



## Razor's Edge

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### *Inspiring Feedback*

**NEW YORK, NY Sept. 28 (PinoyGlobal)** - When the candidacy of Sen. Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III was just a murmur in the lips of our people, this column started right away to drumbeat his running for Philippine president. It was to inspire Filipinos in the U.S. to join the momentum=20to make him decide to run by calling their relatives back home. They reacted favorably and contacted relatives there. I also had calls from friends telling me to write more about his candidacy. E-mails flooded my computer after they got my e-mail address from our Filipino Times office.

The momentum percolated when I added that Sen. Mar Roxas should be Noynoy’s running mate. This was shortly before former Sen. Pres. Franklin Drilon, a stalwart of the Liberal Party Aquino belongs to, announced it on TV. I recall saying with sanguine conviction that Roxas would be an ideal vice president of the very popular young Aquino.

My penchant for the tandem of young blood taking over the reins of government underscores the desire to see our people under the benign leadership of charismatic gentlemen who have every reason to do well if only to glorify the honor and patriotism of their parents. Noynoy in particular, looks like a touch-me-not flower that closes at the faintest wind blow because he is not the typical shameless politician. But don’t let that fool you because definitely he is a doer and very honest.

In my lifetime I may not meet him except in the memory that I was once seated beside him when I met his late mother Cory. Anyway I have no ulterior motive by supporting him to the hilt. It’s just my messianic mission to help our people have a clean and honest government, that’s why I am gung ho for his candidacy.

It is no surprise that when it was finally formalized this column was euphoric and held no words about how formidable the Aquino-Roxas team would be for both are honest, idealistic and hardworking. Needless to say they have the same objective and that is to pull our people out of their infernal, chronic economic meltdown.

If there is one who was ecstatic to hear of Noynoy’s decision to run I was one of the millions because the trapos and callous politicians who have been fooling the people with empty promises were completely eclipsed by his announced candidacy. It was as if a thunderbolt hit them, their ratings either dived down or they simply faded out of the radar screen. Now many are rating zero in the surveys where before, at least, they put up a token fight.

Sen. Manny Villar Jr. who was already strutting like=20a pregnant mule went down to a very pathetic second. No wonder Sen. Chiz Escudero vigorously refused to accept the offer of being Villar’s vice presidential candidate. I suppose he knows a loser when he sees one. Villar is not really the man to rally behind because he too has many problems to settle beginning with his real state business and the C-5 project insertion exposed by Senators Jamby Madrigal and Panfilo Lacson. After so many scandals surrounding the lives of politicians the public is now focused on looking for someone without any kind of stain to his name.

The picture is rosy with Noynoy as president. To start with almost surely there will be no more investigations of this or that project with illegal insertions, as I mentioned a while ago, corruption will be drastically reduced to a minimum, abuse of power will be curtailed and the military killings of political dissenters will be a thing of the past. Noynoy has

every reason to hammer on the military to serve the people and not to kill or torture them because his father=20 was a victim of military barbarism.

Happily, I got feedbacks from expats reading me in the Pinoy Global Online and Filipino Times. Even patients of Dr. Erie Agustin admitted that they agreed with me about Noynoy and are excited with the idea of him becoming president with Sen. Roxas as his vice president. Theirs would be the ideal team of honest young men that will be unbeatable.

Right after Noynoy's candidacy burst in the media the surveys shot up giving him an overwhelming approval rating against many probable contenders. The big difference between him and the second placing Manny Villar is that the young Aquino has no stain to his name. More importantly, he enjoys the emotional sentiment of our people for his parents. His edge over his adversaries is unique in that almost all the presidential wannabes have skeletons in their closets. Noynoy was never involved in any scandal. Neither was he investigated by his peers for anomalies in the long years he has been in Congress.

His running was welcome news because the old fogies in politics are measured by the company they have. Villar may not even know it but there are characters hanging on his coattail whose reputation are worse than mud in the U.S. One of them was recently exposed in the media here as having fooled old Filipinos of their hard earned savings. This kind of company does not do justice to Villar's candidacy.

Can you imagine this guy influence peddling in the administration? He will surely rake in ill-gotten wealth be-

cause victims will believe him. He is very loose in name-dropping, claiming to be Villar's most trusted man because he allegedly produces results abroad for Manny's business. He even claims to be more eloquent than Villar himself, which makes me wonder if Villar became a senator by dancing the Tinikling and by pantomime.

True or fiction, it appears that this is so because they have been seen together on several occasions in the U.S. He is the type who will be the first to claim the glory of making him president. If Villar becomes president there will be no end to his bragging about his indispensable maneuvers that supposedly made it possible.

In the future I will mention the name of this character when I get all the facts about his sordid activities.

Going back to the germane issue of the elections, I say that the high point in choosing our president should be on integrity. We have tried the so-called intellectual presidents but they failed because of their monumental corruption.

We tried a dropout and the result was the same – corruption exacerbated, it even flourished to horrendous dimensions under Erap. Why don't we try for a change someone known for his unsullied honesty? Noynoy aspires to restore the government to our people, one that is clean and honest. His track record in both Houses of Congress proves this claim cogently. To cap it all, to this day his name has no stigma or scandal whatsoever. Need I say more?

Under Pres. Noynoy Aquino we can expect that grief and misery will take a leave. Onward the Aquino-Roxas tandem! Long live democracy!