

Election troubles N.C. Filipinos

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Filipino-Americans in North Carolina have monitored the Philippine elections closely, saying they are certain there is no way Marcos can win fairly. The absence of an official winner have led many to believe that reports of cheating by President Ferdinand E. Marcos' government are true.

The National Assembly, a Marcos-controlled council, projected Marcos the winner with 52 percent of the vote. However, American observers sent by President Reagan to monitor the voting doubt that figure.

"Marcos has said that if he loses, there will be (Marcos-instigated) disturbances in the country," said Recaredo B. Reyes, president of the Philippine-American Association of North Carolina.

Although Aquino has said that if she loses, she will not encourage her supporters to violence, many agree that a fraudulent Marcos victory will result in riots, demonstrations and bloodshed in the Pacific island nation.

"People might not listen to Aquino," said Reyes.

Linda McGloin, a Filipino who has lived in the United States since 1970 and an administrative assistant in the UNC School of Pharmacy, agreed with Reyes.

"If Marcos declares himself the winner, and that's likely, then I would

tend to agree that Manila might blow up," she said.

McGloin said Marcos has pushed the Filipinos' backs against the wall. They are looking for a peaceful change and only Marcos can now lead his country to violence, she said.

McGloin's husband, Tim, is the national coordinator for the Friends of the Filipino People.

One reason why Filipinos are ready for a change is the economic condition of the country. The Philippines has one of the highest poverty and malnutrition rates in the world. Many Filipinos make less than \$10 a week, and prices in the country are soaring, said Reyes.

"If you want to buy food in the Philippines, what costs \$1 here in the United States can cost up to \$5 there," he said.

Reyes left his country 19 years ago, but went back last January for three weeks. He said the economic conditions there have deteriorated drastically.

Yet while many Filipino-Americans blame Marcos directly for the poor economic conditions of the country, they express concern that this poverty has aided Marcos in buying votes.

"In the Philippines, the poor are poor and the rich are rich," said Rosemary deLeon, a Filipino now living in Raleigh. "If you are poor, you will sell your vote if it means food on the table."

DeLeon said that at the beginning

of the elections campaigns, she had been neutral. The reports of Marcos' apparent vote-buying and cheating have changed her mind.

"Now I'd vote for Cory (Aquino)," deLeon said. "She's sincere. Even if she doesn't have experience, she has my confidence and trust."

DeLeon expressed disappointment at the reports of the apparently fraudulent elections. "The Philippine government knows it's being observed by the world," she said. "They could at least keep it clean."

But the only way to keep the elections fair would be if Marcos stepped down as president, and ran on an equal footing with Aquino, McGloin said.

Marcos has been president of the Philippines for 20 years. Although he was originally elected to that office, he imposed martial law on the country in 1972, saying that he wanted to crack down on communism in the country.

However, critics of the Marcos regime say that communism in the Philippines has flourished because of Marcos' government.

Andrew Scott, a professor with the UNC political science department, agreed. "Marcos is driving his people toward communism," he said.

Scott added that it would be very short-sighted of the United States to work with Marcos, should he declare himself the winner.

The United States has several interests in the Philippines. There are two American naval bases in the country, he said.

"Marcos has made it clear that he'll continue to give us access there," Scott said. "Aquino has been less clear."

The United States is thinking in security terms, Scott said. The government expected a strong-man governor like Marcos to be more anti-communism than Aquino would be.

But the Philippine people are firmly committed to democratic ideals, said Ray Wallington, a junior foreign affairs major who spent two years in the Pacific island nation.

"With all the poverty and injustices the Philippine people have suffered under the Marcos regime, they could have easily turned to Communism," said Wallington. He added that the fact that the Filipinos have not turned Communist showed how far they were willing to go to stay democratic.

McGloin, who teaches at the pharmacy school here at UNC, said that she hoped forces like the United States will have the wisdom to assist the Filipinos toward democracy.

On a question which Marcos himself has raised often, that of Aquino's experience, (Marcos often refers to Aquino as a housewife), McGloin, deLeon, and Wallington all said that political experience could no longer be an issue of importance in the election.

"The most important thing here is to unite the people," McGloin said. "I think Aquino carries a symbol of hope which the Philippine people need now." Wallington agreed, adding that "at this point, the Philippine people need someone they can rally around."

Corazim Aquino is the widow of Benigno Aquino, who was assassinated in 1983 when he returned to the Philippines after years of exile in the United States.

In a press conference at the White House Tuesday night, President Reagan refused to comment on the Philippine elections, saying only that there were some appearances of fraud.

"We're neutral," said Reagan, adding that he hoped to continue the good relations which the United States and the Philippines have shared in the past years.

for the record

In the Thursday, Feb. 6 article, "University Mall responds to market," Mall Manager Raymond Tripp was reported saying that some stores had not been successful at University Mall. The same paragraph also said the Potted Plant had moved to Eastgate Shopping Center. This was not meant to imply the Potted Plant had been unsuccessful at University Mall. *The Daily Tar Heel* regrets the reporting error.

Filipino confined for slaying

From Associated Press reports

MANILA, Philippines — Officials investigating the Tuesday slaying of opposition leader Gov. Evelio Javier held a national police officer under "technical arrest" Wednesday, and the National Assembly scheduled another attempt to determine the winner of last Friday's presidential vote.

Technical arrest means that a person is confined to barracks or otherwise restricted, but not actually jailed or charged with a crime.

The candidates, President Ferdinand E. Marcos and opposition leader Corazon Aquino, were studying President Reagan's plan to send veteran diplomatic troubleshooter Philip Habib to help reconcile the bitterness created by a vote process flawed by fraud and violence.

Authorities say more than 90 people have died in election-related violence since the start of the campaign Dec. 6.

Reagan addresses election

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is walking a tightrope between opposing sides in the Philippine presidential election, saying he is disturbed by reports of voting

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fraud and violence but mindful of U.S. strategic interest in maintaining its military bases on the islands.

Reagan said during a news conference Tuesday night that he would send veteran diplomatic troubleshooter Philip Habib to Manila to "help nurture the hopes and possibilities of democracy."

White House officials have concluded privately that Marcos, who controls the National Assembly that will declare the winner, will emerge victorious.

Freed Soviet to aid others

JERUSALEM — Soviet human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky, freed after nine years in jails and labor camps, vowed to resume his struggle on behalf of those still imprisoned in the Soviet Union or denied permission to emigrate.

Shcharansky smiled and held his wife's hand as he received a tumultuous welcome Tuesday from government leaders and thousands of joyous supporters in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Aldermen propose cuts in service funds

By KATHERINE WOOD
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In evaluating budget plans for the next three years, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen adopted a plan Tuesday that may call for cutting or discontinuing town funds to human service programs.

Town Manager Robert Morgan initially proposed the need for re-evaluating human service funding at a planning retreat held Jan. 26-27.

Alderman John Boone, after much discussion by the board Tuesday, suggested maintaining the current level of funding to human service programs and specifying that the funds be either decreased or discontinued in the board's 1987-88 budget.

Mayor James Porto Jr. agreed with Boone's suggestion. "The current funding to human services should remain as a working figure (subject to changes)," Porto said.

The board adopted Boone's proposal, after inserting Porto's specifications, by a vote of 6-1.

The human service programs that may be affected by this plan are "local non-profit organizations requesting town funds," Morgan said after the meeting. Those organizations include the Interfaith Council, the Women's Center, the South Orange Rescue Squad, the Retired Citizens' Volunteer

Program, the Rape Crisis Center, the Dispute Settlement Center, the Women's Health Council, the YWCA, the Volunteers for Youth, the Child Care Network, and JOCCA, Morgan said.

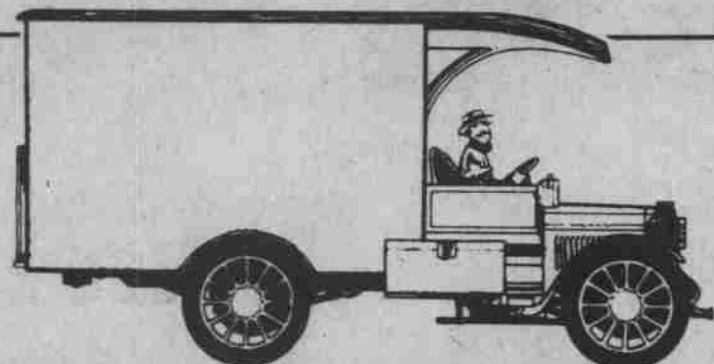
The board also decided to accept input and recommendations from Chapel Hill and Orange County officials concerning human service funding as the board reviews the issue during the year.

In other action the board set public hearings for Feb. 26 to allow discussion on two conditional use permits that have been presented to the board for approval.

Ramsgate Apartments has applied for a permit to construct 188 apartments along the west side of N.C. 54 Bypass, south of West Poplar Avenue, and the Wells Management Group, Inc. has asked for permission to divide a 4.88-acre lot into 24 smaller lots.

The board also set two public hearings on Mar. 4 for discussion on a connector road plan and on proposals for amending the town's land use ordinance.

The board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution against locating a nuclear waste site anywhere in the Research Triangle area. The board also unanimously adopted a 1986 action agenda it developed during its January planning retreat.



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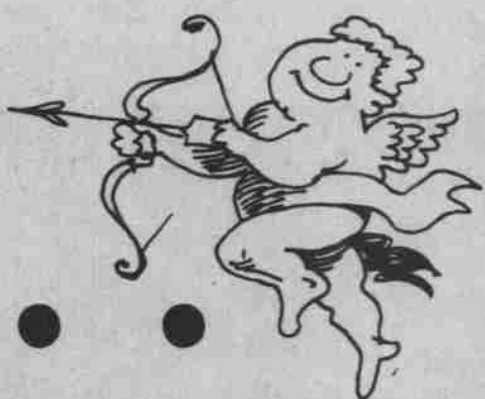
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