

bases the U.S. maintain in the Philippines.

The lease on the bases expires in 1991 and President Aquino has refused to publicly state her stand on whether or not she supports renewal of the agreement. The Philippines will start talks with Washington next year on the future of the six US bases in the country.

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## Friendship library inaugural

SAN FRANCISCO — For years a lack of books on the Philippines, books by Filipino authors, books about Filipinos, and poetry by Philippine poets, have been a sore point with Filipiniana bibliophiles.

That is about to change next week. On Dec. 30, over 500 volumes donated by Manila members of the San Francisco-Manila Sister City Friendship Committee, will be inaugurated

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# Poll campaign killings go on

MANILA — The election campaign death toll continues to climb with the killings of more candidates and their political leaders around the country the past week.

The latest victim of assassins' bullets in the escalating pre-election violence was lawyer Valeriano Layug, a candidate for mayor of Guagua, Pampanga, who was running under President Aquino's coalition PDP-Laban banner.

Layug, who was a former mayor of Guagua, was reported conducting a house-to-house campaign in barangay Natividad when he was shot at close range by three men armed with rifles and pistols last Dec. 15, at 5:10 p.m.

On the same day, political leader Ramon Marino was gunned down while campaigning in Sitio Bagumbong, Jala-Jala in Rizal province. Marino was campaigning for Vic Sumulong, Lakas secretary-general and candidate for governor of the province.

The two killings brought to 25

the number of persons killed in election-related violence since the official campaign period started last Dec. 1.

Layug was the second mayoral candidate in Pampanga killed during the current election

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## Arms for Marcos?

NEW YORK CITY — A federal jury in Newark, New Jersey is investigating the possible links of an arms smuggling ring with the deposed president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos.

*Newsweek Magazine*, reporting its Dec. 21 issue, said that U.S. officials believe a cache of arms that was being shipped through the Dominican Republic and Thailand may have been bound for a band of Marcos

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# Friendship

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into the city's collection during ceremonies at the Excelsior Branch Library, 4400 Mission at 5:30 p.m.

The collection includes reference books, novels, autobiographies and even a smattering of works in Tagalog.

The library was chosen for the site of the collection because of its proximity to Filipino neighborhoods in the so-called Manila Triangle which has its base on the southern boundary of San Francisco apexing northward to the heart of the Mission District.

"People forget that the sister city relationship is a two-way street," said Al Repato, Pacific Telesis District Manager and member of the committee.

Earlier, the San Francisco sister city committee members sent a brand-new ambulance and books to Manila and helped sponsor a trade mission.

Plans are also underway for the expansion of the Philippine display at the Asian Art Museum, according to Sister City chair Juan Collas.