

# NUNILON C. LIVELO

## And His Moments Of DECISION

**A**T some time or another, one faces a moment of decision—to compromise, or to stand firm on what he thinks is right.

To Nunilon C. LiveLO, accounting supervisor, his refusal to compromise on what is right came at a time when he was a high school student in his hometown in Imus, Cavite. During a break in study period, some of Noli's classmates pulled a prank which displeased one of the teachers. Somehow, Noli was mistakenly identified among the culprits.

At the confrontation, all except Noli admitted participation. It became a matter of Noli's word against the teacher—he faced a moment of decision: whether to compromise and let things be forgiven and forgotten, or stand firm on his innocence. He chose not to compromise, even though it meant transferring to another school.

And like the man who once said, "I'd rather be right, than President," Noli preferred to continue schooling in Manila, away from his boyhood chums.

There were subsequent moments of decision Noli faced like the matter of selecting his profession. At times of self-reflection, Noli oftentimes wonders how he would have fared had he decided to become an engineer instead of an accountant.

"My choice narrowed between Engineering and Commerce. I was told that engineering classes were longer, involving laboratory work on Saturdays and Sundays. Since I was deeply interested in sports and needed sufficient time to participate in athletics, I enrolled in Commerce so as to have my weekends free," he explains.

After graduation, he took the government examinations for Certified Public Accountants. Simultaneously, he took an employment test at the Philippine National Bank. He passed both, and his high mark in the PNB test was his passport to employment.

Part of his training was assignment to provincial branches, an experience which served him well when he was appointed head of PNB's agency at Ilagan, Isabela. Much later, he was transferred to the Trece Martires City agency in Cavite. Activity was slow in the newly-created city and he was getting into a rut. Noli faced another moment of decision.

Not content with a job that offered no challenge, he quit and joined Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Co., Certified Public Accountants. He was with this firm when he learned of the opportunities at Getty Oil. It was also about that time he decided to settle down. He married a long-time sweetheart, and the couple now has four children: Felino (coined from Fe and Noli); Glen (who was born the year John Glen orbited the earth); Dennis, and Sandra, the only daughter and easily the family's favorite.

At 37, Noli displays remarkable enthusiasm, although he admits he has his share of responsibility problems.

Since he joined Getty Oil in 1957, Noli has been thoroughly exposed to the Company's various accounting work, earning promotions to positions of responsibility. Just before his appointment as accounting supervisor, he was a junior auditor.

"I consider my position not merely a job, but a career," he emphasized. "I find within it the potentials of career development. Opportunities for self-improvement are evident—in fact many can testify to the benefits they obtained from professional development seminars they attended under Company sponsorship." Noli himself is active in professional circles, particularly in the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

Thirteen years of service provide sufficient evidence that Noli likes working with the Company—a decision he does not regret having made.