

Editor's Notes

This issue features articles on various concerns of contemporary public administration. The first two articles pertain to the difficulties encountered by the administrative system in Third World nations that are in periods of transition or periods of uncertainty. In his article, "Social Services Policy in the Transition State: The Agenda of Social Reform in the Philippines," Danilo R. Reyes tackles the issue of reordering priorities in transition states, which are usually preoccupied with normalization and stabilization of social conditions. Consequently, Reyes argues, the implementation of relevant social services policies are relegated to the background of the state's agenda. Dele Olowu's piece on "The Environment of Nigerian Public Administration in a Period of Uncertainty" examines various factors in the Nigerian environment which contribute to the complexity of running the affairs of government. These include social, political and economic uncertainties in the environment.

The third article concerns the composition of the 48-person 1986 Constitutional Commission appointed by President Corazon C. Aquino to draft a constitution within the general context of the Philippines' transition efforts from dictatorship to democracy. Entitled "Socio-Demographic Profile of the Members of the 1986 Constitutional Commission," the article zeroes in on the representativeness of the Constitutional Commission. The collective characteristics of the members are correlated, among other things, with the issue of their reflectiveness of the Filipino people's sentiments and aspirations.

Manuel A. Caoili's article on Philippine Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon contributes to the general literature on the study of the presidency and executive leadership. His thoroughly researched article "Quezon and His Business Friends: Notes on the Origins of Philippine National Capitalism" is indeed a welcome contribution to the dearth of indigenous written materials reexamining the Quezon presidency. It likewise sheds light on the historical origins of what is known in contemporary Philippine politics as "cronyism."

Finally, we are publishing Victoria A. Bautista's well written article on "The Steps in Conducting Evaluation Research." This article will be most useful for all students of research methodology.