

## EDITOR'S NOTE

For the past two years of its existence, the *Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao* (UGAT), Inc. (Anthropological Association of the Philippines) has been holding national conferences with the end in view of providing anthropologists from all over the country with a venue for interaction. The first national conference held at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños from April 14 to 16, 1978 had "Philippine Anthropology Today" for its theme. The fifteen papers presented during that conference sought to take stock of what anthropologists have done so far in the field of Philippine Anthropology, both in teaching and in research.

The second conference held at the University of the Philippines, College Baguio from April 22 to 24, 1979 advanced beyond the exploratory stage of the first conference and had for its theme: "The Power of Anthropology in Development: Dialogue Among Developers." The conference objectives were: 1) to bring together representatives from the academe, government, private sector and communities to dialogue on development problems; 2) to take stock of what anthropology has contributed to the analysis and solution of development problems in the Philippines; and 3) to outline a research-cum-action agenda for applied anthropology so that anthropology with its scientific and humanist perspective might be better harnessed in the service of the Filipino people. In line with these objectives representatives from the four sectors — academe, government, private and community — were invited to attend the conference. The problems that have resulted from the plans to develop the Chico River basin and the upland areas of Abra became the foci of discussion during the conference.

Gabriel Y. Itchon, President of the National Power Corporation and Joseph Aiabanza, NEDA Director for Region I spoke for the governmental agencies. Joanna Cariño, Jessica Cariño, and Geoffrey Nettleton compiled the situation report on the Chico River Basin Development Project (CRBDP), while Richard Dorral did the report on the Cellophil and the Tinggian problem. Social scientists and representatives from both Kalinga-Apayao and Tinggian communities, who attended the conference, were given the chance to react to the papers read.

Related cases which were also discussed during the conference dealt with the Mangyans of Mindoro and the Badjaos of Metro Cebu and Bantayan Islands. Violeta Lopez read a paper on the Mangyans, and Zenaida Uy and Mary Evelyn Neri on the Badjaos. Dolores Recio also read a paper on the "Uses of Physical Anthropology," and Araceli Hidalgo on "Linguistic Anthropology and the National Language Problem."

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