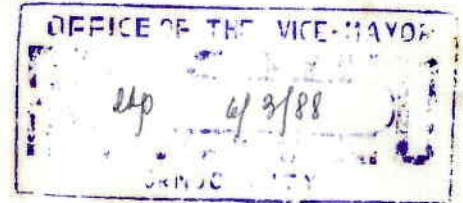


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTH  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE HONORABLE  
PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
BUILDING ON JUNE 1, 1988

PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,  
Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr.,  
Hon. Eufrocino C. Codilla, Jr.,  
Hon. Celso P. Adolfo,  
Hon. Sixto T. Pongos,  
Hon. Arnulfo C. Salazar,  
Hon. Jose B. Conejos,  
Hon. Rodolfo L. Rivilla, Jr.,  
Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon,  
Hon. Antero T. Fiel,  
Hon. Celso P. Porcadilla,  
Hon. Romeo M. Hermosilla, ABC President,

Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer  
Kagawad, Kagawad Leader

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ABSENT:

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RESOLUTION NO. 48

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO  
AND THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN M. DRILON IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT FOR THE EARLY RESOLUTION  
OF THE STRIKE AT THE AZNAR'S EQUATORIAL CASSAVA MILL LOCATED AT  
MONTEBELLO, KANANGA, LEYTE.

"WHEREAS, this august Body is in receipt of a basic-communication  
of Mr. Mamerto M. Espina, Sr. dated May 28, 1988, which is quoted  
hereunder, verbatim, thus:

Dolores, Ormoc City  
May 28, 1988

Hon. Nepomuceno Aparis  
Vice-Mayor, Ormoc City  
Ormoc City

Dear Atty. Aparis,

As presiding officer of the Ormoc City Council may I request your  
helps in the making of a resolution addressed to President Corazon  
Aquino and Labor and Employment Secretary Franklin M. Drilon urging them  
to help resolve soonest the strike in the Aznar's Equatorial Cassava  
Mill.

I have in 1985 shifted from sugar cane farming to planting of  
cassava based on a contract with Merelo Aznar as manager of the mill. I  
have planted 134 hectares and because of the strike my cassava plants  
are now over-matured, so that tuber deterioration have set in.

At the start of the strike last October, 1987 it was illegal, but  
subsequent arbitration and hearings thru the DOLE region VIII  
Reconciliation and Mediation Council the strikers have organized

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themselves and thus gained legality. There were many legal maneuvers from both sides with no solution to the strike as the strikers continued to demand more everytime management granted certain concessions. At this stage there seems to be an impasse with neither side seriously willing to pursue settlement through the tedious NLRC legal procedures.

As an innocent victim of the strike I wrote to President Aquino whose office endorsed it to DOLE who in turn endorsed the problem to the Region VIII DOLE office with instruction for me to follow it up. This was April 27, 1988 yet. I did not follow up this encouraging lead as there where several moves Merelo Aznar, Atty. Igana, his legal counsel, Carigara Mayor Federico Jacela and I made to solve this problem.

The latest move is based on a contract of lease to operate the mill wherein Mayor Jacela gave the Aznars an advance payment of P350,000.00 last March 28, 1988. A restraining order is to be filed without prejudice to the outcome of the strikers' case since a cash bond to guarantee the payment of the strikers' financial demands will be deposited by Merelo Aznar. Legally this will allow the operation of the mill. But as of today there seems to be an impasse with neither side moving fast and seriously to allow the milling operation. Hence, this my appeal to you and the Ormoc City Council.

Armed with the resolutions of the legislative bodies of Ormoc City and Kananga I will secure a resume' of the proceedings and records of the Reconciliation and Mediation Council in its efforts to resolve this strike. With these three documents I will proceed to Manila to get the attention of the office in President Aquino's administration which kindly endorsed my letter of appeal to DOLE.

Of course, I am not limiting your options to help solve this problem. In whatever official ways to Ormoc City government can help solve this strike will be greatly and heartily appreciated. The strength and influence of your official capacities compared to my puny individual efforts cannot be denied.

I look forward to the grant of my request and whatever helps the City government of Ormoc can extend.

Thanks and more power to you!

Respectfully yours,

(SGD) NAMERTO M. ESPINA, Sr.

"WHEREAS, perusing the gist of said communication it behooves to bring this matter to the higher levels for the immediate solution of said strike of the Aznar's Equatorial Cassava Mill at Montebello, Kananga, Leyte, in fairness to Mr. Espina and other cassava planters in the district;

"NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Kagawad Arnulfo C. Salazar, jointly seconded by Mga Kagawad Benjamin F. Tugonon and Rodolfo L. Rivilla, Jr.; be it

"RESOLVED, to request Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino and the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon in his capacity as Secretary of the




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Department of Labor and Employment for the early resolution of the strike at the Aznar's Equatorial Cassava Mill located at Montebello, Kananga, Leyte;


"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution each to Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino, Malacanang Manila; the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon, Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, Muralla Street, Intramuros, Metro Manila; Her Honor, the City Mayor Ormoc City and Mr. Mamerto M. Espina, Sr., Barangay Dolores, Ormoc City;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

  
EMMANUEL ANTHONY C. SABELINO  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
NEPOMUCENO P. APARIS  
Vice-Mayor  
& Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
MARIA VICTORIA L. LOCSIN  
City Mayor

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:

  
CASIMIRO L. CORTES  
Secretary to the Mayor