

Editor's Note

The papers in this Special Number attempt to grapple with concepts and issues that have fueled a lot of provocative discussions among public administration scholars in the Philippines and elsewhere. Danilo Reyes' "Identity Crisis in Public Administration Revisited: Some Definitional Issues and the Philippine Setting" and Carolina Guina's "The Concept of Man in Kirkhart's Consociated Model: A Phenomenological Existential Approach" were both originally presented and discussed in different classes on Administrative Theory in the College of Public Administration, University of the Philippines. Reyes' paper was later represented in a seminar for faculty, staff and students in connection with the celebration of Graduation Week. Meanwhile, Guina's work was circulated as an *Occasional Paper*, a device the Editorial Board has used as another vehicle for eliciting comments prior to publication.

Two other papers were first presented in other countries. Ma. Concepcion P. Alfiler's "Administrative Accessibility: Towards the Operationalization of a Concept" was originally submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Diploma in Development Administration at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands. Like the earlier papers mentioned, Alfiler's contribution has been used in class discussions and has received comments therefrom. Sri Tharan's "Systems Corruption and the New Economic Policy," on the other hand, was presented at a seminar at the Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya. Because the College has a continuing interest in the theoretical study of graft and corruption, this paper has also stimulated discussions particularly among the members of the "Bureaucratic Behavior and Development" Philippine team which will be presenting findings from their own empirical study on the subject in a forthcoming double issue of the *Journal* (Vol. XXIII, Nos. 3 & 4, July-October, 1979).

The preceding papers deal primarily with concepts and relationships. Guina's is the transition point in that she puts forward a concept relying largely on the formulation of Larry Kirkhart's. The last two papers focus on particular scholars' contributions to the discipline. R. Stephen Milne's "Riggs in Retrospect" was originally presented in a lively seminar attended by faculty and staff of the College where Fred Riggs had served, more than two decades before, as a visiting professor. Finally, George M. Guess' "V.S. Naipaul and Development Administration" presents another writer who is less known in the Philippines but whose works prove quite relevant in understanding and analyzing public administration in the Third World.

The publication of this issue has been delayed and articles written beyond the date (January 1979) have been accepted.