



Republic of the Philippines
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICE of the MINISTER
 MPW Building, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila

17 December 1980

MINISTRY ORDER)
 NO. 80 - 79)
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SUBJECT: Creation of a Committee to Investigate Alleged Anomalies Committed in the BRSDPO.

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the provisions of Section 79 (B & C) of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended, there is hereby created a Committee to investigate reports of alleged anomalies as contained in the attached letter of a certain Gloria U. Demafelix, and in the November 28, 1980 Issue of Newspaper "Balalong". The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Atty. Manuel B. Brillo Chairman
- Mr. Orlando B. Montero Member
- A representative of the COA

The Investigating Committee is further authorized to call upon any official, personnel or unit of the Office of the Minister and the offices under it, and other witnesses by subpoena and subpoena duces tecum, to administer oath and to take testimony relevant to the investigation.

Mr. Conrado C. Cordova, also of this Ministry, shall act as stenographer in said investigation.

Traveling and other incidental expenses to be incurred therewith shall be chargeable against the funds of this Ministry, subject to the usual accounting and auditing requirements.

Report of investigation shall be submitted to the Ministry.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Alfredo L. Juinio
 ALFREDO L. JUINIO
 Minister
 12/17

(copies delivered to personnel concerned)

[Signature]

Atty A. Loringo
TO LOOK INTO MATTER, INCLUDING
IN COMM. ATTY. BRILLO & COA REPRESENTATIVE.
CONSTITUTE C. MATTER (FACT-FINDING)
Dec. 10, 1980

December 5, 1980

Dear Mr. Jesus Bigornia:

I am sending you herewith a clipping from the November 28, 1980 issue of the "Balalong", a weekly newspaper published in the City of Naga.

Of particular interest to me is the news item about the Bicol River Basin Development Program Office. I am an employee of a firm doing work for the BRBDPO and I came to know of the gripes of our Project Manager, who claims that payments to our firm are being unduly withheld for no legal reasons, except that our Project Manager had refused to come across a certain sum of money as Col. Balisnomo's cut in the contract.

I find it hard to believe this and, as a matter of fact, I thought that our Project Manager was only making this as an excuse to delay payment of our bonuses.

With the article in the Balalong, I am convinced of the corruption of Balisnomo and his cohorts and, accordingly, I am requesting your help in denouncing these corrupt officials.

I believe that newspapermen, generally, find it easier to be listened to by our government officials like Minister Juinio, for example, than for ordinary citizen like me.

For fear of possible reprisals from people concerned, I would request you to please withhold my name until it becomes absolutely necessary and I am given some assurance that no harm, of whatever form, will come to me on account of this letter.

Very truly yours,


GLORIA U. DEMAFELIX

226 Panguio Street
Gatchalian Subdivision
Parañaque, Metro Manila

cc.: Minister Alfredo L. Juinio
Ministry of Public Works
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ALONG

the Region and the Nation

At least 6 times
the circulation
of any Bicol
weekly, more
pages, more news
and comments

Basin brass very expensive

Part II

"obvious frameup" emotional outburst, to inquire deeper story that a man the military was a duplicating papers found in his cadastral (page 4)

Top officers of the Bicol river basin development program, including Acting Program Director Camilo Balisnomo, were denounced the other day as "the most expensive employees of our government today."

In a signed letter to the Balalong, a BRBDP employee reported that Balisnomo and 6 other officers are getting "thousands of

pesos per month from their so-called 'incentive, travel, office and performance allowances' aside from individual gasoline allowances of P500 a day.

The Balalong informant, who asked that his name be withheld for fear of being harmed, called the excessive gas allowances as the most 'chilling' as these are used "every day from

Monday to Sunday in the most fraudulent manner."

The same informant fingered Balisnomo and his subordinates — Felizardo Alarcon, Perfecto Bragais, Jr., Marcelo Samson, Onofre Alajor, Pedro Olaño and Peter Jumamil — as "the people who burn P15,000 each, all for nothing."

These "expensive BRBDP (Continued on page 2)

Appeals to FM, Enrile

Girl in case disappears



The widow of Naga businessman Lazaro (Robert) Lee — Mrs. Rita Buena Lee — appealed yesterday to President Marcos and Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile for an impartial investigation of the death of her husband at the hands of PC soldiers.

Lee died from one bullet thru the head Monday night (November 24) in San Fernando town in an incident shrouded with mystery and yet to be fully explained by military authorities.

The CSur PC command, more than 72 hours after the killing, has not received any formal written report yet from PC officers assigned to a special strike force that figured in the incident, it was said.

However, a verbal interview by the Balalong with Col. Wilfredo Villanueva, PC provincial commander, elicited the following version:

On November 22, Nandy informed the PC that the Pasacao wedding set November 27 was reset earlier for November 24. From this information, the PC set up a special strike force at the Tambo junction at Pamplona town.

On the night of November 24, between 9 and 10 p.m., a Minica coming from Pasacao "passed through" the Tambo checkpoint, consisting of a dump truck and a Ford Fiera parked across the road.

The Minica sped towards the direction of Naga, at which, the dump truck and Ford Fiera gave chase. The small car was overtaken

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(P417.50); May 16 — Pili candies (P450); Naga Wine Center, liquor (P620) and Lindez Club, entertainment (P339.45); May 17 — Crown Hotel, fod, drinks and hotel bills (P685.80); May 30 — Crown Hotel, food and drinks (P621) ; June 7 — Naga Wine Center, liquor (P272) and Holiday Hotel, food, drinks and accommodations (P790.-95); June 8 — Lindez Club, fod and drinks (P1,338.87); Same day — Crown Hotel, food and drinks (P593.30); June 13 — Pili candies (P300); June 14 — Pili candies (P253.20), Crown Hotel, food, drinks and hotel bills (P644.20); Midtown Pension House, food, drinks and accommodations (P771.-10) and D&S Restaurant, food and drinks (P2,513.80); (June 15, next day — 3-day Albay tour (P3,073.80); June 20 — Lindez Club, food and drinks (P537.23); June 23 and 30 — Naga Wine Center/EM's Wine Cellar, liquor (P791.00). July 14 — Wine (P1,000) and food, drinks and accom- modations at Emerald Re- sort Hotel (539.64); July 15, next day — Sugpo (P466.00), pili candies (P750), Hotel Lindez bills (P154) and Lindez Club, food and drinks (P687.16); (Continued on page 3)

Papin sings ...

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Billed as **Konsiyertong Pamasko ni Imelda Papin**, the song-and-dance concert features an entirely new repertoire of stage num- bers. Papin will be accompa- nied by a group of 'sur- prise celebrities' from Ma- nila's entertainment world, it was said. The proceeds of the Pa- pin concert will go to the construction of a Press Freedom Symbol marker at Plaza Rizal (a project of the CSur Press Assn.), aid to the Presentacion (CSur) rural health center, and aid to the Pefia- franca Basilica. Imelda's first concert appearance here was also a benefit show for the Basilica in September 1980

Basin brass ...

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employees" were chided for their "temerity to pass themselves (off) as planners" although "they are not (as) they do not even know what developmental planning means." The informant based his reasons on the fact that "100% of all BRBDP pro- ject planning is being done now by contractors" so that it could not be claim- ed that the basin program office is involved in actual project planning. He also said, as fact, that 99% of the contractors are Manila-based, and "all have been recommended by Di- rector Balisnomo." He likewise cited an in- stance where a governor from a Bicol province al- legedly got mad and re- portedly still is, because his recommended contrac- tors were 'by-passed' by Balisnomo. Apparently, the provincial governor was concerned over the choice of contractors for projects in his province. He asked that Public Works Minister Alfredo Juinio stop these Basin of- ficers from their "expen- sive" planning. **Casureco II ...** (From page 1) The petition (for lifting of the preventive suspen- sion) alleged that the 2 employees were removed arbitrarily and "in wanton disregard and denial of constitutional due process", and that their suspension and dismissal was "to coerce, intimidate, harass and inflict revenge" when they had called attention to the anomalies and ir- regularities committed by the members of management and the board. Among the anomalies ci- ted: — An overpricing of P8,015 for transporting 1,603 electric poles at P30 per pole from Pasacao port to Naga by the Viva Pe- ñafrancia Enterprises. Ac- tual canvass price was only P25 per pole. Contract was signed by Engr. Antonio

Girl in case ...

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nesto Aynera — lay wound- ed. Lee's companions — Milagros de Leon, a night- club singer, and Nestor Bi- gornia, Mila's chaperon — were unhurt. Another com- panion, Rolando Zapata, was able to break away from the car and took re- fuge under a house. Inspecting the bullet-rid- den car, the PC found a .22 caliber pistol and a blood- story, retired artillery Col. Enrique R. Alpaño, whom the appellate court re- stored to his old position as receiver of the park pend- ing the appeal of the deci- sion in a case between its owner and its developer, but found his old office gone — papers, furniture and personnel — yesterday. All he got was an expla- nation from Atty. Jose Pe- ñas, counsel for the park owner, Mrs. Irene P. Ma- riano, that Alpaño had no- thing to take over, because nothing had been turned over to him. In a resolution dated No- vember 24, last Monday, the Court of Appeals ap- pointed the colonel the re- ceiver of the park, "effec- tive immediately", after his receiver's bond of P50,000 was approved. He was first appointed receiver when the case was pending trial in the Cr'l. After Mrs. Mariano won the decision in the trial court, and while it was pending appeal, Judge Delfin Vir. Sunga or- dered the immediate exe- cution of the decision pre- sented by Judge Rolando Delucio then took over from Alpaño as receiver. Recently, however, the Court of Appeals annulled Sunga's order and restored Alpaño as receiver. The park is still there, but Alpaño is still looking for his office. **Boo-boo causes ...** (From page 1) Nena Rustia Ibasco, the

soaked hand grenade. Also found in the pocket of the dead Lee was a note in- structing a "Kasama" to bring a car to Pasacao and "looking forward to your usual support." (This note, it was said, was handed to Lee earlier that day at a Naga billiard hall.) Information given by Commander Nandy to the PC after the incident said that "Commander Lito left the grenade and the gun with Bert but did not go with the car any more be- cause there was a strange woman (Mila) in the car." Villanueva's narration of the incident appeared to indicate that the slain Lee had connections with the NPAs. On this, he twice- told the Balalong that the incident was not a case of mistaken identity. Investigations by the Ba- lalong showed that Aynera, the driver, is presently confined at the CSur provincial hospital after doc- tors extracted two bullet slugs at his back. Three persons — Mila de Leon, Rolando Zapata and Josefina Agna — have given statements to the PC, which statements were sworn under oath before City Fiscal Julian Ocampo III. Both the statements of Mila and Zapata narrated their picnic trip to Pasa- cao beach up to the shoot- ing at San Fernando town. Agna stated that she owns the Minica driven by Ayne- ra. The telegrams of Mrs. Lee to the President and Enrile bore the same mes- sage. It said: "In behalf my suddenly orphaned five children, eld- est only 11 years old we urgently pray your Excel- lency please direct impar- tial investigation of killing of my husband Naga busi- nessman Lazaro Lee by constabulary soldiers in Poblacion of San Fernando Cam. Sur November 24th Monday while he and friends were riding Minica car bound for Naga city Stop Eyewitness Mila de P56-M for '81