

Editor's Notes

This year-ender issue presents articles that confront various issues currently being faced by the Philippine politico-administrative system. The first two articles describe the redemocratization pains of the Philippines in 1987. Written by Belinda Aquino and Alex Brillantes, Jr., these articles provide insights into how the democratic leadership of President Corazon Aquino survived during the year, amid the challenges offered by the left and right-wing extremists. Some of the challenges cited by Dr. Aquino are the August 28 coup attempt, (the bloodiest ever), the Mindanao problem, the CPP-NPA, and the growing number of vigilante groups, among other things. The Aquino government continues on the road to redemocratization through the establishment of the traditional democratic structures in the politico-administrative system. These structures and processes which include Congress, the 1987 Constitution, the electoral processes and political parties, however, may continue to be mere formalisms within the politico-administrative system.

The third and fourth articles written by Fred Riggs and Ahmed Shafiqul Huque respectively, deal with the principles, practices and interdependence of politics and administration. Riggs in his article "The Interdependence of Politics and Administration," argues that the so-called politics-administration dichotomy principle remains a myth. In reality, Riggs writes, "officials who administer best are politically competent also." Ahmed Shafiqul Huque writing on "Administration and Society in New Nations: Principles and Practices," explains the processes and principles of administration in the new nations influenced by local forces and features, as contrasted to those prevailing in the west.

Mayu Munarriz, in her article "Some Theoretical Considerations on Behavioral Changes and Their Use in Housing Project Evaluation" suggests the use of behavioral change in evaluating government development projects, particularly housing projects and formulates a model for inducing behavioral change from traditional to modern direction.

Salazar writing on "The Outflow of Filipinos to the Bundesrepublik Deutschland Since the 1960s" is concerned with the Filipinos in Germany, what brought them there and how they adapt to the German environment and use it for their own advancement. He underscores the importance of migration ethnology in the field of historical or sociological research which could provide basis for public policy.

In the Book Review section, Jose Palabrica reviews two books on the Marcos era, recently co-published by the UP-CPA and Great Books, *Dictatorship and Martial Law: Philippine Authoritarianism in 1972* by Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. and *Politics of Plunder: The Philippines Under Marcos* by Belinda A. Aquino.
