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## Editor's Preface

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We begin the year with a double issue to gain time for adjustment to the new format. With the third quarter, *Philippine Studies* will come to you again in single issues.

Felixberto Sta. Maria opens this issue by surveying the field (a small field but there are those that love it) of scholarly publishing in the Philippines — giving our readers a chance to see us in context.

Last year, Carlos Quirino celebrated the centenary of Gomburza by burrowing into the ecclesiastical archives of the archdiocese of Manila, through the kind permission of his eminence, the Cardinal. Quirino found hitherto unpublished documents which reveal that Gomburza were not only martyrs but also priests who did their share of the obscure everyday ministries of that little understood profession.

1972 was also the five hundredth birth year of the Chinese philosopher Wang Yang-ming. Manuel Dy introduces us to a philosopher who shows no sign of his extreme old age. His personal insights into the key notion, *jen*, are still fresh and new, and especially interesting at a time when we are beginning to rediscover our ancient ties with our fellow Asians.

The next two articles deal with religious phenomena in the United States. The Catholic Pentecostal movement has reached our country through the U.S. Amado Cruz' article on American pentecostalism solves no problems, answers no questions with regard to our own pentecostals. But his evaluative survey might suggest the right questions or stimulate fruitful ways of approach as we confront the local phenomenon.

A few years ago, American God-is-dead theology made some

little noise on the local scene. Those who heard that noise might be interested to see from Paul LeMaire's article — he wrote it after a one-year visit to his country — that God did not die. Only the faith of some fell asleep. It is now painfully awakening. And most painful awakenings are a form of wrestling.

A question we often ask ourselves today is: What lies beyond the GNP? For example, in an item by Apolonio Batalla in *Bulletin Today* for November 26, 1972, we read:

For some years, responsible thinkers, who have bothered to look beyond the GNP, have advocated that economic growth should take place side by side with the improvement of the quality of life of the people.

This school of thought assumes — and judiciously — that man is not a mere economic animal, that even as he strives to keep his body together his soul must also be nourished.

One of the "responsible thinkers" alluded to must surely be Ivan Illich. For him, "What lies beyond the GNP?" is a question for all seasons, capable of alarming variations and nuances, stinging him into unsparing, dense attempts to work out answers. We hope that the long article he has kindly contributed might help us at a time when we are pushing ourselves to new creative efforts.

Finally, the gracious scholarship of Doreen Fernandez gifts us with the stillness of ten Hiligaynon poems.

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