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WE UNITE WITH ALL PATRIOTIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES
AGAINST THE TYRANNY OF MARCOS TERRORISM

The Communist Party of the Philippines on its own behalf and also on behalf of the New People's Army which it leads expresses the strongest indignation over the Plaza Miranda massacre of August 21st which resulted in the death and injury of so many people, including the top leadership of the Liberal Party.

The dastardly act is directed not only against the Liberal Party but also against all opposition and the entire Filipino people. The terrorist character and mad scheming of the U.S.-Marcos clique are amply proven not only by the latest massacre and previous massacres but also by the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus on a nationwide scale and without any basis. Beyond doubt the Marcos fascist puppet clique is bent on monopolizing political power through militarist, anti-communist and anti-democratic methods.

The U.S.-Marcos clique has steadily taken the path of military dictatorship against the broad masses of the people. We are witness today to the imposition of an undisguised militarist rule. The U.S.-Marcos regime is employing every method it can borrow from the black book of Hitler in order to create anti-communist hysteria, silence every kind of opposition and monopolize political power at gunpoint. The University of the Philippines only recently was turned into a "guinea pig" for sinister efforts of C.I.A. "psywar" experts to turn the tide of the new democratic cultural revolution and strike movement in urban areas throughout the country.

The U.S.-Marcos clique has become so mad and desperate that it would commit any crime under the "anti-Maoist" line to perpetuate its ill-gotten power and wealth and preserve the interests of its foreign and feudal masters. Only recently Marcos himself raised "communism" as the main issue against his political enemies and accused them specifically of cooperating with "Maoists". All of a sudden, he reverses himself by calling the criminal attackers of the Liberal Party as "Maoists". It is absolutely stupid and callous for the U.S.-Marcos clique to blame the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army for every evil that its own minions perpetrate. That the blame for the Plaza Miranda massacre should be made to fall on the Party and the people's army long before the actual solution of the case (a solution that will not come because of U.S.-Marcos authorship of the crime) only betrays the criminal responsibility of the U.S.-Marcos clique itself.

The U.S.-Marcos clique without much ado condemns Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought in the proclamation suspending the writ of habeas corpus. In this regard, we invite all to study the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tsetung to find out for themselves whether these great communist leaders allow terrorist bombing or not. We Filipino Communists are bound by Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and we always rely on the awakening and mobilization of the masses in their millions.

In pursuing its "anti-Maoist" line, the U.S.-Marcos clique has gone so far as to cooperate with and coddle the bogus communist party of the Lava revisionist fascists. Both counter-revolutionaries have cooperated in fascist crimes such as those perpetrated in Central Luzon and lately in the Greater Manila area. They have joined up in establishing BSDUs in certain areas and in perpetrating acts of bloody intrigue in several instances.

The Communist Party of the Philippines, together with the New People's Army, has consistently refused to be drawn in by such enemy provocations as kidnapping, assassination, harassment and bloody disruption of rallies in urban areas. That is because we wish to give full play to the new democratic cultural revolution and strike movement. It is in the countryside that we are engaged in armed struggle which is on the strategic defensive and on the tactical offensive. In waging armed struggle, we have always avoided inflicting harm on innocent people.

The U.S.-Marcos clique continues to overstep. The suspension of the writ of habeas corpus on a nationwide scale and without limit is in so many respects worse than all massacres it has covertly and overtly perpetrated. This means mass arrests, pogroms and the systematic suppression of democratic rights. In its sick thinking, the U.S.-Marcos clique imagines that it can nip the revolutionary mass movement "in the bud". But thanks to the U.S.-Marcos clique itself, the level of revolutionary consciousness and strength among the people has risen even higher for effective resistance.

There is nothing to fear from the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus or the imposition of martial law. The situation which the U.S.-Marcos clique has created in Greater Manila and throughout the country is no different from the situation in Tarlac, Pampanga, Isabela and many other areas where the Party, the people's army and the revolutionary masses themselves create their own freedom of action by uniting together and taking the initiative into their hands in fighting the enemy.

We unite with all patriotic and progressive forces that are willing to purge the country of the fascist tyranny and puppetry of the Marcos ruling clique. By isolating and destroying the Marcos fascist puppet clique, we advance the revolutionary mass movement against U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism.

Long live the Filipino people!

Long live the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army!

Long live the Philippine revolution!

Long live the national united front!

Long live the spirit of the martyrs for the people's democratic cause!

People's war is the answer to martial law!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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MESSAGE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE:

· REVOLUTION IS THE SOLUTION
TO MARCOS TERRORISM AGAINST DEMOCRACY

The violent and corrupt regime of the Marcos fascist puppet clique has blasted to smithereens any semblance of democracy in the Philippines. There is no more doubt that it wishes to preserve at all costs its ill-gotten wealth and power and the entire oppressive system dominated by U.S. imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat capitalism.

The Plaza Miranda massacre of August 21, 1971, an exceedingly condemnable incident, is in the style and trend of such previous massacres against the legal opposition before, during and after the 1969 elections; against workers, students and other city residents in Mendiola, in Plaza Miranda and in front of Congress on May Day 1971; against the peasant masses and other sections of the people in Culatingan, Capas and Tarlac in the province of Tarlac and in Angeles City and Porac in the province of Pampanga; against the national minorities, particularly those of Mindanao, in Corregidor and in the provinces of Cotabato and Lanao; and against such a political and religious organization as Lapiang Malaya in Pasay City.

The Marcos fascist clique has gone berserk. It has repeatedly perpetrated massacres, kidnappings and assassinations. In all these heinous crimes, the fascist brutes in the reactionary armed forces, police and private armies have not only been condoned but even encouraged by the Marcos fascist puppet clique to exact blood tribute from the broad masses of the people. Marcos terrorism is a mad method employed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in a futile attempt to prolong and aggravate the rule of U.S. imperialism and its running dogs in the Philippines.

The latest massacre at Plaza Miranda brings to new depths of madness and viciousness the criminal character of the U.S.-Marcos clique. The scheme would be shallow were it merely calculated to inflict physical harm on the top leadership of the Liberal Party. But it is most diabolical as it is calculated to eliminate all kinds of opposition to the U.S.-Marcos clique through the imposition of martial law or the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. The fascist attack against the Liberal Party is angled to destroy all kinds of dissent, including that of the press, the teaching and student community and mass organizations.

The speed with which defense chieftain Ponce Enrile and other Marcos agents have put the blame on the national democratic movement for the Plaza Miranda massacre; the scheme of government authorities to whip up an anti-communist hysteria; the mass arrest of well-known democratic personalities; the setting up of bomb scares; and the sinister threats against all to keep quiet on Marcos terrorism betray beyond doubt the evil designs of the U.S.-Marcos clique. The U.S.-Marcos clique is madly bent on carrying the anti-national and anti-democratic plot to destroy all kinds of opposition by using its own crimes as pretext for committing further crimes and for tightening its militarist monopoly of political power.

In building up its fascist rule, the U.S.-Marcos clique has deliberately organized and fielded all sorts of terror and spy units with such fancy names as "Monkees", special forces, strike force, BSDU, UIOG, Metrocom, task force this and task force that. Private armies and security agencies have been allowed to flourish. Lately even the Lava revisionist renegades have been flaunting some license from the U.S.-Marcos clique and have perpetrated fascist crimes together with it. These terror and spy units extort, witch-hunt, kidnap and kill at will.

So many victims of heinous crimes have fallen. To them we pay high tribute for laying down their lives, getting maimed or being tortured for the cause of national freedom and democracy. The sacrifices of those who have fallen are not in vain. The Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army have always been inspired by them and have long ago pledged to avenge them to the bitter end.

Revolution is the solution to the grave political and economic crisis into which the Marcos fascist puppet clique and its foreign and feudal masters have driven the country. It is the solution to Marcos terrorism against democracy. In this regard, we call on the broad masses of the people, including the Liberal Party and the democratic elements or sections of the Nacionalista Party, to form a broad united front and fight to defend our national and democratic rights against the criminal plots of the enemy. In fighting the enemy, we will not employ grenades or bomb-throwing or molotov bombs with which the Marcos terrorists seek to misrepresent their own victims but we will as always employ vigorous national democratic propaganda and mass mobilization to put out the Marcos terrorist tyranny. Whenever necessary, the Marcos terrorists should be wiped out steadily on just and popular grounds and without the least harm on innocent people. We stand for the broad national and democratic interests of the people.

MANILA-RIZAL REGIONAL COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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PRESS STATEMENT

MR. MARCOS IS AN UNMITIGATED LIAR

Mr. Marcos has repeated almost everyday since the Plaza Miranda massacre of August 21 that agents of the Armed Forces of the Philippines have infiltrated the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army.

The best proof that Mr. Marcos is an unmitigated liar in making such a claim is that the anti-communist witch-hunt that he has launched to cover up his crimes is clearly a wild guessing game as to who are Communists. As a result, he has only succeeded in victimizing non-communist democrats and has unwittingly revealed his black hand in the dastardly crime at Plaza Miranda.

So many have been arbitrarily arrested, especially in the first and second military areas. Suspicions against them have been so groundless, however, that most of them have been released because of the groundswell of popular opposition to the fascist suppression of democracy.

If Mr. Marcos knows so much about the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army, then he would know how to act against us short of suspending the writ of habeas corpus and short of resorting to all the bluff and bluster in his daily anti-communist ravings. Whenever Mr. Marcos accuses others of plotting to commit bombings, arson, assassinations, kidnappings and other such acts, he himself is actually making the threats against the people and is consistently paving the way for further use of his military powers against every kind of opposition.

Were it not for the timely public exposure of the arrest of democratic leaders without any warrant, Mr. Marcos would have succeeded to perpetrate an anti-communist pogrom even without suspending the writ of habeas corpus. These democratic leaders would have suffered the fate of Carlos B. del Rosario and Francisco C. Sison and this time the leaders of the Liberal Party themselves would have been accused of perpetrating the pogroms as a result of the Plaza Miranda massacre.

Mr. Marcos is actually in the dark about the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army. Otherwise, it would have been unnecessary in the recent past for his "special forces" to kidnap and most likely torture and murder Carlos B. del Rosario and Francisco C. Sison in the futile attempt to locate leaders of the Party and the people's army. Also, it would have been unnecessary for Mr. Marcos to hire the spy services and condone the crimes of the bogus communist party of the Lavas had he been provided by his own spies with knowledge of the internal affairs of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army.

The more Mr. Marcos acts in an autocratic and despotic manner on the pretense that he is endowed with some exclusive knowledge concocted by the military brutes, the more he is isolated and prepares himself for powerful blows from the revolutionary mass movement. The anti-fascist united front against U.S. imperialism and the Marcos fascist puppet clique continues to expand with an unprecedented momentum throughout the country.

The strength of the revolutionary mass movement has only multiplied as a result of the brazen crimes of U.S. imperialism and the Marcos fascist puppet clique. The Plaza Miranda massacre of August 21; the frustrated attempt to assassinate the leaders of the Liberal Party and national democratic mass organizations; the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and the daily tightening of fascist oppression have further convinced the people of the necessity of waging an armed revolution. The enemy is, indeed, our best teacher by negative example.

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