

# Editors' Notes

The focal point of this issue is Bureaucratic Corruption. Three of the papers in this edition were originally presented at the Third International Conference on Ethics in the Public Service with the theme "Corruption in a Changing World: Comparisons, Theories, and Controlling Strategies." It was held on 6-11 June 1993 in Jerusalem, Israel. The fourth article also deals with the same subject matter but describing Philippine conditions.

The first article by Gerald E. Caiden and Naomi J. Caiden entitled "Administrative Corruption (1977) Revisited" deals with a subject they had first tackled together 17 years ago. Convinced more than ever that corruption is systemic and not adequately covered by revisionists, they posit several points they could have stated more forcefully the first time around.

The second article by Jack Man Keung Lo entitled "Bureaucratic Corruption in China during the Reform Era: Current Issues and Future Decisions" gives us a bird's eyeview of the conditions present within the Chinese bureaucracy including administrative, ideological, and legal constraints. Also discussed are the means used by the Chinese government to counter corruption.

The third article by Victor T. Le Vine entitled "Role Ambiguity and Corruption: Bureaucrat and Apparatchik in African Political Systems" discusses the predominant quandary faced by certain persons within African bureaucracies, particularly the conflict between their roles as public servants and as apparatchiki. Thus: whose interest are they going to serve — that of their government, their party, or both?

The fourth article by Dolores L. Gaffud, entitled "The Employee Union as an Anti-Corruption Instrument," is part of a bigger study on "Bureaucracy and Public Accountability in a Redemocratizing Society" funded by the Philippine National Science Society (now National Research Council of the Philippines) whose support is hereby acknowledged. The article deals with a novel weapon for attacking corruption in a Philippine public enterprise, and its trials and successes as it dedicated itself into this effort.

"Learning Ethics from a Man of Ethics," a review by Proserpina Domingo-Tapales of the book of former Senate President Jovito R. Salonga, *Ethics in Politics: Three Lectures*, is included in this special issue on Bureaucratic Corruption.

An addition to this special issue is a Documents Section. Shown are Executive Orders 151 and 151-A. E.O. 151 dated 11 January 1994 creates the Presidential Commission Against Graft and Corruption. E.O. 151-A dated 21 January 1994 amends certain sections of the previous executive order. The Commission deals with graft cases of those allegedly committed by high government officials appointed by the President.

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