

Speakout Bicolandia

By JUAN G. FRIVALDO

The transformation of Gen. Carlos P. Romulo from a staunch fanatical pro American to communist coddling foreign secretary has become a juicy topic of speculation.

Some say he is being used as a tool by President Marcos to threaten the United States. Others aver Romulo is too smart to be fooled by Marcos. It could be the other way.

Insiders claim General Romulo has set his target on the job of U Thant as U. N. secretary general. The term of the top UN official expires this year.

That would be the crowning glory for the last man to leave Corregidor.

The Coco Chemical Industries of the Philippines, managed by our good friend Juancho Trivino, has such a big appetite for public funds. It has consumed its capital of P10 million and has reportedly eaten up P10M more. The salaries of its staff are Onassis. It keeps hiring more and more people. It has been inaugurated last month but up to now it is still not operating. It is still losing money but it does not stop giving fat bonuses --- Christmas and mid year. It is even buying a helicopter. It might yet purchase a yacht.

Preserving our patrimony is good reading material. Until you learn that 87% of our lumber industry is in alien hands. Most licenses are in the name of Filipinos but actually they are leased on royalty basis to aliens.

Right in the Bicol region, look at your forest concessionaires lumber dealers and log exporters. Right in Camarines Norte, the home province of our chairman of the House committee on Forestry, the lumber business is in alien hands.

Mainly to blame are our government and our people for selling our patrimony. The biggest culprit is the government. Because although lumber is the No. 1 dollar earner, it does not extend financial assistance to Filipino lumber men. Most of our big Filipino lumbermen in Mindanao get their financing from Japanese and Chinese --- but hardly from Filipinos nor Filipino banks.

The cycle is sickening and disgusting. Maybe we will wake up and apply remedies when there are no more forests, when the floods come more oftener, when we would not even have water to drink.

That is what is happening to our Bicol National Park. The commercial forest zones have been denuded. The greedy forest lumbermen are despoiling our parks.

Most Bicol politicians are now cramming overnight planning how to make for campaign purposes. Hardly has some of our Bicol majority leaders used this season of easy fund releases to bring an industry into Sorsogon.

This would have been the best time to push through that abaca pulp plant, sugar central, extend the railroad to Sorsogon, start developing the Tiwi geo-thermal works and the Batan coal mines.

Three years has passed and President Marcos still has to complete that refrigeration plant in Magallanes or put up a PNR refrigerated wagon. Everybody hankers and hopes for a refrigerated train but nobody in Malacanang gives a helping hand to Nick Jimenez.

We are new building that P200 million Greater Manila Food Terminal but we still have not started to develop the market. Maybe on inauguration time, that would be the occasion to buy 200 refrigerated trucks and a dozen trains. We always think of big things on pinhead resources.

Ordinarily at this time turnoutism would be seen a flood towards Malacanang. The reverse is true. Most NP bigwigs are making secret rendezvous with the Liberals. A big hurricane must be approaching.

Congratulations to the Jaycees for reviving the Operation Quick Count. I still have to see the varstarians and ROTCs making active preparations to keep this election clean. What would their demonstrations amount to if there is no more democracy in this country. Demonstrations are not allowed in dictatorship and communist states. And remember this warning. If we do not act now, this might be our last election. We have a ruthless and almost conscienceless administration, deaf and callous to the people's cries.

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Thank you!

Rep. RAMON H. FELIPE, Jr.
First District of Camarines Sur

CONGRESSMAN & MRS.

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President Ferdinand E. Marcos & Party
THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT

for the release of P900,000 for this Interscholastic Meet Project under Rep. Act 5412 and to concerted effort and support of the NP Bicol Solons, without which this should not have been made possible.

Happy greetings to BPSIAA Officials, Delegations and Visitors—



Rep. FELIX A. FUENTEBELLA

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Second District of Camarines Sur

Welcome President Marcos and Party,
PSIAA Officials, Delegations & Visitors

May you enjoy the Athletic Meet and your sojourn in Bicol.

Try to visit our beauty spots in Bicolandia—



Rep. VENANCIO ZIGA
First District, Albay



Sen. TECLA S.A. ZIGA
Philippines

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Welcome and Thank You Mr. President & Mrs. Marcos!

Indeed, the Bicolanos, the whole country and the PSIAA are very grateful to you for your help and cooperation for the realization to have the MARCOS STADIUM Constructed at Pili, Camarines Sur, the site of the Public Schools Interscholastic Athletic Association Meet this March 16-22, 1969.

Salamat po—Mabuhay!

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