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Nathanielz is relieved



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Two American veterans of World War II have come out with their own affidavits to debunk claims by other Filipino guerrillas that President Marcos is a "fake hero and impostor."

The two, members of a commando unit which saw action in the fierce Filipino-American campaign against the Japanese in Bataan

BY PDP-LABAN

FM state visit evaluated

President Marcos is back from his state visit to the United States, labelled a mission of friends. Was the trip successful?

It depends, if the purpose of the trip was purely the personal aggrandizement of Mr. Marcos, then, yes, we may call the trip a success.

President Reagan welcomed Mr. Marcos at the south lawn of the White House in the morning of September 16, 1982. On the same evening, he presided at a state dinner in his honor at the Rose Garden of the

First of a series
Following is the first of a three-part series on the agreement by the Filipino Democratic Party and Labor of the recent state visit of President Marcos to the United States — Editor

White House, a customary gesture for all visiting heads of state. Thereafter Mr. Reagan no longer saw Mr. Marcos. In New York Mr. Marcos was treated to a dinner by the captains of American business and finance, which he has served so well. He was also conferred an hono-

rary degree in sports, by the University of Alabama, home state of that arch conservative and segregationist Gov. Richard Wallace. It is sad commentary on a head of state when at this time of economic difficulties he is honored more for his "contribution" to sports than for his contribution to the growth and development of his country. To honor him drumbeats and in the spirit of charity, we may consider the state visit of Mr. Marcos to the U.S. as bene-

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Residents of the area near Mayhalaga street and Rizal Avenue line up before the only source of potable water — a fire hydrant — during NWSS water interruption.

and Northern Luzon, also denounced retired Col. Remondo Manriquez, 14th Infantry regimental commander, for belittling the war efforts of Marcos, especially in the Mountain Province area with the 14th Infantry. (WE Forum, Oct. 25-26, 1982)

(Jamison's and Guzman's affidavits will be published in full in our next issue—Ed.)

Manriquez, who was President Marcos' commanding officer during the war, was also branded by the two American commando officers as a "coward and a deserter" in their affidavits, copies of which were furnished WE Forum by the Office of Media

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Labor leaders' release sought

The immediate release of 35 labor leaders and workers who were arrested during a recent military crackdown has been sought by their relatives and friends.

Among the labor leaders who are under detention in the PC-IMP stockade at Camp Crame are Felixberto Odala Sr., chairman of the Edifung Mayo Uno (KMU), his secretary general Crispin Beltran, Bonifacio Tapas and Medardo Roda.

In a letter to President Marcos, the relatives and friends of the detained labor leaders and workers said all of them have been under detention for more than one month now on such completely "baseless charges."

"All of them are regular

industrial workers and/or members-officers of duly accredited labor unions engaged in the rightful exercise of their legitimate rights to self-organization, free collective bargaining and other workmen's rights," they said.

They added that being regularly employed workers and sole breadwinners in their respective families, they face the possibility of being dismissed from their jobs and of their families going hungry.

On the continued detention of labor leaders Odala, Beltran, Tapas and Roda, they said it does not speak well of the administration's regard for the rights of labor and its policy of normalization.

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NEWS SCAN

Poll synchronization bucked

Municipal mayors of Pangasinan have opposed government plans to synchronize elections, saying that this will only "create chaos and misunderstanding among the electorate" who elected them for a specific term as mandated by the Constitution.

The Sunday Punch of Dagupan City said that mayors of the first district of Pangasinan are unanimous in their

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Davao drug addicts

By AURELIO A. PEÑA

DAVAO CITY — Despite measures to curb drug abuse here, there are indications that the drug problem may have worsened in this city.

A noted psychiatrist, Dr. Lauren P. San Agustin of the Brookshire Memorial Hospital, lamented that little attention so far has been

given to the drug problem in Davao, it has become an widespread and difficult to control.

"What is happening here is that young people are finding it too easy to get any kind of dangerous drugs from many drugstores in the city."

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Doctors ask FL to act on pay hike

Resident physicians of the Hospital ng Maynila have appealed to the First Lady and Metro Manila Gov. Imelda R. Marcos to place them on the same salary level with national government doctors.

The appeal was contained in a petition addressed to Mrs. Marcos and signed by 62 doctors from the hospital and financed by the city government.

According to the signatories, they had sent an appeal for salary increase four months ago, but no concrete step has been taken on this until now.

They said that based on an executive order issued by President Marcos in May 1982, the salary of national government physicians is from P2,400 to P2,500 a

month.

"It is a sad fact that most of us still receive a monthly pay of less than P1,200, an amount slightly higher than that given to a Metro Manila Aide," they said.

Calling the big difference in pay between national government and city government physicians as a disparity, the doctors said they could not live in dignity since they fail to meet their basic needs.

The new salary scale for national government doctors took effect Jan. 1, 1982.

They asked why only doctors from government hospitals like the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital and Veterans Memorial Medical Center are receiving the adjusted pay.

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A transcript of the debate between the two senators follows.

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SC turns down bid in libel

The Supreme Court, in a recent decision, has dismissed the petition for certiorari and prohibition with preliminary injunction, which was filed by the lawyers of Edilberto E. Bonnal, former assistant vice president and manager of the Philippine National

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Cendaña ousts Nathanielz

By TEDDY B. CECILIO

Information Minister Gregorio S. Cendaña has ousted Romulo Nathanielz as network manager of the Maharlika Broadcasting System (MBS) Channel 4, the government television station.

Nathanielz, the controversial former mayor from Sri Lanka who became a

Filipino by decree, was replaced by former newsmen Rodolfo T. Reyes.

The re-designation of Reyes as network manager was contained in an office memorandum issued by Cendaña last October 24. No reason was cited for Nathanielz'

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Senator Padilla. Mr. President.

The President. The gentleman from Pangasinan and Manila.

Senator Padilla. Will the distinguished young Senator from Tarlac yield to some questions in connection with his privilege speech delivered yesterday?

Senator Aquino. With pleasure.

Senator Padilla. I have no disagreement with Your Honor's proposals for better training and more adequate equipment to control riots in demonstrations that usually start as peaceful, but result in violent demonstrations. I similarly bewail the injuries and especially the deaths that have resulted in these violent demonstrations. I do not justify the so-called, if they so exist, police brutalities and the overwhelming dominance, sometimes, of the power of the military, because I agree that in every situation, even under the principle of self-defense, there must be reasonable necessity of the means employed to prevent or repel an aggression. But my questions, Your Honor, would relate to the so-called student unrest, particularly, the situation in the University of the Philippines. Is it true, Your Honor, that the students who placed barricades had made seven (7) demands which were published in the newspapers yesterday morning?

Senator Aquino. Yes, Mr. President. The demands were presented by Mr. Ericson Baculinao, the President of the Student Directorate or the Student Council.

Senator Padilla. These demands are the immediate rollback on the price of gasoline and oil; the withdrawal of all criminal charges; the immediate ouster of Professor Inocentes Campos; the surrender of the State University radio; free use of the UP printing press; the immediate investigation of the UP security force; and the non-entry of all military personnel and vehicles into the campus. And Ericson Baculinao, UP Student Council President and Chairman of the Provisional Directorate which at present "rules" the university, said that protest classes would also be held for members of "the UP Commune" and other university students.

Now, in Your Honor's opinion, are these demands reasonable prerequisites before the barricades are lifted?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, the reasonableness of the demands do not come in any more into play because another agreement was already entered into between the President of the University and the students. The barricades right now are being removed already. x x x. The barricades, Mr. President, are being removed, I think, today.

Senator Padilla. Well I am happy to hear that. As a matter of fact, I also read some news items this morning to the effect that the barricades will be lifted and that the Quezon City Mayor gave them time up to a certain hour today to lift the barricades. But when Your Honor mentions an agreement, do you agree that basic principles should be subject to the agreement between the UP President and the activists, radicals or rebel students?

PAL pilots pursue threat to strike

Tantuico's stay at COA questioned

In Francisco Tantuico overstay at the Commission on Audit (COA)?

This is the intriguing question bugging the minds of many among the intelligentsia in our community today.

It will be recalled that shortly after the ratification of the new Constitution and the official proclamation of the existence of the new Commission on Audit (replacing the General Auditing Office under the old Constitution),

More than 300 pilots of the Philippine Airlines (PAL) are definitely going to stage a crippling strike on November 11.

This surfaced as hope for the settlement of the strike threat was

dashed after the conciliation meeting scheduled yesterday, October 29, was postponed for today.

The Air Line Pilots' Association of the Philippines (ALPAP), where the PAL pilots belong, filed a strike notice with the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) last October 26 after its demands for im-

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The affidavits executed by Capt. Donald Jamison (ret.) and Lt. Larry Guzman (ret.), two American veterans of World War II, which authenticate the legendary war exploits of President Marcos, are reprinted on page 2 of this issue.

HACIENDA SAN MIGUEL:

Where cows count more than people

By ROMEO M. GAVERIA

(First of a series)

(According to stories told by our parents, this land was owned by our great grand-

parents who were born and who grew up here. We will not leave this place.)

A cry for justice rings! Faint but audible. Tempered but urgent.

It has been made faint with the distance, the sea, the long history, and the

ignorance of the people, mostly unlettered tenant-farmers, confronted with a formidable foe — the Agricultural Management

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Preparatory commission for nat'l survival

By SEN. AMBROSIO PADILLA

Mrs. dearest, during their just powers from the consent of the governed." (The US Declaration of Independence.)

Our government is an instrument of our sovereign people to protect their interest and promote their general welfare. When a government

fails to serve its purpose and does not exercise government authority emanating from the people for their welfare, the sovereign people have the natural and inherent right to change that government, and adopt another that will serve the pur-

pose of the people. "Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its

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NEWS SCAN

Suspect in FM slay plot freed

The 57-year-old hospital clerk arrested in Mobile, Alabama for conspiring to kill President Marcos has been released on her own recognizance by a US magistrate.

Released was Mrs. Laura Spikas, a ward clerk at Thomas Hospital. The re-

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MARCOS

Professor answers Devanney, Hearst

By SALVADOR ROXAS GONZALEZ

(First of a series)

(Editor's Note: A Mr. Paul J. Devanney, an American, has written a long letter entitled in the Manila dailies on the "stability" of the Marcos administration, coming shortly after the *Illustrator* published letter of Mr.

William Randolph Hearst in praise of Marcos. For the information of such men as Devanney and Hearst, Prof. Salvador Roxas Gonzalez has prepared an answer. Gonzalez was formerly a visiting fellow of Princeton University.)

The Philippines is made up of about 7,000 islands. Its present population is about 50 million with a yearly

increase of about 2.5 percent, consisting of 80 percent baptized Catholics and the

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Illegal fishing

Illegal fishing by aliens in the country's territorial waters has deprived the Philippines of an estimated 600,000 metric tons of fish annually, according to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

Commodore Brillante Ochoco, PCG commander, said this is one of the numerous problems PCG is facing with the establishment of the 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

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How many planes were used?

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sequenced for the use of the Royal Couple and their spouses?

David Valderama, president of Philippine Heritage Federation and Philippine Lawyers Association, itemizes it as follows:

— \$410,000 for picnic in the US cities.

— \$60,000 for systematic surrounding the New York

visit of retiring Julio Cardinal Rosales.

— \$29,000 for an embassy luncheon series entertaining hotel, travel agency and congressional staffs.

— \$52,000 for a daily embassy open house.

— \$2,000 for seminars to discuss such controversial issues as martial law in the Philippines.

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Workers rush repair of A. Bonifacio street near the North Cemetery in preparation for the observance of All Saints' Day on Monday. (Photos by Min Santos)

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it is the formerly silent majority who are now also making their voice heard — and the silent majority is really moderate, temperate or, at least, they want classes to be held and to receive an education in the classrooms of the university rather than on the streets of the city.

Senator Aquino. Well, Mr. President, I think it is safe to say that the extreme radicals in any society are a minority on both sides, whether it is a right extreme or a left extreme; that the bulk of the society would be somewhere in the middle or what has been characterized as the silent majority. But the radicals or the extremists are very articulate.

Senator Padilla. Your Honor mentioned the president of the university, S.P. Lopez, who last year even led the student demonstration. Now, I received information that on the first day of the barricade, when President Lopez visited one of the barricades, he was handed a stone, and he received or accepted the stone because that is a passport or a symbol — I do not know — of the ideals or the purpose of that demonstration.

Senator Aquino. I heard that also, Mr. President, and I think it may even be true. But may I attempt an explanation. I was talking to the daughter of President Lopez yesterday. It is the view of President Lopez that peace and understanding in the university must be maintained. It is also his view that as long as the university authorities do not ask for military personnel to come in, that they should be allowed autonomy. He was holding, Mr. President, not a convocation but an assembly, with the members of the UP community — residents, professors, students, radicals, moderates x x x that was the context or the atmosphere in which he received a stone as the passport.

Senator Padilla. Now, is it true that when some of our colleagues visited the University of the Philippines, including the barricades, many of the students were handing Molotov bombs? I heard that the distinguished lady from Pangasinan and Tarlac, the Chairman of the Committee on Education and a member of the Board of Regents, was handed a Molotov bomb.

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, the truth of the matter is, the members of your Committee wanted to know what a Molotov bomb is. The students did not hand them to the Committee members, Mr. President. The Committee wanted to know because all of them were carrying bottles of Pepsi Cola or sometimes 7-Up. Naturally, we wanted to know what was inside the bottles. And this is where the television camera caught the Chairman of the Committee on Education examining a bottle. But she was not handed the bottle to throw or to join the barricade. I think it was more in the spirit of inquiry.

Senator Padilla. Your Honor mentioned Professor Malay. Is it true that after one or two days of these barricades — and I understand Professor Malay was also one of the professors with the students manning the barricades at times . . .

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President. May I just set the record straight on that point. Professor Malay is the Dean of Student Affairs.

Senator Padilla. Now, my point is, is it true that Professor Malay afterwards stated that he had seen strange faces among the UP students manning the barricades — and that they were, in his opinion, no longer or had never been students of the University of the Philippines? That therefore, there were strangers, there were infiltrators or radical elements that had mingled and identified themselves with the U.P. students. Is that true, Your Honor?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, I can testify on first person here. I was at the barricades up to two o'clock in the morning. I purposely watched the students at the barricade. We arrived at five o'clock or six o'clock in the afternoon, and I stayed on until two o'clock in the morning — eight hours, I was with them. It is true that there were elements who did not belong to the UP-Diliman community.

Senator Padilla. They were not former students or they did not want to study anymore, or some of them were dropouts from the colleges.

Senator Aquino. It is possible, Mr. President.

Senator Padilla. But I have been receiving information — some of them through the radio, especially the Radio Patrol broadcast — that many of the families of professors or of the administrative personnel, who have been living for many years in the UP compound, are bewailing the fact that they have no other choice but to evacuate from the UP compound.

Senator Aquino. That is also true, Mr. President. There is no unanimity. There are people who bewail the situation. There are some people who feel that their freedom of movement has been so curtailed that they bewail this. The gentleman is correct in his reporting of the facts.

Senator Padilla. Is it true that sometimes the student barricaders commandeer a taxi that passes by?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, I was there when one motorcycle with a side car was "commandeered." x x x . . . the other instance is that of a taxi that entered the barricade and then the students commandeered the taxi and promised the driver to return it after the barricade and the siege shall have been lifted. These are all documented, Mr. President, and I think the students even issued a receipt for the taxi.

Senator Padilla. But that is not the point — whether they issued a receipt or not. It is the principle involved. The point is whether the students maintaining a barricade during a demonstration can commandeer a taxi . . .

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President. I do not hold that. And, in fact, may I add this information: Chief of Police Tomas Karingal of Quezon City has already filed charges of assault and robbery against some of these student leaders of the University

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Pilots assail PAL stand on grievances

By RIC AVE

"We have every right to demand of those who buy the planes and those who maintain them, for the sake of all of us, employed by PAL and those who daily entrust their lives to our care, to do their jobs, for God's sake, for we cannot, day after day, fly those planes at the peril of our lives and those of our passengers."

This was the Airline Pilots Association of the Philip-

pires' (ALPAP) rejoinder which described Atty. Ismael G. Khan, Jr.'s memorandum explaining PAL's view of the strike notice as "baseless, reckless, and irresponsible" to use the management's own words.

ALPAP claimed that before the strike notice, it offered all its information and files to PAL management provided an impartial

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Anti-graft raps filed vs Bagatsing

By BOBBY BURGOS

Anti-graft charges have been filed recently against Mayor Ramon D. Bagatsing and his two civil security officers before the Tanod-bayan in connection with their alleged refusal to implement a Civil Service Commission (CSC) order.

The case was filed last October 27 by Rodrigo F. Cortez, chief of the civil security personnel section, through his counsel Antonio P. Coronel for alleged violation of Sections 3-A, 3-E and 3-F of the anti-graft law.

Cortez also filed oppression and misconduct in office charges against Bagatsing, Jesse Patago and Romeo Timoco, chief and assistant chief, respectively, of the civil security office.

The case stemmed from the alleged refusal of Bagatsing to implement the CSC order.

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HACIENDA SAN MIGUEL:

Where cows count more than people

By ROMEO M. GAVERIA

(Second of a series)

But some farmers stick to their landholdings. They are decided to stick it out and to fight if need be for their rights to the land. They have formed an association, closed ranks and felt strong in their common purpose.

It is expected that the

dispute will be long-drawn. And the mounting tension may break into open hostility and violence.

The struggle of the tenant-farmers may be traced back to the Spanish era. The old people of San Miguel island wrote that

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Strike looms at Times Journal

Members of the Philippine Journalist Employees Union (PHEU) had picketed the labor ministry the whole day last Friday to protest MOLE's inaction on the union's 10-month-old bid for recognition.

The picketers, led by reporters of the Times Journal, staged in front of the office of Director Cesariano Trajano of the Bureau of Labor Relations and Deputy

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AFTER THREE YEARS

Still no charges filed vs colonel

By ERNESTO R. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

The Supreme Court's attention has been called by former Sen. Lorenzo M. Tañada, in a recent supplemental petition he has filed in the case of "Saturnino Domingo, petitioner, vs. Minister of National Defense, et al, respondents," to what he calls the "gross injustice being committed to herein petitioner who,

Professor answers Devanney, Hearst

By SALVADOR ROXAS GONZALEZ

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The US army didn't know what to do with the newly acquired territory, and a civil government was set up on July 4, 1901, with William Taft as Civil Governor. The Americans made (American) English the official language; they started a public school system with English as medium of instruction, and established a public health service. Governor Taft tried to win the sympathy of the Filipinos by declaring a po-

licy of "The Philippines for the Filipinos." Moreover, the US Congress passed the Philippine Bill of 1902 extending the right of total by jury to the Filipino people. In 1903, a census was conducted which later reported that the population of the Philippines was 7,635,426. Gradually, more and more Filipinos were encouraged to participate in government.

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aside from the fact that his trial has been delayed too long in violation of his constitutional right to speedy trial, continues to be detained despite the fact that the crimes imputed to him have already prescribed."

(The case of Domingo lagged the limelight when it was headlined by WE Forum on Oct. 24, 1980.)

Tañada also deplored "the continuing repression of human rights, especially in this case, despite the supposed lifting of martial law more than one and one-half (1-1/2) years ago." He also asked that the constitutional provision proclaiming the supremacy of civilian over

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Borrowed money squandered

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The state visit therefore was unnecessary and need not have been made; it was also criminally and unconscionably costly and clearly beyond our means; furthermore, it exposed to the world the dishonesty of a government seeking economic aid with one hand at the same time shamelessly squandering its borrowed money with wanton recklessness and abandon.

Who knows what other secret agreements may have

been entered into that will inflict further miseries to our people, like the continuation of the bases agreement and preferential treatment to multinationals. On top of all the foregoing our people will still have to bear the burden of paying some \$20 to \$25 million which the trip cost.

There can be no question that insofar as Mr. Reagan and his administration are

concerned, the state visit of Mr. Marcos was a success and rightly so, for Mr. Reagan is not concerned with human rights or with nuclear problems. Mr. Reagan only thinks in terms of *quid pro quo*, he wants something from Mr. Marcos which Mr. Marcos is not only willing but anxious to give in exchange for Reagan's benediction. Hence, Marcos and Reagan struck a deal against

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peaceful demonstration to use such government property or property of the State University for the purpose of putting up these barricades?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, I am glad that the gentleman from Pangasinan asked that question because I think that is the heart of the matter. Camille de la Torre, one of the leading theologians on violence has postulated, Mr. President, that there is such thing as a structured or an institutionalized violence. The poor, for example in our country are continuously subjected to what he calls the institutionalized violence. According to this theologian, there are two forms of violence: a violence that liberates and a violence that oppresses. x x x. In their own very simple slogans — "Fascism, Imperialism and . . ."

Senator Padilla. "Feudalism."

Senator Aquino. ". . . Feudalism" — the barricades, therefore, were being used merely as a symbol against this outcry. So, this is the context.

Now Your Honor is asking me: Is it proper to put up the barricades? Well, if it is merely for plain caprice, yes, it is wrong. But if you use these barricades to symbolize the struggle against feudalism, imperialism or fascism, then that is a very little investment, Mr. President, to awaken the latent mass of our people and — and, again, to borrow their words — "to speed up their politicalization."

Senator Padilla. I understand that the tops of the UP buildings have unfurled red flags.

Senator Aquino. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Padilla. Is that also a justified symbol against the so-called "imperialism, feudalism or fascism"?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, the color red has been the symbol for struggle. Our flag has the color red and we symbolize it as the bravery of the Filipino people. The color blue stands for peace. Therefore, since these students are in struggle against these inequities and against fascism, feudalism and imperialism, they cannot possibly hoist the white flag, which is the symbol of surrender, or the blue flag, which is a symbol of peace. And so they have to wave the red flag, Mr. President, to symbolize that they are currently in struggle against these three isms.

Senator Padilla. So Your Honor's interpretation of the red flag is one of courage and struggle?

Senator Aquino. Yes, Mr. President.

(To be continued)



FM, the soldier.

(The charges and countercharges generated by the controversial memoirs of retired Maj. Bonifacio Gillego on the war exploits of President Marcos which was the basis of one headline story in the October 23-26 issue of *WE Forum* ("Doubts raised on Marcos' war exploits") have stirred intense interest among our readers. To set the records straight, we are publishing, starting with this issue, excerpts from the Gillego manuscript with an introduction to anyone concerned to come out in the open to support or refute the various theories. In this way, our readers may be able to draw their own conclusions. —Editor)

The most ardently cultivated myth about Marcos' "splendid World War II

By BONIFACIO GILLEGO
Major, AFP (ret.), Civil-Com delegate

heroism is that almost single-handedly he stemmed the tide of the Japanese

advance in Batavia, thus delaying its imminent fall. As the author of Marcos'

campaign biography ("Star-Jail-Spencer, For Every Year A Victory, The Story

of Ferdinand E. Marcos, New York: McGraw Hill Book Company, 1964) puts it — attributing the words to General Douglas MacArthur — "without Ferdinand's exploits, Batavia would have fallen
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Why priests, nuns turn radical

The culprit in the radicalization of Filipino priests and nuns is the very system that now causes the bogus "red-scare" campaign against the Church.

The "authoritarian government" that Mr. Marcos has
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Professor answers Devanney, Hearst

By SALVADOR ROXAS GONZALEZ

(Third of a series)

President Ramon Maguay became the third elected President of the Republic; he was from the Nationalista Party (NP). He was able to restore the people's faith in the government and to effectively combat Communism

without having to impose martial law. In his eagerness to see to it that good government should prevail, he travelled from one part of the country to another, inspecting government offices and
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Violations of human rights in RP confirmed

AMNESTY INT'L BARES FINDINGS

By GEORGE BROOKS
WE Forum US Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO (Delayed) — A ranking member of the Amnesty International (AI) mission that visited the Philippines in 1981 has confirmed that gross violations of

human rights have been committed in the "showcase of democracy in the Far East" and debunked the claim of President Marcos that they are mere "hoaxery and rumors."

In a recent press conference here, Michael Posner said AI's

findings on human rights violations in the Philippines are properly documented.

"President Reagan, Mr. Marcos' staunchest human rights defender, said that the Filipino President had made 'great progress' in that area.
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FEAR HOUNDS 'EM

Davao folk prefer to stay in hamlets

By AURELIO A. PENA

DAVAO CITY — There's still handkerchief over in Lala, San Vicente, Davao del Norte, and the military is making no qualms about it.

After Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile ordered the hamlets dismantled and allow the people to return to their farms, it seems the situation now is back to square one.

A majority of those affected by the handkerchief, according to Col. Roberto Manalang of Task Force Agata, are still occupying the make-

shift huts "on their own choosing" even when told to return to their farms. The situation in Lala has not stabilized yet and elements of the New People's Army "are still very much around" occasionally clashing with the composite troops of Task Force Agata, Manalang said.

One reason why people prefer to stay in the hamlets "barrio centers" is the continuous flow of relief goods and medicines coming
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Michael Posner (at center) of Amnesty International (AI) answers questions of newsmen during a recent press conference in San Francisco where he insisted and confirmed that there are human rights violations in the Philippines. At right is John Healy, AI executive director.

HACIENDA SAN MIGUEL:

Where cows count more than people

By ROMELO M. GAVERIA

(Third of a series)

The tenancy relationship between the tenants and the new landowner has nevertheless existed orally as of October 1949. Tenancy contracts for the cultivation and use of the land were executed as could be gathered from some remaining copies of the document kept by the farmers.

An example of this is a document dated October

19, 1949 in which a tenant by the name of Juan Busanmanis notified his verbal promise to give to the Estate four carnes of jolay per hectare of land cultivated. The tenants said that all tenant-farmers then numbering 120 were all issued copies of lease contracts. They likewise claimed that one stipulation common to the con-
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Hazardous drugs sold in 3rd World

"Drug companies are dumping products in the Third World which are banned, restricted or which could be considered sub-standard in developed countries."

This statement was made by Kate Short, Australian Consumer Association (ACA) research coordinator during a talk she gave to
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FM U.S. VISIT EVALUATED Promises now bitter memories

The San Jose Mercury News in its issue of Sept. 19, 1982 in an article written by Peter Stanley has this to say:

"In his prime, Marcos — currently on an official visit to the United States — could be presented himself as a reformer and an advocate of development and progress. For years, martial law was at least granting acceptance from most Filipinos because it provided land

(Conclusion) reform, more efficient and reliable public administration and improved public safety and economic development.

Today, all of these are bitter memories. Land reform a rhetorical slogan has had a little if any impact upon the distribution of wealth or even the effective transfer of control over the land. Government and through its influence, much of the econ-

omy has fallen into the hands of profiteers and cronies of the president or his wife. Random crime and violence once contained had returned. The government itself has been responsible for the death, disappearance, torture or despoiling of thousands of ordinary people.

The debt-service ratio — the ratio of debt-payments to export values — will soar
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can actually par them with the communist label. In fact, some communists will be shocked at anarchy. So I do not believe that you can say that these students were only motivated by communism. Rather, they were motivated and inspired by what has been characterized as the continuing social struggle against the social inequities in our country.

Senator Padilla. Is it true, Your Honor, that what used to be called the "Quezon Hall" has been renamed or rechristened "Dante Hall"?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, there are pictures that show that there were squibblings – graphities, if you may – saying "Kum." (for "commander") and then "Dante." But, you see, Mr. President, Dante has only become a symbol – a symbol of an heroic folk hero who is struggling against certain evils. In the same way that Che Guevarra has become a folk hero to some of his radical elements. Che Guevarra died in Bolivia, but all of the students all over the world are using his name. So I do not attach great significance there. It is more of symbolism, Mr. President, that is, a symbolism of struggle against an oppressor.

Senator Padilla. Well, it would seem that based on Your Honor's interpretation, even the late President Quezon, in whose honor that hall has been named, is a continuing oppressor, and that Dante – whoever he is – is a symbol, as your Honor says, of courage and, therefore, the students wanted to replace Quezon for Dante and so they renamed "Quezon Hall" to "Dante Hall."

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President.

Senator Padilla. Is that justified?

Senator Aquino. They are merely being contemporary. President Quezon, during his days, was symbolizing the struggle for freedom and independence against the Spaniards. Dante today symbolizes the struggle against the oppression of Mr. Marcos. They are just being contemporary. But I will not give that too much ideology.

Senator Padilla. If they had been a Marcos Hall and they wanted to replace Marcos for Dante, perhaps Your Honor's explanation may still have some semblance of justification. But that is a Quezon Hall – why replace it with Dante Hall?

Senator Aquino. As I said, Mr. President, they were just being contemporary. They were just being "up-to-date," so to speak. Every era creates its own heroes, and this hero today – whether he is rightly or wrongly motivated – Dante is what you might call the counterpoint, the antithesis to the oppression of Mr. Marcos. Rightly or wrongly that is what they feel and so they just put the name Dante there.

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THE FILIPINO SOLDIER
From Manila: The War Years

A CITATION WHICH WOULD DWARF BY COMPARISON EVEN THE COMBINED FEATS OF SGT. ALVIN YORK IN WORLD WAR I AND AUDIE MURPHY IN WORLD WAR II, BOTH AUTHENTIC HEROES.

By BONIFACIO GILLEGU
Major, AFP (ret.), Civil-Com delegate

The chronology of events is worth noting. The feat of valor attributed to Marco took place 22-26 January 1942. General Capapin's recommendation, as reconstructed by Lacroix, is assigned the date 3 April 1942. Lacroix's sworn statement

was executed 14 June 1946, four years after General Capapin's citation. What exists, therefore, in the files of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is not the Capapin recommendation in its original form but what it purports to be in

the form of an affidavit executed by Lacroix in 1946.

At this juncture, several questions may be raised. Why did the AFP not seek the confirmation of Lacroix's recollection of events from General

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Here's how Edjop was killed in raid

By AURELIO A. PEÑA

DAVAO CITY — Residents of Skyline subdivision in Cotabato City here were shocked to learn that the main headquarters of the Mindanao Commission of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) was situated right in their very midst — at the former residence of Judge Calangin in 10th San Vicente Street.

The sprawling bungalow residence has three toilets and

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Northern Police District (NPD) operatives sort out the arms and ammunition seized from the house of George Garcia in West Triangle, Quezon City after a raid last October 28. (Daily Express photo)

Blas Ople's new image

By CARMENCITA H. ACOSTA

Who would have thought that the kindly-looking, mild-mannered, quiet-spoken MCLR Minister Blas F. Ople would suddenly assume a tough image. He issued a stern warning to some 5,000 foreign preachers and sons in the Philippines of possible deportation if they "interfere with trade union activities, engage in hostile acts against the government, and engage in dubious political activity."

(See headline story, B1, Nov. 1)

Exactly what's meant by involving in trade union activities?

Exactly what's a hostile act against government?

Exactly what's a dubious political activity?

And who or what decides which is which? The Ministry of Justice? The Ministry of National Defense? The President? The Supreme



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Court? And now the Ministry of Labor and Employment?

Is championing the rights of starving, oppressed laborers an infringement of the country's sovereignty?

Is denouncing military abuses against detainees

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Hugpong to hold first meet

More than 2,000 delegates and guests are expected to attend the first meeting of Hugpong, an umbrella group aimed at uniting various multi-sectoral groups in Quezon City on Sunday, November 7, at the West Negros College Gym.

Former Deputy Labor Minister Amado Gar Inocencio, WE Forum-Malaya publisher Jose G. Bagan Jr., and Fr. Brian Gore, parish priest of Oringon, Kabisakalan, have been invited to address the meeting.

Edmundo Montano, ed

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Arsenal owner terrorizes QC folk

Terror is gripping the plush West Triangle community in Quezon City after the suspected owner of an arsenal arrested last week by the police was released on a P20,000 bail.

The suspect, 24-year-old George Garcia of 33 Evening News Street,

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FR. KORTERICK

PCHR hits gov't on militarization

Various human rights organizations have joined hands and assailed the government for escalating its program of nationwide militarization during a forum held recently at the Sison's Formation Institute in San Juan, Metro Manila.

Spokesmen of the Philippine Coalition for Human Rights (PCHR) took issue in denouncing the alarming pattern of arbitrary arrests and detentions and the salvaging and hoarding of innocent and defenseless persons in various regions of the country.

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HACIENDA SAN MIGUEL: Where cows count more than people

By ROMEO M. GAVERIA

(Conclusion)

After the proclamation of martial law, PD No. 2 was released making the whole country a land reform area on Sept. 26, 1982. A month later, PD 27 mandated the emancipation of the tenants from the bondage of the soil.

Pursuant to the provisions of these decrees, an information drive was conducted by an agrarian reform team for the island-

ers. A listing of the tenant-farmers was made, followed by mapping and survey of the lots which was completed on March 19, 1973.

At this stage, AMAD-COR filed a complaint against the mapping and survey team which was analyzing the certificate land transfer (CLT) for the tenants. The corporation filed a motion to hold

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Senator Aquino. No. Only kettles for fireworks, Mr. President. I would not take them very seriously. These are what we use for fiestas, for coronation. You buy them in Bucate. Those are kettles, like barong, no less than anything else.

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HARD TIMES HERE BLAMED More Pinoys turning Canadians

By RIC AVE

The Balita, a Toronto newspaper, has reported in its August 14-31 issue that about 40,000 Filipino immigrants are seeking Canadian citizenship.

Of the 100,000-strong Filipino community in Canada, 30,161 Filipinos have already taken advantage of the new Citizenship Act enacted in 1977 to embrace Canadian citizenship. If the output Filipino could only have

their way, they would gladly announce their motherland and become Canadian citizens.

This is not only a sad story, it is also profoundly worrying. It is an awful commentary upon us, plucky Filipinos who should not take this mass exodus without having a rethink.

This phenomenon of departing Filipinos is a real hemorrhage. If we see a man standing in death, we are

violently affected; but conformed with a hemorrhaging nation, we merely shrug our shoulders.

It is only understandable that the reason why Filipinos migrate to other lands is to find peaceful occupation because of harsh economic times here. We see like birds of the season. We seek better feeding grounds. But even migrating birds return

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Senator Aquino. Well, if you may. They were taken by the students.

Senator Padilla. Is it also true that the facilities of the U.P. press which usually published the Philippine Collegian and other university publications were being used for communist propaganda?

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President. I do not believe they are being used for communist propaganda. They are being used for their propaganda. Whether it is communist I do not know. But it is true that they used some of the facilities of the university press in the same way that they have used it for the Collegian. I understand they even put out a publication called "Bandilang Pula," red flag, but I am not ready now to state that they are being used for communist propaganda. For activist propaganda, yes.

Senator Padilla. Someone remarked to me that one of the issues of the *Bandilang Pula* had a write-up about the visit of our colleagues to the barricade front of the U.P. I have not read it, but the impression given to me is that the write-up in "Bandilang Pula" shows not only disrespect but almost contempt to the senators and all politicians. Is that true?

Senator Aquino. Yes, Mr. President. The frame of reference of these activists is that all politicians are bad and all senators are publicity hounds. Well, that is their impression. x x x.

Senator Padilla. Is it true, Your Honor, that when some of the senators, in the best of intention to appraise the situation and to probably look for a solution, asked the barricaders, "What can we do for you?" There reply was, "Bring us arms, baril."

Senator Aquino. Some did. Some asked for food, some asked for sandwiches, some asked for arms.

Senator Padilla. I wanted to listen to the U.P. radio broadcasts, but unfortunately I have not heard them.

Senator Aquino. Ah, you can hear. Fourteen ten Kilo Hertz, Mr. President.

Senator Padilla. I have received reports that they play music I will not say the national anthem of Cuba — but of Fidel Castro and other communist music from the mainland of China and many other propaganda. This gives the impression that they are advocating to replace our present system of democracy with Maoist communism. Is that true?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, I did not listen to this radio 24 hours, but at the time I listened what I heard was they were playing the bed exercises of one Fred with Dovie Beams. That is what I heard. They were playing it. There was a bedroom scene with a certain Fred — I do not know who this Fred is — and Dovie Beams.

Senator Padilla. I did not listen to that.

Senator Aquino. And then the music they played was Pamulinawen. What I heard them say was, "Now we dedicate this to Imelda" — I do not know who is this Imelda — "who unfortunately lost out to Dovie." Then they played "Dahil sa Iyo." That was all the music I heard. I did not hear about this communist music, but they were playing the sequences and tape recordings of a certain Fred. I am really curious who this Fred is. In fact I wrote them a letter. Wika ko, "Sino ba ang Fred na iyan with Dovie?" It was really a bomba, Mr. President. (Laughter)

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MARCOS: HERO OF KIANGAN WHO NEVER WAS

By BONIFACIO COLLEGO
Major, AFP (ret.), Civil-Civilian

In his book, "Filipino Heroes of World War II" (Makati, Metro Manila: 1980, Agri Printing and Publishing House), Col. US Jurico S. Bacagan (ret.) devotes a section to the "Heroes of Kiangan." On account of its location and terrain, Kiangan in Mt.

Provincer became a guerrilla stronghold sometime after the fall of Batuan. The 14th Infantry, whose heroic leader Lt. Col. Guillermo Nakar and Lt. Col. Manuel Enriquez, each in his turn, met the same tragic fate in the hands of Japanese execu-

tions, had in 1944 established its regional headquarters in Pangasinan, Kiangan. Nearby in Hapud, an airstrip was built to enable American planes to drop supplies to the guerrillas of Northern Luzon.

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Streamer on truck shows distributors' sugar producers' lament.

AT THE EXPENSE OF PRODUCERS

Nasutra hit on huge profits from sugar

Sugar producers have assailed the Philippine Sugar Commission (Philsucocom) and its marketing arm, the National Sugar Trading Company (Nasutra), for following a monopolistic, manipulative, and dicta-

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Pilots dispute Cruz's answer to ALPAP

Woman in FM slay plot faces prison term

The American woman who was arrested and charged for conspiring to kill President Marcos during his visit to Mobile, Alabama last September 24 faces a five-year prison term and a \$5,000 fine if convicted by a US Federal grand jury.

A dispatch from the United Press International (UPI), a world-wide news agency, said Mrs. Laura Spikate, a 57-year-old hospital clerk, had already been in-

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The Eastern Airlines Pilot Association, in a letter dated Oct. 8, 1982, has told the Airlines Pilots Association of the Philippines (ALPAP) that the MMEL for Airbus A-300's approved by the US Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) allows the dispatch of Airbus A-300's only if they have at least one functioning thrust reverser.

The letter from the association of pilots of Eastern Airlines, a US commercial airline, stated that in spite

of this rule, Eastern Airlines allows the dispatch of this type of aircraft only when both thrust reversers are operative.

This statement by the US based airline pilots associa-

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Doctor files P3-M damage suit vs PMA

By BOBBY BURROOS

A P3-million damage suit is set to be filed today (Monday) against three doctors, including the president and a task force chairman, respectively, of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA), and a private practitioner.

Dr. Cecilio C. Gamis,

through his counsel Antonio P. Correal, named the respondents as Dr. Constantino Nolasco, president of the PMA, Dr. Renato Maligaya, chairman of "Task Force Cebuano" of the PMA, and Dr. Antonio Novad, Feb-

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Senator Padilla. That is part of the credo.

Senator Aquino. Yes, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty" so it is Catholic, not communist. The Diliwan communion is made up of Christianity and pacifist communism, Mr. President.

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No such rice export to Mideast-NFA



TANCHIANCO

Administrator, Jan Tan Chianco of the National Food Authority (NFA) has denied that the government has ever authorized any group, much more an "unidentified"

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Arrests of religious, lay workers alarm women's group

(The Concerned Women of the Philippines (CWP), whose executive board is composed of Emerita Q. Aragon, Thelma M. Arce, Mary C. Bautista, Rosalinda R. Bonzon, Maria Y. Faria, Lourdes C. Jara, Felicia R. Lim, Paz P. Morales, Ma. Teresa F. Nolasco, Cecilia M. Palma and Maria Pardo de Tavera, has sent the following protesting the continued arrests of religious and lay workers in the country. — Editor)

We view with great alarm the reported arrests of religious and lay workers in the various dioceses of the country most of them missionaries and lay workers and catechists working among the poorer communities who, indeed, are in great need of their services.

Their activities among the farmers and workers are

looked upon by the authorities suspiciously as subversive. From Cagayan to the North to Balangay, to Bulao and Samar and, lately, Negros in the South, not to mention the previous instances in Misamis, the trend is unmistakable.

We cannot deny that some religious have indeed joined the more radical elements.

A few have apparently given up any hope of peaceful change for a better life for our poor and believe, in the light of existing circumstances, that heaven helps those who help themselves.

But we cannot stand by and just look on idly as our brother Christians are being harassed, persecuted

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Mystery shrouds Igorot's death

By BIC AVE

Peter Pastore would have turned 33 years old last October 25. But he did not survive the earthquakes October 2 incident.

Today Peter is only a memory in the hearts of his beloved wife, Evangelina, a nine-month daughter, his mother, four brothers and two sisters. Cut down in his prime, a victim of the cruel

quicks of fate, Peter is now only a part of the statistics slowly gathering dust in the files of the military.

In retrospection, we may not overstate the stark question: Is it possible that a human life can utterly be wasted, even such an inconspicuous life as Peter's who need to die out his moment?

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Military urged to stop abuses

A people's delegation representing nine barrios in Alava has condemned in a petition alleged military abuses and conditions which resulted in 13 deaths, various unlawful arrests and detentions, forced evacuation, tortures, looting and destruction of properties.

The citizens who petitioned

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Senator Padilla. So your interpretation of the provisional directorate of the U.P. commune is that "commune" is aligned to the communion of saints.

Senator Aquino. Yes, and the forgiveness of sins. (Laughter)

Senator Padilla. So these radicals whom some people call "rebels," in Your Honor's estimation, are akin to saints.

Senator Aquino. Well, in their context, Mr. President, they are martyrs to the cause of freedom. In fact they do not even consider themselves permanent like some presidents who want to stay for life. But provisional lang, provisional directorate. They admit they are only probationary, that they will have to yield to the superior forces of repression. But in their own context they are saints, they are martyrs who would like to give up their lives for advancing the enlightenment of the masses. In fact they told us that some of these young boys and girls are willing to die. Well, you may consider it stupid. I may consider it a waste of lives, but they are convinced they are doing the right thing. Mr. President. In fact our national anthem, according to them, says, "pag mayroong mangaapi ay mamatay nang dahil sa iyo." So they are willing to die. Well, whether they are right or wrong that is their opinion.

Senator Padilla. If that is so, then Your Honor should not be bewailing the death of one or two among those victims of gunfire, who in one way or the other, have become heroes.

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President. Unfortunately, I do not share their views because the national anthem says, "Pag mayroong dayuhan na darating ay mamatay nang dahil sa iyo." My point is, it should be changed to more positive, "Pumatay nang dahil sa iyo." Ayaw ko silang mamatay. Gusto ko silang pumatay. They want to die. It is an honored intention, Mr. President. I want to be more positive they are negative. So I bewail the police brutality in that respect. They are trying to show their willingness to sacrifice and to die, but I want them to have and to possess that spirit to kill for the country because if they are all dead, the enemy will take over.

Senator Padilla. Who will take over?

Senator Aquino. E kung tayo ay mamatay nang dahil sa iyo, aba ang ating kalaban ay aangkinin na tayo. Kailangang tayo ay pumatay para hindi makapasok ang dayuhan. (Laughter).

Senator Padilla. But in the present controversy there is no element of dayuhan, unless it be the foreign ideology.

Senator Aquino. Well, at the moment, Mr. President, they think that the dayuhan here are the oil companies. That is part of the immediate cause of all of this unrest. You will recall it is the increase in the fuel prices, and unfortunately the oil companies are all foreign-owned. Iyon ang mga dayuhan. And they bewail the fact that their own leader has become a tuta of the dayuhan. So, that is the main cause. Actually, it is the immediate cause. You will agree with me that all of this was triggered by the increase in the prices of fuel. And, unfor-

involved in the efforts of the school to improve and to upgrade itself in order to train better graduates who will contribute more meaningfully to the development of the country. This kind of continuing homecoming rekindles the idealism learned in the company of mentors, and strengthens the commitment to principles forged in the altruistic atmosphere of the academe.

After-thought: Yes, it is good to come home to Alma Mater. But how does one keep track of "when and where to come home" after having received so many degrees (all *honoris causa*) from universities both here and abroad?

unately, all the oil industries or the entire oil industry is owned by the aliens in this country and, therefore, they feel that they are really fighting an alien capitalist and monopolist group.

Senator Padilla. Now, even up to this day, so many schools, colleges and universities cannot hold classes. There are very few schools which say there will be classes, but even in those, usually, even the teachers are absent.

Senator Aquino. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Padilla. The sad situation is, we have a student population who cannot study. Their parents have paid for their tuition but there are no classes - all because of the situation.

Senator Aquino. Well, but what caused the situation?

Senator Padilla. Does Your Honor really believe, as Your Honor mentioned the other day, that they would probably learn more in the schoolroom of the streets than in the schoolroom of the colleges?

Senator Aquino. Mr. President, I will have to agree that they are undergoing a tremendous politicalization. Where our young before were happy to have jam sessions and dancing, now they have actually taken to the streets.

Senator Padilla. One last question, Your Honor. We have bewailed the death of some students as the accidents or incidents of this sad situation. But among the more fiery leaders, those who are always in the newspapers and usually in the televisions, I do not see them in the frontline, much less has any one of these aggressive student leaders been the victim of even some minor injuries. Perhaps, these are student leaders who merely incite and push others, but they themselves are not in the frontline.

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President. The student activists have many frontlines. There is a frontline for work and there is a frontline for molotov cocktails. Ordinarily, the activists, the leaders that you talk of, are in the frontline of agitation. Like us senators, we have a lot of words and we are in our frontline here. We are not in the battlefield. The soldiers are in the battlefield. So, in their own organizations, there is also their own frontline. Now, if these student activists will join them in the barricade and the Metrocom sees them, that will give them a chance to silence those activists. So they want to keep them out of the frontline for their own ends because these are the articulate young men that express their own ideas.

(To be continued)



The other version of FM's war exploits

At the time Marcos joined the 14th Infantry, the commanding officer of this famous guerrilla organization was then Maj. Romulo A. Manzano, 1936 graduate of the Philippine Military Academy.

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Army. Manzano was the only Filipino regimental commander among Colon and Vidales's senior commanders. Vidales,

an unretired American officer of the 11th Division of the US Army, succeeded in integrating into his overall command

the guerrilla units of Maj. P. Cabot, Capt. R. Lapan, Maj. G. Berman, Maj. D. Blackburn and Maj. Ronald Manzano. Vidales's guerrilla organization was the

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Ernie Rondon escapes to US!

TO SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM

Former Constitutional Convention delegate Ernesto "Ernie" Rondon, who has been under house arrest for the past nine months because of his alleged involvement in a plot to overthrow the government, had slipped out of the country via the Manila International Airport last November 7 and is now in the United States with his family.

The escape of the 39-year-old Rondon, a busy radio commentator and a leading member of the Marcos opposition, was confirmed last night by US-based WE Forum correspondent George

Bruke in an overseas telephone interview with the publisher.

Bruke, who interviewed Rondon somewhere in Virginia last Sunday, November 7, said that the opposition leader managed to leave undisturbed at the MIA by using a fake passport and departing

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Sugar dealer refutes report in WE

Sugar importer Ramon Nolas has taken exception to the report of *World Journal*, spokesman of the New Alliance of Sugar Producers (NASP) who accused the National Sugar Trading Company (NSTC) for what he (Nolas) claimed as the expropriation of the sugar industry through monopolistic trading and the questionable method of computing sugar profits last WE Forum, November 5-6 issue.

Nolas said that the report was erroneous in that Chan and Nolas are only two of the many sugar dealers involved in the five-year Nolas sales contract and that these persons are not foreign sugar

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Round-the-clock patrol ordered

Big Gen. Tomas Katigal, Northern Police District (NPD) superintendent, has ordered a 24-hour patrol of Baguio West Triangle in Quezon City area as he joined to the grave threats charges against an armed force which is reportedly attacking students of the community.

In the same time, Katigal directed Capt. Bernardino Ylan, the head of the team which raided the armed illegally owned by George Garcia of 33 Evening News Street, West Triangle, to coordinate with barangay captain Tony Cantares in setting to it that incidents are prevented from the threat.

Right after he was released on a P20,000 bail for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, the 24-year-old

Garcia spent most around the area that he would allegedly seek refuge in when he slipped off the police in the presence of arms, ammunition and prohibited drugs, including heroin, in his residence. (WE Forum, Nov. 3-7, 1982 issue.)

In an interview with WE Forum, Katigal said his crack investigation on how conducting a thorough investigation of the alleged threats from Garcia.

"If we find any piece of evidence, I will immediately order the filing of grave threats charges against Garcia," Katigal said.

The order of Katigal to patrol West Triangle on a round-the-clock basis is now being implemented by

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to US!



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Export ban on coco oil ill-advised?

The recent directive of President Marcos banning the exportation of coconut by oil mills whose exportation in the last two years did not average 40,000 metric tons is causing havoc among small and medium-sized millers and is detrimental to the enterprise, rural economy and food government.

This is the lament of Mayor Cesar C. Obispo of Zamboanga City when he wrote President Marcos to reconsider his directive and to give his enterprise a fighting chance for survival in the country.

Obispo said that the presidential directive, addressed to the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), is not in keeping with sound economic policy and good government, and that to enforce and deem necessary conditions negate the president's much avowed policy on free enterprise.

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OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT POEA head confirms mess

A high overseas employment official has questioned the existence of a lucrative racket involving the licensing of illegal workers who have deployed thousands of workers in the Middle East.

Administrative Officer, Director of the newly-created Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) said this anomaly started through the intervention of "people who, on the basis of existing records, have not been deployed the power to

license, but who have given out commissions in the effort."

Earlier, a ranking Ministry of Labor and Employment (MLE) official had been tagged as the "brain" of this flourishing racket. (WE Forum, Oct. 25-26, 1982 issue.)

Explaining the implication of this racket, Sr. Tomas said: "This means that, possibly, half of those who are operating under a number of

legitimate today, may in fact be operating under illegal instruments. Considering that these people have deployed workers abroad, you can imagine the kind of confusion that this can breed."

This is the reason why, she said, that the POEA governing board decided on a ban, not only on recruitment agencies created by LEE 1190, but also a temporary ban on existing agencies and contractors.

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Priests, nuns only seek justice, truth - Burgos

The religious have been prompted to struggle for truth and justice on behalf of the people because all other avenues have been shut down, according to WE Forum Publisher Editor Jose G. Burgos Jr.

In a speech before 1,000 members of the militant group,

a multi-sectarian association in Bacolod City last Sunday, November 7, Burgos said that while other professionals, particularly journalists, have abandoned their role in aiding the people's grievance, the priests and nuns have taken the weight for the people.

As a result, Burgos added, they have been drawn into the line of work-bearing activities, branding the religious as "subversives."

"The Philippine struggle for freedom and independence, in fact, is inseparable from the liberation of our minds,"

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See, Kaban on the Battlefield

Sensate Padilla. So for them, it is a resolution which is meant to be a "stop-at-home" resolution.

Sensate Aquino, Sr., Ms. President. They are not starting here. They are in intensive stations and they are in radio stations and they are carrying the battle through the air waves of the media. That is their role. Some of them will have to carry medicine bottles, some of them will have to carry food and some of them will have to carry medicine.

Sensate Padilla. Thank you, Your Honor, and I am happy if it is that... the order has been received by the University of the Philippines.

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ALPAP, PALEA join forces against PAL

The growing collaboration between the Philippine Labor Association (PALA) and the Philippine Laborers' Association (PLA) has assumed a new dimension with the entry of the powerful Philippine Airlines Employees Association (PALEA) into the coalition.

It may be recalled last

WE Forum, Oct. 20-21 that the Allied Pilots Association of the Philippines (ALPAP) joined a coalition with the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MLE) on the issue of governmentization of PAL planes which pilots are forced

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Shipping workers, carrying with Marcos' presence, parade around main streets of Bacolod City.

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CHAPTER XII

Sen. Kalaw on the Barricades

Senator Padilla. So for them, it is a revolution which is more or less a "stay-at-home" revolution.

Senator Aquino. No, Mr. President. They are not staying home. They are in television stations and they are in radio stations and they are carrying the battle through the air waves of the media. That is their role. Some of them will have to carry molotov cocktails, some of them will have to carry food and some of them will have to carry medicine.

Senator Padilla. Thank you, Your Honor, and I am happy — if it is true — the order has been restored in the University of the Philippines.

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Senator Ambrosio Padilla, after interpellating Senator Aquino, turned to Senator Eva Estrada Kalaw, who, as chairman of the Senate committee on education, was a member of the UP Board of Regents.

Following is a transcript of the interpellation of Senator Padilla of Senator Kalaw:

Senator Padilla. Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. What is the pleasure of the gentleman from Pangasinan?

Senator Padilla. With the permission of the lady Chairman of the Committee on Education and the distinguished senator from Cebu, Senator Espina, may I be permitted to intervene for a few questions considering that her Honor has just attended the last meeting of the Board of Regents of the State University?

The President Pro Tempore. The lady may yield if she so desires.

Senator Kalaw. Yes, Your Honor.

The President Pro Tempore. The gentleman has the floor.

Senator Padilla. We are all happy, Mr. President, that the student barricades have been lifted in the state university.

Senator Kalaw. Yes, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. Now, but is it true that while the barricades have been lifted, there are still two check points?

Senator Kalaw. Outside the university, I think, Your Honor, and I have not even checked that myself. But, in our last conversation yesterday, they would lift all barricades within the university but that they would, I think, keep the Katipunan—I don't know what check points—but outside of the university compound. And when we asked them why this is so, they said, they were continuing their stand on all those changes they want to effect.

Senator Padilla. These check points are being maintained by the demonstrators.

Senator Kalaw. I believe so, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. Is that proper, Your Honor, that the students should impose restrictions on the free entry and egress to and from the university compound?

Senator Kalaw. No, Your Honor, the university is open now. This is a street that has nothing to do with the university. Of course, it could be made available also through these streets. In other words, they have changed the meaning of that symbol again.

In other words, the barricades that were in the university before when the Committee on Education went there was against the militarization of the university. They have lifted that already because we were able to request for the withdrawal of the troupes. But the new barricades, if there are any, and I am sorry I have not checked that again, are outside of the university, and a representation of the social changes that they are working for. As to whether it is true or not, Your Honor, that is a new point to discuss.

Senator Padilla. Your Honor, any kind of a check point is abhorrent. It is reminiscent of the Japanese occupation. . .

Senator Kalaw. That is quite true, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. . . . where sentinels were placed at some points, checking on persons coming in and out; unless they are properly imposed by competent authorities — by the University of the Philippines for purposes of security and order, or by the Quezon City Police.

Senator Kalaw. Yes, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. But for student demonstrators to place check points, I think, is not in accordance with our concept of peace and order.

Senator Kalaw. That is true, Your Honor. If we limit the position as to whether these barricades should be there or not, I agree with you in the sense that they have no right at all to put there these barricades.

Senator Padilla. I am going further. Your Honor, I am happy that the barricades are out.

Senator Kalaw. That's right, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. But a check point is a sort of a barricade,

also.

Senator Kalaw. I do not know if there are check points, Your Honor. I must confess that I have not seen these two check points you are speaking of. I would like to see them. I will get a report. . .

Senator Padilla. No, I am precisely only asking information, because that was the information I received, although I have not checked on it myself.

Now, Your Honor, has the UP radio facilities been restored to the proper authorities?

Senator Kalaw. We have talked with them, Your Honor. I think that there is practically no money in running the DZUP.

Senator Padilla. It is not a question of money in running the UP radio, Your Honor. It involves a question of principle.

Senator Kalaw. Yes, yes, I understand, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. Who should control the facilities of the UP radio?

Senator Kalaw. I think, it should belong to the entire university because this is some sort of the freedom of speech involved. That is why, yesterday, when the radicals were asking that they retained the DZUP, the Board of Regents insisted — we are influencing them and they are beginning to evaluate their position — that this Radio UP is not only for the radicals. It is also for the moderates. It is also for the faculty. It is for the entire university community. In fact, that is the position of that radio.

When they said that they captured the radio, we did not agree with them because it was really for them. And this was where we differed: that it should be strictly for them does not apply to democratic principles.

Senator Padilla. Yes, that's correct. For the present or at the moment or since yesterday, has the normal situation been restored? The UP radio should not be controlled only by a small segment.

Senator Kalaw. That is right.

Senator Padilla. And it should be used in accordance with the rules of the university.

Senator Kalaw. That is right, Your Honor. Yesterday, we were talking about it already. And this morning, there was a continuation of that dialogue.

Senator Padilla. So, that means that up to this time the UP radio has not yet been fully restored?

Senator Kalaw. It is possible that they were doing it this morning. I am sorry I have to be present on the floor.

Senator Padilla. Now, what about the UP press?

Senator Kalaw. As regards the UP press, they are asking, Your Honor, that some of their materials be printed. We did not discuss that fully because we deviated to what they wanted printed. And, again, there was a big discussion here, whether the university should censor what they are printing. In the second place — this is purely academic — there is no money to print their materials. And, thirdly, Your Honor, there are others who would want their printing done there, too. So it is again a question of settling it with the Board of Regents; the decision, I mean.

Senator Padilla. But it seems that the Board of Regents does not decide.

Senator Kalaw. It does, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. It always has to be more than diplomatic — to negotiate and appease. There must be assertion of authority to restore order and discipline.

Senator Kalaw. We gave this to the university president, Your Honor, because we can't meet all the time with the Board of Regents. When administration is involved like this one, we feel that we owe him the courtesy of his decision. But in an emergency, Your Honor, we always have emergency

meetings, like this day-to-day meetings now.

Senator Padilla. My last question, Your Honor: I accidentally saw on television when Your Honor was being interviewed after the meeting at the UP Board of Regents. And I saw that there was a streamer stating, "Dante Hall."

Senator Kalaw. Yes, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. Now, is that streamer still there replacing the former Quezon Hall?

Senator Kalaw. As of yesterday, it was there, Your Honor, and the moderates made a manifesto. One of the provisos is against this. The Board of Regents is against this practice, Your Honor. We do not believe in changing the names of those halls just because they so desire to change it.

Senator Padilla. Yes, we all do not believe in that change, but is it still there?

Senator Kalaw. Yes, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. What kind of action is this?

Senator Kalaw. It is a matter of sending the carpenters or janitors to erase that and put it up again, Your Honor. But we found that although it is important, there were more important issues that we discussed, and we discussed this but probably for a little amount of time and we were all in agreement that this cannot be done, this should not be done and this should be taken out.

Senator Padilla. Now, is the red flag which according to the distinguished gentleman from Tarlac is a symbol of courage still on top of the buildings of the university?

Senator Kalaw. As of yesterday, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. Still there?

Senator Kalaw. Yes, I don't believe that should be up because the university should not stand only for one flag. It must be a free institution, that is, free to discuss all ideologies or whatever that flag stands for.

Senator Padilla. Your Honor, for me the only flag that can stand there, in addition to the university flag, is the flag of the Republic of the Philippines.

Senator Kalaw. I agree with Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. And I am really very much disappointed.

Senator Kalaw. Your Honor, I agree, but may I clarify that. I agree that it should be the Philippine Republic flag that must stand there but that flag stands also for academic freedom, Your Honor, and again — I am afraid we will be losing time, so let us just wait for the opinion of all the deans about the definition of academic freedom.

Senator Padilla. Your Honor, the academic freedom does not depend upon the views of the deans.

Senator Kalaw. But from where, Your Honor?

Senator Padilla. Or much less, on the views of the radicals.

Senator Kalaw. Yes, Your Honor, but it is very clear enough.

Senator Padilla. And I do not agree that we have to change and amend our concepts of academic freedom. That term is provided for in the Constitution and it is the meaning in the Constitution that must be followed.

Senator Kalaw. Exactly, Your Honor.

Senator Padilla. So that the deans and everybody else must follow the meaning of academic freedom in the Constitution.

Senator Kalaw. Exactly, Your Honor. That is why I believe that the Philippine flag that should stand there should precisely reflect the meaning of that Constitution and it did state that we should have academic freedom.

Senator Padilla. But definitely not a revolutionary or Maoistic flag. Thank you, Your Honor.

February 10, 1971.

(Sgd.) AMBROSIO PADILLA
(To be continued)