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**Rescuers Continue Efforts
To Help Victims; Dead - 15**

Mayor Appeals For Aid

Fifteen persons were confirmed dead while 31 were injured in separate landslides that hit the city last Friday and yesterday morning.



Mayor LARDIZABAL

Out of the fatalities, 12 are victims of a big landslide at Aurora Hill where 50 persons are believed still under a mass of soil and wrecked houses.

One fatality was reported at a landslide at the Hilltop Market area near the Hangar Building and two more persons were killed in another slide at the entrance of P. Burgos street.

Confirmed dead by the police at the Aurora Hill landslide were Samuel Pelles, a radio announcer and his wife, Pilar Pelles and her baby, Sylvia Liberado, also pregnant; Marina Coronía, 16; Monica Coronía, 20; Catalino Coronía, 12; Chiryl Supnet, 3 months old; Boy Acosta, 3; a still unidentified girl about eight years old and two women, between 36 and 40 years old whose bodies were recovered at about 11:25 last night.

Killed at the Hilltop Market landslide was Engr. George Pecua, a private contractor. The fatalities at the P. Burgos St. were Marcelo Espinueva and a still unidentified person.

Injured as of press time at the Aurora Hill landslide are the following who are confined in different hospitals:

Baguio General Hospital — Ruben Mendoza, 4; Clarita Munar, 27; Carmen Mina, 25; Teresita Medina, 17; Jose David, 19; and Constancio Medina, 61;

Notre Dame — Nieves Mendoza, 29; Reynaldo Mendoza, 6; and

Emily Mendoza, 4; Pines City Doctors Hospital — Jess Ercillo, 23; Eduardo Supnet, 24; Teresita Camacho, 17; Letecia Liberado, 15; Lito Liberado, 13; Bien Coloma, 24; and Alfonso Gamboa, 19;

Filipino-Chinese General Hospital — Hermogenes Tumanan, 32; Lani Tumanan, 6; Alfonso Ramos, 24; Severino Coronía, 17; Salvacion Flores, 27; Corozon Supnet, 20 and Aurea Supnet, 44.

Four others were sent home because they sustained minor injuries. They were identified as Teresita Manalac, 21; Matia Medina, 56; Cristina Manalac, 15 and Elizabeth Felizarte, 19.

Injured at the Hilltop slide were identified as Ludy Garcia Marasigan, 23; Roy Fagayon, 22; Godofredo Maglaya, 23; and Pedro de la Cruz, 28, who were all rushed to the BGH.

Those injured at the P. Burgos slide were identified by police as Silvestre Uyan, 21; Wilbert Yamoyam, 18; and Engr. Vivencio David, all confined at the PCDH.

Reported missing at the Aurora Hill disaster were Prescilla Tumanan and a child identified as Liza; Julia Dizon, Paquito Dizon. Reportedly trapped and believed dead are Fely Acosta, Eddie Acosta and two more children and a maid; Mr. and Mrs. D. Honorita and daughter; 15 occupants of House No. 102 located along Rimando Road and some 15 occupants of other houses that fell down the slope.

It came all too sudden, according to witnesses, who also heard the houses crumble down the creek "train-like." From the road cut at Rimando street and two houses away is the house of Rep. Andres Cosalan. A four-story house along Rimando street first fell cutting a path that wrecked seven other houses along its way.

The landslide at Aurora Hill is considered the worst in the history of Baguio.

Rescue teams from John Hay, miners from Benguet Consolidated, Black Mountain, Philex and Benguet Exploration, ROTC volunteers from the local colleges and universities, police and fire department, the DIRECT and doctors combined their efforts to rescue the trapped victims.

Mayor Luis L. Lardizabal, although down with intestinal flu, directed and supervised the rescue

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operations from morning to 7:30 last night.

The scene became a show for others and police had to establish checkpoints leading to the area to prevent congestion by onlookers and curious persons.

At Camp Allen, the house of Gen. Felizardo Tanabe crumbled down the slope. It has been hanging since last week.

President Ferdinand E. Marcos last Thursday morning promised he will send aid to the city.

The President made the promise in a talk with Mayor Luis L. Lardizabal over the micro-wave facilities of RMN's dwHB and IBC's Channel 13.

Mayor Lardizabal reported to the President about the extensive damages in the city and the need for help specially for medicines, food, equipment and calamity funds.

The mayor informed the President that several persons were killed as a result of landslides, houses destroyed or abandoned, 11 roads closed and foodstuffs were running out. He added that a total of 1,396 of gastro enteritis and respiratory diseases with 18 deaths were reported by the local health department.

President Marcos directed Secretary of Health Gatmaitan to give any available transportation to City Health Officer Josefina Gorsepe who is stranded in Mani-

la with medicines.

Last night, Mayor Lardizabal again appealed to Malacañang for help thru the facilities of RMN IBC.

Executive Assistant Reyes authorized the mayor to use any public building in the city for evacuation of victims while Education Secretary Juan Manuel directed Mr. Fernandez of Teachers Camp to open the Teachers Camp buildings for the evacuees. The education department last night was seriously considering the request of Mayor Lardizabal for a suspension of classes in both the public and private schools.