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THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION GAINS NEW HEIGHTS AS THE U.S.-MARCOS DICTATORSHIP IS ENCIRCLED FROM THE COUNTRYSIDES

After almost a month of continuing fascist terror and repression, the US-Marcos dictatorship is finally compelled to re-open the schools and colleges.

The fascist dictatorship will use this occasion once again to deceive the Filipino people that the "New Society" is well on its way to restoring normalcy for the whole country.

The US-Marcos clique grimly deceives itself. For the youth and students all over the land sternly repudiate the fascist dictatorship more than ever. The sanguinary lessons of the fascist-imperialist terror have all the more steeled them into dedicated revolutionary cadres and firm allies

of the broad masses in the struggle for genuine national liberation and democracy.

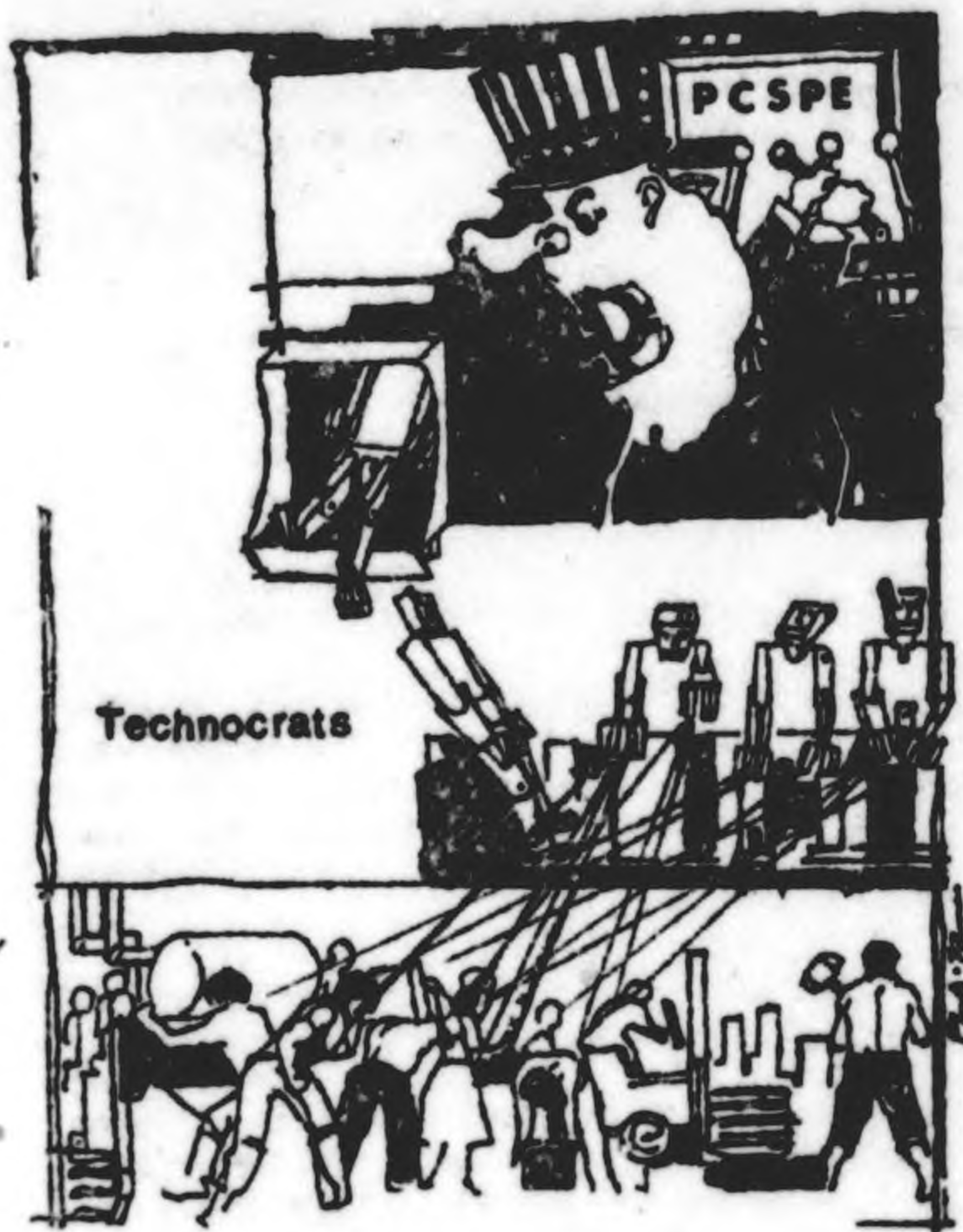
In a futile attempt to uproot the immense gains of the cultural revolution, the fascist dictatorship has made elaborate plans of transforming the schools into captive fascist indoctrination camps for counter-revolution.

This scheme now being ruthlessly implemented includes the systematic blacklisting and ouster of all progressive students and teachers; the arrest and detention of known national democratic leaders; the programmed anti-communist propaganda in schools; the round-the-clock fascist policing of all schools; and the total ban on all forms of



democratic mass protest.

Thousands of our best students, hunted like incorrigible criminals by the fascist police and the reactionary armed forces, have already gone underground to firmly resist the US-Marcos dictatorship.



The Imperialist-PCSPE Hand

The fascist dictatorship's grand plot to undermine the cultural revolution and integrate the educational system into the overall strategy of imperialist exploitation is further revealed by the proposals of the Presidential Commission to Survey Philippine Education (PCSPE).

Subsidized by the Ford Foundation and the World Bank, one goal of the PCSPE is to harness the potentially revolutionary elements of the petty-bourgeoisie as glorified managerial agents of imperialist capital.

Deceptively referred to as the "modernizing elite," this minuscule layer of technocrats and executive hands is actually trained to streamline imperialist exploitation and project a semblance of economic growth and industrialization in a semi-feudal, semi-colonial society.

Prostitution of Filipino Labor

The second immediate goal of the imperialist-sponsored PCSPE is to produce a ready supply of cheap technical labor for the imperialist and comprador firms. Even

while relatively more skilled, Filipino labor remains one of the cheapest and most exploited in the whole of Asia today, thanks to the unmitigated subservience of the Marcos regime.

The marked emphasis on technical, vocational, and agricultural schools also serves to justify the abolition of a number of courses on the ground that they are not needed for national development.

To the US-Marcos dictatorship, however, "national development" is in fact the enhancement and protection of imperialist interests and the further enrichment of the local compradors, landlords and bureaucrat-capitalists.

The indiscriminate phasing-out of several courses in the social sciences to suit the technical demands of imperialist capital, furthermore, completely wipes out all pretenses to a liberal-bourgeois education.

By straitjacketing our youth to the prosaic demands of an imperialist-controlled technical education, the fascist dictatorship vainly hopes, at the same time, to produce a robot-like labor force.

No National Development

It is clear, therefore, that the real crisis of our educational system lies in its being an appendage of imperialist control over our semi-feudal and semi-colonial society. With the land problem and the overwhelming presence of giant imperialist firms and their sundry subsidiaries, there is no possibility for genuine national development and industrialization.

The educational system retains its counter-revolutionary and reactionary character to the extent that it blurs the realities of American imperialism, local feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism in our society.

The resounding success of the cultural revolution has decisively proven, however, that the educational system and all its immense potentialities for politicalization indeed can be an instrument for national liberation and democracy.

In imposing the severest acts of fascist terror and repression against the Filipino student youth, the fascist dictatorship has paid them the greatest tribute.

As they resolutely concretize their firm alliance with the broad masses of the Filipino people -- the working class, the peasantry, the petty bourgeoisie and the national bourgeoisie--the moribund US-Marcos fascist dictatorship faces a sure end.●

U.S.-MARCOS WHITE TERROR MOUNTS

Puppet troops of the reactionary Armed Forces of the Philippines have, of late, been trying to project themselves as exemplary citizens and as true champions of the people.

They are bound to fail in this image-building project, however, since the AFP has been designed to perpetuate a system whereby only a relatively few men who now hold all the political, economic and social powers in the country dictate how the great masses of the people should live and die.

In their clumsy and fumbling efforts to preserve the existing order, the fascist troops have only succeeded in exposing their beastly nature and in proving themselves to be infamous for their claptrap, their bigotry, and their madness.

But there seems to be a method to their madness as attested by events preceding the

searches have been conducted in the slum areas of Paco in Manila and in barrios Tambobo in Parañaque, Rizal, and Tatalon in Quezon City.

On October 1, the barrio folk of Tatalon underwent a night of terror as PC-Metrocom fascist troops bent on mayhem went from house to house from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. on the pretext of looking for firearms and other weapons. Those who protested against the fascist brutes were threatened with immediate arrest.

The following day, the barrio folk of Tatalon and neighboring Capilingan were ordered to evacuate or see their houses demolished by the marauding troopers.

Parents of Activists Harassed

Parents who have activists among their children seem to have been special targets



imposition of martial law, and events that followed.

"Zona" Rampant

House-to-house searches and arbitrary arrests have been common occurrences since martial law was proclaimed, despite warnings made through the windbag Tated against searches made without "proper warrants" and "mission orders."

Apart from those cases reported by LIBERATION in its first issue, house-to-house

of the fascist troops in their campaign of terror in communities which have given aid to the movement for momentous change in our society.

In the Tatalon raid of October 1, Mrs. Resurreccion Palma, a 35-year-old mother, was arrested for failing to surrender her activist son.

The residences of such activists as Gusman, Rodriguez and Veluz were similarly raided and the parents harassed. The Armalite-wielding troops had hoped to intimidate the parents into surrendering their children.

The families of Gillego, Mercado, Segui and Tagamolila also fared none too well as they were placed under house arrest.

These parents and many more will certainly refuse to yield their children even if they know their whereabouts, not only because of their blood ties, but more importantly, because they have realized in

clearer terms the justness of the cause which their activist children espouse.

Bounty Hunters

In connection with the roundup of those opposing the US-Marcos dictatorship, "bounty hunters" have been unloosed to aid the military bulldogs in the apprehension of activists. LIBERATION was told that informers are being paid ₱60.00 per activist leader pinpointed and arrested.

One such informer is a vermin named Danny Quito, who roams the streets of barrios Bayanan, Caspang and Sucat in Marikina, Rizal, in the company of a jeepload of fascist troops from the 225th PC Company terrorizing the families and relatives of local activists and their sympathizers.

To get his dirty hands on the blood money, Quito has identified a certain "Ka Toto" as an "NPA Komander." Fearful for the safety of his family, "Ka Toto," who is an ordinary worker, had to resign his job and evacuate his family.

No doubt, countless similar false accusations are being levelled against ordinary citizens by these quislings who, for the moment, lord it over their "areas of operation."

The days of Quito's kind, however, are numbered, as the mass revolutionary movement develops from day to day.

BSDU's Rejected

Believing that Quito's kind is cheap to come by, fascist troopers have set out to conscript workers in the urban areas to form Barrio Self-Defense Units (BSDU's). On October 2, PC soldiers approached the "escombro" workers of North Triangle, Quezon City, and asked them to join a BSDU which they said was being formed in that community. They were promised three gantas of rice a day if they acceded.

But like their peasant brothers in the countryside, the workers refused to be part of the criminal outfits of the US-Marcos dictatorship and thus affirmed their solidarity with the oppressed masses of the people struggling against the dictatorship.

More "Zona" Imminent

The military certainly has not exhausted all the means at its disposal for the total subjugation of the people.

The various raids which the marauding troops have been conducting are just a pre-

lude to more systematic raids -- "zona," as these were known during the Japanese occupation.

As intended by the military, all houses in the Greater Manila area and elsewhere will eventually be subjected to searches and plunder on the pretext of looking for firearms and other weapons.

Many people who lived through the dark days of the Japanese occupation say the situation today is no different from those days when the Kempeitai held sway, oppressing the citizens and torturing and killing them.

But as in the past, the people's struggle against tyranny will smite the dictatorship of a minority of military minions lorded over by the US-Marcos clique. ©



CULTURAL REVOLUTION SURGES ON

The national cultural revolution moves on inexorably. Martial law has only served to raise the spirit of the masses long oppressed by a decadent society.

In Manila's Tondo district, the Dulaang Tondo, cultural arm of the Prenteng Bayan, has been presenting its repertoire of dramas and patriotic songs and poetry with greater acceptance and warmer applause from the urban poor in the slum communities and fishing barrios of Tondo.

For tactical purposes, the cultural artists of the Dulaang Bayan have switched their "stage" from the wide national roads to the narrow callejones, alleyways and bodegas in the slums' "inner sanctums."

In these places, they are secured and protected by the militant urban poor masses struggling against the oppressive regime of the US-Marcos dictatorship.

In view of this, the fascist troops have decided to be prudent.

Afraid of the dark alleys and shabby catwalks where they may be ambushed with darts, arrows, bolos and paltiks, the soldiers had to content themselves with staying in the outer limits of the slum communities.

Inside, the cultural revolution surges on. ©

CON-CON SELLOUT: MARCOS RULER FOR LIFE

Buried in an inside page of the October 10 issue of the Marcos propaganda organ, Daily Express, was a five-paragraph news item quoting Constitutional Convention Secretary Jose V. Abueva as saying the convention was "nearing the homestretch" of its work.

The same news item quoted "informed" Con-Con sources as saying the draft of the new Constitution would be ready by the end of this month.

Since the imposition of martial law by the US-Marcos clique last September 21, this had been one of the few bits of news to reach the public on the workings of this expensive gathering which, to the reformist groups, represents the "last hope of democracy in our country," and to national democratic groups, is nothing but a "gran palabas" and a "karnabal ng panloloko."

Those who kept track of the proceedings at the Con-Con were alternately outraged and amused by the delegates' vile corruption and their scandalous servility to Malacañang and their puerile antics and shenanigans.

With the Marcos-imposed news blackout on the proceedings at the Con-Con, it now appears that what is news is not what the Daily Suppress printed in its brief news account but what the Marcos propaganda sheet did not publish.

Indeed, with dissenters and progressive elements among the Con-Con delegates imprisoned by the dictator, or placed under house arrest or otherwise hounded by the fascist regime, all the "tutas" of the dictator Marcos at the Con-Con can jump at their master's every command without any constraint or impediment.

Marcos' Grand Design

It now becomes apparent that the dictator's devious mind has been at work all along, evolving schemes to make himself and his wife rulers for life.

The pattern is very clear if we are to trace developments at the Con-Con, thus:

1. Marcos "tutas" among the delegates defeated the ban-Marcos proposal, removing any obstacle to the "legality" of his staying in power.

2. Marcos and his cohorts in the convention railroaded the parliamentary system of

government to enable himself to be elected Prime Minister continually -- for life.

3. A week before the declaration of martial law, the Con-Con wrapped up a definition of the Prime Minister's powers which would enable Marcos to maintain martial law more intensely and longer than as President.

4. A few hours before Marcos signed the martial law proclamation, the Con-Con committee on transitory provisions headed by Delegate Ven Yanesa, a known Marcos lapdog, approved three things: a) the elections of 1973 would be scrapped; b) the terms of Marcos, Vice President Lopez and all senators and congressmen would be extended up to June 30, 1976; and c) a parliamentary form of government would be formed by June 30, 1976.



Barely two weeks after the declaration of martial law, another detail of the parliamentary government -- the unicameral assembly -- was approved by the Con-Con. The assembly would consist of the Senate, the House, and the Con-Con itself.

Facade of "Constitutionality"

Recently, Marcos again increased the appropriations for the Con-Con ostensibly to "speed up its work."

The real reason, as LIBERATION has come to know, is that Marcos wants the Con-Con's

draft of the new Constitution approved before his term expires on December 31, 1973, or more precisely, before the supposed elections of November, 1973, to give continued US-Marcos dictatorship a semblance of "constitutionality."

For Marcos' own purposes, therefore, martial law was immediately necessary to eliminate any and all opposition and even delays in the implementation of the transitory government and the parliamentary government.

Thus, Marcos fabricated the "NPA bombings and kidnappings" in Greater Manila during the two weeks that preceded martial law in order for him to eliminate journalists and broadcasters, progressive Con-Con delegates, leaders and members of the national democratic mass organizations and other patriotic groups and individuals, by arresting all of them and charging them with "conspiracy."

DUPLICITY OF THE DICTATORSHIP

Under other circumstances, he may even appear cute: the pompous hireling Tatad, one eyebrow raised condescendingly, and pronouncing in his contrived Oxonian accent a pious exhortation to the profit-hungry comprador big bourgeoisie to be "just and fair" to their workers.

"We in the New Society," he intones from on high, "are committed to safeguard the welfare of the workingman."

Even as he speaks, however, the forces of the dictatorship are visiting all sorts of hardships and misery upon the country's working class, while giving more fat to an already flabby, exploitative imperialist and comprador big bourgeois class.

One is reminded of the emblem of Marcos' and Tatad's American imperialist masters which depicts a bald eagle with the claws of one leg clutching olive branches in a gesture of conciliation, and the talons of the other clutching arrows in a posture of bellicosity.

More often than not, the predatory American bird's left leg does not know, or more likely pretends not to know, what the right one is doing. Similarly, Tatad does not know, or in all probability pretends not to know, what Marcos and the dictator's other subalterns are doing.

Workers Abused

Like we said, Tatad may even appear cute, except that he deals on a subject

Now Marcos can more easily railroad the Con-Con draft, conduct a bogus plebiscite, run a sham counting, publish the long-ago predetermined results, and proclaim himself President up to 1976 and Prime Minister thereafter.

Marcos, in effect, intends to run roughshod over the Filipino people, with a gun in one hand and a sham Constitution in the other, thanks to the Con-Con.

All these prove that the Con-Con, with the millions of pesos of the people's money it has wasted, never really was anything the people could pin their hopes on.

It has been, from its inception, an expensive and cruel joke on the Filipino people, a "karnabal ng panloloko."●

which should be taken in all seriousness — the plight of the Filipino workingman and his daily back-breaking struggle to make a living.

It will be recalled that among the first official acts of the fascist chieftain Marcos upon formally installing himself as dictator was to crack down on progressive trade union leaders, prohibit strikes and



other peaceful assemblies, curtail the workers' mobility by imposing a curfew, and otherwise harass the workman.

Taking the cue from the dictatorship that the workman was "fair game" and that it was time to liquidate the labor federations and trade unions, the reactionary AFP moved in on the offices of these workers' groups, arrested the officers and seized their equipment.

A report reaching the LIBERATION desk said a coordinator of the Katipunan ng mga Samahan ng Manggagawa (KASAMA), identified as "Dave," escaped. But he was captured by fascist troops manning a checkpoint and was murdered on the spot.

Among the federations that were raided and whose leaders were arrested, aside from KASAMA, were the National Federation of Labor Unions (NAFLU) and the Philippine Association of Free Labor Unions (PAFLU).

There followed raids on numerous other union offices throughout the country, notably those of the workers of the Union Chemical, Inc., the Worldwide Paper Mills, and the General Textile (Gentex) Factory.

The fascist monsters of the AFP also harassed unionized workers of the COD Department Store on Rizal Avenue, the Chaiya Company in Balintawak, Quezon City, and many others.

Picket lines were dismantled at the point of Armalites, and striking unionists were told to "cooperate" with their respective managements by accepting only that which their comprador big bourgeois employers were willing to grant them.

Also following the lead of the dictator Marcos, big capitalist vultures instituted mass lay-offs of workers, especially union leaders, to disable unions. Other forms of abuse have also been resorted to.

The imposition of the curfew from midnight to 4 a.m. became an excuse for factory owners to lay off night-shift workers and to force those on the day shift to work overtime with little additional pay or none at all.

A good example is the case of the Pentagon Factory in Pateros, Rizal, which manufactures plastic containers and the like. Firing the workers on the night shift, the management required the workers left behind to work from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. with no additional compensation.

When a union officer protested and passed around a resolution asking that the

working hours be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. with overtime pay, the factory owner who is influential with the local PC command brought in the fascist brutes.

The factory owner told the PC Kempeitai that the union leader was agitating for a strike. The poor fellow was brought to PC headquarters and still has to be heard from.



The situation under martial law has become so oppressive for the workers that they can not now unionise, or, already unionised, cannot ask for better working conditions without opening themselves to a charge of rebellion or sedition.

The dictatorship's Labor Secretary Ople has been talking about setting up a commission purportedly to protect the workers. But without their right to strike, the workers are at the mercy of their employers.

And what of the government employees?

Among the first things Marcos did after making himself dictator was to order the dismissal from the service of "inept and corrupt" employees. By harassing thousands of them out of office, he would realize salary savings which will be used to fuel the military machine.

Those to be dismissed summarily from the service, so the dictator has decreed, are the government employees with pending administrative charges and those who are "notoriously undesirable" on grounds of dishonesty, incompetence, and other kinds of misconduct.

These are so broad that inferior government officials, exercising almost unlimited discretion, have been firing employees left and right, especially those who had displeased them in the past for any reason.

Now comes another cohort of the dictator, Assistant Executive Secretary Roberto V. Reyes, warning department heads against using the dictator's decree as a weapon of harassment.

Like the barker Tated and their master Marcos, Reyes indulges in fatuity. In that, at least, they are consistent. ©

MUSLIMS RESIST SUBJUGATION

It is a matter of history and of national pride that the national minorities of Mindanao have resisted all efforts over the ages to subjugate them.

Over and over again, they dealt telling blows upon oppressors, whether these were foreign imperialist forces or native adventurers bent on conquest and plunder.

In the light of his imposition of martial law and his proclamation of himself as dictator, the US imperialist puppet and fascist chieftain Marcos has had to exercise utmost reticence in dealing with the national minorities of the South.

But like his predecessors -- the Spanish, American and Japanese aggressor forces -- the dictator Marcos can not have his cake and eat it, too.

On the one hand, the dictator has arrogantly demanded that the Maguindanos, the Maranaos, the Tausugs and the other national minorities of Mindanao surrender the firearms in their possession, their principal weapons in maintaining their rights and freedoms and in keeping their lands and homes inviolate.

On the other hand, the dictator would have them expose themselves to the depredations of the "Ilagas" and other marauding bandit groups which, along with the private armies of Marcos' political cohorts, have cut a swath of death and destruction in Mindanao.

Leaders' Predicament

In view of these, the leaders of the Maguindanos, the Maranaos and the Tausugs have found themselves in a most precarious situation, not unlike that of a man walking a tightrope.

Some of these leaders had made it a pernicious habit in the past to blindly support the corrupt Marcos regime out of political convenience. They are now called upon to obey the dictator's order to try to persuade the masses of Mindanao to surrender their firearms.

However, if these leaders obey the order and do succeed, they would have no way of assuring the security of the people and may eventually end up being guilty of the most heinous form of betrayal.

One such Muslim leader is Senator Maminatal Tamano. Another is Commissioner of National Integration Mama Sinsuat. They are

being depended upon by the dictator to "deliver the goods" in their respective areas.

Other leaders through whom the dictator has given his "surrender your firearms, or else" warning are Lanao del Sur Governor Tarhata Iacman, former Lanao del Sur Congressman Rasid Iacman and Cotabato Congressman Salipada Pendatun.

"Not Available"

Other leaders like former Cotabato Governor Udtog Natalan, head of the Muslim Independence Movement, and former Senator Domocao Alonto have gone underground and were "not available" to the dictator.

Meanwhile, Nacionalista and Liberal Party elements among the national minorities in Mindanao have decided to set aside their partisan political differences and to resist by force of arms -- as in ages past -- should the dictator insist upon extending his oppressive rule to their areas.

Tausugs Well Armed

A Mindanao province which is proving to be a big headache for the dictator is Sulu, the land of the Tausugs. Among themselves, the Tausugs are reputed to have a significant number of firearms of various calibers, and they have the will to resist.

Before the imposition of martial law, Sulu Congressman Indanan Anni had warned Marcos that the Tausugs would fight to the death if AFP troops were landed in that island province.

Notwithstanding the warning, Marcos loaded fascist AFP troops on navy boats and had them transported South, ready to land at a moment's notice.

Marcos Threat

In two conferences in Malacañang with Mindanao leaders since his proclamation of martial law, Marcos tried to "sell" his dictatorship to them and to enlist their support.

In a threatening tone, he told them to yield their arms and then persuade the Mindanao masses to do likewise.

After the October 25 deadline for the surrender of firearms, the dictator told

them, "every house and every village" in Mindanao will be searched for hidden arms.

Majority of the Mindanao leaders were non-committal.

Feudalism Crumbling

Through the present crisis, one thing has come out in bold relief.

The masses of the people in Mindanao, once no more than feudal pawns, have been gaining enlightenment and will not just accept "orders" from those whom they had regarded as their leaders.

Too often in the past, they had been "used" by self-styled leaders motivated by nothing but narrow self-interest; they had been no better than vassals at the masters' beck and call.

Which brings us back to the problem of the dictator Marcos. If he resorts to force to "pacify" the Tausugs, the Maranaos and the Maguindanaos as the Spanish, American and Japanese invaders had tried to do, he certainly will encounter resolute resistance.

As for the Muslim leaders, they face certain repudiation from the people of Mindanao should they sell out to the dictator.

Through the Maguindanaos', the Maranaos' and Tausugs' veins run the blood of freedom fighters of many centuries. They will surely resist the dictatorship of the US-Marcos clique.●

PROGRESSIVE TEACHERS OUSTED

Hundreds of teachers, professors, intellectuals and employees of various schools and colleges face immediate ouster from their jobs as the Department of Education implements the first phase of the New Society's fascist regimentation of all educational institutions.

At the behest of the US-Marcos dictatorship, leading capitalist school owners and administrators were herded recently at the University of Santo Tomas in a meeting presided by Secretary of Education Manuel to plan the systematic dismissal of all progressive teachers, students and employees.

At the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of the Philippines alone, some 50 progressive and national democratic faculty members face outright arrest or dismissal from office. This group includes the country's leading writers, authors, intellectuals, scientists, artists, and civil libertarians.

At the Philippine College of Commerce, the first to be ousted by the fascist dictatorship was no less than Dr. Nemesio Prudente, president of the college and leading nationalist educator. Dr. Prudente who recently came out with a book on American imperialism, Sa Mga Kuko ng Limbas, was also one of those arrested during the suspension of the writ.

Military intelligence officers now preside over committees especially created to screen all students, teachers and school employees suspected of progressive and revolutionary activities in the past and present.

At the same time, "rehabilitation seminars" staffed by fascist psy-war officers and professional anti-communists have already been conducted in some colleges with the objective of transforming the schools into captive fascist camps for anti-communist propaganda.

One such seminar was held last Monday, October 9, at Maryknoll College with ranking military officers as indoctrinators.

The vicious attempts to intimidate the progressive teachers and students have only transformed them into more dedicated revolutionaries for the national democratic revolution; as even today, hundreds of them have already gone home to their provinces to learn directly from the masses and organize them to fight the US-Marcos fascist dictatorship.●



ILOCANDIA SUFFERS FASCISM

By INS Correspondents

BAGUIO CITY, Oct. 14--At least 150 residents of Ilocandia have been arrested by the fascist US-Marcos dictatorship in its continuing white terror campaign throughout the country. They are now under detention at Camp Aquino in Tarlac.

The citizens were rounded up in this city, in Kalinga-Apayao, in Dagupan City and in La Union and the Ilocos provinces in raids marked by evidence-planting reminiscent of the Quintero case, and by arrogance and high-handedness on the part of the puppet troops.

Among the places they have raided are the headquarters of the militant Kabataang Makabayan (KM), the Samahang Demokratiko ng Kabataan (SDK), the Kilusang Kabataan ng Kordilyera (KKK) and the Makabayang Samahan ng mga Mars (MASANA) in this city, in Dagupan City and in La Union.

Special targets were the Lorma Hospital in La Union and the Pines City Doctors Hospital and School of Nursing in Baguio.

In this city alone, 25 activists from the national progressive mass organizations and from the Movement of Concerned Citizens for Civil Liberties (MCCCL) were arrested, the most prominent of whom was Dr. Pablo K. Botor of the MCCCL and the University of the Philippines.

Also in Baguio, City Vice Mayor Clara-vall has been subjected to harassment. His only "crime" was that he acted as legal

counsel of Rogelio Roxas, owner of the Golden Buddha which the grasping Marcos family has stolen.

Outside of the headquarters of the democratic mass organizations, five private residences were raided in Baguio. In at least one of these places, the fascist troopers planted evidence to incriminate the occupants and youth activists.

Not content with these criminal acts, the present-day Kempeitai, armed with high-powered guns, deployed themselves at market plazas and forcibly cut the hair of the men and molested mini-skirted women.

Down in La Union, troopers manning checkpoints harassed bus passengers and mashed the women.

In Udiao, Rosario, La Union, the fascist troops from that province and from Pangasinan launched a hunt for labor leaders who had organized a strike against the Pepsi-Cola Plant in that town for unfair labor practices of the management.

In Kalinga-Apayao, reactionary military units used the martial law declaration to disarm members of the Turgao tribe who had been resisting exploitation of their lands by the American-owned Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company.

An Anglican priest, Father Francis Dacey, also was arrested on trumped-up charges and was taken to Camp Aquino for detention.●

'DEMOCRACY HAS DIED IN R.P.'

Reprinted hereunder is a news item which came out in the September 27, 1972 issue of the International Herald Tribune.

Bylined by Lee Lescaze, the news item follows in part:

HONGKONG, 26 September (WP)--The Philippines was the last close American ally in Asia which Washington could point to as an independent democratic nation. Now democracy has died there, at least temporarily, and the United States is once again left to be surprised, or to say "no comment" or "tut-tut."

It is very hard for Washington to express displeasure with Mr. Marcos' politics without raising the issue of the bases. The U.S. pays no rent for either Subic or Clark which together occupy more than 35,000 acres. But the last thing Mr. Marcos wants

to do is for an American withdrawal, since he sees his ties with the Americans as his strongest protection against Communist or any other revolutionary threat to his government.

". . . The U.S., whether it likes it or not, will still have to spend more money here. If they don't help now, it will be more expensive later," Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile said last month. "They (the United States) have much at stake in our survival as a nation as we have. Things could turn out as badly here as they did in Cuba."

Manila, the only city in Southeast Asia which had a free press and a legislature unafraid to criticize the nation's president, now has only the Daily Express and a group of frightened legislators who will no longer say what they think.●