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My Wishes To All Christians

This column wishes a Merry X'mas to all Nationalists and Liberals alike. It wishes the same thing to all Christians (Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Ilesias and other sectarian organizations that believe in Christ).

Volumes of essays have been written by authorities on religion purporting the story of Christ as the most beautiful that ever happened since the beginning of time and will remain to be so until the end of the world. It is indubitably so because it is the story of God Himself. It is so beautiful because it was a life that was free from sins. Free from hatred. Free from envy. Free from deceit. Free from hypocrisy.

Some say in their sermons that Christ came to save us from sins. But what is not explained satisfactorily is the manner by which we can be saved from sins because of Him. Did He save us from sins because He meekly submitted Himself to be tortured and nailed on the Cross? Or did He come to teach us how we can be pleasing in the eyes of our Creator with Himself as the example? He was love. He was kindness. He was truth. He was humility. He was patience. But look what we are doing, from those in the upper echelons of us Catholics to our lower strata. We don't even endeavor to be partially His semblance in humility. But we are best in hypocrisy.

We carry rosary-beads in our pockets; we invite people to hear the Holy Mass in the chapel that we built; we show fervor of devotion in the eyes of our guests, when the truth of everything is, what we really have in mind is to keep our political hold upon those people.

Yes, we are also best in the art of deception. We preach aloud. Pity, pity the poor. One, opening Christ, says he is His successor. Many of this kind live in palaces with servants to command. They eat the best of food. In fact, they almost have everything they need in a life of luxury. We preach that Christ was poverty symbolized. But many of us preaching don't understand how the poor suffers. We don't render them services without being paid. Those living in mansions with richly decorated interiors don't even open their gates to the poor.

We find enjoyment in deceiving others by professing our concern for the poor which we do not mean. Now it is time to know that Christ is not at all in our world. He is only in the world of the needy and humble. Unless we Catholics do not choose to live the life of Jesus, we simply have no right to preach His doctrine. He said that any man who does not follow His examples and His teachings is His enemy. There are millions of us to fall on the category of "His enemy". These are my X'mas wishes to all my Christian friends.

General Assembly again rejects Peking's Admission to U. N.

United Nations — The General Assembly has refused to give China's seat in the United Nations to the Peking communist regime.

As it has done repeatedly at past sessions, the assembly on November 28 rejected a move to recognize Peking as the only

lawful representative of China at the United Nations and to expel the Republic of China.

A draft resolution to that effect, sponsored by Albania and ten other countries — was defeated by a vote of 58 to 45, with 17 abstentions.

Pressman Wins Top MC Commerce Post

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Ramon Ag. Medina, a third year commerce student of Masbate Colleges heretofore who is also one of the directors of the Masbate Press and Radio Club was duly elected President of the College of Business Administration in an honest, clean, and orderly election held recently in the main building of this college at Rosario Street. He won over Genaro M. Kipte, another news man and member of the MPRC; by just a few votes. Elected together with Medina are the following: Genaro M. Kipte, Vice-President; Precy Floresta, Secretary; Maria Corazon Lopez, Treasurer; Andres Floresta, Auditor; Guilermo Hermosa, Business Manager; and Renato Chu, Public & Press Relations Officer.

The election was held pursuant to a memorandum of MC Director Luis Hermosa calling for re-organization and election of officers of the different college departments namely, College of Elementary Education; College of Liberal Arts; College of Education (Normal); College of Law; College of Business Administration and the Department of Army Science & Tactics. Of all these college departments, the College of Business Administration is the first to hold its general election. Under the able and energetic guidance of Mrs. Nilda Nepomuceno Amador who acted as Adviser, the election was conducted honestly and orderly and in an atmosphere of sportsmanship.

Medina when interviewed by the Tribune, hinted that the following are his main objectives during his tenure:

1. Donation by the College of Business Administration of a certain project to the Masbate Colleges;
2. A distinct uniform for commerce students shall be prescribed, one for the boys and another for the girls;
3. Visitations to some semi-governmental and/or government banking institutions at Masbate town proper like the Philippine National Bank, Development Bank of the Philippines and the Masbate Rural Bank;
4. Propose some amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the College of Business Administration; and
5. Propose membership of some qualified MC commerce students to become bona fide members of the Masbate Junior Chamber of Commerce (JAYCEES).

Johnson Reports U.S. Tariff Cuts Pending


Washington — President Johnson will issue soon a proclamation to make the initial phase of U.S. tariff reductions stemming from the Kennedy Round negotiations effective on January 1, 1968. The cuts are to take in five equal stages.

Mr. Johnson disclosed his intention in a statement that accompanied his report to Congress on the "Kennedy Round."

The "Kennedy Round" negotiations, carried out at Geneva, involved tariff concessions on about 40,000 million dollars' worth of world trade. Key elements were cuts of about 50 per cent on a broad range of industrial goods and cuts ranging from 30 per cent to 50 per cent on others; agricultural concessions; a world grains arrangement; non-tariff liberalizations, including an anti-dumping measure; and assistance to developing countries.

Gene E. Balfanz

FROM
THE
HILLTOP



Preponderance of Fragmentation

(First of a Series)

The age of virtuous politics is past,
And we are deep in that of cold pretense.
Patrons are grown too shrewd to be sincere;
And we too wise to trust them.

—William Cowper, The Task

Where the Rainbows Bend - In the wake of this week's news - it is reported that the good congressman of the second district of Camarines Sur Com. Felix Fuentebella has hatched up the idea of 'dividing' the premier province and is therefore reading a bill for the opening of next January's Congress with the intent and purpose of going thru the 'partitioning' as intended into three (3) fragmentary parts, namely: 1) the province of Camarines Sur retaining the two congressional districts, 2) the province of East Camarines with one congressional seat and 3) the province of West Camarines with another lone congressional district.

The raison d'être for this concept is that the last elections failed to get the people's nod for approval of the plebiscite purported to increase the number of congressmen to thickly or heavily populated areas - Camarines Sur included - which up to this minute is surpassing the millionth mark. Correspondingly - Camarines Sur should have five congressional districts to the ratio of one congressman for every 200,000 inhabitants.

If this idea is pushed thru and carried to the letter - the awesome spectacle is yet to happen: this premier province of Bicolandia will lose its luster and glamour and the title of 'premier province of Bicolandia' will pass on the province of Albay - that province where the sumptuous beauty of world renowned perfect-eroded Mayon Volcano and all other beauty spots that make the province of Albay the more famous throughout the tourist world... all these added to the Albayanos penchant of doing and eccentricity for progress... certainly the Albayanos will be highly honored for this sudden verve of a precious title "premier province of Bicolandia"!

The Partition of Power-Politics - Outside looking in - it is quite discernible from a distance that the last elections having just gone over - the offshoot of sentimentalism from the political viewpoint is being seen as having a hand in this bold adventure fragmenting the province of Camarines Sur.

Is it any wonder that the governor-elect Manding Cledera belonging as he is to the ruling Nationalista Party has ever been consulted because as things should stand - matter of this fundamental importance concerning the fate of the province of Camarines Sur should get the okay and endorsement of the incoming provincial administration?

Is it any wonder too that the recriminations of the last elections tainted as it was with vent misgivings against the backdrop of party disunity and due to the unexpected outcome of the presidential decision prevailing upon the congressman of the second district to campaign instead for Manding Cledera as the official candidate of the majority party.

It must be recalled that it took almost two precious months of continued party wranglings from convention time in August as to who should really be the NP standard bearer: Congressman Fuentebella or Manding Cledera. The congressman as a good soldier carried the presidential decision as the campaign manager in the elections but between the good congressman and his cronies the swell of undercurrents are so heavy enough to justify the mad scramble for power.

Is it any wonder further that this preponderance of fragmentation - this partitioning of the province of Camarines Sur into three different fragmentary provinces as conceived - the end result of anti-Cledera segments within the ruling Nationalista Party in this premier province? (To be continued)

Senator Padilla Sounds A Warning

LP Executive Vice-President Senator Ambrosio Padilla was the guest speaker of the regular weekly meeting (December 8) of the Manila Bay Breakfast Club.

Senator Padilla started his extemporaneous speech by a grim warning that there is a new lucrative profession, which does not need high school instruction nor college education; much less government board examination, and that is the utilization of "armed goons". He recounted particular incidents covered by telegrams, letters and affidavits of many LP leaders, specially in the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Catanduanes, wherein candidates of the Nationalista Party in power have actively used "goons and guns" with the support of PC officers to subvert and frustrate the popular will. He expressed the hope, however, that the Armed Forces, particularly the PC, will

live up to the high traditions of the military in our democratic set-up of Government.

Senator Padilla said that the opposition should cooperate with the administration in the solution of many complex and perplexing problems of the country, among them high prices, production, employment, education, etc. He added, however, that another more fundamental problem has been added, namely, the maintenance of peace and order "free, honest and orderly elections" as provided in the Constitution.

Senator Padilla continued by reminding the Friday breakfasters that this problem which strikes at the very root of orderly society, that threatens the safety of person and security of home, that undermines the fundamental principle of democracy, which is the

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