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MALACAÑAN PALACE

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I went to Ilocos Norte by plane (Lokker) waking up at 6:15 AM to see Baguio in a fog and the plane not yet in Soatou Airfield, going over some papers and issuing instructions, breakfast and dressing up ready to drive to Soatou at 7:00 AM, where we awaited the arrival of Gen. Juan from Manila. He came to meet the PMA cadets returning today from vacation. I conferred with him, Gen. Tanabe and Gen. Ugaldes up to about 7:45 when I took off for Sabu Airfield in Saoy where I landed at 8:20 AM. Conferred on the Corpus incident. Gen. Juan reported that a man described as Corpus had left the Kamuning area in Quezon City for Pasig in a taxi. The places are now under surveillance.

Gen. Juan is beginning to act more decisively. He never did anything about the reports of agents and subversives in the Armed Forces. Heby them is Commodore Savada of the National Defense College. He has been an arrogant, insubordinate and petty man not missing a chance to criticize me and the administration and encouraging lectures by Dante Simbulan, Agoncillo and Fr. de la Costa on 6, 7, & 8 October. But worse than this, he violated security regulations by distributing a classified report of his activities given to him by Gen. Juan. Attached is a report on Savada.

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We had an enthusiastic meeting in Pasay where I distributed the usual credit advices, credit cards, highway checks and medical and Malayaing Pasko gifts. Then to Batangas where after the meeting (where I directed the construction of the community hall and the reconstruction of the Municipal Hall) I had a light lunch of alocin and galletas.

Was in Tabaco and taking off by 12:35 and in Nichols Airbase at 1:45 PM where Iwilda and the children were waiting for me with propas which I ate in the car. Day today shows some hyperactivity as I take something every two or three hours. It is most probably due to the tension arising out of the plans for the proclamation of martial law.

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I have told Sec. Juan Ponce Enrile about my plan to proclaim martial law in the event of a rebellion or imminent danger thereof. But I told him there must be massive sabotage or terrorism before I declare martial law.

His immediate reply was, "It is time you did. You will be surprised at the number of people in all walks of life who will support such a move. Even Ambassador Byroade has hinted that the Americans were expecting it."

And I explained that there must be violence and destruction by the terrorists so that the people and foreign governments would support our move of proclaiming martial law.

Kofay Romualdez told Dueldu that Ambassador Byroade has said that I should show a stronger hand in running the government.

I have asked Sec. Ponce Enrile to stay in the camp (Kata Aguinido) with his family so that there will be no surprise when he does stay there for security when I proclaim martial law.

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And the loneliness of self-imprisonment is our destiny the moment I declare martial law. For we will no longer be able to go out of the palace as freely as we do now. Nor can I travel, even abroad.

It will be a more abnormal life than it is now.

And the same thing will be true ofaulda and the children.

But all these and the attendant dangers will be worth it for the future and destiny of our country and people.

Because I know that the country is, just drifting on half-measures and compromises - the oligarchs personally coercing and blackmailing the man in power as the Spages are now doing, not far removed from the politicians, and the media distorting and falsifying news and events for its own petty and disreputable purposes.

Our society (or the higher classes of our people) is frivolous and shallow. They seem happy only

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when they are drunk or are insulting others friend  
and foe alike.

We must refashion this society.

We must wage our own revolution.

The concept of ownership must be changed  
so the small people have a chance. All the crooks  
in government must be booted out. The media must  
be geared to development and progress, not to  
destruction and retrogression.

Dec. 31, 1970

SUBJECT: COMMODORE REMO LAVADIA  
National Defense College

1. Summary -

This special report is a summary of specific incidents at the National Defense College wherein Col. REMO LAVADIA was observed to be anti-administration in his views. It may be recalled that the Commodore was responsible for the assignments of officers identified with "Think tank" of former President Macapagal relative to the 1965 Presidential elections.

2. October 5th incident -

On 5 October 1970 Commodore LAVADIA convened the academic board of the National Defense College for a conference. Among those present at this meeting were:

Lt. Col. WAGE, a lieutenant of former Undersecretary of National Defense DE JOYA, Col. SERRAN, one of the lieutenants of former Secretary of National Defense PERALTA, Commander CUSTODIO, Maj. FLORESCA, Col. SYQUICO, Colonel DOCTORA, Lt. Col. AGUIRRE and Maj. MONASTERIAL.

*aid to Mrs DM*  
During the meeting, Maj FUENTES, Staff Secretary of the Academic Board, announced to the conferees that he just received a telephone call for Commodore LAVADIA from GHQ to cancel the programmed lectures of Fr. DE LA COSTA, Mr. SIMBULAN and Prof. AGONCILLO, well - known leftist intellectuals.

*into San Roque*  
Upon hearing the announcement of Maj FUENTES LAVADIA exploded; "There should be academic freedom in this school. If they cancel these lectures, I will close this school. I'm sick and tired of this administration. Tell Commodore RUIZ that if the lectures of these people are cancelled I'll close this school. Maj FUENTES left and returned later, obviously after talking to Commodore RUIZ. Maj FUENTES said:

"Puede na Mag lecture."

Commodore LAVADIA announced: "You see takot sila. Why should this administration be afraid of lectures, left or right? Are they hiding something?"

Comments:

AGONCILLO, DE LA COSTA, and SIMBULAN, lectured at the National Defense College on 6, 7, and 8 October. Father DANTE SIMBULAN is a Doctor of Philosophy obtained in Australia. He has been allowed to lecture in schools directly under GHQ,

obviously with the knowledge of the Chief of Staff,  
GENERAL MANUEL YAN.

3. Nov. 2nd incident:

Commodore LAVADIA called another meeting of the National Defense College Board. Present at the conference were the people mentioned in the 5th October incident. In addition, a Prof. ROSALIA LAPEÑA, suspected mistress of Commodore LAVADIA was in attendance together with a certain PARCERO, a staff member of the College. Mrs. LAPEÑA is hated by all faculty members of the National Defense College because she has been having the exclusive use of the staff car of Commodore LAVADIA.

In this conference Commodore LAVADIA distributed to everybody ~~xeroxed~~ copies of a classified report about the October 5th incident. Commodore LAVADIA said: "Gentlemen, the original of this report was given to me personally by General YAN ~~himself~~ two days ago (Oct. 31st). You are not to worry about this case because General YAN has assured me that this case has already been closed. I'm giving this to you for your information. You know, Gentlemen, that as long as General YAN is the Chief of Staff I'll never be taken out of the NDCP."

Whereupon Commodore LAVADIA confronted the conferees about the information allegedly furnished MALACANANG. Naturally everybody refused to say anything about the Oct. 5th incident. Commodore LAVADIA announced:

"I told General YAN that all the things I said were true but I said all those things not at one time. I'm sick and tired of this administration. If MALACANANG or GEN put a stop to lectures I am programming for the College I will close this school. Come back on Wednesday, November 4, because General YAN will be here to talk to you and ask you about your individual needs and about the needs of the school.

4. November 4th incident:

At 9 o'clock on November 4, 1970 General YAN presided over the Academic Board Conference. Commodore LAVADIA instructed the lady earlier mentioned in this report to stay aside.

General YAN said: "Good morning, Gentlemen, I came here and I have all the time. I want you to tell me all about your needs and the needs of the school. I will see to it that you get all your needs."

After this the Chief of Staff asked everybody one by one what are the needs of the school.

Naturally all the officers mentioned about better facilities, more vehicles and a bigger library.

Comments:

As of this writing the Chief of Staff, General YAN has not done anything to fulfill his promises to the school. Incidentally, Prof. SIMBULAN who was allowed by the Chief of Staff, General YAN and Commodore LAVADIA to lecture in the NDC and the Armed Forces General Command and General Staff College have been reported to be a good friend of Commander DANBE, National Peoples Army Chief and Lt. CORPUZ who just raided the Armory of the PMA.