

The NBI and YOU

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FUNCTIONS OF THE NBI

The National Bureau of Investigation has a three-fold function. It is the only institution which acts as an investigative, service and research agency of the government. In its investigative functions, it handles complaints against persons involved in crime or in administrative and civil cases where the government has an interest, referred to it by the Secretary of Justice and/or the Office of the President. In its service function, it renders technical assistance to the different law enforcement and prosecuting agencies of the government, including the courts. The NBI is also a research agency under the law of its creation and in the performance of this function, it renders research on scientific crime detection and investigation, including the prevention and treatment of offenders.

Criminal complaints with the NBI may be made in writing or in person and where there is urgency and great distance, by telephone or telegram or even by the use of the radiophone services in each regional and sub-office upon prior approval of the Agent-in-Charge of the office concerned. If the victim or his relatives complain to the office personally, they are required to fill in a complaint sheet form at the Complaints and Processing Unit which among others state the name and address of the complainant, name and address of the persons complained of, nature of the act complained of, when and where committed, victims, if any, their addresses, the circum-

stances surrounding the act complained of, etc... If the complaint relates to a missing person, we require the complainant to fill in a missing person form which contains among others the name of the missing person and his address, the complainant, his address and relation to missing person, when missing person was last seen and where, date and cause of disappearance, circumstances surrounding the disappearance, name of police agency to which reported, if any, and the personal description of the missing person as to age, weight, height, build, hair, eyes, complexion, nationality, occupation, scars, moles, or other distinguishing features, and fingerprint classification, if any. In receiving complaints, the NBI has adopted a policy that when a particular case is already reported to the police authorities in the locality where the crime was committed or to the PC, the Bureau comes in only to render technical assistance unless the crime is a serious one and of urgent importance and the circumstances of the case demand that the NBI take a hand. Otherwise the NBI does not ordinarily come in, including cases which are minor in character and usually estafa cases where the presence of a powerful syndicate or repeated commission with impunity is not present. The reason behind this is that the NBI spends a lot of money investigating these cases only to be dropped at the instance of the complainants, thereby converting the NBI into a mere collection agency. More-

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over, the lack of investigative personnel has required this policy.

But the most sought after function of the Bureau is the giving of service or technical assistance to the different police agencies in the country, including prosecuting agencies and the courts. Under this function also falls the training of a representative number of police in each city or municipality on the latest methods of scientific crime detection and investigation. To carry out this function, the NBI saw the need of putting up an adequate crime laboratory and a training division for the instruction of policemen. The nature of technical assistance rendered are medico-legal, like the determination of the cause of death or nature

of injuries sustained, etc.; forensic chemistry, like paraffin tests and the determination of poison in foods or the body, and the like; ballistics, like the determination of caliber of bullets and weapons used, etc.; questioned documents, like the determination of the authorship and authenticity of questioned documents, forgeries, etc.; photography, like the interpretation and identification of photographs, aerial and terrestrial, etc.; clearance, identification, and records, like fingerprint identification for purposes of identity, derogatory records of persons, clearance, etc.; narcotics, like requests for the apprehension, treatment and rehabilitation of dope ad-

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Newly installed officers of Bulusan Lodge No. 38. L to R, front row: Susano Detera, JD; Pedro Sta. Ana, Chaplain; Bartolome Frayna, Treas.; Ireneo Escandor, SW; Pedro F. Gomez, WM; Luis Laurenaria, JW; Estanislao Gabarda, Secretary; Mario Tajatala, SS; Teodolfo Fresnido, JS. Second row: Lee King Yek, SD; Timoteo Mendoza, Almoner; Ramon Gregorio, Orator; Edgar Fajardo, Auditor; Emiliano Vida, Organist; Azarias Zayco, Historian and Dioscoro Ramos, Tyler.

Girls, Bethels of Job's Daughters, Order of DeMolay for Boys" among his legatees. Other legatees named are the Supreme Council, Children's Garden in Taytay, Rizal, South Manila Branch of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society, the Union Church in Makati, the Magill Memorial Church in Lucena City and the Bewley Chapel in Greenville, Tennessee.

MW Bewley named his only daughter, Mrs. Virginia Bewley Geeslin, executrix of the will which left a portion of his estate to his three grandsons: Conrad, Keith and Philip Geeslin and a sister, Irene Bewley, who lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

FAMILIAR WITH TECHNIQUES

By Exequiel S. Molina

There are many ways of saying farewell and Jerry Dadap's way was as novel as it was musical.

Leaving shortly for the United States on a Music Promotion Foundation grant, Dadap and his compositions were the main attractions at a farewell concert Tuesday evening at the Philamlife auditorium.

The concert opened with Symphony No. 2 (Enfant Terrible), performed for the first time on the concert stage.

The symphony, as described by the program notes, shows Mr. Dadap's "deepening preoccupation with absolute music, which result is the gain for the sparse Philippine symphonic literature."

The dictionary defines *enfant terrible* as "an unmanageable, mischievous child." Judging from the huge, blocks of sound that keep on colliding and the constant juxtaposition of atonal, polyrhythmic phrases, the choice of the symphony's subtitles does seem apt, indeed.

The second number, Song Cycle for Baritone and Orchestra featured

Mr. Gregorio as soloist. The interplay between the baritone voice and the strings and woodwinds of the orchestra was deftly woven by Mr. Dadap who was also the conductor.

The concert closed with Primeval Symphony No. 1, an earlier Dadap composition. Strongly percussive and rhythmic, the three-movement work reflects Mr. Dadap's familiarity with the techniques of the contemporary idiom.

It is our hope that his trip to the United States to observe contemporary creative trends and his continuing involvement, not only in music and the related arts, but life in general, will help season him into a more matured, more astute composer.

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(Jerry A. Dadap, a JASC senior DeMolay was awarded the Distinguished Service Award Sept. 1965 for meritorious service both in and outside of DeMolay. He is also known in DeMolayland as the composer of the DeMolay Hymn. ed.)



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dicts, identification of narcotics, etc.; and others.

Private persons may also avail themselves of our medico-legal services for the determination of the cause of death (autopsy), medico-legal examinations in cases of rape and other sex offenses, cases of suspected poisoning, and the like, which constitute the bulk of the services of the medico-legal division. We hope that with the passage of the new budget, the NBI will be able to hire more investigative agents and technical men and expand its essential services to the greater mass of our people, especially those in the rural areas. ▲