

partial review

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Relax, Mr. Padilla, Relax

Senator Padilla, in his recent speech delivered at the Manila Bay Breakfast Club before its members, made himself very clear in his denunciations against the armed goons, with PC officers support, that made the last election the "bloodiest and the dirtiest".

To include PC officers in his charges for corrupting our elections is a very serious matter that he should not condone. He should see to it that they are tried before the military court of justice. If there are witnesses. To accuse is one thing. To prove is another. If Senator Padilla sees no way by which the political crimes committed can be proved in any court, I personally believe that, for the peace of his conscience, it would be wiser for him to keep quiet about all that happened.

If it is true that those who terrorized the elections by committing a hundred murders are goons, who are they? By whom were they hired?

Who were the PC officers that he said supported the goons?

Senator Padilla should know that it is not he alone who is eager to have them prosecuted and penalized to the limit of the law.

- The moros are eager.
- The Igorots are.
- The Visayans, Bicolanos, Tagalogs are.
- The religious and sectarian organizations are.

So he has practically all the peaceful citizens of our country behind him.

With reference, however, to some killings and frauds being committed in our country every election campaign, one fact remains incontrovertible for guidance of Senator Padilla. And that is that those who commit them, either by their own free will or by inducement of others are fools. Or imbeciles. Or stupid. Or Mr. Padilla may have other descriptions for them.

One hundred fools or more that emerge from the earth inhabited by 33 millions of free people only represent an infinitesimal portion. And can not be avoided by even the enactment of the severest of laws.

- Mr. Padilla should understand that.
- All Liberal critics should also understand the same.

To blame President Marcos of the crimes committed by the fools is out of order.

Foul. Mean. Brutish. Unjust.

President Marcos campaigned for the candidates of his party. He appealed to the electorate for support on the basis of the achievements of his administration. He did not entice anyone to kill another. No President can ever think to be unlawful.

- Not even Mr. Padilla, if he becomes one.
- Not even Roxas.
- Not even Osmeña.
- Not even Villareal.
- Only the Octopus of Mindanao can.
- Only Mao Tse Tung can.

Therefore, out of respect to the high position that he occupies, it is expedient that Mr. Padilla learns to temper his language against President Marcos who is easily his Sire in all respects.

- In law.
- In imagination.
- In bravery.
- In love of country.
- In administrative wisdom.
- In personal behaviour.
- Also, perhaps, in other matters.

While it is a privilege of a citizen in a democracy to criticize anyone in public service for any wrong done, the same privilege exacts the critic to exercise prudence and always the best of manners.

Senators and good manners are presumed to be synonym, eh, Mr. Padilla?

Airstrip Alongside Friendship Highway

Seven airstrips alongside the projected Friendship Highway in different regions of the country have been programmed for construction. They will be located in the vicinity of Claveria (Cagayan), Abuyog (Leyte), Himayan (Leyte), San Francisco (Laguna), Cuevas,

(Agusan), Balabag (Davao) and Licum (Zamboanga del Sur).

The plan to construct these airstrips simultaneously with the Friendship Highway was approved by President Marcos last Nov. 29. Aside from serving as emergency landing fields, the airstrips will also serve as driers for palay, places for public meetings and athletic meets, and as stations for motorists and buses.

Jan. 1-7 Declared Bo. Community Dev. Week

Field workers of the Presidential Arm on Community Development in the Central Luzon have been enjoined to help barrio people in the celebration of Community Development Week on January 1-7, 1968, Malacañang was informed recently.

Director Rosendo Marquez of the I CID Area made this appeal to all field workers in the area upon receipt of the presidential proclamation declaring the first of January as Community Development Week.

In the proclamation, the PACID assigned the job of all activities and program in the observance of the week.

Director Marquez also added that all provincial governors, city and municipal mayors and barrio captains are enjoined by President Marcos to give fitting observance of this week in order to foster among the people the spirit of community development thru self-help, and thus encourage them to become active participants in the development of the country.

President Marcos, it was learned, made the proclamation in recognition of the value and significance of community development in improving the lives of barrio people.

Rizal Day Committee on Lecture Created



Dr. Jose Rizal

Malacanang announced the creation of the Lecture Committee which will coordinate all lectures to be given in connection with the commemoration of Rizal Day on December 30.

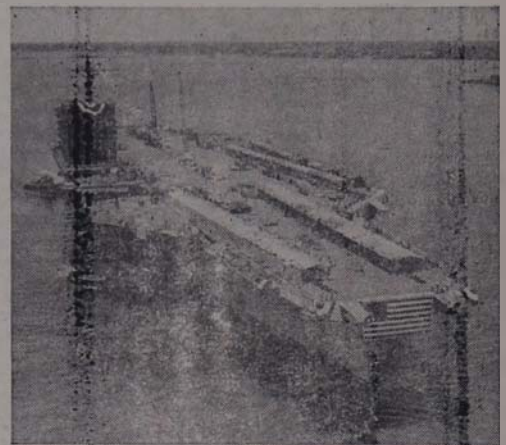
The committee is headed by Carmen Guerrero Nakpil, chairman of the National Historical Commission. The members are Teodoro F. Valencia, Jorge Revilla of the Knights of Rizal; Galo Ocampo, director of the National Museum; and under-secretary of Public Works Felix Codilla.

The series of lectures will en-

The Friendship Highway, whose construction has been scheduled will connect by one single road Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao. It will start in Laoag City and end in Zamboanga City.



CARRIER CHRISTENING—"I christen thee John F. Kennedy," says Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late U.S. President, as she breaks the traditional bottle of champagne on the hull of the new aircraft carrier. Watching the ceremonies at Newport News in Virginia are President Johnson, John Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy. In an earlier address to the crowd of 15,000 in attendance, Mr. Johnson expressed the hope that "the carrier's years will be years of peace."



KENNEDY AFLOAT—Tugs push the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy into the James River at Newport News in Virginia following christening ceremonies. The 61,450-ton vessel will undergo further outfitting. It measures 315 meters in length and is the largest nonnuclear carrier ever built. When completed in 1968, it will carry a crew of about 5,000 men.

Storage-Warehouse Construction and Coconut Farmers Loans Available at DBP

Responding to the representations of people engaged in the rice and corn industry and anticipating the warehousing needs of the country resulting from increased harvest of these staples, the DBP wishes to announce that it will finance 100% the construction of storage-warehouse or construction of an annex to an existing storage-warehouse or rice mill carmarin following substantially the standard plan prepared by the DBP for the purpose.

The term of payment is 5 to 10 years in equal quarterly or semi-annual amortizations counting from the date of last release at 7% interest per annum. Release shall be made in installment as funds are needed and as construction progresses after perfection of necessary documents. Interest on partial releases are payable quarterly.

Generally, this type of financing is available to rice producers, traders and millers who are RICOB members although preference will be given to producers who undertake scientific farming practices such as seed

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