



Razor's Edge

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Remulla Is the Portrait Of Villar's Moribund Candidacy

NEWYORK, NY Mar. 05 (PinoyGlobal) - Sen. Manny Villar's shenanigans in office is catching up with him and how! For one thing he was found guilty of corruption by his peers in the Senate. Unequivocally, corruption is the fulcrum of his official actions, no ifs and or buts about it. From the time he was Speaker of the House of Representatives, the modality of his decisions was freighted with anomalies and his actions attest to that.

As Senate President the C-5 scandal is a testimonial to his malevolence. It betrays his inordinate inclination to exploit power for his selfish, personal and political aggrandizement. Without qualms or compunction he used the extreme powers and clout of his offices in both Houses of Congress.

With all these debits to his checkered character and official acts, he knew his chances of winning the presidential race, is no bigger than a grain of table salt. It is no surprise that he unleashed his hit-man Representative Crispin "Boying" Remulla, to undermine the luminous victory of Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III come May 10, by casting aspersion on the latter, for something that happened light years ago (1957). He cites the atrocities allegedly committed by Noynoy's grandfather Jose Cojuangco Sr.

It appears that the old Cojuangco did not comply with his commitment with the GSIS when he barrowed P5.9 million and later with the Central Bank: that "the land comprising the Hacienda Luisita shall be subdivided by the applicant-corporation and sold at cost to the tenants, should there be any, and whatever conditions should exist warranting such

actions under the provisions of the Land Tenure Act." Fine. So Jose Cojuangco Sr. reneged and kept Hacienda Luisita pristine for his heirs. In 1957 Noynoy was only a twinkle in his father's eye. Or if he was already born he could have just been learning to crawl. How then can he be held liable for his grandfather's failure to comply with the conditions of the loan?

For that Crispin is shouting eureka as if he found the Holy Grail himself, bragging that the would-be whistle-blower is an ex-Marcos man. He came up chanting the monotone that the atrocities were committed to the farmers by the Cojuangco family to keep Hacienda Luisita for themselves. The question is where does that put Noynoy regarding the commitment that went awry? Is he to blame for a breach of promise made over half a century ago just because he is a Cojuangco descendant? Isn't that taxing logic to ad nauseam?

Boying's notion that Conrado "Condring" Estralla Sr.'s account about the atrocities perpetrated by the Cojuangco family will deal the "Death blow" on Noynoy's candidacy, and conversely resuscitate the moribund presidential aspiration of Sen. Villar, confounds reason. True, Estrella was the Minister of Agrarian Reform under Marcos, but it does not follow that the veracity of what he says is unassailable. Remember, he is first and foremost a Nacionalista who will do anything short of fabricating lies to undermine the young Aquino's lead against his party's standard bearer. Therefore besmirching the integrity of Noynoy could be his primary concern.

horribly pathetic! He needs sympathy.

Remulla did not even consider or stop to think why it took Estrella close to a century to pound his chest like Tarzan, that he will expose the Cojuangco family in Congress? Since the atrocities happened, already eight presidents became tenants of Malacanang (from Magsaysay down to Arroyo), and only now he unveils those atrocities or violations of the old Cojuangco. For crying out loud, sir, what took your conscience that long to be stricken with remorse?

Given the story's time frame (1957), Noynoy should be out of the picture. What makes Crispin ecstatic about the so-called bombshell exposé when he cannot deny that it is fraught with political undertones as he anticipated the Aquino camp will shout back? The rancid story is nothing less than a puny attempt to resuscitate his candidate's dying presidential ran.

Besides, how sure are we that Estrella is reliable when with his advance age he could be senile or about to be a victim of senility? Alzheimer's is not far-fetched for people of his age. Remember that he is talking of ancient history, events and deals can be very vague for his chronological age.

Be that as it may, did it not occur to both Remulla and Estralla, or Manny Villar for that matter, that the sin of the father is not the sin of the son and vice versa considering that both are different persons with individual minds and conscience? What more for a grandfather and grandson? Remulla forgets that Condring is a Nacionalista Party stalwart. In plain language his story is fraught with bias.

Unilaterally, Remulla hysterically decided that Noynoy's political life is dead on this issue. What a classic example of someone shooting from the hips. The accusation he makes against Noynoy has more holes than there are spots in a Dalmatian. Poor tormented soul!

Unarguably, Crispin is really an irresponsible lie-tooting hyena who believes in his own lies and the monologue of an old ally. Well, misery loves company and they are clinging together with Villar in his journey to political oblivion. On the other hand he tenaciously adheres, if he is not faking, that Villar's groveling candidacy has been jolted to life by the stale story of Condring. He deliberately closes his mind to the fact that the candidacy of his master (Manny), has been on its terminal stage since the incipiency of the campaign. How hopelessly naïve can he be, is beyond me. Indeed he is

Aggravating his malaise, is revealed by his sick opinion that by spreading the bias story of Estrella, Aquino's formidable lead in the surveys can drastically turn around in favor of his master. Doesn't he know that hallucinations are not real, or that they could be symptoms of a serious malady? Remulla needs immediate sessions with his psychologist.

I can understand him trying to earn the dole-outs he gets for furiously barking at the young Aquino, but prudence tells us that the electorate can discern fiction and lies from unvarnished truths. What Boying is peddling at this late hour of the campaign will not harvest votes for Villar and the Nacionalista Party in general because the notoriety of their candidate, as a corrupt politician, has reverberated loudly throughout the length and breathe of the archipelago. And that Crispin cannot unwind.

Rabble rousing cannot destroy the consistent lead of Senator Aquino in the surveys. Not with the blizzard of issues against the Nacionalista standard bearer. Truth to tell, Villar has already one strike against him. He has been found guilty of corruption and no amount of damage control can undo the adverse effects of that verdict on his presidential ambition. Remulla's euphoria is destined to be short live. Two months hence he will be humbled by the results of the elections.

Meanwhile, maligning the old Cojuangco and Hacienda Luisita will not pull down Noynoy who has nothing to do with the past. Their convoluted devices will never fly. In fact, insisting to pin the faults of both on him will just make another Aquino a martyr for democracy. If any, it has galvanized Noynoy's imminent victory. People are aware of the wiles of Villar and his gang of desperadoes in trying to destroy the Liberal Party standard bearer, but it won't work. The voters have made up their minds for the man of integrity; Noynoy is my guy, is their mantra!

Boying continue telling lies about the young Aquino and we will continue to telling the truth about Villar. I urge you to accelerate peddling lies about Cory's son because his loyal legions of admirers will be more resolved to do their best to make him the next president of the Philippines.