

Woman takes Philippine post here



Julia L. Palarca

By SALLY GENE MAHONEY

A career foreign-service officer of nearly 30 years has taken over the top post here in the Philippines' consulate-general.

The new officer is Miss Julia L. Palarca, who has come to the United States after three years as assistant secretary for cultural affairs in that country's Department of Foreign Affairs.

She succeeds another woman in the job here, Consuelo Arranz, whose new assignment will be in Brazil.

While the new Philippine representative can talk knowledgeably on such items as literacy and family planning in her country, she also is well versed on the official posture regarding the martial law that Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos has declared.

"THERE WAS a climate of insurrection in the Philippines," she said, "which improved considerably with the imposition of martial law last September.

"It is hard for Americans to accept martial law — you have grown up in a different climate. We were heading toward anarchy ... there was a breakdown of law and order ... there was a breakdown of family life."

She attributed the "climate of insurrection" to

"subversive elements" supported by "outside sources," but she would not name the sources. She said the "infiltration of subversion was at all levels ... especially in the news media."

"This is a unique kind of martial law," she continued. "The constitutional government is still in power, and the military profile is very low."

OTHER COMMENTS included:

On official corruption: "I would not say that there is a great deal of corruption (in the Philippine government)."

On uprisings in the provinces: "They are sporadic. I would call them 'disturbances,' not 'rebellions.' The majority are land disputes ... we have a good land-reform program. All land owners with more than 100 hectares (about 250 acres) had to participate (they were paid for their land) ... eventually there will be about 7 hectares a family."

On literacy: "Illiteracy is no problem ... All Philippine families want to educate their children."

On overpopulation: "Yes, overpopulation is a problem. We have family-planning programs, sponsored by the government. While the greatest number of the

people are Catholic, we have no problem there at all ..."

MISS PALARCA'S father, Sisenando Palarca, 86, a former congressman and attorney, came here with her, as did her sister, Dr. Emilia Palarca, a pediatrician.

Another sister is a cardiologist in New Jersey, and a brother is a judge in the Philippines.

Miss Palarca began her career as a journalist (she holds a journalism degree

and a masters in English, both with honors, from Santo Tomas University), and she did work on a doctoral degree in creative writing at both the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University.

She served previously in this country as vice consul in San Francisco, and as first secretary and consul general of the Philippine embassy in Washington, D. C. Her other assignments were in Korea and, much of the time, in Manila.

Offensive ad blamed on mixup

The city's Department of Human Rights ran an advertisement in the March 26 issue of Time magazine urging employers to improve their minority-hiring efforts.

But it backfired when local feminists complained to the department that the ad depicted seven men (one black) and no women, and that the copy stated, "Would you stifle a promising man by reasoning that your white employees would not like to be supervised by him?"

"What about a promising woman?" asked Carol Riddell in a letter written on behalf of 11 member groups of the local Feminist Coordinating Council.

It was all a misunderstanding, according to the department's public-information officer, Lois Fleming. She responded to the council in the absence of Philip Hayasaka, department director, who yesterday concurred in her explanation.

There was a "mix-up in

type plates," she said, and the copy should have read, "Would you stifle a promising person by reasoning that your white employees would not like to be supervised by a minority?"

As for the all-male photo in the ad, Ms. Fleming said, "What we tried to convey ... is that something is wrong with the situation portrayed in the photo."

The line under the ad said "Certainly, we're an equal-opportunity employer," which Ms. Fleming said was intended ironically — that is, to imply that hiring one black male "is not an adequate response to the problem of employment discrimination."

"Just as obvious (as) that women were absent," she went on, "was that Asians, Chicanos and Indians were excluded."

Hayasaka explained that Time ran the ad free of charge as a public service, although the department paid a consulting firm, Urban Systems of Seattle, to prepare it.



The marriage of Janet Elizabeth Williams and John Gregory Overmier took place April 14 in the Bothell First Lutheran Church. The bride, a graduate of the University of Washington, is the daughter of Mrs. James A. McLeod of Bothell and Gerald Williams. Overmier, son of John W. Overmier of Marysville and Mrs. Delores DeGraw, graduated from Western Washington State College.

Kristine Lynne Lord and Steven I. Ben were married April 14 at the Sea-Tac Holiday Inn. District Court Judge Anthony Wartnik officiated. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lord and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ben.

Janet Gardner is married

Janet L. Gardner became the bride of Benjamin C. Kirby March 31 in the Rainier Beach Methodist Church.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Gardner, attended Highline Community College.

Kirby is the son of Mrs. of Mrs. W. C. Kirby of Helena, Mont., and the late Mr. Kirby.

Fla., Ohio reject amendment

Associated Press

Two more states — Florida and Ohio — this week rejected the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

A committee of the Ohio Senate yesterday turned down the proposed amendment by a 6 to 3 vote. The vote came three weeks after the Ohio House approved it by a 56 to 40 vote.

The proposed amendment could be brought back before the Ohio Senate's Financial Institutions, Insurance and Elections Committee during the present legislative session on a motion to reconsider by a committee member who voted against the E. R. A. But the chairman, Stanley J. Aronoff, said this was unlikely.

The Florida House of Representatives turned down the amendment on a 64 to 54 vote Tuesday. It previously had been killed in the Florida Senate by committee.

Thirty states have approved the amendment since Congress passed it on March 22, 1972, but one of them, Nebraska, has attempted to rescind its approval, a move which is doubtful legally. The amendment needs ratification by a total of 38 states to take effect.

McGovern rebuked by women's caucus

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The National Women's Political Caucus has condemned Senator George McGovern for advocating repeal of a Democratic Party rule that brought more women and minorities as delegates to the 1972 convention than at any other time in party history.

"I was confused and dismayed to learn of your recommendations to the charter commission of the Democratic Party," the caucus chairwoman, Sissy Farenthold, wrote the South Dakota senator this week.

"How pitiable is the state of the party that you should suggest the removal of the delegate - selection guideline calling for women, youth and minorities to be represented at conventions 'in reasonable relationship to their presence in the population.'"

Ms. Farenthold said the Mikulski commission is re-examining the guidelines to make changes, if needed, "so that the concept of fair representation is not used

as a narrowly applied quota system."

McGovern presided over the reform commission that drew up the 1972 convention-delegate selection guidelines, which generally were credited with helping him win the party's presidential nomination.

Ms. Farenthold campaigned for McGovern as one of his top women advisers during the presidential race. The criticism of McGovern was one of her first public actions since her election in February as chairwoman of the caucus.

She said the caucus worked hard to open up the Democratic Party in 1971 and 1972 and the members restated their commitment to "affirmative action" at the coming national convention in Houston.

"Affirmative action can only be an effective tool, however, when it is backed up by a standard or guideline for judging results," Ms. Farenthold told McGovern.

Times extended to enter Daisy Doubles tourney

If you were planning to participate in the Daisy Doubles tennis tournament, to be held May 7 for the benefit of the Child Hearing League, there still is time to register.

The deadline has been extended to April 25. The tournament will be held at five tennis facilities in the area. It is a doubles tournament for women of all gradations of skill, and the entry fee includes play, a luncheon and a fashion show afterward. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. John Duffy, Mrs. Tom Mansker and Mrs. Robert Aber of Edmonds.

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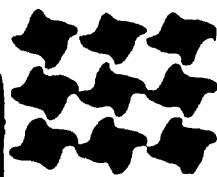
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