

The death of ...
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and freed business to market forces.

Most of all Cory Aquino freed Media for which its practitioners will forever be grateful.

From a deaf-mute ogre in Marcos days, Philippine Media is considered today as one of the freest in the world.

In the seven bloody coups against her, Cory never left Malacanang, ready to die defending the flag from those who wanted a military dictatorship back. When the late Star columnist Beltran accused Cory of hiding under her bed during a coup, she sued him for libel. Courage was Cory's strong suit -soft-spoken and frail she may be.

In her first address to the graduates of the PMA in 1987, Cory said: "Welcome home, my soldiers." And rightly she said that, for soldiers salute courage in its rawest form shown in Cory's indomitable fortitude.

Cory Aquino, to her last day, is a story of class. "Just to be

near her gives you a sense of nobility," one close associate said of her.

The 76-year old "Woman in Yellow", described in one of the famous prophetic quatrains of seer Nostradamus, as to overthrow an evil regime- has been 1986 Woman of the Year of Time Magazine and a Nobel Prize Nominee who also received 16 doctorates (honoris causa) from sixteen universities in many countries.

Even after her presidency, Cory Aquino did NGO work to empower the poor. When term extensions for FVR and GMA reared their ugly heads, Cory snaked out of retirement to say her piece.

"The country has lost a National Treasure" says President GMA. "A world-renowned advocate of democracy, peace, women's empowerment and religious piety," BBC News was quoted.

Cory is one of "the most trusted persons the nation has known" and certainly has been the one person prayed for by most Filipinos in this century. She was laid to rest on Wednesday

day -in funeral rites that eclipsed the one million adoring followers that escorted her Ninoy to his grave.

It will take a long time before this nation will again find a person of such "honor, honesty, humility and prayer." In her death, she will loom larger than life and her legacy for freedom will be forever.

In the US Congress, Cory so proudly declared on her democracy. "Three years ago, I left America to bury Ninoy to his grave. Three years after, I am back in America as a president of a free nation," to the thunderous applause and tears of all.

In the twilight of her life Cory still spoke to the nation in these paraphrased words: I have done my share for our country. If you think you have not, do it now."

Cory Aquino, patriot and icon of democracy will remain in our hearts. Salamat nang marami, Tita Cory.

Leading is ...

(Cimagala) *From page 8*

his children. We cannot be, we cannot think, speak and act without God.

And thus, we cannot lead unless it is done to follow God's will. To lead is, first of all, a matter of knowing God and his will. It cannot simply be a personal exercise using one's own resources.

We have to understand this reality well. We have to find a way so we can be conscious of it all the time, and make it the principle of our thoughts, words and action.

As a corollary to this, we have to realize that we cannot be truly free unless that freedom is understood as an expression of our obedience to God. Freedom and obedience are an inseparable couple, otherwise neither one without the other would be genuine.

Our freedom is never self-generated. It is something created, an essential part of the gift God gives us, and thus it should be exercised in reference to God's laws. It would be absurd to think of it as simply coming from us in some spontaneous way. It has to come from somewhere.

Our freedom, and everything related to it—our pursuit for the true, good and beautiful, our quest for creativity, originality and authenticity, etc.—can not stand without their proper foundation. They cannot be an anything-goes free-lancer. They need a point of reference.

Which brings us to the point at issue. If we look at our current crop of leaders, especially in the political field, we can readily see a kind of leadership that appears to be out of a God-centered orbit.

For many leaders, their power and authority is understood mainly as a product of their own making—their cleverness, their vast resources, their popularity, etc.

Leadership is deemed as a purely human affair, with a good amount of luck put in. It is hardly seen now as a participation of the power and authority of God. I

Thus, it is not used the way Christ showed it. Instead of humility to serve, there is the tendency to lord it over and to have one's authority felt by others. Instead of going to the extent of dying for the others, the criterion used to see if one is a leader is whether he has the so-called "killer instinct."

Sadly, this kind of leadership is now exercised not only in some temporal matters, where a certain autonomy reigns and thus are open to different, legitimate opinions. It's used in areas that are in open conflict to God's laws, as can be seen in the life issues of abortion, contraception, etc.

Unless drastic changes are made, this kind of leading can only bring us to the pits.



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	1:50 PM		11:35 AM
	3:35 PM		4:10 PM
	6:00 PM		5:30 PM
CEBU-DUMAGUETE (via-tag)	6:00 AM	DUMAGUETE-CEBU (via-tag)	7:30 AM
	3:35 PM		2:20 PM
CEBU-DAPITAN (via-tag & dum)	6:00 AM	DAPITAN-CEBU (via-dum & tag)	12:20 PM
CEBU-SIQUIJOR (via-tag & dum)	3:35 PM	SIQUIJOR-CEBU (via-dum & tag)	6:00 AM
DUMAGUETE-DAPITAN	10:00 AM	DAPITAN-DUMAGUETE	12:20 PM
DUMAGUETE-SIQUIJOR	7:40 PM	SIQUIJOR-DUMAGUETE	6:00 AM
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TAGBILARAN-DAPITAN (via-dum)	8:00 AM	DAPITAN-TAGBILARAN (via-dum)	12:20 PM
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To those I love ...

(Catan) *From page 6*

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and "Welcome Home."



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