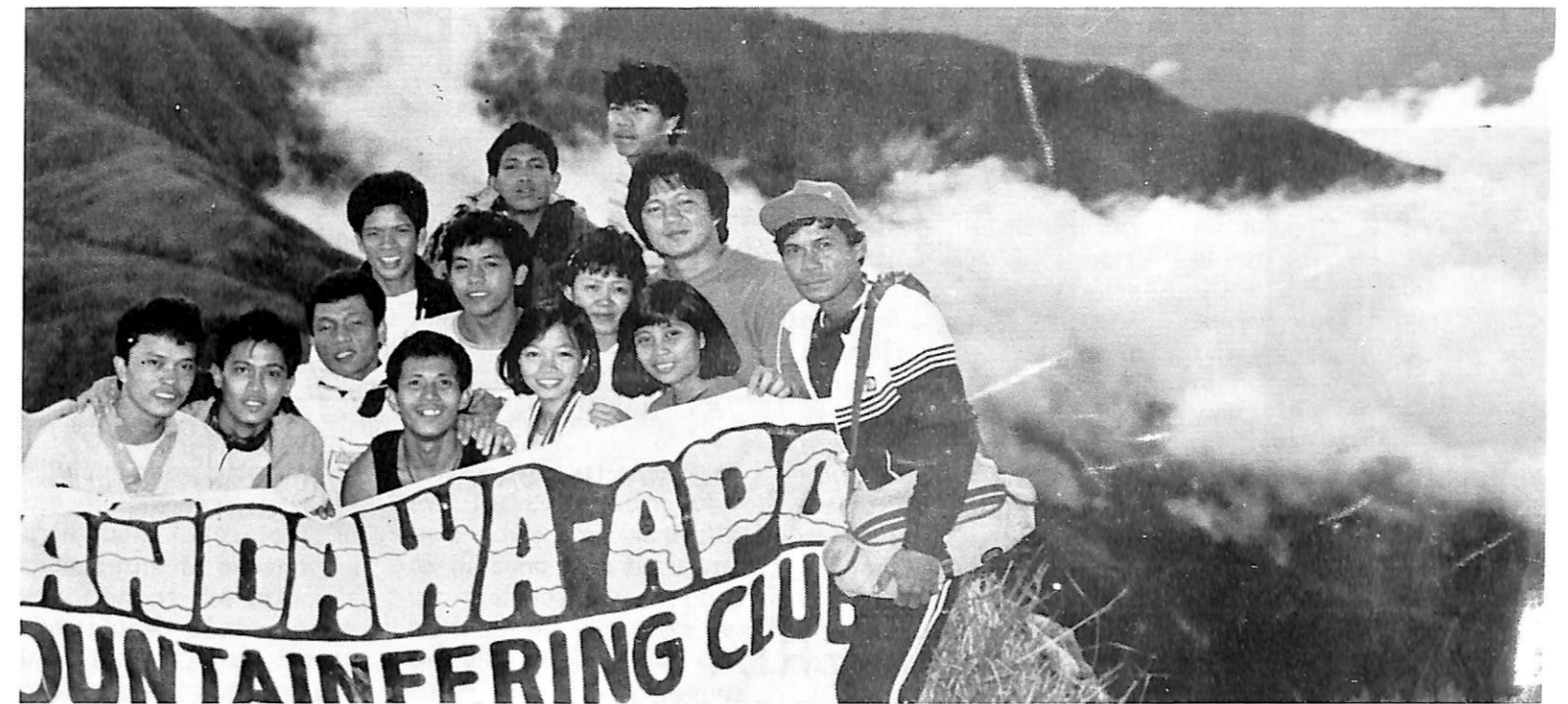
A typical city tour conducted by any of the tour groups in Davao usually includes trip by banca either to Talicud island, Bangoy island, Aguineldo pearl farm or Paradise beach for a whole day activity of swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving or simply sunbathing on snow-white beaches.

Tourists are later escorted to the famous Aldevinco shopping center

where they can shop for Muslim and tribal brass and batik. This is followed later by a leisurely tour of the city's fruit stands where multicolored piles of rambuttan, lanzones, mangoes, pomelos, santol and durian are displayed.

This typical tour usually brings them to the country's largest orchid farms then to a Buddhist temple or to a hilltop in Maa where the image of the miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague is a perfect spot to get a panoramic view of Davao City.

For the more adventurous visitors or tourists, a typical night tour usually brings them to a stage show at Square Circle Club at J. P. Cabaguio Avenue or to JR Club at San Pedro Street. Discomaniacs looking for watering holes are led to Disco Vegas at Illustre Street or to the One Down Disco at the basement of Apo View Hotel where visitors can swing to latest sounds, then moved upstairs to Penec Bar to listen to jazz music for an hour or so before winding up with a few chips at the Davao Casino, along J. P. Laurel Avenue, where the



Guizon Hotel will soon reopen under new ownership of Master Tours. Also along the same area, just closer to downtown, is the new Durian Hotel, with its various attractions.

Specially-packaged tours for visitors with more time in their hands include a mountain-climbing expedition to the 10,000 foot Mt. Apo, the country's highest mountain, a visit to the Philippine Nature Center at Malagos, Calinan, to see the famous Philippine eagle along the forested slope of Mt. Talomo. Others such tours also include a visit to any of Davao's banana plantations-bananas being Davao's top export product — and to the site of gold panning at Mt. Diwata.

So called "hidden nooks" in the city catering only to more adventurous palates include a visit of Luz Kinilaw Place along Quezon Boulevard, just fronting the Muslim village, where such broiled tuna delicacies as "panga" and "buntot" are sought after by foreign visitors straying

away from their traditional tour plan. Also famous in the city for broiled sea foods is the Harana restaurant along Florentino Torres street where crabs, lobsters, broiled squids and other sea delicacies are being sought after by out-of-town visitors.

Tourists and local residents in the mood for good exotic Chinese food at the end of the week will find "Dragon Night" at the Davao Insular Hotel memorable. Served buffet-style every Friday night at the Bilaan Coffee Shop, this exotic Chinese fare, according to Davao, has been attracting so many clients they always find themselves fully-booked on Fridays.

Chinese restaurants listed down by the local Dept. of Tourism include the Davao Shanghai, Davao Famous, China Royale, Kusina Dabaw, Men Seng, and Dencia's where the best "Goto" and "Lugaw" are sought by busy businessmen who don't have time to spare in traditional restaurant.

Visitors really deadset

for a night adventure in the city can include the following places to explore. Jimm's Club at Matina and Venee's Subway Disco just a stone's throw away; Penec Bar at the Apo View Hotel with One Down Disco at the basement; Studio 7 Disco at the top floor of Maguindanao Hotel.

New watering holes in the city are: Bronco's Club Theatre and Restaurant along Rizal Street; JR Club, a popular nite-spot along San Pedro Street; Disco Vegas along Illustre Malvar Streets; Square Circle and Plaza Roman Sauna Bath along J.P. Cabaguio

Avenue together a "do-it-yourself" tour of Davao City for visitors who want to do it themselves.

Visitors who are staying within the north-bound side of the city, if they have limited time, can drop by the Buddhist Temple along Cabaguio Avenue, then walk over to the Puentespina Orchid Garden nearby. From here they can move on to the Davao Museum at the Insular Village. Within the premises of the hotel, one finds Enika Dabaw where Mandaya natives weave intricate cloth.

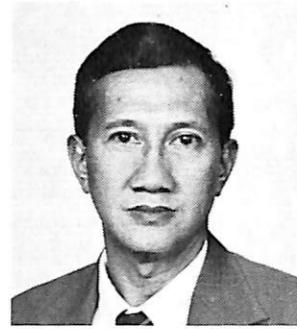
Southbound tours in- (More on p. 9)



DATU BAGO AWARDEES FOR 1990



Justice LEOPOLDO M. ABELLERA



Dr. RIZAL D. APORTADERA



Dr. MANUEL BABAO



Rev. Fr. PAUL C. CUNANAN

CRITERIA FOR DATU BAGO AWARDS

- 1) Nomination is open to all persons, of all nationalities, living or dead, who have resided in Davao City for at least ten (10) years.
- 2) Nominees must have rendered substantial contribution to the growth of Davao or have rendered exemplary service to the community in any field or endeavor.
- 3) The service rendered must be specified, described and documented with a brief biographical data and a 2 x 2 photo of nominee.
- 4) Previous Datu Bago Awardees are disqualified.

PAST DATU BAGO AWARDEES

1969
TOMAS MONTEVERDE, SR.
FRANCISCO VILLA-ABRILLE
MAURICE MICHAUD p.m.e.
ANTONIO T. UY
ANTONIO FLOIRENDO
GUILLERMO TORRES

1970
SIMEON AND MARGARITA MARFORI
(both deceased)
JULIAN RODRIGUEZ, SR.
(deceased)
CLOVIS THIBAUT p.m.e., d.d.
BALDOMERA ESTEBAN SEXON
CONRADO ALCANTARA
JOSE J. DOMINGO

1971
CONCEPCION SARENAS
ISIDRO MARFORI
VICENTE TIONKO
CESAR NUNEZ
SEBASTIAN ANGLIONGTO

1972
ELISA PANUNCIALMAN
LIGAYA VICTORIO

CARLOS INIGO
BENJAMIN CRUZADA

1973
LOURDES CURA SOLIS
RAMON BASA
ENRIQUE FERNANDEZ
JUAN V. FAUNE
DESIDERIO DALISAY
LORENZO SARMIENTO

1974
MIGUEL VARELA, S.J.

1975
CARLOS MILLETE

1976
CONCEPCION DE ASIS

1977
SOLEDAD R. DUTERTE

1978
ALBERTO MONTEMAYOR

1979
NONE

1980
ROSA SANTOS MUNDA

1981
MSGR. ANTONIO LL. MABUTAS, DD
ANTONIO FLOIRENDO

1982
AIDA RIVERA FORD
FELICIDAD C. SANTOS
PEDRO O. SANVICENTE
ROMUALDO C. QUIMPO
(Posthumous)
PANTALEON A. PELAYO, SR.
(Posthumous)
JESUS T. DELA PAZ
(Posthumous)

1983
ATTY. JESUS DUREZA
MRS. EDNA T. KIMPO
MRS. CARMEN SORIANO
LT. CIPRIANO VILLAFUERTE, SR.
(Posthumous)

1984
REV. APUL GUILBAULT, p.m.e.
MISS ESPERANZA T. SANTOS
(Posthumous)

1985
ALEJANDRO D. ALMENDRAS
VICTORIA G. BELTRAN
DR. VIRGILIO J. DURBAN
(Posthumous)

1986
VICTORIA AND JEAN EDADES
ATTY. ISMAEL L. VELOSO
DR. ALEX A. PANUNCIALMAN

1987
JUDGE MILAGROS NARTATEZ
FR. EMETERIO BARCELON, S.J.
TEODORO PALMA GIL, SR.
(Posthumous)

1988
MA. ASSUMPTA M. DAVID
ENGR. VICENTE ALBAY
ANITA J. FLAVIANO

1989
NAP DOCTOR
CATALINA SANTOS
EMILIO PALMA GIL

DAVAO CITY ...

clude a visit to the panoramic GAP Farming Resort below a hill, a stop at Caroland Resort to see the beautiful ponds, then later a tour of Yuhico or Derling orchid farms.

Tour maps, Davao brochures, tour plans and itineraries and other tourism

materials are available for FREE at the office of the Dept. of Tourism (telephone number 7-15-43), or the city tourism office at the Davao City Hall telephone 7-47-03, or the City Press Office, telephone numbers, 7-25-00 or 21-85.

WHY DAVAO ...

Filipinos could formulate the fundamental laws of their land. Therefore, in their desire to expand the adoption of the principle championed of the founding of the United States, the Filipino national leaders felt it ripe time now to extend certain autonomous governance to areas with dense population, sound economic base and potentialities.

It was wise and practical politics also for the party in power to create cities in answer to the growing clamor for local autonomy since it would give not only an image of responsiveness to the popular will, but also an opportunity for the ruling party to expand and consolidate the party's political hold with appointment of local officials.

Creating a chartered

city also meant opportunities for distributing political power and leadership to persons who have proven their loyalty and competence or vice-versa, to the appointing powers. It could also be an avenue for rewarding friends or returning favors.

However, the economic conditions and potentialities of a particular area being organized into a city must have had fundamental consideration in granting a charter or autonomy. In the case of Davao, local leaders as one had clamored for equality of status with those of other places which has long enjoyed greater autonomy. Davao's economic base, its level of agricultural development, its untapped natural resources, its growing trading and commercial activities, showed that the



place had every promise to support the operations of a city government, as well as the capability to hasten its development and progress.

The experience and success of most foreigners, particularly the American and the Japanese entrepreneurs in various economic pursuits had given models as well as inspiration such that the Davao leaders now thus be able to increase government revenues in addition to those derived from the operations of foreign businesses and plantations established in Davao.

How those foreigners influenced or impacted the institutions the economic and way of life of Davao had often been taken for granted, yet the acculturation derived from the presence of foreign elements in other cultures, could not but serve, especially for those who have been employed in pioneering ventures, to provide models for adoption, adaptation or improvement.

The Filipinos inherent intelligence, his agility to learn and innovate, were assets that encouraged Davao leaders to adopt cityhood status for Davao. The varied contacts and experiences gained by Filipinos working with foreigners on the transformation of Davao, made the Davao leaders confident that Dabawenyos themselves would be capable of running their affair and their own government without fear of failure.

It may be relevant to recall that only some three decades ago before Davao was organized into a city, the territory was virtually covered by forested lands. The American soldiers who came in December

1899 to extend American sovereignty in the territory found Davao so rich in potentialities but sparsely populated.

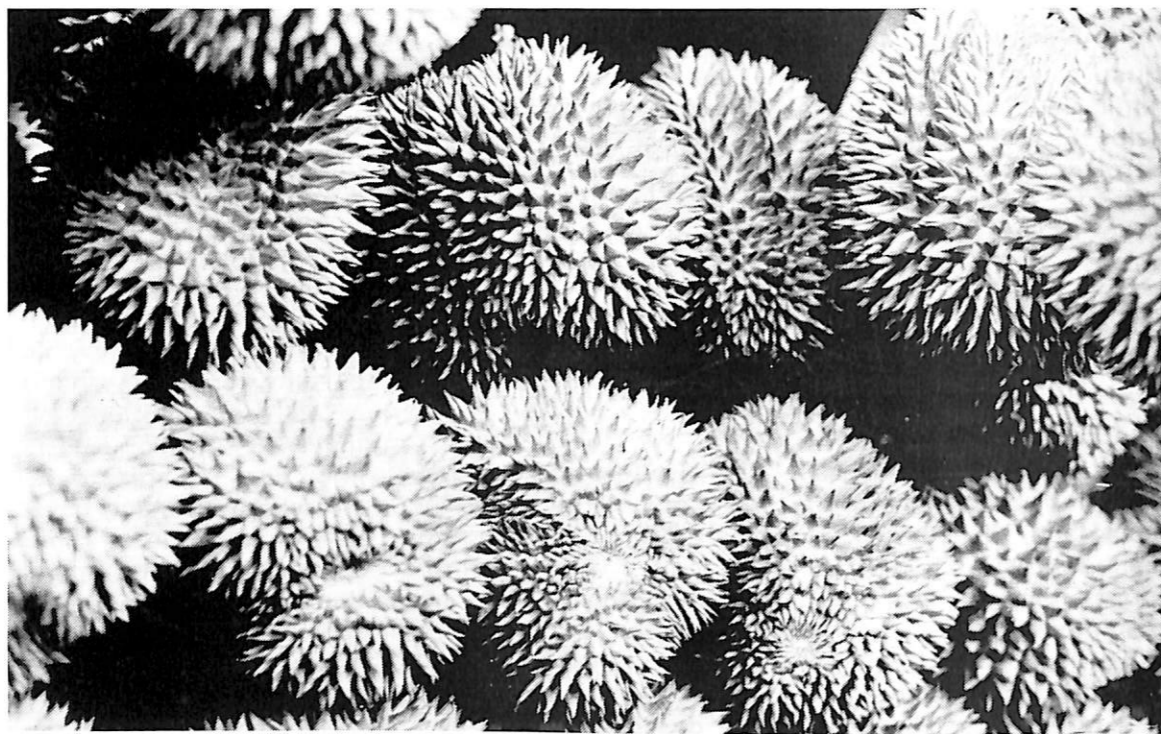
Its population scarcely numbering 6,000 men, and children, were disunited. During the past two years since the Spanish authorities in Davao had left to relinquish power to the victorious forces of Admiral Dewey in Manila, rival factions of Davaowenos fought for leadership to govern the small community. Intrigues, murder and suspicion were employed to attain power, resulting in three changes of town leadership within the span of two years prior to the arrival of the American occupation troops in Davao.

Military rule under the Americans prevailed in Davao until a politico-military form of government was instituted in 1904. It was a situation wherein the military commander of Davao District carried out, in addition to his military duties, the functions of the civil government under the Moro Province, with the capital in Zamboanga. The politico-military governor of Davao District used the resources of his command both manpower and funds, to carry out development projects in the District while at the same time trying to inculcate civil government practices among Filipino employees as well as finding ways and means to generate taxes to support the civil administration. Road tax was imposed to fund construction of roads, as school and other fees were collected to help provide funding for mass education and other public

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On March 16, 1990, we Dabawenyos will mark the 53rd Foundation Day anniversary of the City of Davao. We will celebrate with a resurgent sense of unity and pride among a community of people whose characteristics are as diverse as the nation's regions from where they come. As always, the occasion will be marked with fitting ceremonies set in festive mood, and geared to underscore the significance of the present state of the City.

For every Dabawenyo, this day is indeed meaningful and significant. It is a time to pause and reflect on one's endeavors and



ARAW NG DABAW:

Paksa: Kapayapaan Ay Susi Ng Kaunlaran

By Felipe B. Capili

achievements, measuring them in terms of his contribution to, and benefits derived from, a community which has risen from humble beginnings to become the premier city of the South that it is today. In a sense, every Dabawenyo identifies his travails and successes with the growth and progress of his beloved City.

Araw ng Dabaw is perceived as a milestone. It is a day specially set aside to mark the growth and development of the city in its progress march towards more peace and prosperity.

We celebrate Araw ng

Dabaw not only to remind us of its institution as a chartered city but also to enable us to express our true feeling of appreciation for the manifold blessings that we enjoy in this wonderful city. Let us all come forward and exercise our collective spirit to revitalize the true essence of involvement and individual commitment for the fulfillment of our hopes and aspirations exemplified in the theme — "Kapayapaan: Susi ng Kaunlaran".

The week-long celebration from March 10-16 is highlighted by numerous

events. The most symbolic of which is the selection of the Mutya ng Dabaw.

The Mutya is a maiden of beauty and dream. She bears with her the fruit of every Dabawenyo's toils from the hills of Mt. Apo to the tallest building at Claro M. Recto. All she aspired for reflects the aspirations of every Dabawenyo for peace, brotherhood and goodwill to all. Her cherished possessions are the beloved treasures kept in every Dabawenyo's heart and soul.

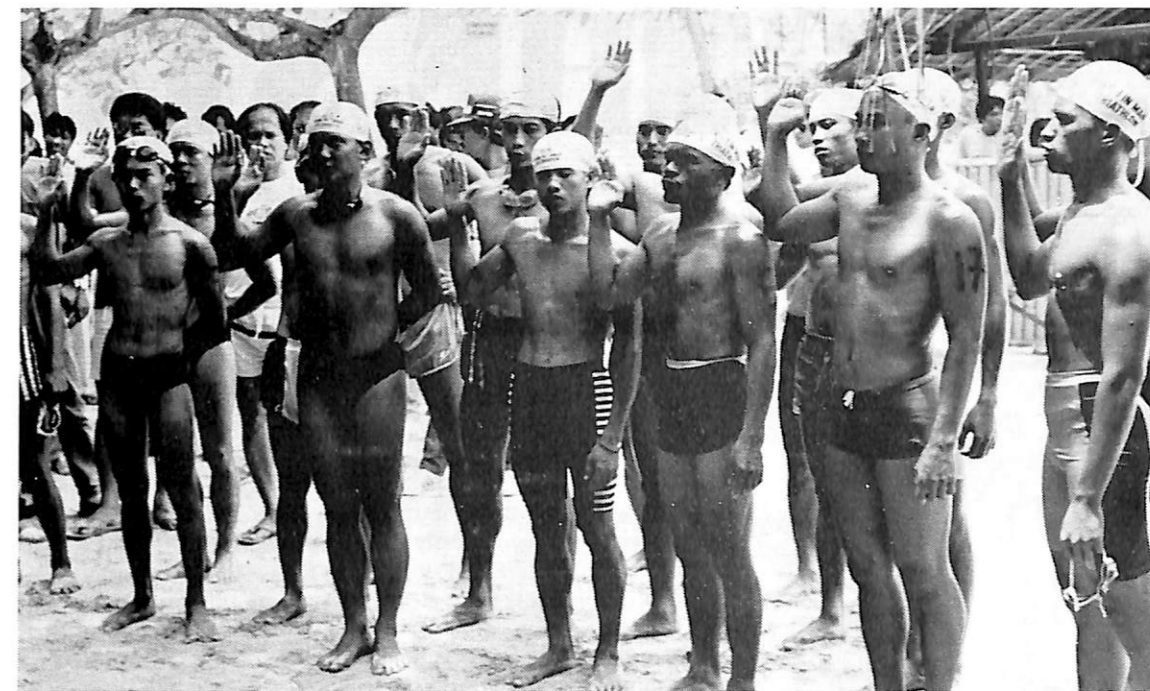
and ambitions are also the dreams and ambitions of a fast growing and developing City. She bears with her the fruit of every Dabawenyo's toils from the hills of Mt. Apo to the tallest building at Claro M. Recto. All she aspired for reflects the aspirations of every Dabawenyo for peace, brotherhood and goodwill to all. Her cherished possessions are the beloved treasures kept in every Dabawenyo's heart and soul.

To be a Mutya ng Dabaw, indeed, is to be one with the Dabawenyos. Dabawenyos are seen in

the microcosm of a Mutya.

The Araw ng Dabaw represents another year of cherished dreams and memories. As we celebrate this day with pompous delight, joy, and exultation, we extend, always our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Almighty.

It is hoped that every citizen finds in himself the commitment and greatness to get involved and work for a common cause, not only to commemorate its institution as a chartered city, but most of all, to feel the spirit of oneness among each and every Dabawenyo.



WHY DAVAO . . .

services.

Lt. Eduard E. Bolton served as the first politico-military governor of Davao District, and on him laid the ground-breaking task of preparing Davaowenos to take over the helm of civil government in the years ahead. He was among the first group of soldiers to arrive in Davao and had led survey and exploration details for laying out roads and telephone

lines from Davao South to Digos, and later, to Malalag, Makar and Cotabato. His explorations covered the territories surrounding Sarangani Gulf, in Koronadal Valley, those of the Davao gulf territory up to the upper Agusan river marshlands. His explorations and survey reports, his contacts with native leaders, proved invaluable in his understanding and the administration of local needs and wants.

He was therefore the logical choice to run the civil affairs of government in Davao when the Moro province was organized

Bolton's knowledge of the potentialities of Davao apparently induced him to stake his future in Davao. Together with buddies in the military service who sought to be discharged early. Bolton formed, while still the Governor of Davao, a corporation which invested in the development of coconut and abaca in what was to become the Culaman plantation in Malita.

Others, such as Captain James Burchfield had staked earlier his claim to the area which now comprises Daliao and developed this into what he named Kentucky Plantation, after his home state in the US. Sgt. William Gohn who served under the company commanded by Burchfield, developed a plantation further sought at Sta. Cruz, where the inhabitants said abaca would not thrive.

However, Gohn adapted the technology used in his home state of Massachusetts — the use of irrigation — to water his abaca plantings, so that eventually

he operated the most productive abaca plantation. Captain Loreen Cheever founded what eventually became famous as the Madaum Plantation. He married an adopted daughter of a local datu, employed the datu's son to serve as his capataz, and was able to expand his abaca and coconut plantings without as much problem of labor, unlike those experienced by many of his fellow American pioneer-planters.

By 1912, some 50 Ame-

rican plantations had sprouted in the choice lands around Davao Gulf, including one in Baganga, which was founded by Milburn Maxey, pioneer American there who later became division Superintendent of School in Surigao. Many of the pioneer American planters married among the natives, like the Joyces, the Johnsons, the Whitehorns, the Bakers, etc., and their children are still around, a testimonial to inter-racial blending and harmony.





Vice-Mayor Zuno, Members of the City Council, Friends, Guests, Fellow Citizens:

By way of tradition, we are once again about to make another report, to the people of Davao City before this august body. Now on third year of our political mandate, we shall once more look back, to the year just past while we attempt to train our sight on what lies ahead for us, in this year that has barely begun.

The year 1989 another testing time for all of us. It brought forth triumphs and tragedies, successes as well as disappointment, to many Filipinos. To us here in Davao City, the year that has just ended also brought us mixed blessings. To my administration, however, 1989 marked a significant step, which allowed us to successfully pass through a transitional period into the third year of our governance.

During the first and second year of our administration, we laid down the foundation which is vital for growth and development. And I refer to our continuing effort, to further improve and maintain peace and order in our city. During 1988 and 1989, we strengthened the crime-fighting capacity of our local police force. We mobilized the resources of the city government, towards the attainment of this top priority objective. And

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today, without fear of contradiction, I can say in all sincerity that we have succeeded. Comparatively speaking, Davao City today is a much safer place, to live in — than say, two, three or four years ago. Statistics from the Davao Metrodiscom will show that the crime rate has indeed gone down.

We have broken up major crime syndicates, previously operating here, such as those involved in kidnapping, extortion and holdups. What remains are the ordinary crimes and petty criminals, which are part and parcel of a big and growing community — and this is where a more efficient and effective police force should be devoting its time and effort, in order to maximize protection for our citizenry. We have also improved police mobility and communications; this year, we shall even further contribute towards the upgrading of police services, even if the local police force, has not yet been returned, to the control of local executives.

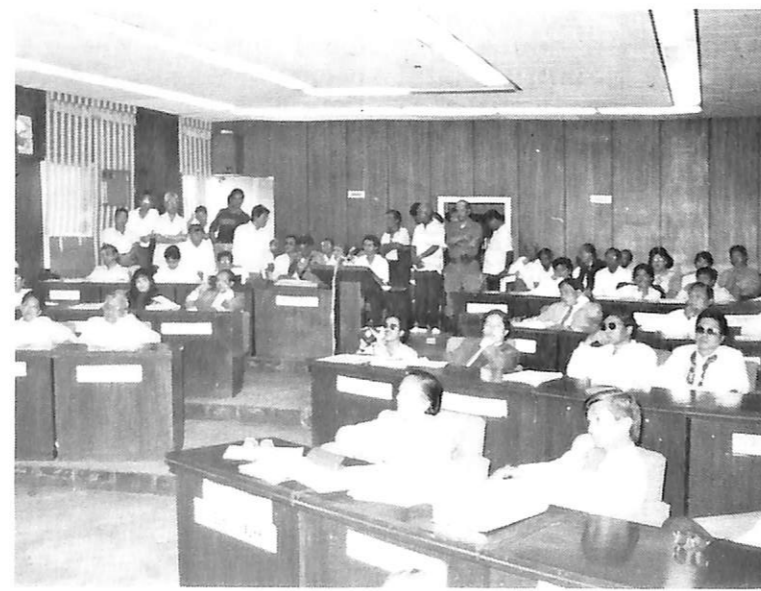
In connection with the maintenance of peace and order, lest we forget, the present administration is waging a relentless campaign, against the use and trafficking of prohibited drugs, which destroy definitely the future of our society. To neutralize the menace of prohibited drugs, we must be resolute, even brutal to some extent.

As we have said, the restoration and maintenance of peace and order is a condition sine qua non for progress and development. Though the economic infrastructure complement, is already in place, we cannot reasonably assure the business community, that it shall be safe from kidnapping, extortions and hold-ups, and no businessman in his right senses will come here and invest his hard-earned capital. Thus, we had to give top priority to peace and order,

in our agenda for good government. And today, I can say with certainty that we were correct in doing so.

With that foundation of stability firmly set, we can proceed to the second important item in our agenda of city administration. And I refer to an intensified effort to attract more economic investments here, especially so, that a favorable climate for business activity, has become more pronounced in this city. We should, however, strengthen such effort through legislation that will rationalize the requirements, for the entry of investments, whether domestic or foreign. There has been rather some confusion in the past, due to the lack of a simplified mechanism, whereby a prospective investor can easily see for himself, where in this city he should put up his business, and, what kind of business he should put up — with minimum of bureaucracy and red-tape in government.

This can be done if the appropriate legislation is laid down by this honorable body. Of course, proper studies are needed, so that the kind of legislation, that we will come up with, can stand the test of time and will not need a patchwork of amendments,



shortly thereafter its passage and approval. In fact, no matter how good our plans and intentions are, without sufficient studies and research, much of our plans and intentions, will go to naught. And this is where a joint legislative-executive effort is needed, and, where the private sector can contribute to hasten our city's development.

While our terms of office have only two more years to go, this should not mean, that our plans and programs should be constricted, to a mere two-year period. If we can come up with a thoroughly well-studied and well-conceived comprehensive economic development plan for Davao City, surely, I can see no reason, why our successors in office, two years from now will not adopt and continue implementing such plan, which can remain valid even up to the year 2000.

But while making plans is an attempt to capture our visions into blueprints and to transform our dreams into reality, I believe that there is no substitute for action. This year, today, now — is the time for action. We must proceed with boldness, if boldness is called upon, for time is short. This year we intend to implement or start implementing major

"Delivered by MAYOR RODRIGO R. DUTERTE before the SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, Jan. 28, 1990"

infrastructure projects, that will further concretize our efforts to lay down the framework and foundation for intensified economic activity.

And we can do this. Our attempts to cut unnecessary expenditures have paid off. Certainly, our financial resources are expected to increase, starting with a surplus savings of some 35 million pesos — and this should be credited to the effective fiscal management of our city's coffers. This will soon be augmented by about thirty million pesos more in savings this year in view of the fact that the General Appropriations act passed by Congress for 1990 has abolished two major sources of depletion of local government funds.

First, the 18 percent annual contribution to subsidize the Integrated National Police (INP), and second, the 7 percent contribution to subsidize the Davao Medical Center or Regional Hospital in our city.

Another expected windfall this year will be our real estate tax collections, which will now be retained by the local government. And because of this favorable development — something which we have espoused as an integral part of local autonomy — we have now an imperative reason to further improve our tax collection methods. Furthermore, the efforts of one of the joint executive-legislative committees we have created, known as Task Force 500, have also gained positive results, and have in fact resulted in the actual payment of collectible taxes. With further improvement in our tax collection system, plus effective cost-reduction methods in government expenses — as well as the eradication of graft and corruption — we will strive to increase our city's finan-



cial resources in the last two remaining years of our administration.

With increased revenues, we have all the reasons to improve the delivery of basic services to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the urban poor communities and likewise to the outbacks of our city. We have been handicapped in this respect during the first two years of our administration, due to lack of funds to purchase transport facilities and medical supplies. In my sorties to the different barangays, I have seen the sorry conditions of our people and their difficulty in availing government services.

There were even times, when I had to take the risks of travel, just to bring foodstuff and medical supplies to the hinterlands. Before the year ended, however, we were able to acquire three vehicles, which will serve as mobile medical clinics, with the hope of reaching out to the marginalized residents, of the three congressional districts of our city. We hope that this honorable body will likewise do their share in

responding to this felt need in our city's rural areas, by allocating more funds for medical supplies, medical personnel and other basic services.

We are likewise proposing that bigger appropriation should be allocated for the repair, rehabilitation and maintenance of our city roads and streets. In fact, the sorry state of our city roads and streets has been a source of embarrassment for our administration. We don't want to justify whatever shortcomings we have had in relation to this gigantic task. For my part, I assume full responsibility for it. However, the financial constraints, we encountered did not deter us from harnessing our meager resources for road maintenance and construction the purchase/rehabilitation of the much needed equipments for infrastructure complement. With the unexpected turn of events, when Congressman Prospero Nograles assumed his seat in house of representatives he was able to facilitate the realignment of the Mindanao Development Fund for repairs of our potholed city streets. And

this, I would like to publicly acknowledge the support of Congressman Boy Nograles and give credit where credit is due — and we hope he will continue to be our partner in the development of our city.

But even if we have received this considerable assistance, there should be no reason for us in the local government, to sit back and relax and become too dependent, on this national assistance, to deliver the goods to the people of Davao City. It is still the primary responsibility of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Mayor, to see to it that our roads and streets, are properly maintained. Hence, it is imperative, as I have said, that we should likewise increase our allotments to this year's infrastructure fund.

Speaking of infrastructure, I wish to mention here that the package of component projects, undertaken under the Regional Cities and Development Project or RCDP, is now winding up and the remaining funds loaned by the World Bank, are being allocated. (More on p. 23)



SHIRLEY AALA



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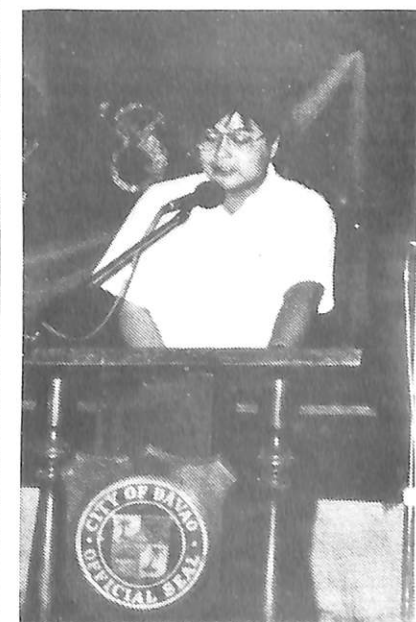
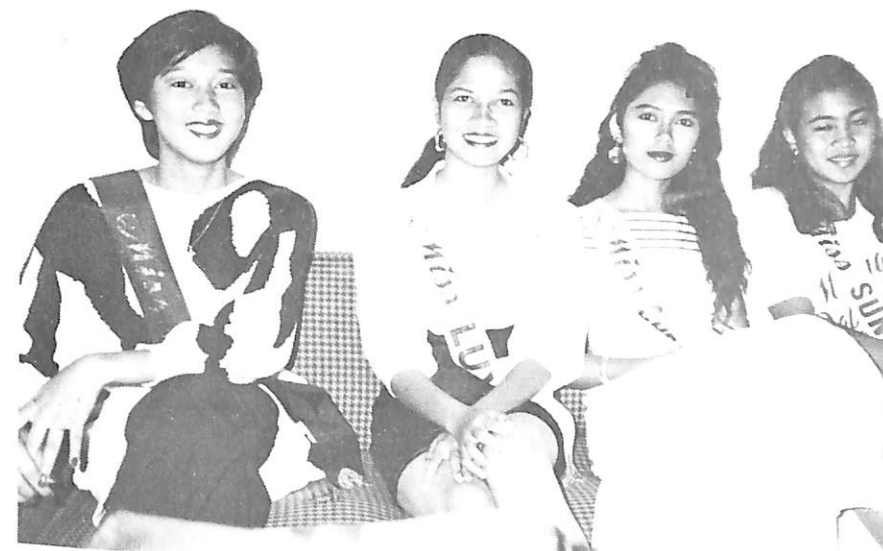


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- 1969 - Rachel Arkoncel
- 1970 - Elsa Roldan
- 1971 - Jeannette Ledesma Lon
- 1972 - Maureen Elizabeth Helario
- 1973 - Lyn Yuviengco Aguirre
- 1974 - Clavel Albay
- 1975 - Jocelyn Joyce
- 1976 - Lorna Ma Te
- 1977 - Marian Salvador Abella
- 1978 - Maria Edna Go
- 1979 - Aniebelle Cervantes
- 1980 - None
- 1981 - Abegail Garcia
- 1982 - Felinda Sanchez
- 1983 - Susan Co Ong
- 1984 - Jusita "Joy" Mascardo
- 1985 - Sharmene Escamilla
- 1986 - Conchitina Tesoro
- 1987 - Trezita Acosta
- 1988 - Trizza Ambet Gapultos
- 1989 - Veronica Tolentino



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Vice Mayor



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Rep. 2nd District

(3rd District, Vacant)

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 - City Tourism Officer
 - City Budget Officer (OIC)
 - City Press Secretary
 - City Assessor
 - City Agriculturist
 - City Personnel Officer
 - Schools Division Supt. (Actg.)
 - City Register of Deeds
 - City Nutrition Officer
 - City Planning Officer
 - City Housing Officer (OIC)
 - City Veterinarian
 - Asst. City Secretary
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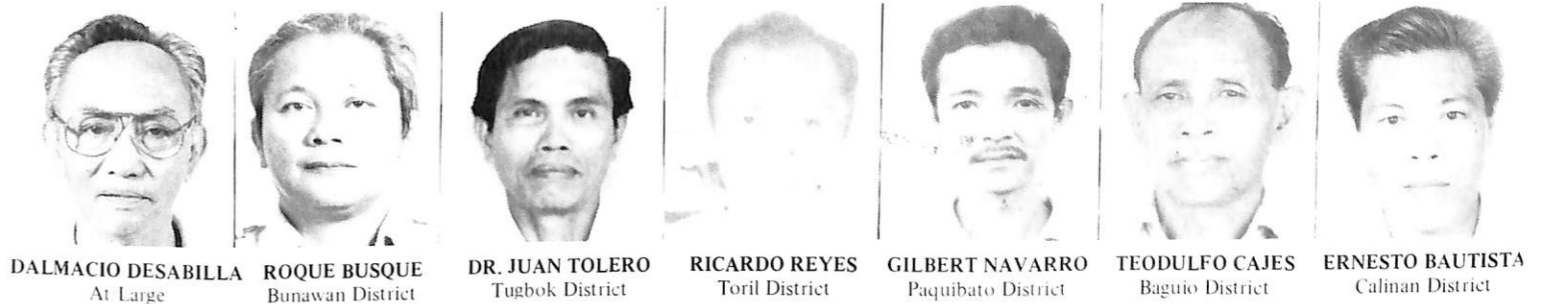
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SANTIAGO ARTIAGA	1937-1938
AGUSTIN ALVAREZ	1939-1940
PANTALEON PELAYO, SR.	1940-1941
ALFONSO G. OBOZA, SR.	1941-1942
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DONATO C. ROMUALDO	1944-1945
APOLINARIO CABIGON	1946 (Jan.-Feb.)
FUNDADOR VILLAFUERTE	1946
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DON JULIAN RODRIGUEZ, SR.	1954-1955
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ted among the four cities involved in the program. While the RCDP projects have some disappointments for us in the past, still we are appreciative of the fact, that Davao City was one of the four cities in this country, chosen to benefit from this program. This year 1990, five market and slaughterhouse, modern buildings will rise, totalling 60 million pesos. All courtesy of RCDP with 30% counterpart fund from our city. Several equipment and utility vehicles will come this year, to replace our dilapidated machineries. Of the remaining unfinished projects here, we are hoping that the storm drainage system, will finally end our city's overflooding problem, everytime we have a heavy downpour. The public market in Toril has been completed and is now operational, the one at Matina has been finished. The integrated overland terminal at Eco-land is now a profitable enterprise for the city, after being initially considered as a "white elephant."

Speaking of transportation, the city has taken initial steps to rationalize our increasingly complex traffic problem. Through the City Council and the private sector — and with the go-signal from the Mayor's Office — we have launched the "Hapsay Dalan" project and we are glad to know that public response has been tremendous and mostly positive. But much more should be done and this can be accomplished only through increased cooperation between the government and the private sectors concerned. I am studying the possibility of acquiring 4 buses to be fielded during peak hours of the day.

City Mayor's Office

With the new thrust of the Department of Transportation and Communication, our city can embark on this plan to help our commuters.

Actually, we may have peace, but, order is still something that we have to continue working on. For definitely, there is no order in our sidewalks, no order in our communities, where squatting has been the order of the day and where garbage is glaringly thrown anywhere.

We can longer tolerate the proliferation of squatters in the city center, as we resolve the questions of actual squatting in our city. Questions of squatting in road-right-of-ways, private and public lands should be resolved with humanitarian consideration. Community mortgage program should be pushed, if only to facilitate ownership of lands, by people who have been classified as squatters. If only to put a stop to squatting, barangay officials are empowered, to monitor in their respective areas structures which have no building permits, and thus subject to demolition.

We must somehow put an end to this sense of chaos and disorderliness in our community. Instead of chaos and disorder, let us have system and harmony. But before we can have that, we should first have cleanliness and sanitation in our environment; let us put an end to our bad habit of degrading our environment through indiscriminate disposal of waste and garbage. Let us protect our environment not only for ourselves but also for the generations of Dabawenyos still unborn.

Before we can expect tourists and other visitors to come to the city, specially businessmen and potential investors — let us assure ourselves first, that we can offer them the basic requirements for business and industry. Aside from reasonable assurances of peace and order, the other basic requirements are: (1) available skilled or semi-skilled labor,

(2) available and adequate transportation; and (3) communication facilities. The first requirement poses no problem to us, because I believe we have more than adequate skilled and semi-skilled labor, here and throughout the region. In fact, the city government, in joint efforts with the DOLE, has created an employment center for Davao, which is about to be operational, to help skilled workers find jobs in private establishments here and other provinces. The second requirement, which is transport facilities. I also believe that we have much better facilities, than any other city in Mindanao. Davao City has enough transport linkages — whether by land, sea or air, which connect it to the rest of the country, and even the world. As for the third requirement, which is communications, I likewise believe that we have adequate facilities, specially so that the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, has already installed direct dialing service here — something which can instantly connect any businessman or citizen to any point in the nation and the world, which has a similar facility. Also, PLDT has inter-connected with our own Davao City Telephone System or DCTS. Thus,

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in Tugbok and marijuana traffickers were also arrested and many were jailed for this criminal offenses.

Likewise, Executive Order No. 69 of the City Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte mandated all barangay captains and other officials to organize their own barangay drug abuse prevention and control committees purposely for barangay officials, as persons in authority, to police their own barangays and arrest violators for infractions of RA 6425 or the DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972.

By the end of the year 1989, about 50% of drug

increasing our city's capability for external communications, aside from our internal communication needs. Hopefully, this PLDT-DCTS linkage facilities will be inaugurated on January 31, 1990.

At this point, let us just rest our case for the people, with the verdict of those who will come after us, for they will have the benefit of hindsight, to see who was right and who was wrong. But before I close, I wish to extend my grateful appreciation to the distinguished members of the august body, for their continued cooperation in the interest of public good, and I do sincerely pray, that this partnership for the welfare of our people and city, will not only continue but also intensify this year, and up to the end of our terms of office. I would like to say that, ultimately, the only justification for public office is sincere and dedicated service to our people. And that is the principle of public service that binds us and guides us towards a common goal.

Finally, here's wishing that God, in his infinite wisdom, will give us not only a new year, but also a better, happier and more peaceful year.

Thank you!

users and abusers were reported because of the total involvement, support and cooperation of the citizenry in the fight against drug abuse.

But still the menace of drug abuse will always constitute a serious problem owing to the proliferation of marijuana plantations in the region; the excessive use and abuse of regulated drugs, compounded by the introduction of a new drug-craze which is shabu. Besides, unscrupulous individuals and groups behind the dangerous drugs trade have become more bolder and more avaricious in their practice.



STATUS OF HOUSE BILLS FILED BY CONG. NOGRALES

as of February 20, 1990

H.B. NO.	TITLE	DATE FILED	DATE REFERRED	COMMITTEE	STATUS
1. 26942	Repair & Rehabilitation of Bago Elem. School in Davao City.	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
2. 26943	Construction of a Shop Bldg. in R.C. Quimpo Elem. School in Talomo.	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
3. 26944	Construction of a Shop Bldg. in Leon Garcia Elem. School in Talomo	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
4. 26945	Construction of a Shop Bldg. in A. Bonifacio Elem. School in Talomo	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
5. 26946	Repair & Rehabilitation of the R.C. Quimpo Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
6. 26947	Repair & Rehabilitation of the Leon Garcia Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
7. 26948	Repair & Rehabilitation of the J. Bastida Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
8. 26949	Repair & Rehabilitation of the Generoso Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
9. 26950	Repair & Rehabilitation of the of Catalunan Pequeno Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
10. 26951	Repair & Rehabilitation of the Catalunan Grande Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
11. 26953	Repair & Rehabilitation of the A. Mabini Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
12. 26954	Repair & Rehabilitation of the A. Bonifacio Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
13. 26955	Repair & Rehabilitation of the Talomo Central Elem. School	10/05/89	10/10/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
14. 26956	Deputizing Brgy. Capts. To Issue Res. Certs. & Allocating 50% Therefrom For the Brgy. Concerned	10/05/89	10/10/89	Local Govt. & Ways & Means	1st reading
15. 27416	Construction of a 9-room Academic Bldg. for the Talomo Elem. School	11/08/89	11/21/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading

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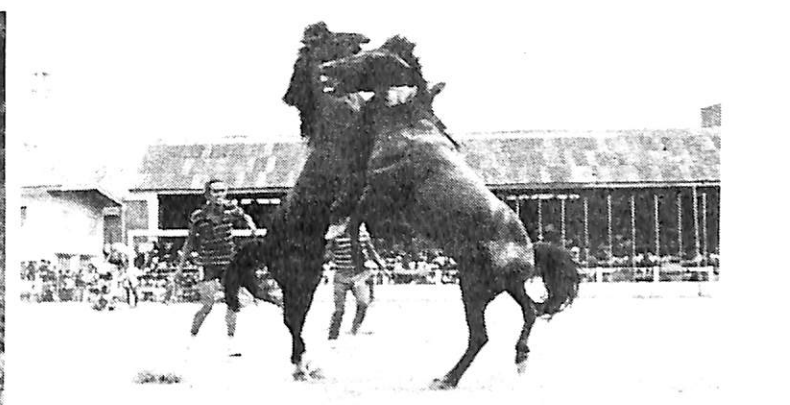
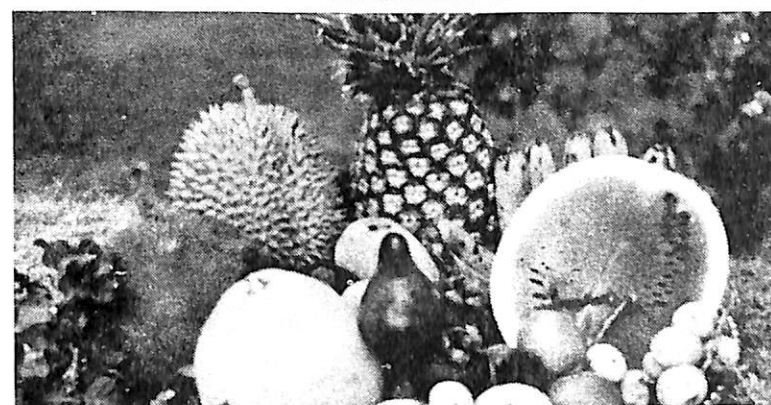
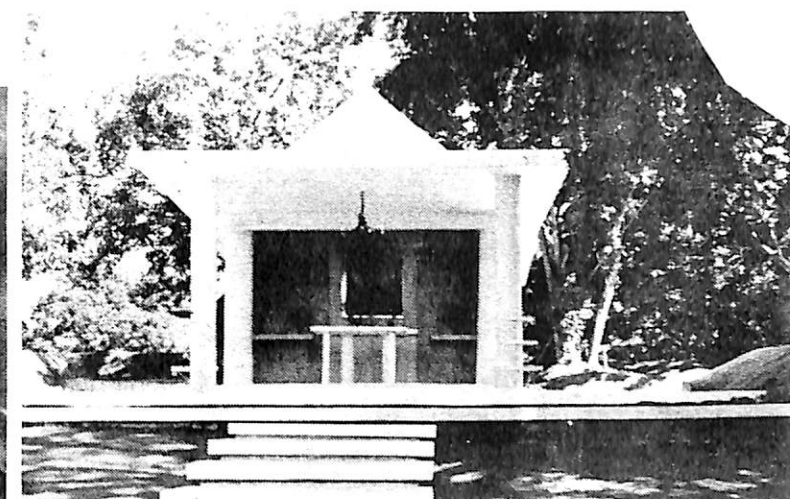
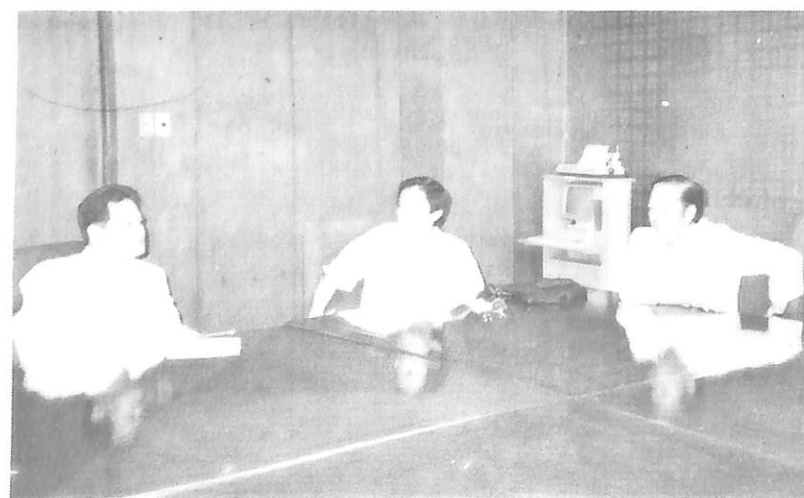
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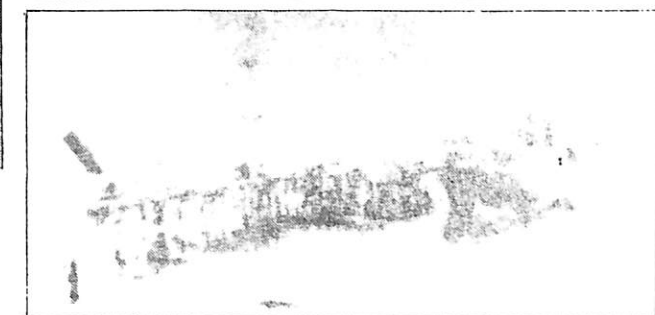
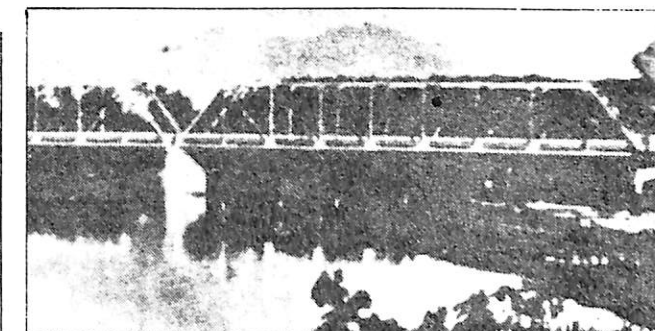
PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

DATE/TIME	PLACE	ACTIVITY	MAIN/PARTICIPANTS	IN-CHARGE
I. PRE-LUDE				
February 15 - March 13	Double R	Bowling Tournament	City Government/Private Sectors	Committee on Recreation
18 Sunday 5-6:00 pm	Rizal Park	Concert at the Park	MATS Band	Com. on Brass Band & Music Festival
23 Friday 3-5:00 pm	Rizal Park	Drum & Bugle Corp Presentation	Bustamante Elem. School	Com. on Brass Band & Music Festival
24 Saturday 2-7:00 pm	Almendras Gym	Official Presentation of Candidates for the Mutya ng Dabaw 1990	Mutya ng Dabaw Candidates & Off.	Com. on Mutya ng Dabaw & City Gov't.
25 Sunday 5-6:00 pm	Rizal Park	Concert at the Park	University of Min. Band	Com. on Brass Band & Music Festival
II				
March 1-13	PTA or Gym	Basketball	All Qualified Teams	Com. on Youth
2 Friday 3-5:00 pm	Rizal Park	Drum & Bugle Corp Presentation	J. Cruz Elem. Sch.	Com. on Brass Band & Music Festival
1-13	PTA or Gym	Volleyball	All Qualified Teams	Com. on Youth
3 Saturday 6-10:00 pm	Almendras Gym	Mutya ng Dabaw Candidates Semi-Finals	Official Candidates	Com. on Mutya ng Dabaw & City Gov't.
4 Sunday 5-6:00 pm	Rizal Park	Concert at the Park	RMC/Thompson Bands	Com. on Brass Band & Music Festival
6-13	SP Session Hall	Chess	Qualified Applicants	Com. on Youth
8 Thursday	Capitol Tennis Court	Tennis	All Qualified Applicants	Com. on Youth
	Baguio District PTA	Araw ng Baguio District Opening Agro-Industrial Fair	Baguio Dist. Res. Davao Orchid Society/Davao Home Garden Club	Baguio Dist. Off. Com. on Agro-Industrial Fair
9 Friday	Talomo District	Araw ng Talomo District	Talomo Brgy. Off.	Com. on Brass
9 Friday 3-5:00 pm	Rizal Park	Drum & Bugle Corp Presentation	Hizon Elem. School	Ban & Music Festival
III "ARAW PROPER"				
March 10 Saturday 4:00 am	Thru-out Davao City	Araw ng Calinan District	Univ. of Mindanao Band	Com. on Brass Band & Music Festival
10-13	Dover Lanes & Fairlanes	Bowling	All Qualified Teams	Com. on Youth
6:30 am	SP Group or Osmena Group Rizal Park	Table Tennis	All Qualified Teams	Com. on Youth
		Thanksgiving Mass	Msgr. Antonio Ll. Mabutas/City Off. Employees/Civic Org., etc.	Com. on Church Services
7:00 am	Radio Program/DXRP	Radio Program	Speaker: Dr. Rizal Aportadera	
8:00 am	Palaruang Panlungsod	Opening Ceremony	City Officials/Employees, Civic Org.,	Com. on Agro-Industrial Fair

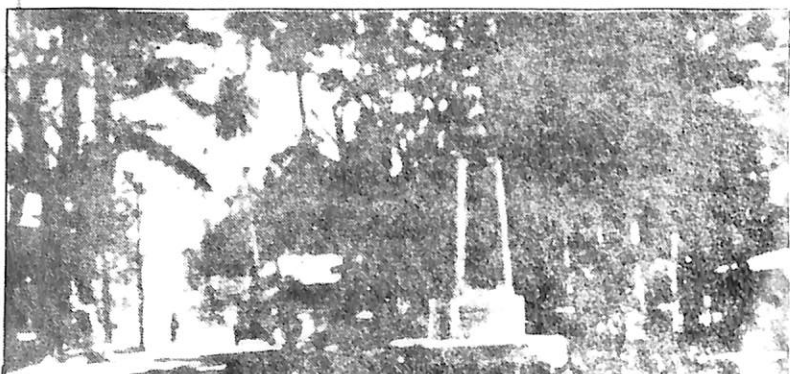
Davao City: Today...



and Yesterday...



Above: San Pedro Church (1930); clockwise; Generoso, i.e. Bankerohan Bridge (1937); Sta. Ana Wharf (1915); Jones Monument (now in front of Manila Bank) at Claveria St., (early 1930s).



Davao City's Fight Against Drug Abuse

Report from the Davao City Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Council

City Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte said that one of the principal priorities in our city is the fight against drugs. This priority, he stated will continue as long as he is the Mayor of Davao City. This statement is in accordance with

the main thrust to maintain and sustain peace and tranquility in the City. "There can be no peace and order if drug abuse continue to exist and persist in the midst of our young people creating

criminals and psychopaths, the apple of the eye. On July 26, 1988, the City Mayor reactivated and revitalized the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Council and designated a civic leader, Mr. Antonio T. Uy as the Action Officer. Also, two retired police captains, Vivencia S. Abad and Gregorio G. Lazarraga, Jr. who are both actively involved in the drug abuse prevention and control drive were appointed and detailed with the Council. Revitalized efforts were

directed to an intensified, massive and consistent preventive drug education and information campaign not only in the schools, with civic and religious groups but to the grassroots in the barangay level. This principal activity resulted to the involvement and awareness of the citizenry in the campaign. With the support and cooperation of some barangay officials, a great number of marijuana plants were uprooted and confiscated in Marilog District, in Toril, (More on p. 23)

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22. 27620	Construction of a Home Economic Bldg. in the Leon Garcia Elem. School in Talomo	12/04/89	12/07/89	Public Works Highways & Appropriations	1st reading
23. 27840	Regulating the Disposition of Performing Govt. Assets by the APT, or Govt. Agency tasked with the same.	12/18/89	12/21/89	Govt. Ent. & Privatization	1st reading
24. 27841	Allowing the Importation & Manufacture of Motor Vehicles with Engine Displacement of 1,000 cc. or more.	12/18/89	12/21/89	Trade and Industry	1st reading
25. 27898	Reviving and Further Amending Act No. 2655 as amended, and Providing for Maximum Interest Rates and Surcharges.	12/21/89	12/22/89	Ways & Means	1st reading
26. 28962	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Bago Gallera	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
27. 28963	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Talomo	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
28. 28964	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Catalunan Pequeno	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
29. 28965	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Catalunan Grande	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
30. 28966	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Matina	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
31. 28967	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Bucana, Talomo, Purok 7.	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
32. 28968	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. 31, in Poblacion	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	
33. 28969	Establishment of a Cultural & Reading Center in Brgy. Bucana, Talomo, Purok 1 and 2.	02/19/90	02/22/90	Educ., Culture & Sports and Appropriations	

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TESORO'S PRINTING PRESS
LAPANDAY DEV. CORP. (LADECO)
DEPENDO CORP.
SOLID ASIAN MARKETING CORP. (SAMCO)
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DAVAO ORCHID SOCIETY
UNIVERSAL FOOD CORP.
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Tayo Ay Dabawenyo

*Sa dakong timog ng Mindanaw
May isang lungsod na hinirang
Ang likas niyang kayamanan
Ay walang kapantay.*

*Mga bundok, dagat, lupain
Laging sagana sa pagkain
At ang magagandang tanawin
Kadluan ng aliw.*

*Mutyang Lungsod ng Dabaw
Sa iyong paglalakbay
Sa mithing kaunlaran
Ikaw ay paglilingkuran.*

*Tayo ay Dabawenyo
Na tapat at totoo
Pangarap ay matamo
Kaluwalhatian mo
Lungsod na paraiso!*

*Isang awit na opisyal ng Lungsod ng Dabaw na kasalukuyang inaawit-
awit nang buong-puso at kagalakan ng mga Dabawenyo – maging bata't
matanda, mayama't dukha. Ito'y bungang-isip ng dating Alkalde ELIAS
B. LOPEZ ng Lungsod ng Dabaw.*