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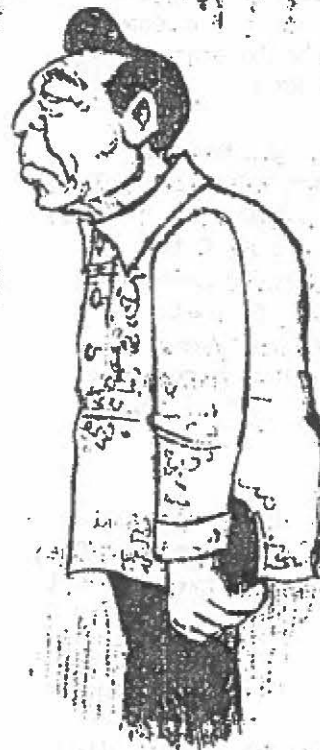
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TRAVELING IN STYLE



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The Marcos trip cost the Filipino people millions of dollars. The most expensive item must have been the transportation for the hundreds of people that came with him. The joke during his visit was "who is left in Manila?"

Accompanying Marcos were at least a hundred security men, to satisfy Marcos' well known fear of assassination. To impress the local community there was everyone from Joseph Estrada movie actor turned mayor of San Juan, Rizal, Yabut, mayor of Makati, to Luis Taruc, former Huk leader. To make sure no one was getting too ambitious while he was away he also brought along many of his cabinet level ministers. There was the notorious Minister of Defense, Enrile; Minister of Tourism, Aspiras, and Tanco, Minister of Agriculture. Of course there were the servants, like the man who put Marcos' socks and shoes on for him at the golf course on the big island.

Naggasto iti sumagmamano a milyon a dolyar idi "nagbisita" ni Marcos ditoy Hawaii iti pakadadangranan dagiti marigrigatan a kailian tayo idiy Pilipinas. Kagastoan dagiti mano a gasut a opisyalis ken abuyot nga intugotna.

Kinuyog iti maysa a gasut a "security agents" ni Marcos ta ammo tayo nga adu agamames a pumatay kaniana. Intugotna pay ni Joseph Estrada, maysa kadagiti paborito nga artista idiy Pilipinas ken mayor iti San Juan, Rizal; ni Mayor Yabut ti Makati; ken ni Luis Taruc. Uray dagiti miyembros ti kabinatna ket imsay, kas kenni Mister of Defense Juan Ponca Enrile; Minister of Tourism Aspiras; kenni Minister of Agriculture Tanco, ken dadduma pay. Kasila insurotna isuda ta saana mapagtalekan iti ambisyonda idiy Pilipinas. Intugotna pay iti adipenna ta saana maisuot iti medyas ken sapatosna - anakita tayo iti telebisyon idiy golf course!

The next item on the expense account is the propoganda campaign. For a man who is suppose to be so popular he certainly spent at least \$100,000 convincing everyone that he was. This would include the full page newspaper ads, radio time, and free books and pamphlets. These printed materials flooded the Sheraton Hotel that week. These included Marcos' life story and pictures of Imelda in technicolor. His life story is so good he should have stolen the title from Muhammed Ali's book, "The Greatest".

Next, the official Aloha. This includes 30-40 chartered buses, t-shirts, luches, "professional" cheering section, and professional entertainers. The food and refreshments for the community gathering at the Sheraton reportedly cost \$113,000!

There is still more. Marcos' party occupied hundreds of first class hotel rooms in Waikiki. Marcos himself took the top three floors of the Ilikai. The hotel accomodations were costing the Filipino people at least \$18,000 per day, for the week the total could have easily reached \$200,000!

Let's not forget Imee's and Irene's pocket money for shopping. They spent \$12,000 at one exclusive Waikiki store.

For us here during that week this lavish style must seem shocking, but we must remember, that in the Philippines Marcos and his cronies live like this 365 days of the year.

Surely some members of our community could be temporarily impressed by such a display of wealth. Once people remember that this money comes from the sweat and the blood of the common people in the Philippines Marcos' life style can only make you sick.

Ti maikaddua a gasto ket dagiti propogandana. Aglabes iti sangagasut a ribu a dolyar iti nagastona kadagiti pakdaar iti warnakan, radyo KISA, bas-basaen a pampletas ken libros maipan-gep iti estorya ti biagna kenni Imelda. Intedda amin a libre dagitoy idiaiy Sheraton-Waikiki.

Sumaruno a dakkel a gasto iti kab-laaw nga intedna iti bagina idiaiy Airport. Mairaman ditoy dagiti 30-40 buses nga inarkela iti Philippine Consulate, mano a gasut a "New Society" t-shirt, pangaldaw idiaiy Aloha Stadium ken dagiti entertainers nga kas kenni Yoyoy Villamin, nangruna dagidi "cheering sections" nga inarkelada. Nakagasto ni Marcos iti \$110,000 kadagiti naknakan ken nainom idiaiy "community affairna" dita Sheraton-Waikiki.

Inayon pay iti bayad ti oel nga nagdagusan dagiti tallo a gasut a partidona. Nagtaengda idiaiy Ilikai, Hyatt Regency ken Sheraton-Waikiki. Imupa ni Marcos iti tallo a suelo (floors) idiaiy Ilikai. Ti gastosna ket \$18,000 inaldaw - ti maysa nga Domingo nga pinagtaengna ket umabot iti \$200,000.

Nabasa tayo met idi \$12,000 a nagasto dagiti dua nga annak ni Marcos a ni Irene ken Imee iti maysa a talyer dita Waikiki.

Kania tayo a ordinaryo a Pilipino a mangmangged mkapabigla dagitoy nalabes a pangbusbusda iti milyon-milyon a kuarta nga naggapu iti buis ti tatao idiaiy Pilipinas. Ngem pudno a kas-ta iti estelo ti biagda idiaiy Pilipinas nangnangruna ni Marcos ken dagiti abuyotna.

Nadarasudos dagiti dadduma a "community leaders" a Pilipino ditoy Hawaii kadagita napasindayao a inaramid ni Marcos ken iti Philippine Consulate. Ngem ammo iti kaaduan a umili a Pilipino ditoy Hawaii nga naggapu dagita nagasto idi linglinget ken dara iti marigrigatan a kailian tayo idiaiy Pilipinas.

CALL FOR SUPPORT

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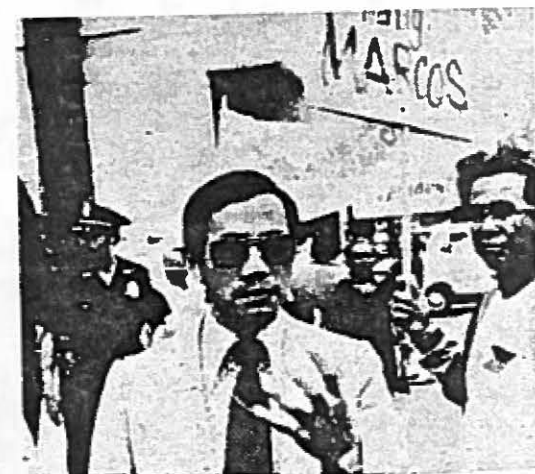
MARCOS VISIT IN REVIEW



Marcos' public relations included the now famous free bus ride and free t-shirt, also Claire de la Fuente serenading newsmen.



Romy Capulong speaks to the demonstration that confronted Marcos at his April 21 speech. Mr. Capulong was one of the leaders of the LABAN party until he was forced to flee to the U.S. Also, protesters greet Marcos at the airport.



Anti-martial law protesters and Marcos' limousine at Governor Ariyoshi's. (Above right) Marcos agent Arturo thought he was in Manila and threatened to kill everyone!!



Philippine consulate provided life size photos of Imelda and Ferdy. Demonstrators carry coffin to mourn the death of Freedom in R.P.



More than 150 marched in the April 21 picket at the Sheraton Hotel that was sponsored by the Committee to Protest the Marcos Visit which was initiated by the Union of Democratic Filipinos(KDP), The Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines(CHRP), and the Friends of the Filipino People.

MARCOS VISIT... FAILURE

Marcos' visit proved that he is not a popular leader. Would a popular leader have to use so many bodyguards and strong-arm tactics? Would a popular leader have to offer free food, bus rides, and free entertainment to get people to come out to see him?

Every time Marcos spoke he defended martial law. The message was always the same, "martial law means no crime, prosperity, and national pride". For those of us who have heard the message before "no crime" = uncontrolled military and police that terrorize the civilian population, "prosperity" = more money for the Marcos-Romualdez barkada, "national pride" = changing the national anthem and even the name of the Philippines to fit the New Society propoganda, and worship of Ferdinand and Imelda as if they were gods.

Marcos did not gain many new followers while he was here. His Heavy handed tactics only re-enforced his image as a dictator. Most of the major Honolulu newspapers and t.v. stations have an anti-martial law position.

His visit did, however, reveal the drue Marcos supporters in our community. For example KISA radio and the Hawaii Filipino News showed us they like the smell of Marcos money. Gene Albano, our neighbor bark officer at Territorial Savings, showed us that he's not that crazy about democracy. This might be a problem since he's running for the state house of representatives this election year.

Pete Ramos, presently president of the United Filipino Councils of Hawaii, has chosen to build his career as a leader on loyalty to a dictator. Perhaps we should keep an eye on Pete, he might declare martial law and make himself King of the Filipino community.

Then of course there is Joe Lazo, church minister alias travel agent. Joe Lazo would arrange trips to hell if he got a good commission! We all know why so many travel agents are so pro-martial law, but not many of them conduct themselves as a gangster.

Marcos' visit confirmed our belief that the majority of Filipinos in Hawaii do not support martial law. Those who do do so for innocent reasons such as clean streets, new big buildings in Manila, or new highways in the provinces. Most people are undecided but there is a growing number of them who hold Marcos responsible for the growing hardships back home.

For those of us in the anti-martial law movement here in Hawaii it proved that the dictatorship's bark is worse than its bite. We showed our enemy that nothing can scare us. A few tough looking boxers, black list, Joe Lazo's big mouth, these are meant to scare those with little experience, or the new comers from the Philippines. We have been fighting Marcos for more than seven years, and we have seen worse. Just like our 15,000 countrymen who rallied against martial law in the Araneta Coliseum last May 2, we will bring an end to Marcos in the near future.



COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES (CHRP)

The Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines is an organization of Filipinos opposed to martial law in the Philippines and committed to restoration of the Filipino people's democratic rights and full participation in government.

Under martial law the hardships of the Filipinos people have steadily increased. The worker cannot continue to survive on ₱12 per day, the fisherman cannot compete with the modern fishing fleets of Japan, the farmer goes deeper in debt to his landlord while the small land owner loses his land to the banks and Marcos cronies. For students tuition fees have doubled, enabling only the rich to attend colleges.

Of course there are some who have benefitted from martial law. The Marcos-Romualdez gang have become the richest Filipinos in history by using their government connections to grab what they can and hide it in bank accounts outside the Philippines. The U.S. and Japanese corporations like martial law too. The Philippines provides them with cheap workers who have rights to organize or strike. The army officers like martial law. A special effort is made to keep them happy with generous salaries, shopping privileges, and big retirement pensions.

Here in the U.S. there are at least 600,000 Filipinos, and due to hardships in the Philippines 30,000 continue to come every year. The opinion of these overseas Filipinos could influence American public opinion and also serve as a base of support for the opposition movement in the Philippines. This is important because the main thing that keeps Marcos going in spite of his unpopularity, is U.S. military aid. Marcos receives \$100 million in U.S. tax money each year. Marcos knows the importance of the overseas Filipino community too, this is why he spends several million dollars a year on public relations in the U.S. KISA radio and the Hawaii Filipino News part of this propaganda here in Hawaii.

Please contact us, there many ways you can help. There are also many ways we can help you keep up with what is happening in the Philippines.

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