

10:00 AM
Talaga Bay

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Sunday

We showed the Town and Country photo-
grapher Alim Aarous and writer Linda Ashland
Dumones Bay and place where we saw the
sailboat Cygnet (It means a young swan) owned
by Richard Brown, the Senior Vice President of
PAF for Technical services. On board was a Miss Ward
who is apparently an utusan of Benny Teda, President of
PAF and who helped Bongbong buy his clothes when he
first arrived in London last year. And Mr. and Mrs. Hindstrey
also from London who know Linda. Alim the photo-
grapher insisted on taking pictures of me water skiing
although the sea was rough, with Linda Ashland on the
long tow rope. And on the sailboat at the end

of Then at about 10:00 AM we came to Talaga
Bay. This kind here. Took a vesp. The Town and Country
people went back to Manila by helicopter while we went
to the Free Trade Zone where the lighting system
is up. Then to the Porto del Sol, the land deve-
lopment area by Asiatic Integrated and Republic Bank
of Cory. Pablo Roman and Joe Peras at the
Manuel Bago Road several cores away from Talaga.
Impressive development Roads laid out. Lots selling \$70
a square meter, 200 already sold. 15 kms. from the Free
Trade Zone. Overlooks the coves and the China Sea.

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We stayed up to 1:40 A.M. on board last night just talking. The two Americans are disturbed by the convulsions through which America is going. Drug addiction has become widespread. Gangs of 10, 11, and 12 year old children - held up solitary pedestrians for drug money.

The attitude is "What is in it for me?" and there is quite a bit of the hand out for money. So different they say, to the friendliness and the social bonding shown by Filipinos even in the cities.

"No one seems to have any hope, was the conclusion.

And they kept asking what I thought would happen to the U.S. My answer was at what point of emergency would a Julius Caesar take over the government as a dictator. Although I added, it may be difficult to control the U.S. from one central point as it has too many centers of power.

Then I also observed that the academicians are now studying the matter over whether the old concepts of democracy and freedom are still valid, or whether dictatorship or authoritarianism is not demanded for survival.

And wondered whether America is not showing the same symptoms the Roman Empire showed before its fall.

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In the soft breeze and quiet of the bay
I have been doing some reading. I have the
books Beyond Freedom and Dignity by Skinner;
Emerging Japanese Superstate, Challenge and
Response by Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute;
Challenge of World Poverty, A World Anti-Poverty
Program in Outline, A Summary and Continuation of
the Program, Thinking with Policy, U.S. - China Relations
and International Decisionmaking by Richard Meese, and
and Freedom of Democracy.

The second book, the Emerging Japanese
Superstate lays the basis for the conclusion that
the 21st century is the Japanese century.

But it is based on the projection of continued
more-than-10% GDP growth annually which may
not be true after the realignment of currencies
including the yen and the dollar. For the growth
may decrease if the Japanese do not handle it with
imagination.