

Philippines: Villar is CPP's bet in next year's presidential elections

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Bulatlatan has been discussing this issue in previous review. Now, everything is out in the open. We are waiting for the Philippine Revolution Web Central to post the full version of the CPP statement.

After trying to come on board the Noynoy-Mar's Liberal Party, Satur Ocampo and Liza Maza went forum shopping until they landed in the lap of arch-corrupt bureaucrat capitalist Manuel Villar Jr.'s presidential bid.

If Villar wins the presidency, will the CPP-NPA and Bayan Muna and other national democratic legal organizations criticize the US-Villar regime, much as it collaborated with Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the 2004 elections only to turn its back against its partner? [Bulatlatan Dec 24, '09 4:06 AM].

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Two days before its 41st founding anniversary, the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) endorsed the candidacy of Manuel Villar Jr, the standard-bearer of the Nacionalista Party (NP) in the 2010 presidential elections.

The party, founded by Jose Maria Sison in 1968, said in a statement issued on Wednesday that among the four major presidential candidates in next year's polls, Villar "seems to be the most patriotic and progressive."

The CPP praised Villar for advocating the interest of Filipino businessmen, expressing sympathy for workers and peasants, and condemning human rights violations.

The party, however, doubts that Villar will win in the 2010 race against his "major political rivals

who have bloodstained records of opposing the demands of the workers and peasants.”

Leftist party-list representatives Satur Ocampo of Bayan Muna and Liza Maza of Gabriela are guest senatorial candidates of Villar’s party.

Meanwhile, the CPP, which heads the broad revolutionary front organization, the National Democratic Front, criticized other presidential candidates.

It slighted Liberal Party standard-bearer Benigno Simeon “Noy” Aquino III for his supposed links to the Hacienda Luisita “notoriety.”

It also accused administration party bet Gilberto Teodoro Jr of being a “mad dog” of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Likewise, the party assailed former President Joseph Estrada for having a “bellicose record during his failed presidency.”

According to the CPP, only the Makabayan, a coalition of progressive groups and formations, appears to promote “people’s demand for national independence and genuine democracy.”

It criticized major political parties and coalitions vying for offices in the 2010 elections for allegedly “avoid(ing) or even oppos(ing) the people’s demand for national independence and genuine democracy...”

The CPP added that the said groups “do not criticize and repudiate free market globalization and the US-instigated policy of terror against the people.” -

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Villar gets ‘endorsement’ from CPP

December 24, 2009 by Julian Labores

MANILA, Philippines - Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. got an “endorsement” on Christmas Eve from the Communist Party of the Philippines, which said he appeared to be the “most patriotic and progressive” among the major presidential candidates in the 2010 elections.

The CPP said Villar – whose Nacionalista Party has two left-leaning senatorial bets – advocates the interests of Filipino traders and voices sympathy for peasants and workers.

“Among the four major presidential candidates, former Senate president Villar seems to be the most patriotic and progressive insofar as he advocates the interests of Filipino businessmen, expresses sympathy for the workers and peasants and condemns human rights violations,” it said in its statement for its 41st anniversary, an advance copy of which it posted on its website [[1](#)].

Villar's NP has as guest senatorial candidates Bayan Muna (Makabayan) Rep. Liza Maza and Rep. Satur Ocampo.

According to the CPP, only Makabayan appears to promote "people's demand for national independence and genuine democracy."

"The major political parties and coalitions vying for offices in the 2010 elections, except Makabayan, avoid or even oppose the people's demand for national independence and genuine democracy and do not criticize and repudiate 'free market' globalization and the US-instigated policy of terror against the people," it said.

But the CPP said it "remains to be seen" whether Villar can win and prove himself any better than his major political rivals who it said oppose the demands of the workers and peasants.

It scored Sen. Benigno Simeon Aquino III for his supposed links to the Hacienda Luisita notoriety, and former Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. of being a "mad dog" of President Arroyo.

Also, it scored former president Joseph Estrada of having a "bellicose record during his failed presidency."

On the other hand, it scored the administration Lakas-Kampi-CMD of promoting the ruling clique's clings to its discredited antinational and antidemocratic policies.

Major opposition parties like the Liberal Party and the Partido ng Masang Pilipino "concentrate on pretending to be for good governance to dissociate themselves from the scandalous corruption of the Arroyo regime," it added.

"Whichever reactionary clique takes power through the electoral process is predisposed to follow the same path being trod by the Arroyo regime. It will keep power under the dictates of the US and the local exploiting classes and will use its power to enrich itself and deploy the coercive apparatuses of the state to suppress opposition," it said.

The CPP said every Philippine president has so far kowtowed to the power of US imperialism and has sought to amass wealth and power for self-aggrandizement against the rights and interests of the people.

"No president ever has had the political will to undertake significant reforms that respond to the people's demand for national independence and genuine democracy nor has used peace negotiations in order to forge agreements with the revolutionary movement on social, economic and political reforms as basis for a just peace," it said.

"We can anticipate that whichever new reactionary ruling clique arises from the 2010 elections, it would continue to apply draconian measures by legally misrepresenting revolutionary acts as common crimes, as acts of terrorism or as rebellion punishable by reclusion perpetua and therefore nonbailable," it added.

This means the next "reactionary" administration would carry out campaigns of military suppression against revolutionary forces including those of the Bangsamoro, it said.

"It would merely pretend at being for peace negotiations and try to use these not to arrive at agreements on basic reforms with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines but merely to

deceive and confuse the people and destroy the revolutionary movement, it said.

The CPP said it had grown in strength and advanced precisely despite efforts by the Arroyo government to eradicate the armed revolutionary movement.

It also outlined its priorities for the next five years to expand its presence in the countryside.

"After more than 40 years of successful people's war, we consider it of highest importance today to declare our determination to strive within the next five years to make the great advance from the stage of the strategic defensive to the strategic stalemate, fulfilling all the requirements and without skipping any necessary phase. We can look forward to still greater revolutionary possibilities within the next ten years if we carry out successfully the tasks and plans for the next five years," it said.

The CPP also said it can take advantage of the Arroyo government's attempts to use state resources to engage in electoral fraud and terrorism.

It said fears are widespread that it intends to declare martial law nationwide or in a number of key regions by claiming a failure of elections and thereby perpetuate itself in power.

Such actions can only inflame the people's resistance by treading the Marcos path of fascist dictatorship, it said.

"We can take full advantage of the socio-economic and political crisis of the ruling system in order to strengthen ourselves, wage all forms of revolutionary struggle and make great advances in our people's war.

We can hope for national and social liberation only if the people gain the power for its realization. The people's power can arise only through revolutionary struggle against US imperialism and the local exploiting classes," it said.

The CPP said it must have a plan to increase the number of Red commanders and fighters, units of the NPA and guerrilla fronts from around 120 to 180 to cover rural congressional districts.

It also bared plans to gain the ability to deploy armed city partisan units in the urban congressional districts.

"The process of expanding towards the goal of 180 guerrilla fronts will result in strengthening the Party and the NPA command at the levels of the guerrilla front (district), province and region. Relatively stable base areas will arise on varying territorial scales, depending on the growth of the Party, the NPA, the mass base and the organs of political power and of course on the actual destruction and disintegration of enemy political power in the localities," it said.

In the meantime, it bared plans to carry out extensive and intensive guerrilla warfare on the basis of an ever widening and deepening mass base.

"We must intensify our tactical offensives as we widen and deepen our mass base. As a matter of course, the enemy forces will react to our offensives by concentrating on those guerrilla fronts where we are estimated as being strong and by unleashing vicious campaigns of suppression. But as the enemy forces are extremely limited on the national and regional scale, we can maintain our initiative by employing flexible tactics of concentration to go on an offensive, shifting to evade a superior enemy force and dispersal to conduct mass work," it said.

The CPP said it will campaign for land reform to win the support of peasants, farm workers and lower middle peasants.

"The campaign for land reform must be carried out well in order to win the steadfast support of the poor peasants, farm workers and lower middle peasants. The minimum land reform program can be raised higher towards the level of the maximum, depending on the strength of the NPA and the peasant movement. The campaign of mass organizing, public education, raising production, health care, defense, cultural work and settling disputes among the people must be pursued well," it said.

It said its armed wing, the New People's Army, must also target for arrest and trial violators of human rights and international humanitarian law.

Also, the CPP plans to dismantle exploitative plantations, logging-for-export enterprises, mining and other operations that grab land from the people and destroy the environment.

"The dismantling can be accomplished by disabling equipment, discouraging management personnel and launching tactical offensives against the armed guards. More land must be made available for land reform and food production," it said. - Frontline.PH

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"Among the four major presidential candidates, former Senate president Villar seems to be the most patriotic and progressive insofar as he advocates the interests of Filipino businessmen, expresses sympathy for the workers and peasants and condemns human rights violations. However, it remains to be seen whether he can win and prove himself any better than his major political rivals who have bloodstained records of opposing the demands of the workers and peasants, like Aquino of Hacienda Luisita notoriety, Teodoro of being the mad dog defense secretary of Arroyo and Estrada of having a bellicose record during his failed presidency."

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Footnotes

[1] <http://www.philippinerevolution.net/cgi-bin/statements/stmts.pl?date=091226;author=cc;lang=eng>