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Geopoet writes the realism of the political spectrum of the Philippines from the ground of the Filipino masses. It portrays the realistic views of the small people who felt they are wrought of mass poverty as a result of so much political squabbles and bickering both from the top and lowest echelon of their own government. This is their story...our own story and it starts now...

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Tuesday, May 11, 2004

The Hiatus of Philippine Politics

Today, the Philippines is given to deciding who will be their political leaders. People are rallying in the streets with a shout of either joy or madness. They contest the result of the last May 10, 2004 elections, posting their own desire that FPJ, short for Fernando Poe Jr, won the election and that the present administration of Pres. Arroyo is amending the results of the people's voice. The media is playing the lead role of informing the public. But, you have to choose among them: which is telling the truth and which is hyping. Such a malady; a gross supplantation of the truth. Everybody wills to win and only a few cast their lots.

The hiatus of Philippine politics is much to the grievance of all that even those from the

farflung areas of the Philippines, while listening to the radio reports (because no TV is available yet), shouts their grievances to naught. They've pestered their own selves with much afflictions and hatred. They blamed the government for its apparent apathy and ineptitude; they blamed the politicians who were buying the votes in order to win the seat of government; they blamed everyone except their own selves.

Truly, the political bickering is most serious today that even the small unit of governance forget the truth of true public service.

"I can see that my country is now on the verge of collapse..." says a fisherman. "...and we can only blame ourselves." He added.

"But no!...it is not us who should be blamed..." says the vendor, "...it's a matter of education...a matter of governance...and many other factors that molded the Filipinos of long ago and now inherited by us. We need to look back the past to see the present...'What our ancestors have done before?' this is the great question that we need to answer and understand today."

"Yes, it could be. But there is more than simple things done halfway. We need to realize the things that we have done first; the decisions we've made; the actions that we have undertaken, and to see the result. And look what happened...it's there...the seed of corruption still lingers to every bit of us. We could not deny it," said the old man who's been observing us chatting.

We can blame the Spaniards with their bigoted teachings of the Bible; we can blame the Japanese who taught us cruelty of human race by cutting off heads or stabbing babies while up in the air; we can blame the Americans who taught us education as a way of life; we can blame the first politicians who sold us to invaders; and we can blame everybody who hearkened to the enticing of much evil deeds! This is it!...the seed of corruption is nowhere to be found now but everybody is afflicted with it; and it's no longer just a seed; it's become already the blood of corruption streaming to every single vein of a Filipino citizen. (I'm sorry, but this is what I see. It includes me, of course!)

Now, I could only realize that I am one of the products of this corruptive deeds because I did a single corruption of my own just as everybody did in the last May 10, 2004 election. What I did?...I have accepted the 2 kilos of rice; 2 canned goods; and 2 noodles for a vote to the candidate. This is the first time that I did accept it. This is madness!!!! Anyway, the candidate that I voted won to the grief of others who lost because they could not do otherwise.

Thus, the hiatus of Philippine politics even to the last ditch of clear mind and spirit is marred with a number of kilos of rice, canned goods and noodles. This is the mark of so much poverty...the result of corruption which comes from the poor man himself.

Who to blame???...nah...everybody does it...why can't I or anybody else? United we

business among well-educated or ill-educated people in my country. Money talks, they said. And when money speaks, everybody listen, thence, act. But, of course, there are others who played truthfully the dimensions of their struggle for the sake of the poor. While this could be so, we could not truthfully assure the general public or the potential foreign investors, that the economy is running well. (Well, what's for the economy...my country is going dry...and there's is a great drought going on among truth-seekers, who else could be thinking that this country is getting the greatness that it lost sometime?)

As history will teach us the wisdom of learning more to gain more...the aftermath is worst enough to convince me that the decisions of the first statesmen of my country before it gained independence from the Americans WAS RIGHTFULLY WRONG!!!...but what they've done was awfully RIGHT!!! It's a matter of choice between good and evil, and it seems that the choice was between the two warring sides. It means that my country is living within the clutches of both good and evil. (Sigh!)

Anyway, going back to the price of selling my sacred vote....I should say that even 1/3 of my countrymen is doing this; another 1/3 is keeping this, and the last 1/3 is highly paying this...the summation would still reflect the rottenness of the hearts of those unscrupulous people who taught the Filipinos to see precious price of gold and silver; who taught the Filipinos to value more of their properties; who taught the Filipinos to study government from other countries and employ the same here in the Philippines; who taught the Filipinos that working abroad is much better than sacrificing a few peso to give it to the paupers; who taught the Filipinos to regain its greatness by empty promises so that others will follow suit; who taught the Filipinos to business as usual that everything they gained from their own practice of profession is worth than to stay stagnant among the poor; who taught the Filipinos that beauty is in the face of everyone that by grabbing the property of the other controls everyone who are living in it; who taught the Filipinos that we do not have our own identify that we belong to the culture of the world and every nations owns us!!!! (What the heck, no one might listen this poor shout...)

Okay...I thirst for the truth, really. But what can I do. I don't have to isolate myself from my countrymen; and I hope by doing so, I could learn a lot of wisdom by the way they treated their ownselves.

The price of selling my sacred vote?...it's the price of my whole country!

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Silence Is Dangerously Deep in Mudslinging

One of the typical example of the ill-effects of mudslinging during a political fora or political exercise is the silent turn-around of silent voters to sympathize the mudslinged candidate.

Peaceloving people would not want to propagate the culture of corruptive black

propaganda during election campaign. They would rather prefer a weak candidate for him to be developed while in office than a claimed-to-be expert who knows no bounds in slinging black propaganda against his/her fellow candidates. People would rather vote for a neophyte candidate than to cast their sacred vote to a wanton oldies who disregard the feelings of the relatives of their opponents in a mouth-battle-tested, arrogant and pernicious talkative. They would prefer to a sympathized-vote for a silent but a surely potential young candidate who has the dynamism to improve while in office than ferocious warrior-like candidate who promises the heavens and the stars to fall down their opponents.

Silence is dangerously deep in mudslinging...this is the lesson I've learned in this May 10, 2004 local and national elections here in the Philippines.

But, these are not all. Nevertheless, other cultures and traditions thrive in some other places where people's upbringing is more of "pride and humility" fighting each other to win the hearts and mind of the people. I have learned that people really mean business when business is brought to their lot in either "political ways". And there are many political ways available for the choosing. We can classify them as autocratic, democratic, egalitarian, Maoist and Leninist, Communistic, Socialistic, and all those that contains the "ian", the "ist" and the "tic" words combined; and the grievous fault is that when we choose one, the consequence of having surely an opponent, in such a certain political perspective and dynamic cultururation, is not farfetched.

Today, the aftermath of the last election is quite intriguing, why? Because a lot of people who are now swarming the winning candidates and some if not all of the winning candidates are hiding because of so much expenditures they've incurred. Others are now even having fun with their immediate families accepting greetings and houlahooou from immediate friends and critiques everywhere. Scenarios are drawn every second making choked-up stories to read or even heard over radio broadcasting systems all over the archipelago.

Well, there's the opposite of this hooked-up news and caravan cuddling among candidates who won. They start to learn how to keep silent everytime. Maybe they've learned the past...too much talk, too much mistakes; less talk, less mistakes it's because they've done nothing for the people. (Handsclapping.....Yeheyyyyyy...)

Hypocrisy really cripples the bone to the last bit of strength it has. May be this is one of the essential elements of "silence". (Watch out for the next elections....)

Friday, May 14, 2004

The Burdens in Winning Elections: A Political Scenario

May 8. Two days more to go. Leaders of the candidates are drawing the winning streak. Strategies formulated from the past election experience was soon to be obsolete. Voters

stigma seems a burgeoning malady on the side of those who wills to win a seat for the local elective posts.

This day seems to be an never-ending analysis and decision-making process for all the candidates. Telephones and cellphones rang intermittently or even continuedly without let up as the field agents of each candidates are trying to envelope upon their own efforts the burden of convincing the voters to their side. The voters are adamant and would not let go of their enticing. They have decided already. Others are a little bit confused of what's going on, expecting that "something" is going to be cooked up by the aspirants. They get ready into it. They waited along the streets and highways were luxurious cars and wobbled-buggy trucks and jeepneys are driving fast beyond its natural pace. These vehicles were clogged with streamers all around equipped with microphone and amplifiers so to speak. Tricycles on the other hand race their tracks with almost the same equipment of microphone and amplifier.

Moreso, some of the barangay officials and barangay employees were having meetings with the candidates surreptitiously with unknown envelopes where people have been thinking about either money is there or a couple of instructions from their favored candidates was mailed by hand. Nobody knows.

The political stalwarts in the province of Camarines Sur, on the other hand, are trying to analyze their winning stance. They called a meeting with their henchmen and asked them what's going on at their respective places of coverage. Monitoring was on the go! Not one can miss the opportunities of knowing what's going on in the field. People need to be contacted for certain conferences, either overtly or covertly. Political financiers are also tagging their means to assure their supported candidate that the needed funds is already available in the bank for disposition. Some even have been withdrawn to finance the miscellaneous undertakings at hand to the joy of the candidates and their minions.

Some candidates for senators have already conntacted their people in the province assuring them of support when they get elected.

The Political spectrum now on the verge of either disunity or division. But the candidates are trying to amass a lot of would-be supporters an their backyard. Keeping them, by providing foods and snacks, or even liquor drinks and others. People are getting used to coming the house and enjoy the prepared refreshers and hospitality shown to them by the ushers and usherettes who are either hired or volunteers.

May 9. The expected rest for all the campaign sortie, but the campaign is going to be formally ended at 12:00 midnight, so, there's still a lot of time for visiting some friends who were not reached during the campaign. Relatives were coming in to visit their candidate even those who are not within the jurisdiction of the political division of each towns and cities. They come like a swarming bees equipped with fallacious greetings or even bad news from their supposed supporters. Everytime, they have with them solicitation envelopes related to their fiesta celebrations or inter-barangay tournaments and many other insurmountable reasons that they could get just to obtain the needed

funds for such an activity. (Sssshhhh...this is secret: Some of the money raised were kept inside their pockets specially those envelopes kept opened. The same envelope is being used to another candidate...ha ha ha...wise enough...yes, it's really wise enough to raise funds easily with the lofty spell!)

May 9, 12:00 midnight. Vehicles were running around the highways and barangay roads like a racing event. People are picked up by certain political leaders for an interview with the candidates; while on its way, the fetcher negotiates with a big smile. He proposes something much promising than the others did. Thence, the envelope which contains the amount as proposed is being handed down to the expectant recipient. Sometimes, the travel would not last up to the supposed destination, it stops in a certain place then letting go of the picked-up people. (This is another technique of vote-buying.) For all we know, inside a car or any vehicle for that matter is a nice place of vending votes!)

Meanwhile, candidates with insufficient funds could not expect a high trend of voting opportunity. Why? People would go for a price! Never mind the sacredness of the ballot, it's the time to collect from the candidates, they said.

Nighttime, sacks of rice on board a truck was delivered everywhere. The destination is sporadic. People are amazed of such mobility and the swiftness of delivery. Thence, leaders are calling up the number of people who will help them re-pack the sacks of rice by kilos. Everybody participated with amusing smiles and surprising astonishments.

May 10. D-Day. Everyone is busy preparing the breakfast, snacks, and lunch. The candidates have given the fund or some of their friends have delivered a number of kilos of pancit and meat and other ingredients purposely for the refreshment of the voters.

Stories ran out. News are everywhere that certain number of sacks of rice were delivered to such and such. Others have already collected their share. They encourage others to do the same. They followed with blind obedience.

Voters are getting started to swarn the voting places; looking up their names on the list while other find their names, a few murmured finding themselves out of the list. They reported the matter to the local COMELEC office. They were denied to vote for nobody have known them in the place. Others would not want to support because they are identified with the opposing group. Not one lift their hands when the COMELEC officers asked a confirmation inquiry about his/her personal circumstance. Very intriguing indeed.

3:00 P.M. Voting is stopped, counting of ballots commenced. The watchers are now languishing their stomach aches. They needed to get food and some rest. It take a matter of time to count the casted ballots. In their absence, manipulations are going on; while other remained blind, others are openly doing the risk of their lives!

May 11. A lot of scenarios were published and even broadcasted in all radio stations. The local newspapers and tabloids are getting ahead of hand for people are amused with the

nude pictures that attracts them. Never mind the news headlines, just get on with it later. The national televisions are having their own hay; interviews are everywhere. Radio stations are playing wild, banterings and bickerings are everywhere; no one knows what to believe and what is not believable. Take your pick....

These four days observations by this writer is a clogged-up dues and I could not keep it inside my heart and mind. I need an outlet. Indeed, I'm lost. Confused. I needed to shout at the hilt! I needed to relax and let my fingers roll in front of the computer. This is my only consolation as I become witness of these tremendous burden that my own people themselves are hauling for their own load.

I can only say that the future of my country may look bleak but there is still faith that embraces all in necessity!

Saturday, May 22, 2004

The Political Hyena's Turf Initially Revealed

One of the most terrible mistake that every single, ignorant and distasteful person do is to kill somebody because of somebody's misdeeds...

The political euphoria that brought the whole country into a mudslinging arena is now practically over with the local winning candidates already waiting for June 30 for their oathtaking ceremony, while the losing candidates still counting, analyzing, and even trying to recall what is the big mistakes that his/her campaign buff out with no winning results!

They tried to call up their coordinators and political leaders in the barangays, but they found out later that they were all gone and went to anywhere else this world can bring them. A few who are truthful with their commitments went to the house of their political bets and said sorrowful render their sorry words in tears. They oftentimes advised that there will be another election, and maybe, just maybe, they could win next time!...to the comfort of the loser.

Funny thing, is it? The aftermath of a national election usually or even frequently result to a remorseful supplication and remorseful vindication of the things they have done during the campaign and election period. For forty five days, the whole bunch of candidates for the local and national posts are tagging themselves with distasteful smiles everytime they met each other; and now, you could see some of these candidates are in their secret hangouts having fun like drinking beers, talking, shagging, hugging, teasing and all that! Whew!!! Is this politics? No...not all that, of course! They admitted with each other that they have played a good domino game where the ordinary people (with lesser education, as they said) do not even know how.

Another story went like this. There were three (3) official candidates running for

Congressman in a District in Camarines Sur province. I've learned that one of them put up another candidate, a woman who is practically a relative of his opponent, so that the surname of his opponent will not be ultimately used during the ballot counting and it would certainly create confusion from among the voters whom to vote... Nice political strategy which is already aged-old cunny political fuse but still effective. He spent something about fifty to one hundred thousand pesos for her to run the election, anyway, they thought that the qualification profile needed to being a candidate for such an elite political position matters not, even an actor without so much experience in the political systemic arena of the country is qualified by the COMELEC! Just imagine, becoming a President?!

Anyway, later I learned that the woman was apparently disqualified by the COMELEC, but the damage has already been done to the regret of both party: to the one who spent the money, and to the other who hired a lawyer just to disqualify the woman. Both are spending a lot of money for their own motives...cunning motives. (Whooooossh...)

Sometimes, people have thought this way: How about when the candidates have delightful thoughts that instead of spending the money to pay off accounts for the political campaign materials to be given to the voters during the campaign period, be given to them in cash?!...The burgeoning debt had already received moratorium and there's an ongoing negotiations to restructure it. Maybe, just maybe, part of this debt were spent during the election. (Oh yeah?!) Well, I'm not in the treasury, but I believe this small man's thought. How about it?

No!...political luminaries eventually said at their secret meeting place. If people would have all this money, who will work in the factory, in the groceries, in the manufacturing companies, and all other blue collar jobs?! If all will be given the chance to be millionaires, everybody will enjoy a sumptuous meals and snacks from highly for-the-elite five star restaurants, and if at all their money were gone already from their own pockets, the same situation will happen...Still poor Philippines, as they said. It's really a bad idea to give out money to the poor people who are clamoring political changes and at eventide languished themselves to jail.

Last night, the same people that I see last campaign period were seating over a bottle of gin, a famous poor man's hard drink in the countryside. They've talked about the events of last election. They counted their shares in terms of money taken and money given to the supporters of their political bets which were provided to them for distribution. Some even enjoyed telling fancy lies about their own ventures. Laughing and jamming themselves as if a big hay was laid on their highways of smokestacks and frenzies. They were all buggling about something foolish that they did during the election, buying time and selling votes to the candidates who are willing to pay the price. (Well, for all you know, they sold out their straight vote as much as five hundred pesos...yeah, five hundred pesos...and for those who could not give out straight vote for something reasonable, they are paid three hundred pesos. Least that you can receive from small time candidates is twenty to fifty pesos, or even one hundred pesos if you have a good sense of humor and fancy stories to tell. Hah!)

Now, the election is almost over. There were rumors running around the corners of barbershops and beauty salons, and even at the cockfight centers, about a certain candidate who spread it that he actually gave out fifty to one hundred thousand pesos to all local political candidates of their party, to the angry and dismayed partymates. While on the other hand, rumors were also spread about the long-time political stalwarts in a certain district of Camarines Sur has railroaded the COMELEC with money for him to be able to clinch the winning streak for the congressional seat which people said have been his direly means of getting back to THE HOUSE OF CONGRESS and be the HOUSE SPEAKER again...(Sigh...) I believe that there are certain truth behind the rumors, even a bit...just a bit. You know why?...There's that old man saying: "When there's smoke, there's fire!"...

Certainly the rats racing out their lounge and parties and are going to feast a certain question: "Who is the most deserving candidate who won the last election?" Certainly, they deserved to be recognized. However, who will try to do that? Me?...Oh no....not me, certainly not me...but other can. (Of course, don't say this to others: I have a bunch of local small people investigators who will pin me the best news they've got around their poor corners. I know they will...he he he...)

Anyway, I am certain that the scenarios that I have been drawing speaks about our country's trend in this best place of world's famous blogs which can draw crowds in the future. And as long as my fingers won't stop typing the facts and trends of our own political crags and breachy ways...the truth will always prevail through it!

Certainly, with this page, the political hyena's turf will be revealed.

Monday, May 24, 2004

A Country on the loose!!!...Let me kick their butts!

In a country where more people are ignorant enough, no I would say, less knowledgeable about the real score of high politics, while those who have the knowledge are keeping the engine on with cunningly crafty imaginations to put the boiling water into an outrageous debacle, is not astonishing; when one day, you could see a lot of people prefer to take the streets filled than the courts of law.

Most of the times, as many stories being told to so many magazines and books, it's the elite who controls the crowd. With the money on their hand, they can make the silence into an uproar when all the fundamental foundations of governance is lying as their prey. People, rich people, or average-rich people, with the power to undertake the latest adventure within the political spectrum, not because they loved the country, but they would love to see the whole country break down their own bones and their own people starting to shot a star to heaven knows!

The holy scripture evidently taught us: Money is the root of all evil.

Yeah...right.

One of my friends, Perry as we call him, texted me last night when I was still on my deep contemplation. It seems that his words what he was blaming the conservative Christianity that influenced the whole people and learned a lot of education from its own experience, the cause of division, ineptitude in government service, among the people. It's a matter of choice.

I remember world history. American people who suffered the same unfaithfulness was wrought of Civil war and later realized that they themselves are the ones bringing down the hook to peddle their own mistakes. Today, look at this noble country....Uncle Sam is still on the go. Though sometimes it failed the expectations of the lot of their people, when they committed the heinous crimes against the Iraqis by abusing prisoners of war, which they themselves are one of the strong authors of the Geneva Convention. They failed because they forget the whole mission. Soldiers are forced to the limit of their own frailties...tempted to undertake the extraordinaries though they know the consequence. (Sighhh...)

Today, the Bicamiral Congress of my country is on the verge of disruptions from the multisectoral groups who spark the troubles and drawn the scenarios that they themselves are taking part. The errors of intelligence analysis is great on the part of both the AFP and PNP can be fatal when not immediately evaluated. I believe, even, within the auspices of the law enforcers, people with their limitless minds, can draw the crowd into a raging storm. Everybody is on their own scenarios, except a few who stand as martyrs for peace and tranquility who stood up their ground to highlight their own motive. Some people do not know really what their motives are. But, I could see between the lines, they are buffers. Just like Eddie Gil, whom the Malacanan palace said: "...provided a comic relief..." (Hah...hah...hah...) Really cool!

FPJ one of the closes rival of the Pres. Arroyo do not have the intent of conceding. I don't know of some people who stand just for their own pride, look at people running the streets, shouting their own names and urging the whole country to run with them, to highlight their protests!...Maybe, you could only see it here...except for one, Joey Marquez, an actor-turned politician who conceded for his defeat in the congressioal seat at his district in Paranaque. I don't know of others who did the same. It's not the call for the day! In the US, when the people have already spoken, the opposing candidate, usually concede and express congratulations to the winning candidate, thence, pledge support to unite the whole country. Here?...I think FPJ will not yet into that humility ground. He doesn't know that yet. But I believe he will.

You know...I just can't help not to write these things. I was dismayed over reports that certain people...politicians and moneyed people are turning their hues to bring this country into its greatest turmoil...no, not turmoil....a pit....it's deepest pit--- civil war. Anyway, if things will turn out right, these people have seen the message when they

observed that a lot of people, poor, average and rich people alike, are really heavy-burdened with the kind of government we have today. Politicians have their own agenda, with a lot of reserved political words...sweet words...to keep the whole country on the ground. But, as I heard them speak...their hearts are away with the real motives of why they are there. I could smell bad with the present scenario everyday. There's something fishy about many things. Maybe...just maybe, the treasury is clear open and many pockets need to take the share. (Sssshh...silence...somebody's talkin'...) Look!... These people are pumping again the whole public with sweet words....oh no...sweaty words...it's hot here... summer is yet to end.

Where are the patriots go?...This is one question that my friend wants to ask me. No to election fraud! Yeah...No. No. No...this is what I texted back to him. But what can we do? He suggested to me...we'd better get some sleep, and I did.

I slept the whole night with deepest thought what will happen tomorrow. Will the government yield to the demand of the people to change?... or should the people demanding change have to change themselves first?...I know, you are making my whole write up a laughingstock...because, my country as you can see in the news broadcast internationally, in on the loose.

But my dream...my only dream...and hope, my only hope...let heavens come to town to punish the wicked who are turning this country into a desolate waste; and my wish, my only wish...LET ME KICK THEIR BUTTS!!!

Tuesday, June 01, 2004

First Family Corruption?...What is it?...

There had been a lot of madly/mudly issues shaking the foundation of our political system and as I have observed it, it is always the President and her Cabinet who suffers most of the consequences.

The opposition on the other hand, find time of slugging every bit of wrongdoings or rather corruptions that allegedly rocked the treasury or unbelievable transactions entered into by either member of the Arroyo Administration. All they see is corruptions and all manners of transactions!!!! Such a negative attitude demeans the whole political system (or should we say the Democratic System?).

Every wisdom is available to those who see them fit at a right time, right place and in right forum...but this right forum, usually coupled with mudslinging attitude to those who tries to campaign to deminish credibility. People are now confused to whom to believe. Everybody speaks of madness...ineptitude with one another...WE EVERYBODY, but we forget even to evaluate our own SELVES!!! We see others doing the bad things, but we forget the rightful way to prevent such things to happen, because, WE ARE MADLY EAGER TO WIN THE ATTENTION OF EVERYBODY...no matter what is the

consequence.

Anyway, no one is to be blamed with this kind of attitude... Everybody fails and everybody would want to win even a bit...just a bit...

First Family Corruption?...What is it?...

What represents the First Family?...You might have forgotten the general rule that whoever chooses the leader is the leaders themselves. Although Pres. Arroyo was elected as the Vice President of the Republic but since she is the rightful person who will replace the busted ESTRADA, still she represents every Filipino voters even those who did not vote for her during the election. MAJORITY RULES, ISN'T IT?

Many people thought that since they did not vote the person who is now holding the powers of governance, they are not liable to abide by such decision of the majority. That's why, not even those who were truly defeated during the elections accept the fact that they've lost the election. Pity...pity to these selfish people. They do not understand the wisdom of elections. They have been graduates of bigtime universities, but they failed the passing grades of the simple people who composed the majority because of the pride of their own selfishness.

Since from the very first time that I have casted my vote to every elections, I always respect the result...the clean result of elections. But, since then, I don't know when was the last time that clean and honest elections took place.

First Family Corruption?...everybody is corrupted with the pride and selfish ambitions of those people who do not love their own country. Even then, if they loved the country, why is it that it remains peacefully malnourished?

First Family Corruption?...What is it?...Is it not the reflection of our own folly? Well, I don't know much about it. But I believe somehow I was even part of it as I casted my vote to the winner or the loser of any elections before!...and my simple mind only remind me of such folly committed by everyone, including me.

I'm sorry...I hope everybody do the same. But it is even more folly when no one seats the leadership of the nation. It is better to have one corrupt official who could easily be checked thru the legal system than no one at all qualified to hold the power of governance. I'm sorry for those "perfectionists" or critics of the government, you too is the very fiber of such corruption.

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Election Fraud Scenarios: A Painful Birth of a New-Old Nation

In military tactical offensive, there is a common jargon which says: "The more that you delay the offensive stance of the enemy, the more that you can maneuver the striking

force.” This is what I thought the KNP is doing while their other cohorts are trying to paint and repaint a scenario in both the national and provincial scenes that FPJ actually won the election. Besides the KNP’s valiant senators and congressmen are maneuvering the “NO PROCLAMATION” scenario in Congress, all other petty officers and gentlemen is trying to enflame the mass of people to go out and cry their sentiments in favor of FPJ.

Wow! This is like a movie in the making!

Well, in my own simple mind, I could say that these things happened because a lot of the people would really like it. These scenarios, painted or unpainted, draw a lot of eyes on to the canvassing of the Congress as a National Canvassing Board, including even the whole community of nations. The Philippines, I believe is now in the spotlight again!

After the 1986 People Power Revolution which dragged the whole nation into a squandary, and even to a near civil war scenario, and then later, the unifying charisma of Cory Aquino has brought a newborn nation! It was as if a painful birth has gone awry.

After Cory Aquino went through and survived many attempts of coup d’etat, of course, with the help of her valiant Secretary of Defense, Fidel V. Ramos, a new nation was brought to a new beginning, a new hope for the best!

I thought, it was a new beginning for us in a new Philippines!... But, regret it to say, it was not!

FVR was made an awesome president with merely 23% win of the total voting citizens. A minority President as he was oftenly referred to. During his tenure of office, a lot of changes was made in the bureaucracy. Old crocodiles were shook off from their posted haven, and eventually were driven out of office. The accomplishments of the Ramos administration of cleansing the core of government bureaucracy was never a publicized accomplishment but a silent bean of hope being planted to make the government run like the best of the other nation’s been doing. I have this faith in FVR who once again magnetized the whole quarreling nation into one unified people with one spirit and one soul.

ERAP ESTRADA was the people’s choice. The masses were convinced that he is for the poor masses. Everybody was made to believe that he really is... even today, you could feel that stigmatic influence among the poor people as indicated by the mass of support on FPJ, a close friend of ERAP. Only few, knew the dark clouds of the past about these two man of the people.

Hey, I have this buzz... Who knew about the BIG 4 syndicate? Well, I don’t have to elaborate more about these, because when I do, I have to scour the whole pile of newspapers in the national library to find one which contains the crimes they’ve done against society; I remember my old friend who died many years ago who told me about these stories. He used to used to refer ERAP and FPJ as the alleged masters of this

syndicate. I don't really know.

Anyway, when ERAP held the reigns of government, some of my friends who have friends who were former PSGs said that Pres. Estrada is somewhat an arrogant but delightful leader who usually escaped from the eyes of his security escorts just to visit certain secret friends. He went out off Malacañang with no escorts. While all of the PSGs were turning the whole city upside down in looking for him, some of his "friends" who served as his advisers were enjoying the "reign" with so much privilege and favor plate at their breasts. My friend even said: "It'd cost only a call to find one stupid guy who believed that he is still a young philandering man..." my friend usually chuckled when we had a short talk. "But he is good", he added.

With ERAP's who was very busy visiting some friends in the casino or secret hangouts, some of his generals were taking the hue! They observed that the President is not capable of running the government as it used to be with FVR. Well, they know that FVR was an excellent strategist. He made up things before it really happens.

"What EDSA DOS? Really?...?", these were the words I uttered when one of my neighbors told me the events happening in Manila. The "last envelope" was not allowed by the Senate to be opened; the people, in an uproar, to hear the truth went to the streets shouting their sentiments against the government of Estrada. They want him booted out of Malacañang!..which they did! A soft surrender before bloodshed was opted by Estrada. Off he went out of the backdoor of Malacañang on to a navy ship to a place nobody knew but his escorts...GLORIA was proclaimed the new President by the People's Power authority!

2004 Election was reported to be full of election fraud. The opposition kept on insisting to the general public that there was fraud!...fraud!....fraud!... But when asked to show evidence, they were not able to show one.

Today, the GLORIA administration is being rocked with so much criticisms roundabout. Even the "little" people would ask: "What kind of government is this?" Well, they don't know the workings within the spectrum of government bureaucracy, but they know the basic principle that when leaders are chosen by the majority of people, they would likely respect such a noble decision. But, the KNP would not heed. They have their own interest. They have their own agenda.

In some quarters of the elite haven, they would not want FPJ as the President; but, in many farflung quarters of the common people, they dreamed of FPJ as president. What a tremendous contrast, it would be. While these poor people are dreaming of FPJ to be president of the nation, even if they heard a lot of bad things about him, they are firm in deciding that FPJ deserved to be president. Why?...I asked them and they vehemently answered: "...because when wiser people are reigning, a lot of poor and very poor people are suffering; and we believe that whoever is holding the reign of government, they would certainly be corrupt still. Actually, not one of those running this government is qualified to meet our meager needs. So that, when FPJ fails to attain our dream of a good

nation with him as the president, so be it! We don't care, we all suffer, including the rich people..."

Hey, is he telling the truth?! I was amazed about the thought of this simple people. That's what they thought it would be? Everybody suffers the consequences of a bad decision; and it is going on now. We don't know when it will eventually end.

As I can observe, the GLORIA government today is very lenient as to the madic attacks of the opposition; I know in my level of understanding, that GLORIA would not want to go down to the level of angered enticings of the opposition. Well, that's right. A good leader with a good heart for the whole nation should not and must not succumb to the demands of her unworthy enemies. If she would do it, the whole mad mad world will turn down to ashes and the fear of civil war scenario is not remote to happen in a few days.

Well, am I dreaming?...No, I hope not. I wish it not...Oh no, I'm now confused. Sigh... the Filipino people is charting again a new ship... a navigation to nowhere... but with an eloquent mother like President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the children will play on in the playground and will enjoy the future as others wanted it not to be.

Sigh...after this bad bad dream, I know, a new birth of a new-old nation will come to rise again for a new sunshine of hope.

Monday, June 21, 2004

Election Canvassing: Graphical Scheme to Plot the Nation's Dramatic Destiny

It has been a gruelling event for everyone in Congress, in COMELEC, the Supreme Court that the recently concluded national canvassing for Presidential and Vice Presidential Race. It has brought the whole nation into somewhat quadratical equation at which the people begin to submerge into an impeccable uproar or a split-second revealing tendencies to go either against or in favor.

The characters of the whole event profusely charted every move either in upper or downtrend hopes and all. As I could described it to be a dramatic trauma for everyone when the teeth of the law has been moved to act in itself and plot the certainty of its result and the aftermath could have been a big turmoil.

Election canvassing was touted to be the slowest when compared to other nations election. So far, I believe that the Philippines have charted again another "first" in the history of all nations. During the canvassing, you could see the workloads and how these workloads have traumatically effected within the realm of its conceptual profanity or heaven-like divinity. Everybody played certain roles within their own realm where events have plotted up to the very end of the last certificate of canvass.

Now, I have understood very well that the chartered course of exercising the very event as was anticipated during the flexing of the election laws within the auspices of congress before it has been approved; I have seen the wisdom of all the people who get involved in one way or another, how this law has made its own markings. I could even say, that the events that transpired during the canvassing of certificate of canvass, was really working well, except for some loopholes which gave each party a gruelling or even a delicate move that would have caused chaos or even civil war instead.

As everybody sighed in joy for the last COC, it was surprising that no other than the pinch-heater Sen. Aquilino Pimentel who moved to the Chairman of National Canvassing Board to canvass the COC from Cagayan de Oro City with an earlier negotiation that no more objections that would eventually delay the canvassing. I was surprised by such move of Sen. Pimentel, while everybody in the gallery stood up and clapping for such a surprising move. The TV announcers was even astonished to the action taken by Sen. Pimentel; they believed that it was a historic move for the whole watching nation that the prime mover of the opposition wisely yield to the exigency of the canvass bringing the whole into a new perspective.

It was indeed a wise yielding that the opposition gained the approving smile of the whole nation. It was so simple to heal the already acute atmosphere of dissension and chaotic maneuver from some quarters; and the whole nation eventually see the yielding gesture why there's a need of opposition.

I have gained a lot of wisdom in the whole event that happened in the Philippines' political exercise. The law was placed as a machinetic grawl at which the oil and lubricants on how it will run when put into execution as the people carpentered it were all aware of things that actually will take place. The law in action is a law for good indeed when the whole people playing the main characters and villains have done their parts assiduously as expected from them.

I could feel the tension that threatened every quarter of the whole nation. The opposition eventually yielded the sustained and critical fight of their own lives; the administration have done the best of their wisdom to maintain sobriety and calmness as they dealt with every accusations and mudslinged rusts coming from every side of the playground.

Wow!...it was a wonderful play-act. The canvassing was timed to be finished during the nationwide celebration of the Fathers' Day. It was critical and it has put the whole nation into a new plot of chartered course in the navigational realm of the whole wide world indeed.

But still, questions may arise: What will happen next?

As I can see it, the election canvassing can be a chartered course of practicing the workings of the law of land. Just as long as everybody did their part with earnestness, the success of one is the eventful success of the whole.

Friday, July 02, 2004

The rascal leaders of opposition are portraying their own pitfalls in the face of national crisis

As I have noticed these past few days, before the oath-taking ceremony of the 14th President of the Republic of the Philippines, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the supporters of FPJ have shown their wares in terms of civil disobedience.

They showed no respect to the duly constituted laws of the land, because, if they really are respecting it, they wouldn't have gone to the streets and aired their grievances. I felt a bitter feeling about these my fellowmen. They have gone awry and disrespect was the order of their day.

What if...they have won? What will be the inspirit they have in running the government? Will there be hatred on the other side, also thinking and re-thinking the pain of losing the elections? Would there be any chances of reconciliation between parties who have drifted beyond the unexpected result of blunders and pride? Will there be peace?

There are a lot of questions that have come through my mind and nevertheless the answers remained in oblivion. As I can see the action taken by the protesters, brewing with a lot pain and grief in their hearts, they become rascals in portraying their own pitfalls. The leadership of their group is becoming weak and incontrollable as the people are becoming unruly and hear no words from their opposite side.

As I can see it, hatred has become their bread and their pain has become their water supplier in an outrage of getting the reign of governance that they themselves have gone out but displaying their own selfish ends.

The news revealed a lot of hidden agenda that sometimes the broadcaster-reporter himself observed in the way of covering the whole news report. Based on their own experience of covering these unruly events of people who aims is to collect P100.00 bills from their unscupulous leaders who financed such mass actions against the duly constituted government included therein also was reportedly kilos of rice for their own family good for the day.

Where is the real grievance that they've been trying to air? Is there truth in their campaign? Well, I don't see any reason at all for that fact. Because I truly believed that people who are fighting for certain ideological beliefs or political goals have to sacrifice something of their own for the benefit of the many.

Here, in the Philippines, I can see that the old paths of glory is gone awry. The truest motive of heart from the people who conduct mass actions is not really felt within the hearts of those who are governing.

Why?

Because the words that they have spoken remains to be within the realm of their expected selfish ends. The thunder of words that you may have heard from their ranks were words reflective of their own pitfalls, hence, their wrong perceptions has been an advanced dungeon of their own views of the realities that they see on government. Even then, they knew that they will fail, but incessant fire is fanned by those people whose plan is for the continued suffering of the people of their own feathers.

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Philippine Government is blinded with so much popularity issue on Iraq Victim

There has been so much hype on the case of Angelo dela Cruz, a cargo truck driver kidnapped by Iraqi militants and was about to loss his head if the Philippine government have had refused to withdraw its miniscule humanitarian troops deployed in war-torn Iraq. Were it not for Angelo dela Cruz, our troops would have staying in Iraq up to August 2004.

In anyway, the implication of such withdrawal of troops signifies many negative impression on the part of the international community who'd been observing the actions of the Philippines towards resolving this issue. Unlike Bulgaria and Korea who'd been supportive to US action against the regime of Saddam Hussein, now ousted President of this middleast country, it nearly buckledown the already spent effort of the US in terms of stabilizing the situation in Iraq. The withdrawal of the staunch supporter of the US, the Philippines, brought a wasted risk of lives among those who were willing to gamble their own resources just to let go and free the chained people of Iraq.

The action of the Philippine government have caused collapsed international diplomatic relation that would, in the long run, affect the country's relation with other countries. Dealing with terrorists, indeed, is not an easy task; and the Philippines closely know why the US refuse to negotiate with terrorists. They have their own experiences and wisdom why they wouldn't tolerate such demands and yield to the negotiations.

I can see the wisdom also on the part of my government. But in any angle of perspective and dynamic realization, such negotiation with the terrorist is a cuddling action that we, as Filipinos, have that intimate views about one person in relation to the bigger proportions of the population who'd been in the quagmire of poverty as caused by decisions that have no strategic value at all in terms of the global situation.

For last two months at most, the country has been within the spotlight of the world: observing what actions and alternative would the Philippine government do to resolve this impasse.

Now that the crisis is over; still the issue did not die down that slow. It even increased into a tremendous magnitude as if the whole of the Philippines is on for a festivity; and the media is feasting for Angelo dela Cruz and other issues of higher priority is now laid down to give way of welcoming the man who've awakened the eyes of the world and see the "cowardice" decision of my own government. I don't know how will I call it. But it hurts and caused so much pain for the whole wide world that my country have this "entangled tendency" to yield to the enemies of the world --- the terrorists.

I could not blame my government of such a hard decision. But still, I just hope that this would not cause so much trouble when other times come. History repeats itself.

Tuesday, August 24, 2004

Halfslots...Halfcooks...A Centavo for Every Drop...

Engines Rattling While Playmakers Draw Their Lots On Whom To Locate The Lubrication Pumps...

Since the last known increase in oil prices in the world market, the local markets in many countries are getting started to locate possible solutions to the ever-increasing problem about oil and its by-products. A lot of people are wondering about the aftermath of such dearth in supplies in oil which would, of course, meant something to many.

As I have been imagining events by events, I've seen the tremendous setback suffered by our own country in terms of resolving the problem of fuel oil scarcity which triggered the increase of basic commodities, although government has been trying to control the increase of prices among basic commodities; but traders, with the sole intent of profiteering are trying to sludge a scenario that would justify their actions.

We can look at the scenario in the same matter of looking at a movie on a big screen; feeling tremendously the effects of every bit of action being undertaken by the playmakers themselves.

The government has been trying to calm down the populace trying to figure out a lot of choice words that certainly be appropriate to the hearings of the media and to whole nation as a whole. Skeptics certainly doubted some of the pronouncements made by the government side; but along the way, people's trying times was consoled by the sweet choices of concerned tone on the part of the spokesman. Although it is hard to determine the sincerity of pronouncements with regard to certain government actions to alleviate the plight of the people, there are others who are rude enough, being convince to go beyond their own understanding.

The business people for a while is having their grand draw to locate the lubricating pump to size up the worst scenario that they could get out of government pronouncements. Though in the small way, they are creating a bigger proportion of the scenario already drawn to make people believe of the sincerity of the government to alleviate the already worsened conditions of the people; they are still hell-bent of coming up a better craft of making profits to the expense of the hardship of the common people who are living within the quagmire of their own loftiness.

Local government, on the other hand, are very silent about many things. Though the local officials are trying to make up for their losses in terms of tax collections because tax evasions and unwillingness to bill out their due taxes because of so much pain of finding sufficient amount of money to pay it off. A lot of local government employees are trying their very best effort to comply with what is targeted budget for their own self sustainment, but still the hard times haunts them well.

Common people, who are already bending their knees for a day's work to earn a meager income to sustain the needs of their own family, are still popped-up in sustaining the ends meet. Even harder is the effect of hospitalization because of sickness. So that, there has been a lot of afflictions embedded to their already hell-bent condition, when a hospital would not want to admit their sick because of the lack of money deposit for the immediate application of medication. Although government have already enacted a law to quell this devious activity among hospitals, but still a lot of them would not want to heed the already harsh way of life they have been suffering.

The law itself do not speak of the truthfulness...even beyond to the grave of an already victim of circumstances.

My country today is in the quagmire of its own folly where giant crocodiles are aiming high to eat even the smallest potato of the beetle.

This is what I am seeing now...the poor is no longer called poor, but paupers of the poor; while the highly exalted crooks is no longer caller the elite among the elite but the bountry hunters of their own flesh. Man eat man; man eat animals.

I hope you understand what I mean with those paradigms that I've drawn in words. This is not a vision, but a reality that gets started to blow out the head of every thoughts that I earn, even, to my own fall!

Monday, September 06, 2004

**Oil Price Hike is Victimizing the Public Hype On Government Change;
and Engines of Government Is Revving High In Its Prideful Pitfalls**

“It is now or never....” a word of action or deceit?

People today are trying to recoup their anxiety after the sudden price hike on fuel oil. Their fear finally became reality. The subsequent effect of the prices in fuel oil was enormously staggering to the poor people in the whole country.

I've seen a family who survived only on the meager income of the father as a “baggage boy”. Before, the one hundred pesos was less sufficient to buy a three time meal for the day. The father spent about 3 to 4 hours in order to be able to raise the amount and he seemed to be a beggar to ask little addition to the usual pay for a baggage. But, his client seems ear-shut and insisted that it was enough...mere five pesos for about 20 kilos of baggage. Unfair, isn't it? But this is the life of a poor father with seven little children to feed. The wife just recently passed away. She had a cancer of the bone. Her youngest daughter is only about 1 year old. He was problematic, but still, he continued his routine way of life...just a baggage boy. He said he was not able to finish his elementary education and even then he find it difficult to send off his children to school because the cost of school materials is much higher than the cost of one kilo rice; no clothes to wear nor a slipper; no notebooks to bring inside the classroom. His was a tremendous load to bear. I pity this man, just as I pity myself too!

Change in government system?...What can it offer to all the citizens of my country, Philippines?

This questions always moved to a spellbouding thoughts... and its seems that people in the government need to change themselves, too. Not the government!

Now the hype is almost staggering to think about. Congress have already stalled the initiation of charter change and instead, concentrate their efforts on the overall economic agenda of the Arroyo Administration. These efforts still doubly in trouble because of the increasing budget deficit. The government is trying to raise the amount of money that they badly need to run the government engine smoothly; but the rough seas of sailing the boat to a high-capped wave is what haunted every citizen of this country.

Everybody is trying to be unconscious of the truth, but the truth spilled every needed lubricant to make the engine of government running; the fight against corruption seems to be a futile journey to nothing.

As I can observe today, the engine of government is more fully focused on the so-called legacy of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, but its tremendous setback is found within the fulcrum of their pitfalls--- Good programs with unresolved budget deficit. Funny, isn't it? The crocodiles are designing how to spend the government coffers to good projects, but behind those good projects the sliding hose of corruption is silently seeping out the funds to the mouth of the crooks, leaving behind the unfinished expectations of the poor.

Today, as I can see it... just as other people do say this... no matter whoever is the

President of this country, progress will always be expressed and highlighted among the paid newspapers and broadcast journalists! The economic progress can only be felt within the pages of reports relayed out of Malacañan made by technocrats who never have had the chance to live among the paupers of the streets. Of course, this is a skeptic accusation to them who are there and raising their eyes at the ceiling of their own air-conditioned room while they are handsomely paid by the hard-earned income of the average people who faithfully paid their taxes directly through salary deductions.

When can this end?....Actually, I really don't know. But, I still have my hope that this country will be able to survive from the clutches of evil that chained its own folly. And this folly was said by an illustrious man in the Philippine History, Pres. Manuel Luis Quezon. He said, I hope that I'm correct: "I would rather like to see the Philippines run like hell by the Filipinos than heaven by the Americans..." What a tremendous impact had it brought to my senses. A man who dearly loved his own country prefer a common Filipino to run his country like hell than to see it under the servitude of the Americans.

It seems to me that this is the plague that haunted every Filipino citizen. This prophetic words of a leader of a small nation have expressed his solemn agony against servitude of a foreign power. But look... are we really independent? Or was it a hell-bent "pride" that brought us into the quagmire. I've read history...and I do believe that it repeats itself but in a different dimension or so.

Anyway, my only hope is that... let every Filipino citizen open up the windows of their soul to see the rotteness within its own system. When government starts to rev high on its prideful pitfalls, the clamor of the people... LET THE CHANGE BEGIN.

Where?

To every Filipino citizen who prized their own freedom than wickedness and folly to their ownelves; and I hope that a change of government is a change of people's outlook!

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Olympic Achievement Is Likely Equivalent To The Picture Of The Country's Sports Development: Corroded or Plainly Corrupted?

The recently concluded Olympics 2004 in Athens, Greece can be epitomized as a consistent symbolism of courage, patience, endurance, grandeur of survival, and the fame of everlasting achievement. We have learned that originally the olympic sports actually originated in Greece and there had been a lot of variations of games in terms of sports progress and development.

Each country prepared a three-long years of scorching trainings and seminars on the athletes who are noted to have been exposed to various competitions in both the local and international arena of sports. Athletes are spotted, tested and trained each according to their own inclinations and inherent skills and abilities. By such, each of these athletes

symbolizes either the hope or flop of their own turfs depending upon the people who handled them eventually.

The government allocate certain amount of the budget to install an orderly manner of spotting and training of athletes for the olympic games or other local and other international competitions. People in the Sports Commission are mandated to maintain the highest standard of discipline among themselves and their athletes. Theoretically, this is the tremendous task ahead of everything: To win gold medals in all sports competition. This is the ultimate upheaval for all the hardships and sacrifices of all concern.

Now, the big question is: What happened to the Philippine Contingent?

There has been observation from down below the poverty line. Some of the athletes being developed into international competitors remarkably are coming from the poor. They have inherent talents and skills to survive even the most strenuous and tedious training in town. They have a big heart to compete and ultimately bring out the best of their own efforts. However, rumors or even reports put it that some of the sports funds were not actually expended to the intended appropriations. Some of the athletes have hideously groaned for unfair practices among officials such as favoritism or nepotism; and many other unusual, or say, unscrupulous activities that eventually siphoned off the coffers content.

I have learned that democratic institutions brings out the best in you. But overly practice of the same usually corrupt even the little tunnel of hope and comprehension.

If you could imagine the ants: they helped one with another, they gather their own foods in times when dry season is at hand; and when rainy seasons starts to blow its own flow of waters, you could never see an ant outside the sunlit field and are working. Except for those ants working at the mercy of the shelter they've keep for a while above the ground, all others are in their own home-made shelter in anticipation of the rain. They are learning their own ways in the practice of their own democratic ways of life. They are diligent and industrious; willing to help one another. They are as other people do... but, only when no outside interferences come their way. Once a wise individual not their own class comes and corrupt their usual or natural way of life, exploitation and corruption starts to toggle their own unaltered life. Once this would start, division comes and death is imminent. To fight back is futile, but they have their own sense of deflection.

This is a short parable to reckon with. When we can configure this instance, we can discern the omniscience of the value of "duty and responsibility"; but this would only mean beyond the comprehended thought of the basic concepts of moral values as taught in the school.

Like sports, every bit of actions that our athletes have undertaken during the recent Olympic games closely portrayed the inactivity of government within its own fulcrum; the motive of the athletes is to bring in medals for the honor of their country; but the country in itself, of course except for a few, is not in tune for such a venture especially

the politicians. They only wanted to speculate and imagine the adventurous events being layed down in their own eyes; create a media hype to make their own people to have faith in their own athletes which eventually resulted to sorting off the money for such a media coverage. Surely, money talks to evangelize the feat of the athletes. But, I say, what a waste of time, money and effort, when not a goal has been attained but only self-sustaining satisfaction that the country, at least, have eventually participated in to that pompous sports events. (Whew!)

Is this our only way of surrendered reckoning?

Anyway, the athletes have done their best. I should say, they put on their own crown of glory at the haste of many who are not their own. Eventually, what they have achieved so far, I believe, is a process that will chart the destiny of many other sports events in the future.

I still have this faith. Filipinos will triumph at their own chartered destiny of glory and one has to reflect on this thing: Who could achieve it? Me?...ha ha ha... oh no, not me... but everyone who dares it...of course you have to include me. (smiles)

Friday, October 08, 2004

Fiscal Crisis Ignites the Spark of Patriotism and Nationalism, But How Much Longer it can Endure?

The Philippine Government opened the Pandora's Box which astonished every matured citizen of this country; and even the youths have shown remorse over the misguided principles of economics that had long been employed within the fulcrum of the government's bureaucracy. "Technocrats", as they call it among the elite, and "Crocodiles" among the poor people, the government continued to spark a new hope of solutions and resolutions on the problem of poverty.

It is the voice banner of the Arroyo Administration who intends to stamp poverty to a threshold manageable by the contending factors of socio-economic scales of considerations as well as the long-term program of politicized effective infrastructural conduits that will spur a new image of the Philippines in the eyes of the whole world.

The economic managers of the country have introduced a lot of soluble and patch-in solutions to counteract against the avalanche of poverty wave as a result of imbalance estimates and miscalculations done by some laggards of the bureaucracy.

Recently, a good program provides a certain amount of food that will be distributed among the indigent people throughout the Philippines. They termed it as "food coupon". What an incalculable setback can it be when even the government have taught the people to depend on "dole outs" as a result of their ineptitude and gross negligence.

This is how the people below the threshold of poverty think about government. When you ask them why they've thought about it, they would just say, "This is how I feel about it... my government induced me to commit a suicide within my own foolishness of trying sell out my vote. And now, I can see the negative effect of doing it... we are on our own follies..."

This old man remember the days when real leaders arose from their own ranks. They mention people like Magsaysay, Macapagal and all of the other notable leaders of the nation whom they believed to have contributed much good in government. They even mentioned about the importance of the presence of the US in the Philippines and the contributions that the Japanese have brought to us and many others. He lives by his time and just can't see no light beyond the tunnel of darkness that he is seeing now.

This poor old man remembers every minute that he enjoyed in earning P1.00 to P2.00 per day of labor with one centavo worth your evening meals. He enjoyed imagining those days of the past and boast about it. It was the golden days of the past that tried to haunt him up to the last of his breath. He wonders what will happen to his posterity when no hopes and only sacrifices are being ask of government from them. Matter of choice as they usually chuckle about it...

Now these people are beginning to realize the impact of their own wrong decisions. But there's that usual saying in marketing: NO RETURN, NO EXCHANGE.

At any rate, patriotism and nationalism, as of these days are being charted among the very stages of government theatre. Many people symphatized with the dramatic actions that people in the government have manifested. But all these were considered a show by this lowly people. One of the company said, "If I could only see people in the government wear the old-time wear of "kamiseta" and not those barongs and American clothes, I would certainly believe that government really is in crisis. As long as they ride still in their luxurious cars and dined at falacious restaurants and fast foods, I will not believe that these 'crocodiles' are really serious in dealing with our very own problems."

This kind of perceptions really breeds contempt. I cannot blame the man, because I am witness of his own plight. He always went to the sea to catch fish and return home with a meager income from less than a kilo of fishcatch as a result of his overnight work of finding bait for his thousand hooks. (We call it here as "konay"). He just walk silently with shoulders down as he fumbles a stone back home.

Now I ask to myself, "What can I contribute still to government?". With this question in my mind, I have conducted an inventory for my own; and I found that I am as poorer as my brother fisherman and my brother old man who dreams the past. I am more than a pauper as I look at my children and wonder what will happen to them after tomorrow and days to come. How about my grandchildren's children of my children's children. Does my patriotism and nationalism will bring the whole economy up? Or does my little contribution will mean a better future for them?

A big sigh is all I can render.

Friday, October 15, 2004

The revving reform of the AFP is subtly cracked by the fangs of its own military artistry and the conjuring effect is enormously felt

Democracy has the widest avenue of reform even within the dynamic context of subtle cruelty or even in the pages of inappropriate accusations to prove a wrong or to disprove a right. Whichever is dynamic is good and whichever is inappropriate deserves a gamble or a risk-taking venture for experience. This is how I see things within our country's situation today.

A lot of accusations have been raining from left to right, from up and down, from the center to the side, and from the side to whoever or whichever is going to be hit by its revving onslaught. No matter is the consequence, according to many nationalists, just as long as the truth prevails, it's all up to the one who did his own misdeeds to suffer the unbelievable or believable curse of the whole nation.

I could not say any further more details about our media today because as I see it, they are all commercialized and overly profit oriented. Sometimes those who knew much about our social responsibility and teaches them in their own wards seemed to be the ones who eventually forget the essence of its beauty as they see them theoretically in their own concepts.

I would like to comment that the intellectual qualifications of the people running the government is very high but the performance is critically low.

Why?

The public administration or management principles and theories that they've learned abroad through curious studies and research is overly reactive to the actual needs and situations of the country. They seemed to see the superficial effects of poverty and they designed how to quell it in terms of their own personal point of view, whims and caprices. No matter what will happened to the people whom they've served, just as long as the programs and actions of government are going to put on the road with a lot of indiscernible pieces of ruts and blunders, it doesn't matter anyway. I see at their own perceptions a plethora of beauty within the context of papers and conceptual ideas only, but in the end, a lot of people suffered the consequence of their own overly statistical miscalculations. They even employed private companies to pursue their own means.

Anyway, they are not the ones directly affected, its the common people who are willing to served as experimental mammals. People who are willing to obey and ride with the tide of afflictions. But in all that they have in their own grounds are promises of sort that in one day, they will be uplifted as a whole people. It may be sad to note that in the Philippines, a lot of people are treated as squatters in their own country. Legislators tagged them as such would introduce measures to at least alleviate their plight. Local governnance even more designate a place where people are squatting at the property of their own fellowmen who even times are inconsiderate, and in the name of business, impose an amount from these poorly people.

Oh!.... One thing more that I should like to add-up is the presence of a lot of foreign investors and are already assimilating their own investments with the Philippines investments. One authority classified them as legitimate Filipino business. But hideously, these multi-national investors are making use or even abuse the trust of my fellow Filipinos, but using their own name for the sake of investment... or more specifically, money.

Sighhhh.....

The people have already by been afflicted with so much trouble in seeking both ends to meet their family needs. The average people are trying to survive within the ground of their own meager business ventures. They are tagged by the technocrats as small medium enterprises (SMEs) businessmen while those with high volume of capital outlay are called Multinational Companies.

Meantime, with the recent spate of reports about destabilization plots against the government, the business sector have shown indicators to withdraw capital invested in anticipation to the said plot. You see, everytime speculators made their own outburst in reaction to certain threat, a counterthreat of capital investment withdrawal is their ultimate means to destabilize further the unstable economy.

Everyone this time seems to be materialistic and security conscious.

No one is secured this time. Even those in the home of high-rise fences and high-technology installed security gadgets are threatened by these destabilizing mortars. Now, the government is sometimes overly reactive with these speculative threats that even its own ground base is being shaken and shocked by its own blown-out hilt!

Siggghhhhh again....

In my own view, moneymakers run every which way... no security buffers around by ignorance of sort by those who are operating the machines of government.

Smuggling of products and even human smuggling have become a very profitable trade here and abroad, but thanks to the new Task Forces created to fight against these unscrupulous trades. But question may come again, how long will it be sustained? Will it

survive after the Arroyo Administration? Or will it serve as temporary checkpoints that when one law enforcer is relieved, the other will not surely follow what was started. This is how government usually undertake measures to resolve one problem and allow others to crop up with even more resolutions. It is as if the government is only to apply a patch-up stamp medication to every wound resulted from incidental slice of the knife in the hand.

The lack of consistency in government policies and the extreme flexibility of the rule of law towards the sacred cows and the untouchables who are with the clutches of their own political leaders, the much vaunted familiarization, the silent political dynasty among those who rule and those with dollar money abroad, the Scholars of the People who after they have gone to the United States or other countries, employed their knowledge without getting into touch the people down the stream and loved much of the fashion of the trimmings of their own illustrious achievements; the stiffneckedness of the elite speaks of progress in terms of their own; and the impeccable drying rivers of progress and development afflicted the whole nation of the poor without the trappings of their own undaunted achievement by supplying the upper echelon of the government every bit of problems that they have encountered in the battlefield of survival and painful curse of their own folly in times of elections. They believed that moneyed people are their allies and in the end they discovered that these people who get elected are their own hidden enemy of sort.

These and many more needs that the people of my country have to retrieve from their own sleeping bags. These and many more people need to re-awaken the light and luster of their own national credo.

I believed that a true nationalist never falter a bit of his own patriotism, neither that he takes a first step without surely making a clear-cut view of the way he will take.

I don't know now when would this small voice be heard among the hearts of my people in the upper echelon; but, still I believe somewhere along the desert line of these insurmountable problems in my country today, a radiant light will shine, even a bit, to make everyone learn the wisdom of their own experiences.

I'm just here...writing what it takes to be written from them.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Leadership's wise yielding to the truths open up new avenue for shaky reforms within the core of bureaucratic governance

A tricky trek may lead to the lane of crisis!

As I have been trying to comprehend the economic situation of our country today, it seems that a shaky remnant of 1986 People Power Revolution is still on the loose of tracking down the guilty vanguards of the State who are continuously crooking the river

stream of the National Treasury and hideously withdrawing funds in cahoots with some greedy political stalwarts who provide the venue of secret deals and combinations using their all-around the world syndicated connections.

One thing that I have been wondering of is that hardly passing of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001 (RA 9160) which very light seems to be clouded by the unusual appropriation of Php25M for the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC). Even the law itself can be means of straying away the money of the government. I am not a law expert but I can imagine the conditions and situations where and when the law itself can be the source of the big budget problem.

One thing that keeps on tagging me is my wandering mind. I was imagining the bulk of money being laundered by the highly respected officers of the AFP and the seems-to-be adamant stand-off situation wherein the same will be tapped to be a star witness to a case against a John Doe!

Funny is it?

Yeah... I would prefer to say a simple yes for I am a simple man with a simple mind. I can lend you my trust or even give it. But not all the times that the same trust as I have had the last day we have talked will be the same nature of trust today. Oftentimes, people given with the full confidence of sort, usually or frequently, abuse such trust thinking that the people who trusted him, have the same thought as he would be when they exchange places.

Anyway, let us continue the story.

Latest development showed that a senator (of course I don't have to mention her name) accused the military leadership of syndicated corruption headed allegedly by AFP Chief of Staff and 11 of his generals which she referred to as "GANG OF 12". What?... Does the senator knew before hand what really is happening around the military establishment? Oh come on... I don't think she could be able to unearth such alleged unscrupulous secret deals and combination without someone within the under grounds of such syndicate.

Hmmmm... I smell fishy on this thing!

Anyway, how much money was not shared to the person who informed the Senator about this Gang, and how much volume of information can be unearthed out of this mess, it's not my problem. But, in a little way, I could say that I could have been a bit affected on this thing because I was once employed with the AFP and spent more than ten years as an "emergency employee" or let us say "casual". And as I was working, I could smell a rotten fish burning within the empty bowl. Of course, it was my observation that's why I decided to go out of the military establishment and enjoy my life in a rotten poor condition as I am today. I never blame my superiors nor my co-workers in the government. But certainly I blame the people who belongs to the higher echelon of government who've done all of these corruptions!

I believe that there are few good people in this battered AFP institution. This few good people are crawling their way out and trying to establish an institution of reformation at which they themselves would like to erect to save the face of the AFP. They worked silently at pace with every beat of situations and conditions particularly in the political settings. When politics enter into their stream, corruption begins. But how could they be able to set aside politics while in their own ranks, the journey of political streams is as the wind on stormy seas?

I would love to discuss more of these things, but it seems that the more we delve on these topics, the more the many people will be confused.

I'd like to discuss the attitude of our politicians. You see... when they discover something of issue for national interest, everybody ride on it no matter will be the consequences of their own actions. Basically, I can observe that when they saw that certain issue can sell them out to the public for public interest, their tendency is to ride on with it. All others will follow suit and all that they have discovered, they are the ones who are lumping their ownselves to the mud. People believes and people disbelieves. This is the situation. Everybody blames everybody. Of course, it includes me.

Today, as I lay down my thoughts on these things, I could only imagine the events in the future when leaders are the ones who will yield to every situation at hand. However, I suppose that when they yield to every truths uncovered, I could say that hope is all around. It takes a woman to clean up the household.

It is only my fervent hope and trust that the Arroyo Administration today, just like the legacy of the Macapagal Administration during the times of my grandold parents, will live up to where I was... to where I could have been... to where my children and grandchildren could be in the future.

I know that this is the trying times for a Filipino to stand up alone beside my President. I too would love to share the legacy that she promised to attain and it is promising to note that every Filipino deserve it!

Wednesday, December 08, 2004

US Intelligence Reforms may spark another milieu of reform within the RP: A duplicate copy is not far to be xeroxed.

International terrorism has brought havoc among civilians all through the world. In fact it becomes a living standard for those who like to live within the cradle of war and expand the same beyond the boundaries of their own ideology or even to self.

People around the globe have been a victim of traitorous attacks as leaders of nation have played and replayed a very tremendous question in the back of their heads on how to

contain such devastating wave of human challenge in protecting life and property as the basic foundation of liberty.

There must be reforms!...

While considering themselves as a nation at war, Pres. Bush emphasized that intelligence is their first line of defense against terrorist, US Congress passed the historic legislation of that changed the whole US Intelligence structure which effectiveness could have prevented the 9/11 mishap.

The Americans have learned the lesson of their mistakes and their concern is the safety of rights and liberty to live life away from the terror of their own making or rather the making of those who may be considered as traitors of humanity.

Here in the Philippines, people are living at the remote places where rebels and other lawless elements are roaming around like wild kangaroos, or raging bull, or even pasturing lambs clothe in sheep's sweater and freely rule the mountains that the AFP could not scour. They frequently sow terror among the populace so that their daily sustenance can be derived from the terrored citizens or act like bandits with their notorious firearms.

No matter what the government is planning to do, these fellow Filipino rebels stand by what their ideology calls for them to do in order to preserve what they believe is right in the eyes of the ideologues. They are willing to die to protect their long march of protracted war against the government. They imitate the events of one country and employ the same in their own lot; while the tremendous setback is a rundown agony of their own victims which even include their very own family.

Reform is a paramount journey to heaven's horizon. But when there's not a government who would preserve their skin from being bitten by notorious mosquitoes who lives within the gallows of their own wrongdoings; surely, government will fail to preserve what freedom has been. In this area, the US Congress did it the best so far.

But look!... My own government can imitate the same strive as US did!

So far, the Philippines has been a camel of local terrorist attacks. Municipal halls and small AFP detachments have been the targets of constant terrorism; and even business establishments were sowed with terror for purposes of revolutionary tax collections! But if government, specially the people composing its bureaucratic structure institute reforms such as moral recovery and many other dilapidated concepts and ideas, or even Intelligence Reforms, which are products of their thoughts, people may not rebel against.

Let me tell you a story. During the typhoon "Unding" and "Yoyong", the people particularly those who were victims, were asking relief assistance from local government units. One of the known Municipal Executive Officer (MEO) in one of the LGUs were asked to supply the readied relief goods for the victims of Typhoon Unding which came

first before Typhoon Yoyong. However, the latter came, thus, the intended distribution was postponed. While during the height of Typhoon Yoyong, a local barangay executive asked relief assistance from Municipal Executive Officer (MEO) to release a number of relief goods to sustain the needs of his constituents who were sheltered in the rooms of the Elementary School in his barangay. However, he was declined to receive the same because the MEO has not yet printed his name on the wrappers of the relief goods. The Barangay Captain need to wait further until the Typhoon subside. But the Barangay Captain thought the urgency of relieving the hungry constituents, we went to other Municipal Officers, and it so happened that the Vice MEO was actively doing his job. Thus, the hungered constituents were relieved temporarily of their stomach worries.

Sighhhh.....

This event is very peculiar to happen. But it is so happened because the MEO was somewhat shortsighted and listens to his lietenants with shortsight visions. Funny is it?... or what the heck?!...

My point here is that reforms must be instituted to the whole bureaucratic instrumentalities of the Philippine Government. These reforms must be an urgent answer to the demands of time and to demands of the needs of the whole inhabitants of this choice country. The leaning tower toward destruction is one that brought havoc among the citizens of this country. Everybody including those below the tower of even those beyond the tower contributes to its own destruction. (I'm sorry to use metaphors on this. This might be over religious, I thought).

Anyway, what I can imagine today is that the RP government may have the same thoughts that I have. The mark of an imitator is a retained title of the Filipinos since its institutions as a people. We are fond of imitations and the same is being tried to be injected within the realm of our own culture. Of course, if this would be for good, why not?

As of the moment in time, RP government needs reform from the very core of its existence. The Filipino culture, as I have observed, have been corrupted by a lot of wizards running off the lubricants of governance by simply instigating people to run off the right track and allow them to sell their own very rights for the cause of money. Hah!... Blatant!... Capricious!...

But beyond all these, there are few good people in the government, when given the chance to perform well, can make the whole country a tremendously progressive one! Only that they are few, and we need to find them and build them up to the ladder, and Intelligence can do the difference on this. I don't have to mention certain people who went up the ladder to become great Senators, Congressmen, or even President or Vice President, the Philippines is rich these type of people. But, we need to use our intelligence or Intelligence to track down these people. Of course, we have to identify the rotten eggs among the group, and this can only be done thru Intelligence. Thus, I would urge the Philippine Government to do the same as US did even if it would be a duplicate

copy or not, it's all the same: Reform is paramount within our streams of havoc.

I wish that US would always be there at the hilt of everything new. So, I would like to congratulate them in their massive reforms within the ranks of Intelligence Network they've been through.

Oh yes!!!, I forgot... I hope that RP government can direct local executives to be merciful in times of need. Shalom!

Thursday, December 16, 2004

FPJ's Demise is a new signal for the Movie Industries to Refocus Movie Productions; and Timbre of People's Fashion for Pornographic Shows

For quite a long time, my chagrin over Philippine movies that showed pornographic scenes remained still. I've learned from so much reading that movie producers, as much as possible, produce a big budget for investors to pin their share. Later when all money is obtained, they would just trim down expenditures and insert in the process some porno materials that would likely attract movie viewers to come along and see the movie.

I have learned that producers, writers, directors, actors and actresses, or even the lighting technicians and gaffers, clappers and make-up artists, and other crews would certainly prefer the porno inserts just for the heck of it. It is therefore viewed elsewhere, of course including here in the barangays/barrios, that when movies have porno inserts, particularly in those parts that entails husband and wife relationship or fleeting moments between boy and girl friends, have trimmed down production budget. These culprits think of piracy within their midst as a very profitable trade. So, they thought about keeping the "full shots" of these porno scenes, reserved for "exclusive audience only".

There are private houses that caters these type of movies and only those people with batteries of credit cards like Visa and American Express attend every exclusive viewing. (Oh well, what an expose'!... These rotten thoughts of malversed people carried away legitimate business in order to gain a better edge of income-generating ventures thru piracy even if it affects the whole industry itself. They thought of Europeans openly hugging the headlines because of "Nudity Effects" among executives and legislators!)

Sssshhhh.... go... just find it yourself.

What is musingly done is the queer thoughts of some Directors of these movies who are trying to keep the high standards of movie productions (less the backside thoughts of their other income venture) and appear in some TV shows trying to correct what is traditional with their own "third state" thoughts of people acting in front of the cameras. Sophisticated as it would seem to be, but the bitter pill is more tasted by those very people who acted upon their own enticing insistence with the promised high-billing costs

and money in the drawer.

Hahahahaha... funny!

But anyway... let's go back to the FPJ demise. I believe that with the eventual demise of the King of Action Movies, the likes of Bong Revilla, Lito Lapid, Raymart Santiago, Jestoni Alarcon, Rudy Fernandez and a lot more Action Stars will be aiming their guns to at least to be at par with the King. More action movies will come its way among premiere theaters all over the country depicting violence and all that the writers can thought. Of course, it would certainly include porno movies; and ordinary people, or can we call it the "masses", will be piling up the entrance of movie theaters trying to hit the screening deadlines after work or belay other appointments just to watch movie. Well, we have it here in the Philippines a good advise: "Relax. See Movie" banners all in every ads of the newspapers or magazines; or even in the corners. But, how could you be relaxed when you see a very stressful movie that carries away the dooms of your emotions and embed in our hearts malicious thoughts and all-flying bad words coming out from the mouth of the idolized stars. (Whew!... a centavo of your thoughts?)

Anyway, the whole movie industry as of this time may better track all the record-breaking movies that idolized FPJ or even ERAP a very long time.

I have a question in mind: Can FPJ demise change the whole movie industries? Will pornographic movies will reign in the midst of every triumph that the man did achieve?

I hope that the fiscalizers in the movie industries will find its way to re-evaluate the facts of why rotten movies die easily with its own time together with the actors and actresses that performed it maliciously.

As of this time, I can't say something about the future of the movie industry. But, I believe that FPJ's sterling movie records will spark a new hope within the midst of anything unusual to happen. Can't wait to see it.

Hey... movie reviewers can't you see the rot?!...

Thursday, January 06, 2005

TSUNAMI STRIKE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA LEFT PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WONDERING ITS VICIOUS ONSLAUGHT AND ITS AFTERMATH IS THE WHOLE TSUNAMI OF GREED

The year 2004 was a dramatic year for all the people in the world that even from the farthest corner of the earth, simple people are wondering what does the tsunami event is all about. Some thought that it is the awaited doomsday sign giving signal for a change in nations, peoples, cultures, religious beliefs and attitudes. It has tremendously shocked the very core of human weaknesses when they saw such event of destruction, survival, pain

and remorse, the ache of heart soothe the inner portion of envelopment where the hiatus of disbeliefs and agony silently glide the mode of tsunami's viciousness and onslaughts.

As I can see the footages in a local TV news reports and even in the local internet cafe's the horrifying experiences of the people of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, India, even up to the farther Kenya where the wind and waves shredded the lying fishing boats, I could feel the aching pain and sorriness on them. I have also observed other countries like the US where flashfloods dominate the streets in Philadelphia brought about by Storm Jeanne.

Meantime, the Philippines was largely visited by three-on-row typhoons that wrought havoc both in the Middlewestern, Northeastern and Southeastern part of the country leaving destroyed houses and farms about to be harvested, coconut trees due for cropping, fishing boats submerge and shredded by strong winds, school houses with no roofs, and more destructive was the landslide in Real and Infanta towns in Quezon where thousands of logging residents thereat suffered the grief of their own foolishness --- cutting trees for money! It was as if Tsunami enveloped their own foolish shots at earning a living or so at the expense of nature's ecological balance.

There are other events happened in the year 2004. Iraq was pre-occupied by Allied Forces of the US to bring back the long-suffering Iraqui people from the demonic rule of Saddam Hussein. It was discovered that there has been thousands and thousands of Iraqui minorities who were slaughtered by Hussein. Such unveiling moment in the human history also engrief the whole human nations of the world. But, in spite of this tremendous accomplishments, the US has been in question! And even the UN was left aghast by the turn of events. Overall the reactions was positively taken by the observing hosts of nations.

I've had a lot of observations in the year 2004. Local markets of stocks in the beginning was plugging down but in the middle of the year it has picked up it upturn. Oil companies on the other hand have been silently maneuvering the local market to their favor while riding on the national issues on government policies and programs on the importation of goods and services. It has also drawn in their favor the international oil markets and shaved a high profile income generations in the sideline.

The submissive people in the Philippines have been affected with these turn of events and at even time launched their own silent revolt and eventually a nationwide transport strike was edged up to wake up the sleepy heads of the passive people. Local populace have their own version of shaving--- a silent cry and a hush!... "Life goes on..." said one on whose shoulder lies the hope of a family of 10. "We can't do otherwise... whoever is seating in the Malacanan trench holds the power... but we expect action nonetheless," he continued.

At the threshold also is the dying ember of hope for some small entrepreneurs whose business sustained the underground economy who decided neither to pay or even refuse to pay taxes to local government. Of course this would include those high officials in the

local government who, in one way or another, silently evade paying the right taxes. While they've been encouraging their local populace to pay their real property taxes and business taxes, the rest of their minions collect the other way around.

I don't know more of their modus operandi, but I believe that what ordinary people have been talking about is largely realistic and indeed at the hilt of events. Local "jueteng" still step up its operations with both the local authorities and local government officials are allegedly receiving large some of money silently as "payola". Even ordinary policeman bet on this long-time game number in the community. It seems as though the tsunami of events weirdfully influenced the whole dying rural populace who is most-willing to gamble their last peso expecting that the same will turn out to their favor and gain a large amount to at least sustain their own self needs or family needs whichever is preferable to his/her whims.

The year 2004 was largely a commercialistic venture for every business invented. If you will observe the commercials in all TV stations with soft opera shows, it would take even 15 to 20 minutes advertisement spree!... In the process, the caught eyes of the viewers tremendously lost their own patience of waiting. The more that a soft opera is being viewed by the whole country, a line-up of commercials overdue its purposes. Of course, radio stations likewise come into their own stronghold. As much as possible, the writers must have a clique on their own to compete with the TV shows, but in the end, many radio broadcast drama writers are in the sideline when collection comes. While their drama was picking up high in listenership, their big bosses is gaining the whole lot of it! What a "tsunami of greed is it?!"... Well, the whole bunch of industries is more concentrated in money-making ventures for their own gain.

Recently, a Tsunami Conference of Asean countries which was participated in by the UN and US brought hope to the victims of such an staggering wave hype. Many countries have pledged their assistance to the affected countries. But UN Koffi Annan urged the pledges to pay it in money for immediate purchase of those things needed to be delivered to those ravaged countries. I hope that it come to realistic. (wink....)

On the other hand, the Philippines participation in this conference I believe is figuratively sly as pledges was not even clear for any commitment for undertaking because I believe there are more problems being encountered by a lot of Filipinos here and abroad than to actively participate the worldwide initiative being undertaken by the UN and the US. Philippine Congress on the other hand signified its own intention to participate in terms of legislations as a deterrent shock-up to prevent the same event to happen here in the country. It was indeed holistic to view such act of congress in sympathizing the victims of the tsunami, but they failed to view the same strata of domestic problems that plagued the whole nation for a long period of time--- the giving way of the poor and voiceless people at their midst and listen their harsh voice of complaints. I don't know how it will be, but I hope that this would give a venue of change in the eyes of too many people. Of course, the 2004 Philippine Elections was marred with alleged cheating and counterfeit ballots that are reportedly counted in order to sledge up the winning candidates. But the blame is not for only one to blame about, but for every citizen who have been abusing

their rights of suffrage at the expense of the future. Leadership indeed in the Philippines streams from how much does it cost a leader in terms of money and food. (Sighhhhh....)

Anyway, at this point in time, this lost Filipino is still heaping his own afflictions and even in this writing, the outrage remained unfeigned. But, I believe there is hope... always to hope... that one day, everyone who are in and outside this country be able to realize the agony of defeat from their own foolishness... indeed... indeed... what a tsunami of events has it been... (sighhhh....)

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

In a society of viciousness, who can discern the difference between human crocodiles and devil's wolf?

I have been silent for quite a time... contemplating every word that I should write about the events that are recently happening to my country today. I was with my friends who are port workers. While I was observing them working at the port, discharging cargoes from the motorboat to the truck standing-by, I could see their muscles contract as they lift sacks of goods. They seemed to be happy as they went forth working their life source.

When the work was over, I was seating with them and talking while a few went far from our group and do their usual card plays while puffing smoke from a shared cigarette. These are their usual diversion after hard work at the port. Everything seems natural at your first seeing it. The day's work is over, they need to go home. I was still observing them as we walked home. Chats played a usual pattern. Some are laughing, others teasing with each other while about one or two are sadly walking with eyes steering at the roadway home.

I've stood by the house of a friend. His wife was all day had a laundry work which earned her P150.00. She said that she'd spent the whole time washing the clothes by hand because the washing machine broke out. One of the children had a fever caused by rained that visited two days ago. Even herself is suffering from a dry cough and she bought medicine but until then it still persist. The husband was just staring at his usual moaning and just shrugged off his shoulder with a comforting tap on shoulder of his wife. And when the wife asked how much he's earned for the day, he sadly answered a mere P50.00 but it will be paid tomorrow.

This is the usual scene that I have observed every day in a place called Talisay in San Jose. People are trying to meet both ends with their usual source of income. They planned to go to Manila. But still, the further they'd go, the further are the lost opportunities have been strewn away. Why? They frequently blame the government and the people who are functioning within the strewn hay of governance.

Well, one question that I should like also to ask: Why is it that almost everytime, there's a rapidic increase of oil prices while the fare remains for quite a long time and the basic

goods and services are usually stamped for its corresponding increase? How does economists were able to configure the increase in oil prices and its corresponding effect to the whole economy?

I believe there's that "*crude thing*" happening within the realm of the business vein...but, simply, I should like to cry over these things...**WHY YOU PEOPLE IN THE BUSINESS IS MAKING THE WHOLE NATION CARRY THE BURDEN OF YOUR OWN LUSTERY?!... WHY CAN'T YOU JUST MAKE THINGS SIMPLE FOR US TO UNDERSTAND?!...**

Sighhhhhh..... this I can only offer. Where are the good people go?... Why are they allowing these demonic spell clothe every tiring people who are suffering from the vicious cycle of gimmickry and sweet propaganda pliered by journalistic instinct to earn even millions of pesos at the burden of all!... Is media rotten still?... Are its flaws have already crippled the truth and allowed fear to saturate within their own system? Ah, flyers.... flyers dream by!

What is happening to me... am I really lost?... What's happening to my people?... Are the vintage of truth smacked the citadel of propriety?... Where is faith?... Where is hope?...

Where are you people?!...

Finally, this I should like also to ask: In a society of viciousness, who can discern the difference between human crocodiles and devil's wolf?

If you know the answer, maybe we have the same reason to cry out loud to the hilt of our voice: Is this the prophecy of President Manuel Luis Quezon now truth?.... *That he would rather like to see the Philippines run like hell by Filipinos than heaven by the Americans.*

I don't know!

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

The wrath of Oil Deregulation Law seems to show a corrupted mindset of lawmakers who crafted it with viciousness of self vested interests

Old and new players in a game of deregulated oil price, the crocodile tankers of fuel oil, moved a vicious and greedy false move of introducing an overnight increase in oil price freely invoking the speculated increase in the world market. It was a classic mobility where a false move in a game of chess was done where each move is a domino of constricted stratagem delicately studying the world as a market force that certainly affect human behavior. Thus, the oil deregulation law becomes now a market place of deceits and a vineyard of corruptions where some unscrupulous lawmakers and businessmen at point made themselves a phletora of chronic international saboteurs.

The oil producers observed how peoples respond to certain economic hiatus particularly to innovative designs of motor vehicles and speed flow while a crack of sinister maneuvers have already been prepared by their cohorts through advertisements in order to win the hearts of the people who would certainly love luxuries at its best fashion. This is a good perspective from on top of the corporate business world where equipments are designed to overrule human fashions to attain ultimate speed and efficiency wherever it is ripe to mend among the stream of human fashion. However, whoever rots from its innovative traditions would joyfully die, but die sweetly.

On the other hand, the greatest number of people who depend much of the production of goods and services for a cheaper peso value could never expect to survive when they are being lured in to the same cunning enticements to go to the malls and supermarkets that were built purposely for the exorbitant consumers' spree after paydays. These poor people who were lured in to live life as it invites them to accept the modern fashion of consumerism as inclined to have been introduced to them by media... after a short stay, with sigh, these consumers usually or let say frequently say "*Money Comes, Money Goes.*" Life is simple and short, let's enjoy it with fashion as they usually say just as what it was like in time immemorial.

Economists in particular are kind of new in this regard for the volume of consumerism have gone up uncontrollable hints where every corner of the indicators shows strategic value to the macro-economic logistical framework. It is as if a chronic virus has gone astray and uncontrollably affecting every bit of human needs. The market place is generally vibrant as if a wind of blowing thunder cursed every land of prosperity and everything therein has meaning to their own peculiar inquisitiveness in experiments. They viewed it as opportunities in every turn, although, in fashion these economic indicators are all products of their synergetic symbolism, if I may allowed to say so, or blatantly, a result of their voracious reading of similarities beyond every mosaic constant.

Even though this market place is vibrant, but the least of its own opportunity, the more that people are being deprived of their expected economic benefits out of every economic opportunity, the more the poor demands completion; the more that people are being suppressed with their rightful enjoyment for salary increase (to be more specific), house for the poor, or other economic benefits, the more that they depend on it speculatively, and the more that they are becoming irrational, and the more that they demand dispositioned pressure, for the foolish economist own making. This is a kind of conditioning the mind. And when re-conditioning will be done for an outright acceptance of speculative facts as observed from the behavior of craving the expected economic benefits, the more people are making crazy out of it. The more that the economic crocodiles work out a deal to exploit these economic behavioral tendencies. (*What a slap to poor thinker...just as I am*)

Moreso, with the advent of speed up technology, the advance of crafty designs of deceits and deceitfulness are at a hiatus where the made up deceptions are well-balanced to the highest standard of a mind-boggling framework. The heavy needs of the people for their demand of economic benefits, equity in income distribution, equality among racial colors,

the whole world of make believes, has wrought havoc among simple people who were made to believe an economic miracle. The principles of economics are becoming obsolete with the new crafty and oftentimes demandable cravings of new thinking and new technology.

The businessworld in particular is closely studying the behavioral patterns of the people's way of life and fashions. When cellphones were introduced to the market, everybody believes that it can bridge communication gap between peoples and interests, culture and arts, but in reality now, it has become a chronic need for every person who are lured in to its own pit. Poor people buy cellphones to communicate, and today, in the Philippines alone, there more than 28 million of cellphone users, and the profiteering of the cellphone companies is a vibrant indicator of economic upheaval. People were enticed to get in to it, now they could hardly find a way to get rid of it. Truly, good business can be derived from the very inner fashion of human individuals.

Cunning isn't it? The imaginations from time immemorial has become a reality. It has come up the stage where the theater of ideas, concepts, principles, doctrines in all aspects of development are embodied in fashionable hiatus --- politics and geopolitics in one simple chip. It has become a cheap commodity among leaders of nations for they practiced it everyday in all their political and economic affairs. Religiosity is out of the question for it embodies a chronic disease to the human needs and human greed. The purpose of modernization which was introduced many years past, have come to a verge of nearly achieving the hilt of it. Well, economics is rely economics.... a lot of assumptions work within the fulcrum of a dreamer's world --- when it gets by, everybody winch a pain but with apparent acceptance of its naturality as if they've thought it over with.

Today, these scenarios is working within the economic system of the Philippines. A strategic employment is done where fashion to everything new is apparent and people are made to believe that it is done accordingly. Globalization is indeed geopoliticking, an spectrum of truths and half-truths while the so-called economic safety nets is working by the benefits of a few benefactors. All that you could see is the practice of hope in every stumbling stone of disbeliefs and deceitfulness of purpose.

These are the things that poor people see from down under the economic hiatus as composed by higher economic thinkers of the day.

Now from here under, we look up a great theater of ideas, models, fashions, intellectuals, concepts, doctrines, principles alluringly painting the sky where the birds are being shooed away of their flying space; where the clouds are being made an extraordinary landing suite of the rain, where human fashions have invaded eventually the air players by its subtlety. The variety of players confused every spectator and in the end, suffer the consequences of his own foolishness.

I'm sorry, this lampoon craddles no area of thoughts... but a free way of dreams to get by... Now I ask: "Is this really true?... My country is on play?..."

Ah, vicious... so viciously designed... we're becoming *a guinea pig of economics*.... so terrible... so terribly cunning art of deceitful inclinations and grandeur... and mind you, a voice from down under can never recoil an impregnable venue of secret combinations in the political arena nor you could hear a shout from the dust of disbeliefs...

Truly rapacious... the indignant *political crocodiles* or should I say *reptiles*, hold on the reign of government with rapacity of income greeeeedddd.... and all that we may witness from down under is the inevitable curse of their wealth to swallow them underneath the pit of their own destruction that these *crocs* have fashionably designed for a devil's empathy...

What more can I say so?... Now, I see destruction... and a few may witness it... soon... and the stage is on play... **lights!**

Friday, June 10, 2005

Philippine Politics today is marred with much controversy over Jueteng while those who are allegedly involved are seen expert in the Arts of Denial

I don't have to be blatant enough to write the things that I have been observing for quite a time now. I could not have scribbled these maladic events in the lives of my own people; but I believed that silence could never cure the dramatic extant of political abuse from those stallwarts who seemed to overdraw the walls by means of destabilizing moves privy to overthrow the duly constituted government of the people.

The political drama unfolding today in the Philippine setting have drawn the real character of the Filipinos as other races and countries have been seen and observing all over. I don't have to believe that Filipino has this so-called "*Crab Mentality*", pulling one to another going to the top the view what is at it.

As we can observed, politicians from walls to walls, coast to coast, and wires to wires, have carried all over again, the fiery path of convincing the whole nation that there's something wrong with the government as a whole. Even if they would not have the initiative of telling all the people, I could say that what they've talked about over Senate hearings or even behind the walls of the whole legislative institution, these events was unfolded for an intent to destroy. Be it also within the four walls of the justice system, everything is within reach by everyone, except those who are building their own turf of corruptions.

Of course, it's not all of the legislators have the aim to destroy. I would not want to name names, but media has been instrumental of flagging the wind of fire with people involve rapidly darting events after events, while tracking the whole system erupt with the untimely rapture and destruction. Yes, the fourth state, as they call themselves keyed

events that influenced the whole meaning of governance. But, what is it in it?

Ah, commerce!... right!... commerce, my friends. The whole advertising agencies of the rich is fanning the fire of deluge in commerce even injected with pornographic clips and buzzes...!

Today, John of the Cross (*translation: Juan dela Cruz*) is trying to comprehend many unbelievable things that hyped him, and dragged him, or even more appropriate, drugged him into this confusion, asking: Who among them is more legitimate, or even nearer to the truth?!...with insurmountable fears and negative influence over his own thoughts and emotion. *Whoosh!... Why all these?... Why all these happened?!... Who brought these deluge to us?... Can we blame the old generations of vipers, hypocrites and wisemen?*

“I think not...” said Lolo Beloy, *“it’s a matter of choice between two sides of a coin and action afterwards... Whoever is responsible to these events have keyed on a metamorphosis or sort of a cycle of change that eventually result to either good tidings or bad tidings, depending upon the persons capacity to comprehend many of these things.”*

“Do you mean the President?”, I asked.

“No. Not only her... Us... you... me... everyone! We are part of the same scene of events and each have each own’s role to undertake. The action is upon everyone. But there’s one thing that we’ve lacked...” he sniffed.

“What is it?” I asked again.

“Unity...” thence, he walked away.

I was astounded by the wisdom that Lolo Beloy have smirked upon my own face, because I’ve learned that even myself was never a part of that unity, as he believed it to be neither himself. We parted ways with a deep thought within my conscience.

“Hypocrites!... they’re all hypocrites! They don’t believe to something that they’ve been involved with. They attracted the swarm of media coverages to catch the eyes of the whole public and draw themselves a hero of his own time. These legislatures are using Jueteng as a barge of travel to wipe away their own iniquities!”, a fisherman frowned with a sigh.

An affirmation is all I can say to this simple man. He’s been tracking the events through his radio or sometimes viewing it over the TV of his neighbor. Later, his wife come and buzz something to his ears. I saw him frowned and calmly led his wife home. As I saw them went away, I knew that the wife asked from him some money to buy one kilo of rice and two-peso worth of gas for their lamp. I felt the pity within me, but what can I do? I live also at the same quagmire as he’s been. We both asked to ourselves: *What kind of government is this? What kind of system we have? ... and all that.*

Anyway, the political spectrum of government that my country is having now is a fora of wiggled whims and caprices from sides to sides. Actors in each different field of expertise: investigations, intelligence and a lot more of arts in detection works and sundries. They are trying to be one of those mighty strongmen who wishes to reach the high clouds of fame and of course, history! (*Sorry, that's what I am seeing it here down under*)

I'd like to see the finals of these events with these mired questions: *Who shall be the Best Actor and Actresses?....Supporting Actors and Actresses?... Best Media Coverage Awardees... Best Media Outfit?... or who shall be jailed, toppled-down, or went home empty-handed?...*

I got a guess....(smile....) your guess is as good as mine....

But still, I am hoping that these turns of events will not put the whole country into place of bounty hunters where both the citizens and its supposed leaders are tagging its own whistles... and shield within the lopeholes of the rule of laws and sundries. When that will come, we all end up empty-handed over a cup of empty swears and promises.

Friday, July 15, 2005

Philippine Political Stage turned Bonanza, turning off the light of peaceful process cause by self-righteous greed of the power spectrum

I felt dismayed over what is happening today in my very own country where the people are bent on self-righteous destruction. Each camp prepares a battleground and a slut against each other as if the whole country is turning the political arena into a bonanza of sluts and muds! They slingshot each other with baskets of potato rots mixed with sweet chili of pride banana with rotten mongo and coconut salad cross-mixed with cracked shell of red eggs imported from nowhere.

A bonanza of CDs of the Hello Garci scam has turned every corner of the whole Philippines a vivid rumor-mongers using their cellphone as the media of sharing the bad imagination of a President-turned-humile servant of the people. Recently, the course have introduced another set of CDs that were allegedly given by unidentified concerned person to a governor. The media on the other hand, has become a major target for "Catch Me-If-You-Can Hype" turning reporters hungry vultures for a tiny split of the news to broadcast to the entire news-hungry people. Meantime, producers of each media outfit is trying to invest a lot of money to get a first-hand information which usually turned out a black mud served to a black mudder.

People in the streets became aware of the whole event in the country. They expressed their own concern about the whole socio-economic schema which was then the turf of technocrats on papers and some of the elitists who frequently expressed their concern

about the events because it has affected their investments so much that millions of rigged profits will turn out to be millions of losses. To ride on the issue, they made use of their own money to invest on people who are willing to buy-out their destabilization plot against a duly constituted government to give reasons to withdraw from wealth-hidden bank and bring the cash out of the country thru special channels where unscrupulous government officials became a partner in sabotaging the whole economy.

I understand that people of influence can make up excuses to rig the whole democratic system with their thoughts and speculations. People on the hand, who are more aware to respond in any click of events at a time like thunderstorm and lightning, cuddled these people's hype which ride upon issues of concern---driving the whole hungry people crazy for a change, to suit their own greed of power and wealth. When millions of pesos are being utilized to mobilize the whole nation into a quandary while unwittingly or wittingly knowing about a bog was played down to destroy their very own self, then it will be the end of it... Philippines will soon become a battleground of losers, only one wins, the man who get started the first flick of fire.

A lot of people say, now I say it, that lies when repeated several times become truth to many... and I add... foolish people.

The means of communication today is very swift and cunningly fast enough like lightning strike. Anybody who possess a cellphone can communicate anyone from the top of the mountain down to the hills and valleys, rivers and lakes, lagoon or gulf, or even to the remotest place on earth where air can enter and bring the signal of communication. There's no impossible things now, only possibilities. And beyond all these, destruction is very imminent. As the whole people is advancing to a greater degree of progression, they become ignorant to the values of the old. They forget the origin of prosperity, and instead, all they wanted is to live the air of convenience where everything is under control of their own fingertips.

I believe that these embarrassing events of my country is an hiatus of prideful pathway purposely to contain secret combinations of the crafty people whose aim is to destabilize the economy and bring the whole people under bondage and self-destruction. Money talks and money really talks with a lot of people today. The greater your bank account is, the greater you can get influence of a rundown show of your own and foolish people live by the foolishness of thoughts of their own colors and they can easily get support from hungry stomachs.

President Arroyo announced that she would not resign and her ex-cabinets demand her to resign. Everyone wanted her to resign including the widow of the late Fernando Poe Jr, Ms. Susan Roces; a die-hard hooligans. Her statements were ferocious enough to give a tilt to the bones; her penetrating eyes reaches even a highest destination of clouded dreams; her bombarding mouth spoke tiny bits of sedition and claim herself as a rightful heir to a crown never was owned by her husband. She is dangerous! A leader like her can make a whole platoon of soldiers fight like ferocious animals against a company thence perish in the fields. But I am a believer of a good cause. Maybe... just maybe... she may

have good cause, but she is sailing the wrong direction in the stormy sea on board a rag-tag ship with steamed engine. I believe, she would not last long.

President Arroyo, on the other hand, is a plain worker with a plain mindset. She believes she can make it!... I too believe her! Just as long as the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police stand by the oath of their offices and live the principles and doctrines of the Constitution of the Philippines, these whole bunch of crab-taggers and crab-embers can draw a silent wind out to rest their cause for the next election!

I wonder how these crabs turn a ring tone a spice of their own mouth... I know and I believe they have their own political agenda but it's really hard to determine their choices before they launched their political seige. But I firmly hope that their dreams will die with them if they will not turn their hatred into love and anger into charity. The soonest they can realize it, the better for the recovery of the whole economy.

Tuesday, August 02, 2005

As Perlman, the Philippines can find an expanse of unlimitless wisdom beyond its incomparable skills

My friend have shared to me the best inspiring story about one Perlman, a musician who performed well in 1995 when one of the strings of his violin broke off and only three strings remaining, but without let up he continued the music he was playing to the astonishing wonder of all the audiences around intently listening the sound produced of his violin.

My friend likened the Philippines to this wondrous violinist who stalled not the limitations but find the expanse of unlimitless wisdom beyond his incomparable skills and music.

It is very inspiring, in one way of another, that thru the performance of one Perlman, the Philippines can be likened to it. Worst as it may, people are getting tired of so much politicking and black propaganda being slewed to certain leaders in the country. I for one is sick and tired of these political bonanza that afflicted so much pain on the poorest of the poor of our people.

Some of our noted leaders are keeping their chin up to whatever is afflictions and to whatever is pain. They inspire many to work harder, but behind the curtain of these oblivious call, they turned their backs to the reality that our country has been afflicted of "societal cancer" and the healing power of these leader has loomed because of their selfish intentions. Moreover, money has been the graffiti of pride and obvious hypocrisy among others.

I'm not an economic expert who projects the screen of statistics and surmise the outcome

of GDP's and GNP's and how much money is borrowed by the Philippines from the International Monetary Funds (IMF) or World Bank, but I learned basic economics enough to enhance my understanding how people in the government have given off and how much is bit away from the coffers.

In my observation and in my own understanding, government is a syndicate of both good and evil.

A syndicate of good when many people have been the beneficiaries of projects and programs and has been sustaining the same without let up until a lot of other people gain from it. It becomes a syndicate of evil, when out of this good projects and programs of government, some of those in the position have certain degree of tolerating the scambugs to get away millions of pesos and never have been convicted.

It becomes a syndicate of evil when the laws that has been passed and well debated in Congress has been archived for purposes of record while the enforcement of it has been in the sideline, making the whole nation a bonanza of strikes and rallies. Law Enforcement has become a burden to the righteous implementation of good laws because the law enforcers refuse to obey them or the people do not even know about them.

We have the best lawmakers in the world, but we have also the best lawbreakers in the universe of lawmaking.

Congress has been a composition of the elite. And even those coming from the poor who has been elevated to be a representative of many has likewise been afflicted by the precious enticings of the elite. They become part of corruptious thoughts that they abhor before they were elevated by the power of the people. Their voice has become a good tune to a few and a demurred smell to many.

Well, I thank my friend giving me a model to think about. He was hopeful that one day the Philippines will be successful in all its endeavors. But I'm sorry, if success has been the aim, nobody can take the hoard of sacrifices. It's still the rich who reign with gusto!

One more thing... the parliamentary-federal form of government that the Arroyo Administration has been proposing could be one best solution to unclog and decongest Manila of its powerful control over all the affairs of government. It's time to give chance the regionalistic approach of governance with each region having their own political federal state and running their own affairs of progress and development.

With a unicameral congress, I believe the government can become more efficient and effective. In fact, we have initially been doing the federal approach of government through our local government code of 1991.

We can do it!

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

What I believe is a real statesman? Is he working on his own or just working for the heck of his own intention?

Hey, I'm back again.

I was stouped by positive and wonderful vision that the President has said last 24th of July 2006 at the Plenary Hall of the Batasang Pambansa. Indeed, here we find a truthful leader who according to some have scripted her speech to the vanity of both her supporters and foes.

I was very meticulous about every word and statement that the speech writers of the President crafted a view whereon the whole venile Philippines can pursue and achieve the isthmus test of triumph and survive thereon from the rapacious and destructive venom of people whose aims are to push their own personal agenda to the detriment of the whole country.

President, I for one, make a commitment to you. Even in my small ways and means, I could help those dreams and visions you have. Even we in the smallest sector of our society, the poorest among the poor, will try to contribute in our small means share to your great vision. Truly, you are a daughter of a great President Diosdado Macapagal, who was the champion of my grandfather, Jovito Moreno Lopez, a WWII guerilla fighter of Camarines Norte under the Vinzons Command, USAFFE who have never and would never intend to claim payment of his services rendered in defending our country against the Japanese Occupation. Indeed great people bud from small beginnings.

Today, as I can see people trying to ruin the hard-earned Freedom and Liberty from vicious invaders, I can remember the simple words of my grandfather when I ask him the reason why he did not claim War benefits from the government, he said: "Pabayae sinda na magdaya sa sadire man sana ninda, bistado ko man sana ang karakter kan iba... pag-abot kan aldaw, ang mga klase kan mga tawong ini mababalad man sana, asin dakulang kasupganan ang naghahalat sainda..." (Let them cheat their own selves, I know their characters... someday the class of man they are will be revealed, and great shame awaits them).

Yes, it is true! The detractors are only celebrating their own triumphs but the day will come that what they've said to the people will come back their own downfall. And the gripping agony of will will fiercely demute them.

I believe that a real statesman beams his vision with a cause and action that benefits not only a few but many. He studies first his own weaknesses and allow the circumstances of events mold him into a full man of conviction and faith believing that his action will be an embedding factor to be considered among his opponents. Whatever is the result of his action, wether it be good or bad, he respects the belief of others, and more so, he would not allow insistence of his own will stamp the views of others. He allows opposition for

his own improvement, but determines a much wider scope of perspective as his opponents perceive them.

I also believe that a real opposition statement merely fiscalize to maintain check and balance in governance. He considers good proposals as a view of right perspective; but works on his own will to augment or if not to better them. He would not allow truth to be stamped around, but gives a pathway of believing others. He considers himself a catalyst of change within a fulcrum of every change--- a veritable oppositionist that chatters goodness and have more faith in righteousness. A real opposition considers what he opposed to be a by-product and adds-on of his own righteous doings. He never believe until others make it happen; with a watchful eye and clear conscience, he will be his own witness.

Today, the country is making breakthroughs, from boxing match of Pacman and Asian Games feat, then to strategic change of political system up to the achievements of many by their own small ways and means. Even the people in the barangay are doing their part if only to make this country a progressive and prosperous one.

My dear countrymen, the time is now. Do not use your mouth to catapult a great change of heart of the people; use your own resources to assist, help and invigorate the change; don't make yourself a dilemma for all and catapult your views and allow it to land to nowhere. The opportunity is bright and true!

To the righteous people, I salute you!

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

CHOOSING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SECRETARY IS ONE GREAT DEAL OF A SUCCESS OR ONE BIG DEAL OF LOSS BY THE PRESIDENT

When today, the whole country is on the verge of accepting or not accepting the realistic view of a Charter Change, the President again is on hot waterbed in choosing the next National Defense Secretary replacing then DND Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. who is being viewed by many as an anti-Charter Change paragon by the Opposition who on the other hand believed that there is a split of opinion inside the Cabinet entourage of the President.

I have had one knowledge of a Defense Secretary who is near to the hearts of the Masses: Ramon Magsaysay. If only those who will be qualified for the post will be basically selected from the pro-masses forte of then President Magsaysay, they could possibly achieve one last moment in time for the Philippines to achieve peace as a country. I believed that qualities like Magsaysay can bring out the best of the common tao to rise above their known pitfalls of governance.

President Arroyo today is again being tested of her choices, which is always the arena for

the opposition to take hold of the reign of batches of intrigues that will be shewn to bring the Presidential office into a mud splattered venue. I could not say evil against these oppositionists just as long as they oppose towards the betterment of the whole country and not to strangle the necks of those that they find unworthy to hold such a well-smirked position.

The National Security will be at stake when the President will not be able to choose a person who is unquestionably patriotic in character, with great sense of responsibility and a high regard for the Filipinos as a common brother in arms; even love the enemies of the State through peaceful means of negotiations and of course, not a happy trigger democratic demagogue who loves to see people suffering.

The DND Secretary high diplomatic sense of dignity and integrity will measure the success or failure of a Presidency. Dealing with fellow Filipinos who were enticed to join a rebellious movement will be high in the agenda of the next DND Secretary. He needs to know the pitfalls of the past anti-insurgency campaigns of the government and will be able to devise a new futuristic and feasible means of quelling insurgency with no single shot heard from on top of the mountain. *(This would mean that the next DND Secretary would never have compromised the sensitivity of his previous position nor have negotiated for naught the level of reliability that his superiors have accorded to him in the past).*

The new DND Secretary will set the pace of a new anti-insurgency campaign with high sense of acceptance to both sides of the coin. His position would not trigger more uprising from among the common people but would inspire a new dimension of diplomatic negotiations between the government and the rebel forces without compromising the general perspective of the whole lot! This is a great responsibility that only a Magsaysay-like attributes can do, and I wish to see him that way too.

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

HENRY, A GREAT CHANGE CAN SPARK FROM YOU!

Today, I have read a very impacted email forwarded to me by a friend. This appeal from Henry S. Keh whom I believed to be Filipino-Chinese descent have opened up a new avenue of thoughts for me to be able to write another content of this site.

I believe Henry is really fed up with the rhetorics and innuendos that our political leaders have been trying to swarm in to our hearts and minds. The programs of governments are well enough to convince everyone that they are really on to serve their country to the best of their knowledge and abilities, as the saying goes! This is the reason that he would rather leave the country of his birth and let these crocodiles and swaggarts rape the whole country up to the ends of it!

I can't blame Henry Keh. He is I believe a good guy trying to find better perspective not

only for himself and family but also for his fellow Filipinos. I can say no evil in his line of thoughts; however, I wish that he will make it up again and reconsider not to leave the country and start instead a new innovative wave of metamorphic endeavor that can possibly wake up the sleeping minds of our fellow Filipinos.

It takes a process to innovate change; and it takes a sacrifice to effect greater change!

He is right in all that he stated in his email. But I felt a great remorse about his surrender by leaving the country.

I believe this country has a greater change to effect in the future when people will be able to open up their sight to the events and realities that played this country into a pithall! Poor people could not afford to run for higher offices because people allowed it to be so. They would not believe poor people can serve their best interest because practically he is poor.

So, what poor people can do to serve best this country and so also the rich?

Well, my first recommendation above all others is--- religiously pay income taxes!!! Be honest and have charity in their hearts.

If honesty and charity is not practised among our public officials, whatever are the accomplishments that they have done to the best that they can do will be naught and gain no credits for their own lot!

Oh yes!... It's election season already! Money is flowing out again from the different venues of coffers and banks will be enhancing their reserves for the flow of money in the market will eventually result to higher interest rates on loans and inflation rate will soar up to the hilt. Believe it or not, this is always the happiest moment of the people when they can either rant or be nice to candidates whom they believe they can get dole-outs. Solicitation letters will flow in from column to column, row to row, and every corner of the days till election day.

People will be very busy... everybody will be very busy. Enough with contemplation or analysis about the programs and projects of these people. Enough with good chats and hecker laughs... We need money to pay off our long-term debts. Enough with sweet promises that cannot be fulfilled. What we need is money to buy good food, clothes for our desperate children; build a small shack that can sustain us from heavy rains or scorching heat. Rainy days is gone; today, we need other types of rain.... MONEY!!!!

Oh boy... oh boy... these are the conversations I've heard from all parts of this little barrio. They have sinister plans to sell out their votes to candidates who can pay the big price of their needs. They don't care who wins the election; all they cared for is what they can get out of this election. Poor men really need special consideration.

I understand the plight of these poor people. Like me, I'm already fed up like Henry Keh! I wish I could be like him. I wish I could leave also this country and escape this engulfing wrath that may come after elections.

I know the patterns after election. It bring us more trouble again. It will make this country suffer the consequence of the foolishness of its own people. POVERTY will thrive more that expected for the people choose their own interest. Just like everyone would do.

All I can say is this, unless Filipino people will learn to exercise honesty, and learn to feel the beauty of charity; unless they would greatly know the sacredness of their very own one-vote right, this country would soon come to an endless chaos and dissension; and a lot of innocent people will suffer more!

Can we stop this?... I believe NO. People choose their own way of life. This is the legacy that corrupt influences in our society have made it a cancer; that, even those advocators of change were the makers of their own pitfalls because their is no ingredient of honesty, love of country, and charity in their hearts.

Lastly, the leaders of this country today serve only their own best interest of running this country like hell, as it was prophesied by no less than Commonwealth President Manuel Luis Quezon. Indeed, such prophecy became a malignant fetus why this country will not or may not be great again!

It takes many good men to fight evil; and it takes one charity lesson to rebuild a foundation of true and honest governance. Henry, it could possibly start from you! I believe you can make it up. A lot of us knew very well that we can. Only it takes a long process...

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

EARLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS DURING ELECTION SEASON START TO IGNITE NEW AVENUE OF FEUDS AND TRUCE

Election time! A period of revival, reconnaissance patrol and convincing bruhaha and a lot more!

During the past few days that I have been observing the people in our place and the surmounting news highlights in both TV, radio broadcast, newspapers and of course, internet bearing these theme: ELECTION, HOSTAGE-TAKING, PARTY-LIST SELL OUT, KAMPI-LAKAS FEUD, INSURGENTS INTENSIFYING OFFENSIVES ETCETERA... are but the same common spotlights happening during these days.

Except of the threat of coup d'etat and boycott challenge, the Deal or No Deal hype has been the sounding brush to paint the political maneuvers of prominent political stalwarts not only in one province but also to some other provinces where a budding or if not,

budded political dynasty is moving out to allow the arrow of propaganda pierce through the sights of the voters in general. It does not necessarily caught only the sights but also the ears of their voters and supporters.

The game is on! The domino effect of these philactic maneuvering is felt yet for the meantime as every one are very much busy formulating and reformulating their political strategies; even utilizing vote counts as obtained from the COMELEC, determining who will vote and who are not, family heads negotiated by political pawns, local officials being hounded with threats and cunning promises; government and non-government organization being lured in to solicit; black propagandist are trimming their voices so as not to “over-configure” the opposite camp of their overload or download smears! Posters are all around! Word spelling is out of regard like “Standing ‘Tol or ko-Recto” are those mostly become by-words of commuters; and there a lot of other “gimmicks” that political candidates has been buying, paying, posting, smearing, cluttering, voicing and more, as among those descriptive verbs we can admittedly list down.

Sherlock is free again! Political agents roaming around barangays, towns/cities, and provinces to ignite issues of concern about incumbents and their accomplishments and what their candidates can offer when get elected. Political supporters are gearing towards “fighting-out stance” to insure their candidates will win the election; they don’t care about bad or good comments, their concentration is “HOW TO WIN?!”--- the task bluntly instructed to them by their political boss.

Money flows out of gallows! The turn-over of cash out from the counters of the banks is not only intermittently big but REALLY BIG! Cartoons of liquors of various brands from locally-produced “tuba” to factory manufactured liquors are among the festive purchasing commodities that have increased sales among small sari-sari stores or even both small-time and big-time groceries, malls and department stores. Other than that, T-shirts, pants, napkins, handkerchiefs, sunglasses, hats and pins are among the noted big sell-outs!.. and of course, cellphones! Thus, e-loads sales have increased in quadruple that even those in remote barangays are having one unit at their homes. Indeed, information technology is capping out the mountains of barriers and turning it into a free-flowing commodity where money can freely flow in and out from the pockets of moneybag men! Medicines as well and bags of rice, cartoons of noodles, sachets of coffee, shampoo, toothpaste and of course, pens and ballpens with names of candidates are swarming like bees from the sky.

On the other hand, motorcycles, tricycles, jeepneys, buses, motorboats, bicycles and other vehicles not mentioned like trucks and dumptrucks, payloaders and ten-wheeler trucks are all decorated with candidate smiling pictures. Moreso with farm sledges, threshers, and know what?...even carabaos, of yeah!!! Anything that can be of help to catch the eyes of the votes. Money-river is everflowing and unscatched...no checks or counter checks, just coming in to the veins of the consuming public as if the rain would never stop.

Now, who is holier than thou?

Well, as for me, I get confused of latest development in our little peaceful town of San Jose. Four of my friends are capping up their candidacy for Mayoralty race. Their political parties are feuding about who will be on the field and who will not. Councilorship choosing is as if a breakout glass on the floor. The show is vague to understand. Who among them would I choose?... Well, well... it's my secret. I say my candidate through my ballot. See yahhh....

Thursday, April 12, 2007

POLITICAL IMPACT: VOTERS ARE ON HIGHEST BIDDERS FOR THEIR ONE VOTE, FAMILY FEUD IGNITES NEW POLITICAL DIMENSION

I was compelled by my conscience to chronicle the recent events in the lives of fellow Filipinos particularly those residing in Partido Area of Camarines Sur.

This summer, events that swarmed among faces include graduation, commencement exercises, guest speakers, and political rallies, prices of basic commodities is silently rising up unnoticed, school supplies are being hoarded anticipating the school days in the next two months, businessmen are trying to make up the days of their losses by introducing a five to ten centavo increase in prices quietly. On the other hand, parents who've strive hard to send their children to schools and colleges have been worrying about the future of their graduates, or even confused whether to encourage them to work by sending them to Manila, the city of opportunities, or rather engaged in small-time business venture with an added problem of where to get the capital.

I learned that financing companies are getting into the picture for those who graduate with entrepreneurial degrees; however, the interest is so high than the opportunity to engage in business with greater success. It means that the risk to lose business is higher than gaining out of engaging from it. Of course, it is not true with others. Filipino-Chinese graduates I learned always aim landing a job for a short-live stay and then later engaged themselves to business with the full support coming from both their grandparents, parents, relatives and friends. The corporation law is getting old, I suppose.

Another political impact noteworthy is the sell out of one-vote for high peso bid from the candidates. I learned also that this recent political exercises have caused division within the sphere of the family. One extended family supports the five contending mayoralty bet in our place--- one getting support from its party drawing demarcation line between what they believe is right and what they believe is wrong; what they believe is good and what they believe is bad; what they believe is reliable and what they believe is not.... this will be an unending opinion or even concoction in each arguments they slush from their own very breathe.

No worry... political candidates like to give assurance that they are good, reliable, dependable, helpful, and trustworthy. They will fight for the rights of his voters to hilt of his own voice and career. But mind you, it's all lip service!!!

This political exercise brought division among friends and neighbors. Political leaders are fighting their own turf above; while their allies are getting into clouts with their own family, relatives and friends. This is despicable! I believe when election comes, what it fosters is unity and respect. But what I can see now is division and disrespect. I think there is a much appropriate place for opinion--- at home, where love, respect, compassion is the order of the day.

But hey!... it's not true as of this moment! The home now is under the auspicious attack of a divisive political machinery where hatred and chaos will crumble the family like broken glasses or incubated ice-cracks. Grandfathers and grandmothers, Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, brother-in-law and daughter-in-law, all are engaging in what I would call "hate-and-smear-driven political campaign hype." Money talks!... buy them out to convince those who would not come by the sphere of our company or even harass-them-if-you-could or kill-them-when-you-may-have-the-courage thought patterns.

Now I ask: Where is the sovereignty? Where is the sacred vote? Where are we now? Is this the legacy of the old generations before us? If this is so, my friends, help us make this plague be buried in the ground. The new generations of tomorrow will suffer more than what we are suffering now. Could you help us please?

Sighhhhhhh... when will this end? When will it stops?

I'm sorry to be more emotional. It is just that I can't help it. Now, I am thinking to start a new crusade... a crusade of RENEWAL and SPIRIT CONVERSION. When can I start?... I just don't know, but this I assure, it will certainly come first from renewal and spirit conversion of myself!

Thursday, May 24, 2007

**ELECTION 2007 PHILIPPINE STYLE: MONEY SPEAKS, FORGET
THE CONSCIENCE--- THE GROUND WORK IS ON!**

I was actively involved during the campaign sorties of my mayoralty bet as well as his councilors. Of course, it does include the campaign for the TEAM UNITY of the National Government!

All the while I was expecting a process of change or to have a clean and honest elections, where the real conscience of the people will speak finally after three years of sleep mode. However, in my own observation people is still prone to selling their own rights of suffrage in the amount ranging from 200 pesos to 1,000 pesos!

When I dared to find out why they do so, some of the people of whom I am in close contact with reasoned out that it is poverty that prevented them to exercise freely their right of suffrage. Poverty stuck them out of freedom to choose intelligently. Their ways of life was stagnated by the consistent daily endeavor which they would not dare to ask when to end. At this very time of election, it is their only means to at least rest the day for an easy money. They would not spend a lot of their labors for the day, just for the time being, as if they would just have to enjoy a grand time of vacation from their daily works, either in the farm, at sea, or anywhere else just to find certain amount of money to purchase goods for the daily sustenance of their families.

On the other hand, some of the politicians, scrupulous or unscrupulous, are taking their tool of exploiting the situation and thought that this would be the most lucky days for them to explore and exploit these weaknesses of voters and bring them out in their own favor. They would just have to find somebody to finance their candidacy and spend the money of their would-be donors, or even save it to their own discrete intentions. One of the advantages that they will enjoy is the utilization of the money to attract old and new friends, neighbors, relatives, classmates, confidantes, henchmen, co-workers, colleagues and supporters, and many other calls that they could find in their dictionary and think about people. And look what money can bring! It's really nice to have money to convert these people to become voters.

Much more significant are the landlords, who are owners of vast tracks of land, who under the influence of certain political stalwarts, can commission their tenants to support their most favored politicians. They can even command their tenants or even former tenants in both nicer or intimidating circumstances available so that their most favored politicians will be able to garner the required votes in order to win the elections! On the part of the poor tenants, they would just say: Who can go against? If they will not be obedient to their landlords, they would certainly be out at the short notice next morning. Although some really happened to be supporters of these landlord's bet, but still their making up of decision is being tampered with fears of losing their own means of living.

I have learned also groups of fishermen living along the coastal areas who are trying to organize themselves so that they could be able to solicit help from certain candidates whom they thought can give their demands. Spare the boat and the hooks and lines, this time, easy money can come in an easy way! They thought that they would not be spending a lot of their time at sea waiting for those wise fishes to eat their baits to earn for the day. At this point in time, they have to enjoy a 45 days leave of absence at sea or try to convince politicians to provide them their sustenance thru donations. Politicians cheat, they would try to do the same. This is the ways of the world!

Well, at this point in time, the canvassing of votes in the national level for winning candidates for Senators is still on-going with many believed all over the country that massive cheating has been done deliberately to push up TEAM UNITY to the edge of winning all slots!

Even in our local setting, everybody is accusing everybody of cheating! So far, in my own witness I believe that there was cheating. Each camp have their own devise of cheating and I found out that they outsmarted each other using the evil design of winning the mandate of the people. One of my friend, Dong Dizon has given me a differently realistic point of view about cheatings in politics. He said when somebody enters into the political arena, he needs to accept the fact that cheating will be one of the major agenda in winning and it all depends upon the ways and means, or strategies on how one will implement the cunning design of cheating. This is a long-time culture that has long been known among Filipinos when they were educated by the different breed of invaders or colonizers, but most possibly, the influence may be thought to be from the 400 years of Spanish colony. He said that once one enters politics, one must have in possession all the resources in order to win which could possibly include funds, people, machines, and latest technology in cheating! (Brouhhahahahahaha.....!)

Now, be that as it may, what would be the effect of this to the whole economy?

Although recent reports have indicated that the peso is getting stronger than the dollar, certain quarters along the way are manipulating their turf to run after residues of this stronger peso purposely to gain or regain losses. This would certainly tend to increase interest rates on borrowings and the tendency to plunge back the peso again into its former scale. Other business quarters have instigated to fuel prices on basic commodities as well as on petroleum products purposely to cut through the residue of a stronger peso and eventually save a certain percentage of its gain as a reserve for future peso shocks! Of course, this would include dollar salters who would be keeping a shorter pace of not exposing its big reserves kept in secret chambers either in the house, certain bodega, container, underground vault, special deposit boxes in the bank, in a plastic bag, or travelling bag, or even in comfort rooms! These are special venues of depositing hidden wealth where government agents have been spying to but to no avail. Or they would just have to remain in secret and at bay for future works or so.

Anyway, the Central Bank is still in the mode of trying to augment its dire need of dollars to sustain the increasing demand outside the country. Economists would likely view this event as a time of comprehensive savings for the future. In this time, importation is given the leeway to crack into the economy the needed resources like garments and technological accessories. It's shopping time for the whole country! Take the supplies while it lasts. Thus, a stronger peso means a lot of imported goods that can be purchased to be pump out into the consuming public. Sacks of the rice can be imported from Vietnam or China in a least possible price available in order to sustain the ever-increasing demand of rice in the market place, because the local rice granaries could no longer meet the stiff scale of producing rice to sustain the food reserves, it is time to do the marketing for their goods until the warehouse is full. Of course, local marketers would still be humming around the corner while awaiting prices to go up.

This would play down the line the energy conservation bill of the government and condition the whole country for a greater endeavor that may follow when the election is over. All set for the "Chacha Movement" while militant groups are trimming their ways

to counter any move from the government. The vertical arena is now set for a new perspective! No one yet is allowed to play at the ground, until all is ready.

Well, my friends, these are the scenarios that I could possibly draw when the election is over and new set of 12 Senators will be coming in to the Senate Chamber and new or old Congressmen will be setting the House of Representatives in order come July 2007 and get started with legislative agenda that will pump out again the reserved money out of its savings status. This would certainly generate new upheavals among militant groups who are always cued when to move and when to stop. The political screen is on again to put into the centerstage the decision made by the people during the May 14, 2007 elections.

At this point in time, I rest to pursue further some unspeakable thoughts that will likely to happen in the next few days. I'll be around to scribble the thought of it. See yaaahhhh....

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

**MUSA DIMASIDSING, PATRIOT, HERO OF THE TRUTH: A
SOLEMN SACRIFICE FOR A METAMORPHIC PHILIPPINE
SUFFRAGE**

Who among the many can compare the heroic act of protecting the sanctity of the ballots as that done by one [Musa Dimasidsing](#), a Filipino Muslim patriot? It is still wonderful to note that a very remote man of integrity, brave and true, can spill blood of his own to rise above him, protecting what he believed to be a sanctified vote for all his people. His bravery is tremendously shocking for ordinary people; but it seems that his death has not shake off the wiles of the political crocodiles and monkeys who insurmountably know the cause of his heroic act. I can see them celebrating their evil deeds while turning their heads upon a fall guy who tried to be honest enough to withstand the uncontrollable flow of dishonesty.

Those who are involved in shooting [Musa Dimasidsing](#) is guilty of killing the voice of those who dare to fight anomalies and corruptions! Lawless as these men may be, but I believe there's one up there, somewhere in the horizon of justice, one will come to end their own crooked deeds.

I'd like to pay my heartfelt respect on Musa Dimasidsing who tried to protect my solemn vote! Yes, he protected me and my future children! No, he did not die in vain. Many will rise from their cocoons so that voices can be heard from on top of the mountain. Many will move forward to steward political change! But I don't think that the one who was involved in killing Musa Dimasidsing has that spirit to sit on the Executive Chair nor face Congress or face the august Sangguniang Bayan arena of legislative truths. He may be around, but I believe his conscience will slowly eat his pride, his slothful desires, his powerful greed of power, and his infernal personality. He will be known and Musa Dimasidsing will rise upon the horizon of his heroic act of protecting by his own life my solemn vote!

Musa Dimasidsing can be likened to the heroes of the golden age in the Philippine historical spectrum. He is comparable to Rizal, Bonifacio, Diego Silang and Apolinario Mabini, whose heroic fervors are still burning up to this age. Musa Dimasidsing's sense of duty is a patriotic light that will shake the very foundation of the political rape that has long been exploiting the poor stance of the powerless mass. His blood will cry out of the dust and collect what is due from those unscrupulous individuals who inflicted his death. I dearly believed that Musa Dimasidsing will be a curse to those political rapists who will soon perish with their own evil deeds.

During the May 14 Elections, I've seen the rotten angst of the political system of our dear Philippines. Only a few true patriots have displayed their undying love of country and only one I've known was willing to risk his life for many: Musa Dimasidsing.

I believe there will be a few others who will follow his footsteps until the ripe time of political change can be realized. But whoever they may be, I shall write the same voice that cries out from the mouth of a lost Filipino.

This is my contribution to the writing project for [Musa Dimasidsing](#).

Monday, June 25, 2007

14th Congress is on Session, what is the first Agenda: How much or how many?

One of the things that I've learned from the past is that after the election, the people certainly suffer the consequences of their vote! These things may or may not happen during the first session of the 14th Congress when called to order. There will be discussions on "HOW MUCH" and "HOW MANY".

THE HOW MUCH?

How much money was owed and how much will capably be paid;
How much money is remaining in the coffer and how is it going to be dispensed with after the 45-days election period;
How much is going to be allotted for travel abroad and how much is going to be allocated for the pork barrel;
How much money can be available for the people and how much to get out of it;
How much money is allocated for basic social services and how many will it be converted during the next election;

THE HOW MANY?

There is going to be a synchronized Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Elections come this October 29, 2007 and this would likely include these following inquiries:

How many Barangay already exist throughout the Philippines? (I learned that there are more or less 37,500);
How many SK and Barangay Officials are pro-administration and how many are not?
How many towns and provinces have already been assisted with infrastructure projects and how many percent would it make if National Elections will be conducted today?
How many departments of the National Government that contributed a plus-factor during the elections? (Ask NEDA about it, I'm sure they know)
How many of the youth today will vote in 2010?

Surely, one of these ten will not miss to the hidden agenda among political bigwigs. Of course, I did not include National Security matters as well as the whole educational institution because many of the Congressmen and Senators believed that their legislations were enough to quell insurrection or coup d'état nor derail the so-called declining educational system in the Philippines. Besides the overwhelming budget allocated for education last year I believed has not been given fully because, up to now, there is that increasing number of professional teachers who are still out of job, or when in of job, they are locally-funded by local government units whose funds might as well get 5% or 10% deduction for the national government to get on going.

Allow me to take up a little bit about National Security. Recent news and developments have indicated that there is a new alignment in both Houses of Congress in electing the House Speaker and Senate President, respectively. The said delicate task of selection is up on the hands of the *truly-elected* and *fake-elected* Congressmen and Senators, if you may allow me the use of these adjectival phrases. This has bearing over the silent increase of petroleum products and basic commodities without alarming the people of shrewdness. The news about the peso-appreciation has converted the people into passive survivors of the ever-continuing tricks on the part of business sector. On the other hand, those businessmen engaged in exporting business have been clamoring the National Government to at least forestall the continuing appreciation of peso, demanding that they should be given a leeway to at least earn their income. These are the multinational companies who continually raping the Philippine economy and raking big income from their exporting business for the past decades; and now, they would like the government to control the appreciation of peso?

How these crooks have made use of their money to threaten the government of such an abusive insight. Hey, let me tell you, the Filipino people have already been burdened by you by more than a lot! Could you give us a day of rest?

Another issue is the climbing insurgency situation in the country today. The communist insurgents are trying to catch an eye from the public thru a series of atrocities making the AFP on red alert again! News also has it that the AFP is going to donate certain number of high-powered firearms to the PNP. These firearms were reportedly amassed from the series of counteraction against the insurgents. Well, for all you know, those are the loose arms sweltered out of the arms bodega of the AFP or taken by the insurgents during attacks, whichever is applicably correct.

On the other side of the coin, the Education department has recently released news items that the Department of Education is presently in dire need of Professional teachers who are graduates of English, Science and Math majors. For all you know, there has been a high influx of professional teachers vying for such a position. However, the good people in the department would not allow these teachers to come into their own fold because they would likely offer the position to their nearest kin or close friends. Nepotism indeed is a cancer within the framework of education and it has lived on!

I'd like to take on also media. For quite sometime already, media people has been hyping the last election as if agitating the whole nation into an uprising! Their sensationalized reporting has triggered a new wave of indifferences in the guise of truth and free press. Some of them are irresponsibly reporting based on intrigues or heresies, just like in the movie industry. Of course, they are paid to do it and if not all, Filipinos has been living within the spell of this movie industry. Everybody does!

By the way, what's the agenda again...I'm quite lost in the swarm of ideas and events that entangled through my mind... I just can't hold it any more. I need to swarm them in my blog.

Thursday, March 20, 2008

PACQUIAO BOXING PROWESS UNITES A PENDULOUS FILIPINO PSYCHE

Our town is small with simple lifestyle and simple idyllic day to day venture, from the shorelines up to the zenith of the mountains, people do their hard work from picking firewoods to the scrap collectors, purposely for sale to buy a kilo of rice, salt, sugar and other basic commodities that will sustain a simple life.

Busy days bring people out of their homes to find money, tend their farms, sell out or pawn their most precious thing, only to pay their electric and water bills, house rent and many others. On the other side, armed forces on both government and rebel are gearing each other ready to attack one another at any moment they would wish to shed blood for vengeance or whatever reasons it may be.

Some people usually went to the beach and enjoy the salt water that sometimes burn their skin dark; or enjoy the barbecue at nighttime, or have a joy ride with a bicycle or motorcyle just to spend the day off the whiles of the world.

Every day is busy day. Not a single day is not busy. Even Sunday when big events usually happen.

Oh yes! Boxing is the big event of the day, Sunday, March 16, 2008 because Manny Pacquiao aka Pacman won the match against Mexican Marquez. There's no need to know the belt because everybody knows it well. They said Pacquiao has held three world titles

in boxing and in the Philippines is one of the richest boxer ever-lived. There were Elorde, Peñalosa, Navarette, and a lot other who brought spiral honor to our country, but they've never reach the peak of their career comparable to Pacman.

A lot of journalist featured Pacman as a unifying hero in times of diversity; where the CTE Scandal and the Senators acting vulture-like judges, trying to swarm the Office of the President with mudslings, have gone awry. CTE went off and another history of heresies and suspicion ran off the track.

Indeed, Pacman is a unifying hero! I agree to that. But where are the others who's been victims of injustice? Where are the authorities that should have been the unifying hero? Well, can we look up only to one man?

I believe that there are many others whose aims is not only earning a lot of money for the sake of sports and become a hero of many people whose stomachs are aching for food and whose lives are crying for justice! This is so because some people who are seating in the judgment seats are aiming high for their own and not for the many people who voted them. Indeed, politics makes everything in us. No doubt about it.

Comparably, Pacman is more popular than books! Many people prefer to see the movies or any moving objects that will stun them. They would not even like to read because every thing is provided at their own convenience. Even research among students are instant just like with any other instants that are in our groceries. Ready to cook and eat provisions. No more additional work to be done. People prefer to do this because it's all provided... and business is good!

Anyway, in our town, we prefer to sleep during rainy days and let the hours pass while looking at the fields flooded with so much water for the next planting season. Some prefer bet on lucky numbers in jueteng expecting that they will win just like thousand others. Some aims a bigger reward of their ten pesos in national lottery called lotto. Just how things run off tangent with the oldies.

Of course, never again the oldies... this is new generation and they need Pacquiao to unite them and win millions of dollars for their own purse! INDEED, PACQUIAO BOXING PROWESS UNITES THE PENDULOUS FILIPINO PSYCHE... MONEY.

What a disgrace to the dignity of one though poor but honestly working to feed his family from his own sweat in the eyebrow. This truly is the unifying individual unknown to many. Can you find one? Tell me....

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

**WITH ZTE SCANDAL, SENATE IS TURNING INTO A SEPARATE
COURTROOM OF JUSTICE, NO LONGER WORKING IN
LEGISLATIVE SPHERE**

The \$329.48-million ZTE broadband deal mess is now turning an engine-like fabrication oil as the Senate is turning into a separate courtroom of justice, trying to prove its duly constituted elected leaders are involved in the fiasco, thus, it's no longer working well in legislative sphere. They tagged their own investigation as an "aid to legislation" but its behavioral pursuit is against the duly elected-President, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. It so happened that the Senate is now mired with Oppositionist Senators whose high ambitions is the Malacañang Power Crown comes 2010.

Well, it takes a lot of keen observation as to how these people are working out their pathway to gain a place of the cemented road to success; meanwhile, the farm-to-market roads, irrigation systems, and other agricultural implements and infrastructure are dying for their legislative attention to eventually respond to the ever-increasing poverty now inflicting ordinary people from all walks of life. These senators better themselves on sticking with one greater issue which they believe can oust President Arroyo, and bring forth change in governance of the whole country.

The price of rice per kilo has already a toll-high of thirty-five pesos (Php35.00) per kilo particularly in the most remote place of the country. It is because the roads, transportation, and other basic commodities could hardly reach these remote places.

Aggravating this situation is the recent price hike of fuel oil turning out the drivers and operators of buses, jeepneys, tricycles, and of course, padyaks to increase their fares. Multi-national businesses who are in the oil industry claims the ever-increasing prices in the World Market. As like a chain, the peso which was previously getting stronger is now giving way to depreciate again and again, thus, affecting its purchasing power, and look who will be affected--- the poor Filipino people, who were already afflicted by the gross ineptitude and anarchy being sown by their own leaders on the top ladder.

Economics has its own law, nay, rules on its own behavioral sphere; and so with people's behavior, and so with leaders' behavior, and so with the whole country in strife, anger, chaos! Anarchy indeed is easy to find, peace and prosperity is easy to lose.

Frankly, I dreamed of the Marcos days when electricity was made available even to the remotest barangays; where rough roads were concreted; prices of oil was subsidized by the government; where school buildings are uniformly built; when politicians' behavior are timely obedient; and greater respect and honor is somehow apparent.

Of course, Marcos has a lot of rots!... But, allow me to say, it's more today than before.

Crooks, grafters, corruptors, holduppers, rebel soldiers, insurgents and more, can easily be elected to a seat in Congress, brandishing their own patriotic disloyalty and their so-called nationalistic fervor which can be viewed as an apparent anger eagerly willing to pursue revenge against one to another. Worst of all, rallyists are paid in thousands and millions of pesos and becomes now a way of life in Manila and in any other urban centers, where "people's rights", "people's justice" and so on, is one of the prime commodities ever offered for sale!

Indeed, the whole country is losing its own reign of good governance. Graft and Corruption has become a culture; and even children, nay, youths have learned this pernicious vice because they are taught by their olds. Education has become a field of experiential stimuli; when one enjoys the fruit of his own cunning way, everybody sees him a model; and thus, follows his way out.

It is known to the world that Philippines is blessed with its own intelligently good people. We have a lot of graduates from big universities abroad, with masteral and doctoral degrees in the different fields of science and business. No wonder, this country today is in its experimental stage of hype. Other countries are learning from the faults of the Philippines, and they are progressing; while the Philippines stays behind crooked lines of progress and development, and may be forever in debt of trillions of dollars going to its own demise. Although, the country may be able to survive with the hope of the OFWs dollar remittances, it will be of no use, because the people-beneficiaries do not really deserve it. Money could never buy "HONOR and RESPECT."

But there is only one hope to survive, a credible President with strong will to effect change in all areas of both political and economic spheres; who stand with conviction, and his/her words is honor to the country; and whose respect of dignity is divine to many.

Only a chosen few is present in our country today! Help me look for others...our country's hope is this few.

Thursday, July 24, 2008

State of the Nation Address will highlight the Presidential long-term work perspective for the Congress to undertake legislation at the fore!

One of the best moment as a Filipino citizen is to hear the presidential perspective that is going to be delivered by a duly elected President as the head of state. The SONA or State of the Nation Address by the President highlights the general outlook of how the head of state should work in his/her term of office and how should it be concretized by legislative action. I believe that's the reason why it must be delivered during the inaugural opening of Congress. SONA gives directions to the different machineries of the government more particularly the Legislature, so that government can work out for the best interest of its people.

As I see it today, even the legislators seem to abhor SONA because they believe that it brings out the usual niceties, colors and make-up that a President is dreaming to achieve. The Philippines is populated by brilliant people with brilliant mind; but, SONA is not about brilliancy...it is about a purpose...a clear perspective of work...a definition of task...a clear-cut view of things to be achieved...a finite emphasis of what is needed and what is to be done...a need to be satisfied...a problem to be resolved with a resolute mind and spirit. SONA is a matter.

I felt dismayed over Senators and Congressmen who are planning to BOYCOTT the SONA of the President, “saying it will likely be filled with the usual niceties.”

Be that as it may, hey, Senator, you haven't done things of purpose yet. Hey, Congressman, you seem to get absent more frequently now, because you expect that the president will deliver the same niceties. Hey, save your face!... The people voted you to work in the legislature as you wanted it and as you planned it, as you manipulated it. But now, a simple task of attending the SONA, you would not appear? Are you childish, Senator?... Are you a baby, Congressman. Do we need to baby-sit you, and pray that you should attend? Please have your conscience examined. You've been receiving the “usual niceties” all your life since you get elected in that office. Is the “usual niceties” overly not enough to pay off your attention? Do you really understood the meaning of “legislation”.

Please allow me to remind of something; and in my simple pace, try to comprehend the venue of thoughts that comes out from mind.

To run the government, the Head of State gives direction. To execute something to benefit the people, it needs legislation. The Head of State could not pursue his/her work without the back-up legislation that it needed to legitimize the implementation of his/her plan of actions. This is what we call “the balance of power”. One could not work without the back of the other. This is reciprocity of action. What the head of state can work out, it is because it underwent legislation. Simply, the executive executes only after legislators legislated, thus, what the executive have accomplished, it's the accomplishment also of the legislators. This is how government should be.

Now, comes July 28. The president will deliver her SONA not because she fared well or she failed to achieve the things that she needs to do and achieve. She would deliver her SONA to give direction to legislation. This is real purpose of the SONA, and I believe President Arroyo will repeat other important things that she needs to do, and your legislative action is badly needed to legitimize her action. Hey, Senator... are you listening? Hey, Congressman... are you hearing?... We need you there... You have to be present. You are compelled to listen the rhetoric of our hopes because you are our representative. You make amends to those that needs amendments support your president, because she is our head of state. We pushed you up, don't push us down. Just be there...we pray... and take action. She is our president, our head of state. Just let her do her best while you take legislative action. Just be there...we pray. Listen to our rhetoric... hear our voice. Whatever others may call it, just be there.

Don't get absent, or the people will mark you a big X.

Friday, July 25, 2008

Does Philippines is defeated by its own folly, or were the heroes failed their cause of freedom? Would the NFA food lines break and sinker?

I have been contemplating a lot nowadays as to what cause my country on the verge of frenetic economic downtrend. I just can't find an appropriate description as adjectives may fail to describe the real score.

Does Philippines is defeated by its own folly, or were the heroes failed their cause of freedom? This question has bugged me a lot. Because today, in my small town residence, people are getting started to starve while others are lining up their way to buy a cheaper rice which cost only P18 pesos supplied by the National Food Authority. Though the work is purposely to at least ease out the hungry stomach to getting further feel the sourness of water as a temporary feeder to sustain a day, a lot of other people are engaging in a more sorely manner of cheating, begging, robbing, snatching, etc...etc... and the proverbial religiosity among people is making the wave of problems for confused authorities.

I have heard also from other places that the NFA rice is being sold out of the authorized tag price because filthy businessmen is betting into earning a lot of money, because they were the ones being authorized by NFA to sell out the rice. One major setback being felt by the people is that when rice harvest season in a peak, the price of palay consumably went low that drains out the farmers of their expected gain. Government authorities just played on with their meagre resources and could not eventually equate the capacity of rich businessmen with all the bounty of money being paid out in advance to farmers until harvest time. When planting season is about to begin, the price gone up and farmers are being dismayed over the prices of fertilizers and the lowering supply of their hoarded supplies intended for the lean season.

Economics in simpler terms have overlooked the effect of its theoretical concepts and does not, of course, include the producer's point of view, but only concentrate on the meeting of demands over the needed supply. Well, this is how I learned. Maybe, I was absent when my professor talked about the macro levelling on the whole perspective of the economics; and plainly, I would prefer the micro range of the economic purview.

In my level, I could see the collaborative efforts between the private and public view awesomely aimed at earning profits from a least capital.

I remember that in the 1970s, the Philippines was noted of its agriculture fervour. Where rice and other agricultural products was a means of prosperous living, thus, farmers become the backbone of the Philippine society. As time went on, and changes were inevitably unrelenting, the modern days of farming have introduced the use of chemical fertilizers as a means of convenience to raise production, instead of preferring to utilize the organic means of farming, because according to studies, it produces less and could not meet the ever increasing demands of supply in the market.

Filipinos literally sustained their food needs in 3 to 5 times a day consumption which, of course, includes in-between meals known as snacks. Many years, we have sustained this habit in spite of hardship and imbalanced economic paradigm, the people still worked out to meet this pernicious living standard. Eventually, many are suffering from

hypertensions and diabetes; and the doctors advise the patients to lessen rice intake and instead eat raw foods when possible.

Funny...

You know, Filipinos when prohibited to eat rice and meat more frequently, the more that their appetites grab their desire.

Are we doomed to experience our foolishness?... Well, I'm confused yet.

I just sit here in front of my computer while my mind wanders, "Does Philippines is defeated by its own folly, or were the heroes failed their cause of freedom? Would the NFA food lines break and sinker?" It stinks wildly much.

Politics really rots and it rots rapidly here in the Philippines. Freedom? ... soooo much freedom so that the Senate overly acts like Courtroom while the Justice Department wilely sits and wait.

Wednesday, November 05, 2008

AMERICA HAVE SPOKEN THE UNITED SPIRIT OF CHANGE AS BARACK OBAMA CARRY ON HIS ENORMOUS TASK AS PRESIDENT

The great moment of joy and jubilation is the change that President-Elect Barack Obama is bringing and has manifested as he drove his way to the force of his own spirit to achieve that great American dream.

The determination of this catalytic fervor and becoming that first African-American President is a realism of his lifetime, thus, in effect reprieved the historic financial crisis that rocked American people to the hilt! The fear of economic depression is now defused while the reprobates are now carrying on their backs the burden of their own doubts and ill-feeling against anyone who dreamed.

Indeed, the well-known prophetic speech, "I HAVE A DREAM" of Dr. Martin Luther King comes alive in President Obama.

Truly, I will witness in my whole lifetime that indeed to dream the farthest rainbow will be realized in the days when everyone person would never expect it to be and is doing the gradual systemic political renaissance where change becomes truth. The 2008 Presidential Election is indeed the defining moment of America to plot a new dream as it tries to overcome the fears of the crossroads and bridges that lies ahead. President-Elect Obama assured his people that it can be done.

I have never felt like this before that "THE MAN" written by Irving Wallace, the first

novel that I ever finished reading is an ultimate reality. Of course, the scenes and events is different, but it has similarity over many things.

Just imagine this man, BARACK OBAMA, a descendant of colored slaves from Africa is now the most powerful President of the world! The dream of many who has long been waiting is now living reality!

Anyway, I can't say no other words to America but this: CONGRATULATIONS!!! Truly your country is a land of plenty and a Kingdom of Balance. Black and white rules over many things in the world; and it is a fact today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA!!!

I dare my country, Philippines, to dream the same---a united spirit.

Monday, November 17, 2008

SENATE ENGRAVES ON FLOOR P728M FERTILIZER SCAM, HOUSE SKETCHES IT OWN INVESTIGATION SCENARIO

The only time that Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn "Joc Joc" Bolante can breathe a space of relief is when she would reveal the truth, if there's any or whatsoever, about the P728M fertilizer scam and pinpoint somebody in the Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo administration as the culprit. After such breather, a paper trail will continue ad infinitum until all the trunks and branches of a big scam tree will finally redound to the President applying therefore the principle of Command Responsibility, and the rest will be history while the country would still be within the agonizing state of economic shambles and crisis and the rampancy of fund diversions and embezzlement will continue to plague its very own culture. After all conduct of investigations in aid of legislation (kuno!), the Senate will file appropriate legislative action against the identified culprit---(of course The President)--- impeachment proceedings will be pursued.

On the other hand, moves will be determinable against the Vice President Noli De Castro who would certainly be the next-in-line and would certainly be the President. However, a lot of the elite people in the government would never wanted VP De Castro because they thought that he is weak, easily manipulated, and sort of overly impeachable again. Henceforth, another move to oust him will certainly follow, and etcetera...and etcetera... and etcetera.

This I'm quite sure is the formulated scenario of those people who are fanning out to destabilize the duly constituted authority. Every move is certainty of facts and actions while the supply of provocative thoughts spills out from the mind of those who really wanted the Philippines to be out of control and pushing again another amendments and revisions of the laws that were promulgated and approved.

As we would notice for the past two decades after EDSA, there was no change in attitude in the Filipino psyche. The perspective is still the same and worst of all, everybody is getting into the flaw while the supply of power lasts!

The said that Pres. Marcos, the dictator, was worst. But this is much greater than worst! Every person in the government are subjected to doubts and squeezing paraffin test by Congress allegedly exercising its own governmental power to find truth and incarcerate the culprits whoever they may be.

If you could notice, the action of the Congress is far fetch and self-serving. The plethora of wise and wizards within the fulcrum of governmental system in the exercise of power as they perceive it to be push every stone of doubts and deceits to undermine the reality of intentions carved within a flowing ember of personal aggrandizement. Be it as it may, people with high plane of knowledge in government, as it is observe down here, are the very ones who'd become the culprit against its own people; and it is the great remorse to a country, rich and pure, in essence and spirit, that truth becomes the product of contempt and the expert exercise of knowledge becomes the entangled hidden agenda of some.

It is really complicated...really... when a corrupt person who knows the ins and outs in the government will partially enthuse that certain people within its own system committed something they believe is not right. The very same people who followed through will someday, when there's that open opportunity to pursue, become a culprit of their own systemic view of the other. Blame it to the school, they would say.

Anyway, what I can say today as these events occurred in our political arena, may the best find a way to get out of these entanglements.

I hope that one day, my country; will find a new avenue to weed out the entanglements of corrupted laws.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

**CONGRESS' POLITICAL EXPERIMENTS SCATHING ECONOMY
MORE HARDER THAN MARTIAL LAW TIMES: AN
ANALYSIS**

A lot of ordinary people are probably rethinking their personal position on most prominent political issues that haunted the Philippines' political spectrum bringing up a backlash on the economy which is now slowly getting into a downtrend swing, than martial law times.

During the Marcos times, the least among many, insurgency problem soar up as a result of the widespread crack on political enemies. However, the nationwide development program such as national electrification, farm-to-market roads, and foreign policy work stimulation on Filipino workers, communications and many other infrastructures projects

were realized through foreign debts with IMF and World Bank. Literally, these projects are even enjoyed today by many Filipinos.

Although in some quarters, political stalwarts made use of the political dictatorship of Marcos as a political dump of these entire political debacles that shook the Filipino psyche; but when reflecting back the old days as compared today, better days is more likely a great impression among Filipinos who lived the Marcos time. The political fulcrum during the prime Marcos times is more controlled and manageable that even political wizards can say far no less.

Today, we have been experiencing a lot worst of economic shambles when every governmental instrumentality get even attention from a greater power on top of it all---the People. The political structure, some said, is manipulated with corrupt cultures. Far more than that the business world has adopted already a flex on complicated networks that can get to it even beyond the mandate of laws, and are more certainly getting into the economy with the chief aim of controlling the market playground.

Partisan politics has greater influence over National Security. Political players belonging from a different mass of parties are taking charge of their own flocks, drawing all to compete in order to survive, negotiate in order to gain a flap to fly out the political air, bribe to earn trust, give dole-outs to earn sympathy, offer jobs in order to mobilize, threat and counter-threat, and many others, in a grand stand of loop to get a share of the political power.

These political players are providing a hallway of opportunities where the rich political figures are the source of their own lifeblood. Dummies are the institute of graft and corruption; the tree of glories grows out well within its own anonymity and description is the abhorred part; it may either kill you or drag you out of the playing court. Resistance or a counteraction is a great gamble for a few, but, it can still be pursued with impunity or by destruction, of sort, either ways may fall short to too many.

Why?...It's democracy!...a syndicated democracy by a powerful few.

News like ZTE scandal, Euro generals, Fertilizer Scam, Hello Garci, Senate Leadership shift, Supreme Court fill up of justices, rollback of prices in fuel oil, rollback of fares, and many other more issues can stimulate the minds of many ordinary people. They seem to agree that indeed our government is corrupt and that whoever is going to run the government, graft and corruption will still be present in anyway.

On the other hand, the media is easily drawn in to this hype because some or few people with money can wield power at their own will. They have a clear-cut agenda and short-listed mission to achieve for their very own common good. They control the economic playground by influencing the media to play either side of the coin. A greater bid can make up the rest of its sinister plans, and they can only make this up when they were able to establish credibility because they certainly believe credibility is not left to chance but of action and focus. Money can bring credibility out of its own charm.

The issue of “Impeachment” is getting headway. The players are still the same with the addition of one. They call him the rogue house speaker or sometimes “Joe De Bola”. Of course, this situation only reveals the truth that in politics, you do not have permanent friends or permanent enemies. Ally today, who knows tomorrow, he can be an enemy; or enemy today, tomorrow ally.

As much as many are observing, the political hiccups today is getting worst than the political pains during the Marcos regime; and in my own opinion, this cannot end unless honest people take action. But, the question is, where can we find them?

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

EX-HOUSE SPEAKER BOMBSHELLING MALACAÑAN; PIN-HURTING CONGRESSMEN ON BRIBES FAILED ON TARGET

The political domino game as plotted by ex-House Speaker and his opposition allies failed on target as bombshells is now readied to hit the streets. This desperate move is apparently showing the real color of a depressed man who is longing for power that he once spitefully wield to influence the House of Congress which avenues is now tainted with his own deceitful makings and wanted to save his self from off the hook but trapped by his own failure and folly.

His so-called “charisma” and conventional powerful influence over decision-making of his many colleagues in Congress before is now felt like a dying ember of his own last hurrah. He is walking naked and unwisely trimming what is left of his own bonsai plants. If he would continue without letting go of his own pride, personal whims and caprices, it is expected that it will certainly trickle straight to his own downfall.

I have no personal grudge with the Ex-House Speaker. I admired him for what he had done during the Ramos Administration; but it seems, such admiration will not retain, as I see him now trying to destroy the established credibility of the House of Congress in which once in his time, was believed to have maintained a high sense of integrity. As his political ambitions and yearning for power burn within the bosom of his own hatred and unwise use of wisdom, he is now trying to wield the destructive karma of his own making. The unity that he once advocates is now a disintegrated view of a depressed wise man.

As he showed pictures saying that pictures do not lie; his once heraldic voice became a shout to nowhere.

Allow me to say that a voice of anger do not lie of the content of his heart. His voice reveals covetousness, hatred, and envy which he felt to magnify in order to influence the already dissatisfied Filipino psyche.

He wanted to motivate the Filipino people to an unwise uprising against their own duly constituted government in which case he is considered a pinch of rust in its ceiling. His actions only push a button to further affect the economic stability of our country, thus, he is answerable to the people and can be tagged as a saboteur; or against the duly instituted ideals of our long-ago Forefathers, which I believe can be resembled to either a treasonous act and deed, or treachery.

On the other hand, intellectual observers will comment that his destructive move is a political maneuver to influence also the military believing that the personnel of this honorable institution can be brought again into the scene. But as I see it, his move is a personal crusade to seek revenge for the many millions that his son, Joey de Venecia, could have gained if only the ZTE transaction could have transpired. It was a great loss on their part, because the money to be gained could have been used to fund his Presidential bid comes 2010 or to his grand plan of retirement while pushing his son to run for congress.

The administration camp was certainly able to hack this sinister plan and have decided to cancel the ZTE transaction. Pure and simple. Indeed, when ZTE could have taken off, the Arroyo Administration can be a hostage while the De Venecia family is more powerfully wielding a greater power against them and the same domino scenario could have caused the government to its expected downfall. The Arroyo administration could have gone out to Malacañan with much stinging mud on its slot. So, when elections come, President Arroyo will be pressed to support the candidacy of ex-House Speaker and political funds will flow in to the burse of De Venecia without the lift of doubt that he is just using the money gained out of the ZTE transactions of his son, Joey.

And it was a lot!

Therefore, President Arroyo's cancellation of the ZTE transaction was a timely decision to make; and the domino plot of the De Venecia camp run off tangent to its original plan. Case closed.

Now, his desperate power wielding against his colleagues caused him more! A plot to oust him in the House of Congress is gaining headway simply because of his treacherous or treasonous act against the duly constituted authority, whom he pledged to defend, will certainly crack the sheath of his unwise moves. The domino plot will crumble to pieces and he will be left nude.

As far as I am concerned, this is what I felt and see as the scenarios reveal the truth about ex-House Speaker's bombshells!

Well, as I said it, the voice does not lie!

Monday, December 08, 2008

PACQUIAO BOXING PROWESS HYPED ALL AND UNIFIED HIS COUNTRYMEN FOR A MOMENT OF SPECTATION

Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao once again showed his boxing prowess can hyped the world and unify his countrymen for a moment of spectation. This unique charm of faith, hope, courage and determination, iconize Pacman to be the No. 1 Pound-for-Pound Boxer of the world.

Boxing analysts in the U.S. who were all praises for Oscar De La Hoya, who is a Mexican-American citizen, and put in the bushel of showing Pacman as an underdog, were stunted by the exceptional showing of Pacman skills inside the ring. It was a tremendously different Pacman that they saw: more powerful, focused, brave and determined to win the fight. They believed that it was an insurmountable challenge for Pacman; but instead, the skill charm of Pacman turned the bushel upside down on De La Hoya and eventually filled it up again with lots of praises on Pacman.

The whole world saw it as a lopsided fight, a mismatch, as they say. It was not De La Hoya fighting. It was someone else! The fight was tagged as a Dream Match for Pacquiao, and believed to be a resurrection of De La Hoya from the drift of the limelight of the boxing world, but it turned out to be a tower of Babel with lots and lots of confusion among many.

Some speculations say that De La Hoya just gave out the fight in exchange of money or something; and that many believed that it was De La Hoya who actually win in terms of money thing. It was his Golden Boy Promotions that managed their boxing promotions and indeed, the whole world was caught in hype of this Dream Match. Anyway, this is business. Everything in boxing is business just like everyone else.

I just hope that in this kind of lopsided fight, whoever are the people involve in the negotiations and promotions, have clear conscience to look back the luster of fame and the glowing ember of hope among many that indeed they saw a real fight of the two legendary boxer of the world.

On Manny, I was greatly overwhelmed by his different fighting style, skills, and speed that went through all odds. His great desire of bringing honor to the country brought home a beacon of hope, unity, and a chance for peace to prevail in a short moment of high plane and submission beyond the variety of many differences among the Filipino people. This combination of temporal and spiritual upheaval, I can say, is an apparent phenomenon that brings forth a hypothermic relevance of views among many poor Filipinos to believe that poverty is never a hindrance to success. Everyone has a chance if only to believe and get the confidence like that of Many Pacquiao.

Today, our country is mired with a lot of contradictions from side to side--- from the left to the center, from the center to the left and right, from the right to the center and to the left. This spacious arena of contradictions only brings out the best of the Filipinos, as I can see it. I believe that the Filipinos today are being tested by time and by opportunities

to become mature and conjuring people to hypnotically carry a greater responsibility among many people of the world, because many believed that there is no part in the world that Filipino descents can not be found. From the north to the south hemisphere, from the east to the west hemisphere, Filipinos are all around. They are equipped with their own wit, courage, determination, hope, and love of country. They are brave to pursue whatever endeavor they have been facing and would never forget where they may have come from.

Although, some have live with the pride of their societal status, rich or in the middle class wherever they may be, still the sterling character of a Filipino blood flows in their veins, the patriotic fervor that burns deep in their hearts, cannot and will never be denied, that they have inherited a noble blood of courage, independence, a spirit of long-suffering, freedom and liberty loving, and above all, the humane love, being a son or daughter of a dearly loving Heavenly Father.

Indeed, Filipinos today will rise above the many unexpected expectations of the people in the world over; and my only wish is to be a part of it, and so do by many of us.

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

**THE YULETIDE SEASON UNIFIED THE WHOLE GOOD AND THE
BAD OLD WORLD**

Today is the last day of 2008 in the Philippines; I come to realize that I should write a yearend analysis or something that would record in general the events happening in my country.

In the good world, news from all over the Philippines featured a lot of differences that talked about culture, tradition, methods, cooking, clothes, fruits, feng shui, jewelries, and many other variety topics which when you realized lately, in a good perspective, would certainly bring every Filipino into various brighter mode where you can see them smile, greet, prepare for noche buena and a lot of other good activities, for the New Year.

TV and Radio programs talked about New Year's Resolutions of known actors and actresses, street children, street pugs and beggars, or the elite such as the politicians like senators and congressmen, or big businessmen and entrepreneurs who are successful this year, and who's who are winning the Metro Manila Film Festival, TV and Radio stations winning surveys, local and national newspapers widely read, TV programs and hosts mostly viewed, and others. Indeed, this is the yearend performance evaluation test of the variety of events that took place in 2008.

Doomsayers and Soothsayers are now getting into the spotlight. TV and Radio anchors and hosts are now swarming around their crystal balls seeking answers to expected or unexpected events that would happen comes 2009.

Streets all around the metro area have experienced traffic jams caused by small vendors occupying street sidewalks and gutters for their lots.

Farmers and their land lords are sharing harvest for a food gathering and gifts giving Christmas celebration.

Law enforcers in different areas are now on red alert not against pity crimes or jay walking violators but against extremists and terrorists whose sinister plans may include bombing malls and restaurants where people usually hang out to celebrate the yuletide season; or kidnap and hold-up gangs are also on go!

On the other hand, in the bad world, the political bigwigs, saboteurs, crocs and grafters, kidnap and hold-up gangs, snatchers and pickpockets, drug lords and gambling lords, are making celebration, or counting their loots, and their telephones and cell phones are pretty busy calling or answering calls from friends, relatives, and benefactors. Greetings in their own bad world are certainly quite different from the good world. Their “*his*” and “*hellos*” are all in unison as their hearts are full of happiness in filthy playgrounds and mansions.

Of course, they have their own Christmas and New Year celebrations and resolutions. Their thoughts are more concentrated whether they would lie-low or continue as opportunities will be the determining factor in all their bad actions. Their evil deeds surmount every tide and their spirits are all inflamed with greed, anger, hatred, revenge, and other worldly semblance. Many would call them as bugs, hackers, criminals in uniform, or criminals in robe. Whatever manner other people would call them, they don't care. They would just have to enjoy it.

Okay, this is all that I can think about. Whatever world you may belong, I would just have to say, make the most of it and while it lasts!

Of course, to the bad guys, when it lasts you may be going to the Senate Jail or Town/City Jails, or when you died in an encounter with law enforcers, you may have your trip going to the Hades or hell.

So choose while it lasts yet the bargain is still open.

To all: MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish you all the best.

Thursday, January 08, 2009

THE CAPTURE OF ALABANG BOYS OPENED UP THE PANDORA BOX OF MULTIMILLION DRUG BUSINESS

The illegal drug business in the Philippines tagged the country as the Number 1 illegal drug users in all of Asia. This was revealed by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency

(PDEA) which many believed to be the most credible drug enforcement agency in the country today.

PDEA likewise revealed the many failures of convicting drug lords and traffickers because of the many resilient or if not, apparent disregard of the Department of Justice of prosecuting these drug criminals; and the latter always invoke the Supreme Court rulings and doctrines on cases like these. This is one of the many unpalatable justifications of the DOJ making the technical aspects of the case work out to the disarray and dismay of the drug enforcement agencies long-time conduct of investigations and surveillance of the subjects. It has been a long-time problem of technicalities, but the DOJ had enough time to study the case and pursue it with all rapidity to convict these criminals.

In short, the prosecuting attorney or higher officials of the DOJ have "no balls" to go after these criminals, by making the technicalities of the case as a short-listed scapegoats, in spite of the evidences presented or even these drug animals were already caught in a buy-bust operation.

This time, PDEA stood well and well enough to fight back against the seasonal tide of injustice in all its operatives. Families of the victims of these drug syndicates are now braving to fill out the laxity of the authorities who are seating in the swivel chairs of their offices and are not even engaged in the actual counteraction operations; and in the result of the operation, they would invoke the technical aspects of the case which would eventually turn out to the best interest of the accused; and not to the law enforcers who sacrificed 24 hours a day just to do their very best to do their duly mandated duties and responsibilities to capture these notorious animals.

PDEA claimed that there are bribes going on at the top rank of the ladder in our law enforcement agencies or in the justice department.

As you would keenly notice, the Alabang Boys are sons of big names in our political stream. They live in exclusive subdivisions where local authorities are even afraid to conduct investigation because these people are living the comfort of their elite status in our society.

Accordingly, some of our drug authorities are afraid of these people because they are moneyed. They can buy mercy and justice, and have the courage to face the very lies of their own lives and turn the weather bureau of justice to their own means and caprices. They have great influence over the political leadership, or even the main stream hall of justice. They have also well-paid attorneys who can bend the truth to become lies and lies to become truth by their own means of cunning shrewdness in legal technicalities and procedures. They can make black to white and white to black, or even command the authorities to spill out their justice, by writing their own release orders and allow the head of the DOJ just signed for their own advantage. For sure, they have this expertise and diligence of bending the laws.

Congress on the other hand, did not spoil the heat, naturally conducted hearings, again,

“in aid of legislation”. Hurrah! Nice timing. Now the case of the Alabang Boys has two venues in total disregard of the PDEA authorities’ jurisdiction over the case.

These questions needs answers: What happened to a Justice Department who fails to support their own law enforcement operatives? What happened to a Congress, with all the trappings of nobility and solemnities?...who fails to amend an existing drug law in order to put in more teeth on it that can send out these Alabang Boys to get convicted? What value would there be when a top executive of the country, say, the Office of the President or Department of Justice, or even the Supreme Court, failed to pronounce their conviction to support their law enforcement agency? Isn't it that these law enforcement agencies exist because they are the very foundation of its existence in order to institute order, peace, justice within the mainstream of our society?

In my observation, PDEA has become the culprit after all that they have done. They need to explain every bit of technicalities or rules of engagement in which they carried out their mission and objectives. Or I should say that PDEA was just made use to become a dog-friend of politics for its own political ends?

Why criminals thrive in the country? Oh well, I can see it now. Crocodiles are now living on dry land; and more even within the hallway of congress; or might be at hallowed carnival string of the Department of Justice. If it is so, this would be a critical equilibrium by which people should define their place in the political map.

I admired the courage and bravery of **Major M** and **General S**. During their honest revelation to the very intimidating questions of legislators, or even the Secretary of Justice who insinuated the very person out of Major M, you can feel the aural effect of anger and dissatisfaction streaming out from the mouth of the very person holding the Justice Department. You can look at their cunning eyes slithered with sluts and chronic ebola that will make Major M a laughing stack.

The ire of the Secretary of the Department of Justice would only imply that there is something behind every bit of word he uttered against the PDEA officials. Is he protecting someone or something? Indeed, an independent body need to be created to conduct further investigation to determine who really faltered.

As I can see these events happening, I could say that truth indeed swamps around lies, only when one like Major M take the risk of his life.

Major M and General S just get on with it. We are watching your nemesis. Hurrah for the PDEA and hurrah to the truth-seekers.

Indeed, there is hope for this country.

Monday, January 19, 2009

BARACK OBAMA: THE EPITOME OF MLK'S DREAM AND AN ICON OF AMERICA'S FUTURE, BUT I HAVE A DREAM

Today, as I ponder in reading the life story of Martin Luther King, Jr. a clergyman and a civil rights activist, and of course, heard his famous "*I HAVE DREAM*" speech given in front of the Lincoln Memorial during the 1963 March on Washington for jobs and freedom, I just can't help but wonder how in high heavens that an ordinary man like Barack Obama emerged from a modest nowhere to become the first black president of the United States of America.

Such journey is a unique epitome of MLK's dream and indeed, Obama is now become an icon of America's future. His rise to power is a phenomenon which started from a simple community organizer to become a civil rights lawyer and eventually a senator. These small beginnings will made us to think that this man, I believe, a righteous man, is the one destined to hold the reign of the most powerful country in the world. His futuristic approach of making a America to be a changed icon from a "*war freak to a peace- loving country of the West.*"

I would like to take note of the following facts of his life:

- Born to Barack Hussein Obama, Sr. (1936-1982) and Ann Dunham (1942-1995), married from 1960 to 1965.
- Named one of Time magazine's "100 most influential people in the world" list in 2005 and 2007.
- His first name comes from the word that means "blessed by God" in Arabic.
- On "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" (1993), he revealed that President George W. Bush nicknamed him "Bama" and "Rock".
- Is the first African-American man to be elected President of the United States (November 2008).
- When elected President, he won the battleground states of Florida, Virginia and Colorado - all of which had voted Republican in 2004.
- Is the first American president to be born in Hawaii.
- Was the 27th lawyer to be elected American president.
- Was elected to be the 44th president of the Unites States of America on 4 November, 2008.
- Presidential campaign slogan: "Yes we can".

The very person of President Obama even symbolizes a new rising hope for America and the whole world. His tenacity of character built by experience and sheer beauty of heart made up the whole peaceful land of hope and honey. Indeed, there is a greater change of making a America as a new shifting gear in attaining world peace.

In my quarter ounce thought, I should say, HE IS THE MAN.

I've read *THE MAN* by Irving Wallace in 1983. It was a very exciting reading experience I have had a thought that such novel must have a reality. And it is now.

President Obama possessed the idealism of an American dream that worked within the American system of politics and lifestyles. The consistent strive of achieving something more and the uniqueness of fate in working out of the odds symbolically built his character.

Today, America has reached the very zenith of its own long-time dream of change. It has sparked a new light and a new will of beginning to track the future of the American people into making history again to mingle with their historic constitution, even at the time of President Abraham Lincoln. The equality of man, as a creation of God and an unfeigned faith, has become a consistent pace of race reconstructed by the past and being more ignominiously rebuilt for the future of a people, is no such phenomenon as it is now a reality. At this one time, a black President will chart a new America.

I would like to express my congratulations to the American people for their liberty and freedom exemplified in their choice of who would run their great country. I have great hopes that the path that they are now tracking will be a blessing for all nations of the earth.

My country, the Philippines, I believe will be in unison to the astounding sacrifice that the American people have displayed. Our election will be in 2010. I have great hopes that the Filipino people will emanate or if not, duplicate the great achievements that the American people have done for their country and for their dreams and aspirations.

I fairly hope that even the poorest among the poor of our people will have a clear voice in Congress, not just a symbolism of hope nor an empty dream to spare, but a reality that will rise up the whole country into a symbol like America.

I have also a dream; one not far different like everyone else has.

I have a dream that one day the Filipino people will rise above its own enigma where choices is not paid by the cause of money and every vote counts a trust from individual faith and hope.

I have a dream that one day, Philippines will be known as one that believes his own people and that every right is defended by the blood and perspiration of our own forefathers; and that truth is revealed by the lucid sacrifice of our own martyrs to redeem our country from the ancient plague of self-destruction, mistrust, and corrupt culture.

I have a dream that one day the Philippines will enjoy the fruits of its own well-defined democracy in spite of vast differences in culture of its own people. A country that will hear the voice of the largest part of its constituency; where corrupt few will be incarcerated; where the elite will bow down the will of the majority; when congress is no longer a place for dynasty and tyrannical rule among the few; and instead become a hall of respect, decency, love of country, which will be the surmounting spirit that reviles disunity in principle and in character; where people live in dynamism without fear of

being kidnapped or being caught in between crossfire; where the youth have known their path in the history of their country and prepared themselves with all willingness to belong to the future and be the hope of many. I have a dream.

I have a dream that one day the thunderous sound of artillery will be demolished and the shattering fires of M16s and M60s will be buried in memory; where people enjoy the fruits of their own labor unscathed by the destructive blast of grenade or land mines; where children can play their own games while the old enjoy the blessings of their own industry; when war has ended between Christians and Muslims, and peace reign more definitely.

I have a dream and this dream I hope will one day become a reality.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

PRES. OBAMA'S INAUGURAL SPEECH CHARTED A NEW WORLD'S COMMON GOOD THAT WILL OUTLAST US ALL

My eyes was about to enter into the gloom of sleep, rest was an inevitable incline as I was waiting for a moment to witness the oath taking ceremony of the first black and the 44th President of the United States, Barack Hussein Obama.

As the TV chatters a hissing sound, I felt that there is an impending rainfall about to engage. I kept my eyes open and alert, as the TV anchormen and reporters changed views and comments, expressing high hopes, expecting a lot on the outcome of this most awaited moment of our time here in the Philippines---the oath taking of Barack Hussein Obama to be the president of the United States of America.

The clock is about one minute before midnight. I saw President Obama walking silently behind invited guests; eyes sternly determined, and as he heard his name called upon by the master of ceremony, he bowed his head and went out to the open receiving the awesome cheers and cries from a far out sea of crowd. He raised his hand in acknowledgement. Small drops of rain started to rage as against the sound of my TV. I pinned the volume of my remote control to increase the sound of the TV to overcome the reverberating sound of a heavy rainfall upon the roof of my house. But the rainfall was short-lived; it stopped into tiny intermittent drops upon the roof my house, and the inaugural ceremony started on TV, the defining moment has come, and I was awake when it did finally come to pass.

My excitement was doubled or even quadrupled as the first black President of the United States took oath and he paused a while for his inaugural speech. And he started it all by saying, MY FELLOW CITIZENS; and the words run through every odds of dream fulfilled and dreams to be resonated at the every mind of a people whose greatness is incomparably rare and unique in the history of the human pages; evoking the hope in hopelessness, determination to uncharted journey beyond every clime of nature, giving a bright light on every human spirit, recoiling the long-shattered history of virtue and

purpose, reinvigorate the inner strength of courage, of bravery, of integrity, and of self-discipline as against all untimely storms.

The rarity of character in President Obama's speech is far more upreaching and enduring as it clearly exemplified the beauty of nature found within a human person. His exposition of history, his well-verse analysis about the world in great danger and turmoil as it faces the far-reaching network of violence and hatred only spell out a timely creed of character that is needed at this time.

There was an unrelenting spirit that would not spoil a bit of trust and confidence bestowed upon his total character. President Obama's views in world affairs only expound the richness of patience in every footstep ahead; it unveils the unexpected caravan of timeless spirits that resonates a high plane of fortitude, of piety, of helping hands, and even eliminated the barrier of rugged terrains high up on mountains, tested by agony and fear, and surpassed the lean measures of propriety and a clear vindication of willing hearts to submit in clearing out the enmity's long battle within the human spirit to face a righteous order of the day; his invitation to those people whose aims were to sow terror to meet a victorious end to therefore cease from engaging the same was an insurmountable rectitude.

He sowed to every heart the value of being an American citizen and a citizen of the world, home and abroad, with a clear vision of a chartered destiny by which the American nation is willing to assume while it would fearlessly face the greater responsibility to instill freedom and liberty, and rights to every human being in pursuit of his own happiness.

President Obama's speech reassured the world of nations that America can still do its assumed duties and responsibility in order to maintain balance of power among leadership of every nation. The dreadful threat of nuclear destruction will be defaced only when countries will try to define their place in history.

There are a lot more on the speech. So, I decidedly to keep a copy of it in my phone and in my USB storage, so that from time to time, when I have the urge to review his performance, I can refer back to the sound of his voice and in every page of his speech.

I hope that indeed America will find their redefining place in pages of history.

HURRAH! AMERICA! LAND OF PLENTY! LAND OF HOPE! SURELY, THE MILK AND HONEY WILL OUTLAST US ALL.

HURRAH FOR THE NEW ISRAEL!

Finally, the speech soothes a weary heart and it will be a lasting treasure to remember by.

Now I rest this moment to outlast a new dawn of the day. Good morning world!

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**ALABANG BOYS PLAGUE CONTINUE TO HAUNT THE
CREDIBILITY OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

The recent directives of Malacañang to Dangerous Drug Board (DDB) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to “undertake real good intelligence” can be perceived by many as a wake up call to some of our law enforcement on drugs which has been on deep sleep.

This pronouncement only exemplified the long and deep collusion by some officials in the government, both top and low, who have been passively undertaking a drug campaign but in a way that will also create a leeway for inside consideration, but not until recently when the Alabang Boys were caught in a dragnet buy-bust operation by PDEA, that this anti-drug campaign have risen up to the limelight.

What is more intriguing was the recent unanimous letter sent to Secretary Gonzales of DOJ unveiling an alleged bribery in one of the DOJ Prosecutors which was recently confirmed by deposits of a whopping P800,000.00 on both husband and wife bank accounts who claimed that the same are receipts from their lending business. But, the question is: “Why is it done on the same date when the DOJ Prosecutor issued a dismissal resolution on the Alabang Boys?”

Surely, this particular event only confirms the allegations of PDEA that there was indeed an attempted bribery. It would also clearly indicate that when the parents of Alabang Boys were not able to get affirmation from the PDEA to release their sons through cash consideration, they pursued their aims at getting into the very fiber of justice disposition: Bribe the DOJ Prosecutor(s)!

When DOJ claimed that there was no probable cause to pursue a case against the Alabang Boys, the PDEA decided a *cut-out scenario* to open this “justice intrigue” to the eyes of the watching public and allowed it to simmer deep down the minds of those in collusion with the drug lords and dealers.

The PDEA’s psychological strategic operation plan worked! The DOJ sleeping volcano erupted ferociously!

The DOJ Prosecutors threatened a mass leave of absence purposely to air their grievances against the accusations of the PDEA which eventually aggravated the situation into an alarming swipe shaking the very foundation of a long-time secret combination ---The Justice Conspiracy! It shouted to the open from its deepest den and unearthed the Pandora

Box!

The PDEA Intelligence Analyst has done well in this thing. He knows that the alarming drug situation in the country will not be pursued more vigorously when the general public will be set aside as mere spectators or victims.

In the next coming days, we can expect that there will be a lot smell that will spawn from the bowels of DOJ; even top government officials will be linked when the ultimate scenario will come into view.

Ordinary people will surely respond to any call by PDEA to come into the surface and reveal this justice conspiracy. Finger pointing will be a continuous indicator to unearth the long-buried secret combination of these government officials.

To PDEA: Just keep working on. The trail to the next Pandora Box is about to unveil the rotten view of our justice system. It would surely shake the bureaucratic guild, and people from high echelons will begin their vacation outside the park of our justice system.

By the way, why is Congress not rumbling down to conduct a separate investigation more thoroughly "in aide of legislation?" Just asking...(Ngehehehhe...)

Anyway, I am just watching from deep down here. Sirs, just keep up the good work. REMEMBER: BRAVERY, COURAGE, INTEGRITY.

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Wednesday, February 04, 2009

2010 ELECTIONS LOOM GRAFT AND CORRUPTION KNITS, WANNABE CANDIDATES ON TV ADS, POWER PLAY RIGS

For the past few days, we can see the categorical political behavior of many is now focused towards 2010 Elections in the Philippines. It was more likely apparent as images of senators and other wannabe candidates' stroke on TV advertisements certainly for less expenses or uplift earnings capability in preparation for the great election campaign.

Surely, political funds raising campaigns are now a priority groundwork for every political party camps who are certainly on red-flag and as busy as ever decorating their respective political stage for a great show! Political oil and lubricants are now being requisitioned and hoarded by respective party stalwarts---calling and inviting every down-stretch leaders wherever they may be to remind them of continuing commitments are being renewed and harnessed again with promises of favor, programs and projects.

On the other hand, government and non-government organizations are also being harnessed, though some of them are inactive and are now being reactivated for political

end-purpose. Solicitation letters are now being drafted, prepared, saved in a computer or USB or even sent to emails as attachments, for easy access. New bank accounts for these leaders or organizations are separately opened purposely for easy money-sent transactions. Project proposals and programs are getting a head-count, plain and simpler the better, because candidates would not likely to read them.

Cell phones and SIM cards are now on high sell-out, while office supplies and many other printing materials are being ordered in advance to avoid back lagging. Rice mills and manufacturing companies are now pre-negotiated with advanced orders and a time frame of 6-8 months delivery, of course, with advance payments sent through a bank account. It is more likely that motorcycles and bicycles are also pre-ordered and reserved; or number of units is pre-negotiated for rent or use during the campaign. Cars, closed-vans, jeepneys and trucks, including 10-wheeler trucks, are now being planned to get mobilized when needed.

In line with these, bank statements are quietly requested and destroyed, or kept in a safe box for easy accounting and auditing, as the streams of money-flow should be monitored to get in to the account from likely friends, donors, lovers and secret admirers, philanthropists, or foreign supporters.

On local government units, the theme that most of the barangay officials are talking about is the various unfulfilled programs and projects that some of the candidates during the last election failed to get into their attention. Somehow, these barangay officials are getting fed up on some of their municipal and provincial officials who just showed up their selves during campaign period, but after getting elected, they apparently shy-away or felt ashamed to show their faces on their supporters who voted them to win!

We can feel also that wannabe governors, district representatives, mayors and councilors of the different provinces, districts and municipalities in the entire country are now in full gear of re-inventing the campaign logo and battlecry slogans for their own party and image enhancements.

Programs on TV, radio or even local newspapers are now on due dates for feature articles for certain wannabe candidates; writers and write-ups are carefully chosen accompanied with pictures or logos, and many others. Local radio commentators are now secretly being negotiated for a 20-30 minute prime time slots on commercial radio stations, of course, pre-negotiated with certain amount involved.

Meanwhile, radio station managers are kind of shy when it comes to negotiations; interested wannabe candidates would just have to negotiate with their ads and production managers. Background investigations are done widely to determine any untoward issues that may crop up during the elections. Hired radio commentators are now researching hard on the possible candidates, their lifestyles and hangouts, families and friends, and many other to enhance their favored candidates or break a thorough bombshell on the wannabe opponents. Of course, local newspaper columnists and writers are up now for a side-clips and issues on any probable candidates. Their sidekicks or informants are now

fully mobilized to unearth any thing; I mean anything that will give a possible highlight on certain issues.

Groups of baggage boys, dispatchers, drivers, operators, vendors, sales ladies and sales boys, and others are up for grabs by certain political wannabes. It would certainly cost a political wannabe a number of drinking sprees and money dole-outs to make a hint for their candidacy. Invitations flood on every doorstep of these political wannabes. Frequent discussions with neighbors, friends, and close relatives are now on-the-go for settled expected votes. The final decision will be made during the very last hour of filing their certificate of candidacy with the COMELEC.

By the way, photo studios are also being swarmed by pictures development for 2x2, 3Rs, 1x1, and other photo dimensions. Some are being published through the internet or are hanged in the sala or in a picture frame.

Really, at this very hour, no financial crisis yet being felt by some businessmen. Their business is still on-the-go except for a few who went bankrupt at this very early stage. But there is hope for a few who are protégée of certain political figures.

Hey, I almost forgot the printing presses all around. They are now initially contacted by certain political figures about printing contracts on certain volumes of campaign materials. In fact, some printed materials which were not paid last elections and are not distributed out are kept in tack for the past three years! Just imagine. They are all as yet ready today if you mind, only that some parts are going to be snow-faked and reprinted with recent date of elections. All the rest will be fine. Cost-saving hah!

We can expect also an increase in ordering T-shirts, canned goods, plastic bags, weighing scales, rice, noodles and pancits, bags, key holders, pencils and ball pens, nail-cutters, hair bands, sashes and make-up goods. These would be good for giveaways and remembrances that would render a voter to always remember the likely candidate.

We cannot also discount that computers and printers will be up on demand including coupon bonds, long and short; or colored papers, fasteners and glue, tents, hats and eye glasses. Companies manufacturing paints will likely felt also increase of pre-ordered items and packages up for grabs.

Perhaps we cannot also discount the fact that drinking bars, Videoke houses, night clubs and disco pubs, food chains and restaurants are pretty busy with their usual businesses. Likely, some of their customers are political wannabes.

Well, all of the businesses, as well as items which can be used as political campaign materials are already mentioned. And I can say no less, that in the next months, political parties will announce who will be who in the political arena. At this early stage, to mention a few, Sen. Villar, Sen. Roxas, Sen. Legarda, Sen. Gordon, and VP de Castro are the most likely contenders in the presidential race. The prominent political parties that will be in the limelight are the Lakas-CMD, Kampi, NPC, Liberal Party, Nacionalista

Party, and the KBL.

Indeed, the interplay of these parties will chart the destiny of this country in the year 2010. But the big question is: Will the Philippines be rigged off again with its financial treasury?

People in the government have lots and lots of graft and corruptions charges being hurled against each other. Issues include SSS Funds to be loaned as part of the economic stimulus package of the government, Senator Santiago on WB probe of Cartel in the \$43 million agricultural projects under the 5-year Mindanao Rural Development Program (MRDP), DOE Secretary Reyes sought more powers on LPG dilemma while illegal activities of independent players in the oil market are blamed for hoarding and cartel, Sen. Gordon was complained by former Quezon City Representative Dante Liban for holding two government entities, the PNRC and being a Senator of the Republic; while on the other side, Sen. Gordon accused Rep. Liban about his failure to account the P10million worth of PNRC funds, and so on and so forth.

Finally, I can see that 2010 will be another chapter of Philippine bad history; when legitimate voters will likely be enticed to sell-out their votes to the moneyed few; and would certainly do not take good care what will the Philippines be after, just as long as they could get certain amount of money for a short-lived meal for his stomach and for his family.

Poverty is really the cancer of our debt-burdened Philippine society; without it, there will be no politicians with a chief aim of exploiting its own people. But, there is a hope of sunshine in every rainfall season. Just check out its best time of season.

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**GOVERNMENT DOESN'T WANT TO THROW OFF ITS POLITICAL
WILD CARDS ON THE IRC WORKERS; ABU SAYYAF
KEEPING IT AT BAY: AN ANALYSIS**

The chess-like game played by Abu Sayyaf Group of commander Albader Parad and the military chief Gen. Alexander Yano is a unique eat or not-to-eat decision fiasco or a gambit where stalwart political figures are not worried about actually; they wanted to prolong the game with lots of excuses, while the internal political spectrum is yet to reveal the real motive why this crisis had become a boiling mess for the government panel assigned to negotiate the release of the three IRC workers who were kidnapped.

I believe that this was a protracted tactic on the part of the Abu Sayyaf to catch the eyes of an international audience, making these "international audience" aware of their effective tactical moves and sought attention from those bigwigs who were the

benefactors of Abu Sayyaf group to make amends and renew their clandestine support to the group. Observing the situation as it goes in the arena of media, the miles that Abu Sayyaf have run off against the military since their tactical kidnap operation started, brought the group into the spotlight, leaving behind miles away the military tactical maneuvers that put them at bay at any rate.

As we can see on TV the full-coverage of the on-going release negotiation being handled by both local and national political figures, it becomes so apparent that the game plan of Abu Sayyaf has been very effective. It certainly lured the news-hungry media into their favour and indeed, they won the first phase of a protracted tactical war.

Now, Abu Sayyaf is on the second and third and final phase of their tactical operations.

While the AFP as well as the government negotiating panel have been very busy in trying to make amends and do some makeovers on the lapses they suffered, it is apparent that Parad stands like a horse on a chess game and has been an effective bishop pushing up the pawns of the government to withdraw off its own tract; besides he is also a lone pawn about to reach the homebase to turn him into a powerful queen. And indeed, it happened, he is now an effective pawn to make a lengthy-self-regulating demands with the threat of killing the hostages while the government on the other hand is fearing to lose its face to get the blame from the international community if something will happen to the hostages; and that, the government could hardly allow.

The government especially the military, the media, the politicians and the international audience were all lured in to a makeover battle for nothing. I believe that the military analysis on the situation is still more effective and if only, a closer coordination will be effected more immediately, surely this crisis will turn the whole Mindanao a battleground of filthy moves.

In the end, Abu Sayyaf game plan will be hailed.

At this point, we need to allow the military experts to undertake their own expertise and keep them on their way of making the most effective tactical move to win this game.

Win or loss, the people have already suffered a lot, so what's more in it! Abu Sayyaf resurfaced as a hero in their own right.

We were deceived eventually.

Monday, May 04, 2009

**FOR A MOMENT PEACE HAS REIGNED ALL OVER THE
PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO WHEN MANNY PACQUIAO DID
IT AGAIN.**

The incredibly stunning performance that the people's champ Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao displayed in the ring against the Ricky "Hitman" Hatton brought again in the whole Philippines' archipelago a moment reign of peace.

The main thoroughfares among the urban centers in the whole country were decongested with traffic even the barangay roads and small treks or paths were devoid of walkers and joggers; and attendance among religious churches drastically dropped to nearly zero as the ring hero glide to the wings of heroic air magnetizing the whole hyperbole of human curiosity.

Of course, we cannot discount that this event has also attracted the whole wide world watching the stream of flurry combinations that marked the pacman to be the No. 1 pound-for-pound boxer in the whole world. Pacman became the first Filipino boxer who is known to break boxing legends down to the ring canvass and the first Filipino crowned with six boxing titles. Many believed that his greatness is even comparably greater than Muhammad Ali and in any legends that the boxing ring have ever produced; but some only believed that pacman is only on his prime.

Well, whatever status pacman has achieved in his boxing career, the credit could have been ascertain from the people who prayed and supported him while he was in the battlefield of boxing sports. Pacman's display of religiosity and thanksgiving after the fight can be noted as an explosive example of faith in action. Many believed that pacman's inner strength comes from on high beyond everybody's comprehension.

It is also certain that of all the boxers the world over, it's only Pacman who can magnetized the attention of many. It includes political leaders, movie celebrities, drivers and conductors, dispatchers, storekeepers, landowners, and many people from all walks of life, who have become astounded and intrigued upon hearing the name Manny Pacquiao. Even military and police officers, legislators and plain housewives, or sometimes demented people tried to find a way to see the fight of their boxer icon.

In fact, the AFP declared a cessation of hostilities to see the fight; and upon witnessing the astounding splendor of greatness upon Manny Pacquiao's performance in the ring, all praises were for Manny. Radio announcers and TV Anchormen feasted in words about him. Such a great fighter ever, they said.

But it was all temporary. After the fight, the Filipinos are divided again. They do their usual occupations from thereon to finish. They would take care of their own no matter what; and of course, many would wish that everyday would be Pacquiao's day, if perhaps they would like to experience peace even at a moment in time.

As for me, I wish that there would be many Manny Pacquiao as many that Philippines could have, if only to experience a reign of peace for every fight.

Wednesday, May 06, 2009

HOUSE BILL 6183 OF REP. GONZALES ENVISIONS A FLAT TIRE UNDER HOT WATER BED WHERE CORRUPTIONS MAY RESIDE

I admire the courageous filing of House Bill 6183 by Rep. Jun Gonzales to ensure the election of a majority president and a vice president. But the crack of the ice entails another gateway for a far-reaching graft and corruption streamway that would drive the whole country into a more chaotic shambles.

I'd like to suggest that there should be more chronicles of studies where such move should be founded. It is not only the question of whether a president was a minority or majority, but a clear-cut assurance on how to carry out such a tremendous setback if it comes true.

If according to the election result, Erap garnered only 40%, and Ate Glo with 39%, and now they become a minority president; such hypothetical presumption would only reveal another clog in the tube. We should also consider that our political system is a multi-party system in which the stream of variables would loosely be netted into one catch and eventually insure election.

But let us assume that it would be more assurable that the one who seats in Malacañang is a majority president, would it be an assuring sign that graft and corruption will certainly be eradicated from the system? Would government officials live up to the expectations of the people that the public office is a public trust? And if in the event that this political system of election will be integrated into the cultural pathways of Filipino traditions, would it ensure safety of governance?

I believe that no matter what results to the presidential elections, what counts most is the honesty; sincerity; integrity and courage of the candidates to accept the highest responsibility of making this nation go forward and survive the many storms and typhoons of political squabbles among its own political system.

Whoever is elected must do what he can to make every Filipino citizen get insured of its daily sustenance; and encourage others to do the same.

The multi-party system of governance gives the political playing field many rooms for safety and security; but, it does provide a lot of opportunities of hidden corruptions and secret combinations. The moneyed people will be the ones who can dominate the little few.

If we pass this Bill, Rep. Jun Gonzales, needs to untangle the insurmountable clog of a multi-party and pursue a two-party system where we can surely make a more than 50% votes for a president and a vice president. If multi-party system would still exist as we pursue to approve House Bill 6183; another clog of events will surely pass and opportunities of progress and development may defer for a time.

But it's nice to have it tackled in congress; there are a lot of legal luminaries and legislative wizards who could make it. My only wish is that legislations should have been done in pursuit of lasting order in the government.

Saturday, June 13, 2009

**ABSURDITY IN INTELLECTUAL PERSPECTIVE STIMULATES
UNRESOLVED SOCIAL DILEMMA: CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY CAN CAUSE SOCIAL VOLCANO TO ERUPT?**

Fear as a commodity these days is a widespread virus that tries to penetrate the every heart of common people living within the perilous gallows of intellectual absurdity where theories and principles collide at midpoint to cause a tsunami of issues that stimulates lots of scenario in the minds of many from among hypothetical assumptions.

This is what I see as I was observing the political stage of our country. The House of Congress are divided on its own, while the last line of defense for justice which is the Supreme Court arena is now spluttering a liquid dilemma on constitutional amendments against those who are pursuing a charter change, thus, a pre-trial has already began torturing the many afflicted and less fortunate brethren of economic upliftment.

As the more respected intellectuals mangled around their own bushes, the economic perspective of the country as was envision is doomed to a restless fiasco. Mudslinging and finger-pointing clad in a most dangerous dramatics insurmountably overwhelmed those of their own classes.

The war of words and media alliance can be observed among few moneyed individuals whose ambitions are to economically and politically control the reigns of governance to their own selfish ends; or cripple the very foundation of democracy by the whims and caprices of those whose aims are plainly to instigate dysfunctional irritation among many to bring out the good for their own externalist psyche.

To these days, the business world has been lured in to play on a gamble with politicians who can promise a profitable business environment but to the very expense of the great many poor people. They know that the latter is resilient and are prone to submission when their immediate need is the bet for the day. They can increase prices at a point that poor people will submit their will in exchange of their personal convenience, shaming the economic theory known by endowed few.

From down here, we observe political leaders playing chess games in the liquid board of word wars and silent resiliency of those knowledgeable of the truth. These political leaders or let's say "political bigwigs" who draft their own plans of accelerating their own selfish desire and greed of power, and make a difference along the way where history will remember them as such.

Yes, I see a lot of vanity around. It disturbs a lot of shaded truth; a danger that may trigger a social volcano to erupt at once. But there is more to it... it may either be a political suicide or social responsibility among few good people.

What really makes a social volcano erupts? ... I dare to say: Political deceptions camouflaged with political truths of their own endless ambition.

Pity, my dear fellowmen, pity is what they deserve at last and what we shyly deserve, too!

Unclog the mouths of the imaginary social volcano with those deceptive instrumentality and allow the whole nation decide what it really deserves.

Allow the House of Congress deserves the trust by those who voted them; allow these people's representatives to chart a new era of economic stability or instability. Let those responsible be uplifted in their own turf and let's see what happens next.

This time, either a bitter scenario or a better outcome will shortly dry up the fears that were drawn by those who deceive.

I still believe in the power and capacity of the House of Congress to draft what is best for all the people. I do believe that this is the most democratic way to earn the best of our political system.

I don't believe in a few recalcitrant deceivers to influence my judgment by instigating or pushing the people to come to the streets and air their grievances. In my own perspective, this is the very sign of political immaturity among the many matured political stalwarts who are using the discontented people to run up in view their own political charts.

If we would allow this to be so, the Filipino people really do not deserve a democratic country, the least, we deserve something new than this!

Saturday, August 08, 2009

GMA's SONA 2009 Left Critics Undone with Agenda; Indeed, GMA is not a Crying Lady at all!

I have reviewed the 2007 and 2008 SONA of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and tried to search upon it a hidden parody of a "*ghost*" that would certainly epitomize her 2009 SONA, but I find nothing; and instead, I find a paradoxical will-determined Presidency to rise up against the enormous flood of distaste and rhetoric of her critics.

I've read twice the 2007 and twice again the 2008 SONA and four times the 2009 and a one-time review of its final act in Congress through the YouTube.com, I am most certain this time that the people of our country was not left in vain of their choice indeed of a

great First Woman President. Though in some way at first, I was very critical with the president's travel abroad with an entourage of her own family and extended families, including congressmen and senators, I find this SONA as an uplifting seed to ponder further the things that a president should do while in office.

I have tallied the number of pauses and claps that the president earned while on her delivery of the SONA. It earned her a total of 123 pauses with an average of 5-7 minutes claps with one standing ovation at the very last part of the speech which was about 10-15 minutes. At a total of about one and half hours, the president showed up her accomplishments and sternly shoot back her critics with a thrust of words in simple terms that would certainly staggered them or made them flinching, or crashed to the bones. Such straightforward delivery of points made the whole crowd inside the congress astonished and punched out of the blue, as I did feel.

The speech was well-organized, points on points, harsh on sweets, and sweets on harsh, tremendously appealing to a well-learned audience but a crashing blow from above to the unyielding and short-sighted individuals.

As I looked at the face of the President, from smiles to stern looks, and a pause of abounding claps from the audience, I felt that she was sure of her words. The presence of Gigi Gabiola who was a household service worker in Dubai and now working at DOLE, a badjao muslim fisherfolk by the name of Tarnati Dannawi; Mylene Amerol-Macumbal, the first Muslim woman bar topnotcher, and Manny Pacquiao who was tagged as the Greatest Boxer in the History, added the power punch and a cross-cut blow by President GMA against her critics.

She epitomized Manny Pacquiao as a hard-working citizen with faith in God; who *trained tirelessly, by the book, with iron discipline, with the certain knowledge that he had to fight himself, his weaknesses first, before he could beat his opponent*. The power of delivering by speech of such a tremendous achievement further pinched the heart of the hypocrites in the government.

Although, VAT was not mentioned but a metaphorical symbolism of her drastic reforms while *"in the teeth of political pressures and economic constraints"* could not have capped the entire unexpected debacle that should have afflicted our economy today was it not for her determined economic policy formulation and a cooperative answer from the 14th Congress.

As she pursued against miscalculations and inappropriate intervention of her good governance, the President urged the whole nation to find a way to see that her administration is doing everything right. She said *"everything right can be undone by even a single wrong. Every step forward must be taken in the teeth of political pressures and economic constraints that could push two steps back-if-you flinch and falter... I have not flinched, I have not faltered."* The words is historic for a close-fisted woman president assuming great responsibility with unflinching determination to pursue a patriotic agenda for the good of all. Such deterministic view was further enhanced when

she said about the state of national security, “...do not tell us what we all know, that democracy can be threatened. Tell us what you will do when it is attacked...”

This enormity of assumed duty and responsibility was further clinched when she said, “...I will defend democracy with arms when it is threatened by violence; with firmness when it is weakened by division; with law and order where it is subverted by anarchy; and always, I will try to sustain it by wise policies of economic progress, so that a democracy means not just an empty liberty but a full life for all...”

These staggering statements only foretell what kind of leadership that this administration is possessed. She said, “Governance is not about looking back and getting even. It is about looking forward and giving more---to the people who gave us the greatest, hardest gift of all: the care of a country.” I can see a nationalistic fervor burning within the core of a dignified presidency as it is in President Arroyo as she delivered her speech. The eyes speak of a divine perspective within her soul and that I can even feel the beauty of her heart and the thunder of her illumined patriotism that carved her personality against all odds.

I believe that she has prepared well in this last leap of joy to graduation. I see no evil in her speech, and I felt that she deserve my trust as a patriotic Filipino.

SONA 2009 is a final cry of winning the battle by total submission to what is right and what is good for the Filipino people. I will give her a perfect 10 on this!

Keep up the good work guys! It will be less than a year from now. Be a silent hero in your own right! Nobody can rob it from you and everybody owes you a lot.

Keep the President safe.