

Filipino criticizes Marcos rule; says U.S. supporting 'torture'

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Filipino political dissident Charito Planas Monday predicted the martial law government of President Ferdinand Marcos will be overthrown in the next decade.

Planas made her remark at a speech on the UNC campus Monday. She described political oppression under the Marcos regime, detailing strikes, demonstrations and armed resistance to the president's iron-handed policies. Planas ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Manila in elections held April 7.

Moslems in the southern islands of her Western Pacific nation have been battling government troops since Marcos ordered martial law imposed in 1972.

Planas criticized the United States for its military support of the Marcos government.

"It's ironic that a country standing for liberty is supporting a dictatorship," she said. "Your tax dollars are supporting the torture of young people whose only crime is to love their country."

The dissident said she was jailed for 14 months for anti-government activities. She was blindfolded and placed in solitary confinement for several months, she said.

After losing the mayoral race to Marcos' wife, Planas was charged with the capital crimes of hiring bodyguards and stockpiling weapons. She later fled the country.

"On May 18 I fled the Philippines in disguise. I finally arrived in the United States June 5," she said. "It was a harrowing trip. But I cannot tell you about it for fear of exposing those in hiding."

Planas said the elections were rigged by government agents who paid off poll workers. "Marcos gave us an election but he didn't promise to count the votes," she said.

The dissident termed Marcos' government as one of the "three G's: guns, goons and gold."

80 percent of the Filipino people earn less than \$500 per year, she said. Inflation is worse in her Western Pacific country than in the United States, she said.

Civil rights laws are not enforced. Planas said. "If you are seen distributing

The New York Times, you will be detained for distributing subversive literature."

Planas said her American speaking tour is financed by the Anti-Martial Law Coalition and the Friends of the Filipino People Association.

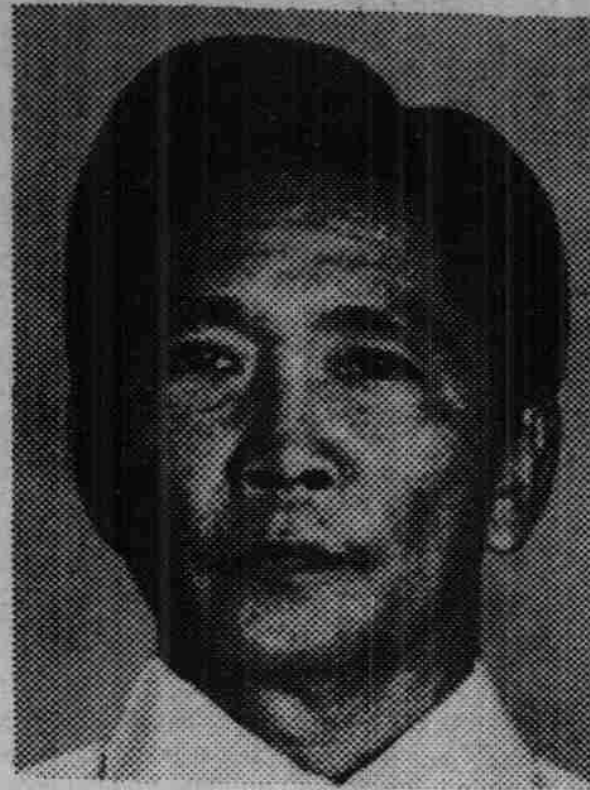
Her address at the University was sponsored by the international relations program of the UNC Department of Political Science and the University chapter of the Friends of the Filipino People.

Attorney: Church schools must meet state standard

RALEIGH (AP)—Churches have no more right to operation of sub-standard schools than they would to human sacrifice or polygamy, a state attorney argued Monday.

Deputy Attorney General Andrew Vanore was making the state's final argument in its suit to force 63 church-related private schools to comply with state regulations requiring that they file annual reports with the state on teacher certification, curricula and enrollment.

The churches refused in the spring to file the reports, claiming that they interfered with their constitutional right



Ferdinand Marcos

to freedom of religion. Superior Court Judge Donald Smith was expected to rule in the case by the end of the week.

Vanore said there is ample precedent for state regulation of religious activity, citing human sacrifice and polygamy as examples. He said the law clearly required that the state assure itself that all schools provide a minimum standard of education.

Smith said he wanted to rule this week, before the schools open for the fall. An appeal is expected, whichever side wins.

SLS adds second lawyer; demand for legal advice increases among students

By DIANE NORMAN
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So many students are taking advantage of the free legal advice offered by UNC Student Legal Services that the service has added a lawyer to its staff this year.

As a result of increased student demand for the service, Mark Sternlichte has been hired as staff lawyer to aid service director Dorothy Bernholtz. Responsibility for handling cases will be divided equally between the two lawyers.

Bernholtz and Sternlichte plan to stagger their schedules to keep at least one attorney available for student consultation during all office hours.

SLS lawyers advise students whether to seek outside legal help for their cases and counsel students on how to present their own cases in matters not requiring professional legal aid.

Service lawyers also represent students in minor court matters involving less than \$500.

A student will be guided by the same SLS attorney through the duration of his case, except when it is necessary for the student to hire outside legal help.

The majority of cases coming through SLS are landlord-tenant disputes, Bernholtz said.

Consumer problems, such as failure to honor a warranty or improper car repairs, are second on the list of frequent problems dealt with by the service.

"We give advice in cases involving everything from rape victims to landlord-tenant disputes to the distribution of grandparents' estates at no charge to the student," Bernholtz said.

Preventive law is also a major area of concentration for the service, Bernholtz said. The service sponsors a number of workshops for students, including those on the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants and on portions of the law which particularly affect students.

The SLS Advisory Board will conduct a survey this semester to determine student opinion about the service. The survey is designed not only to gauge student satisfaction with the current level of service, but also to explore areas in which students might like to see the service expanded.

Frats try new rush approach — open house

The president of the Interfraternity Council is trying a little experiment with fall rush this year, and it's an experiment which he hopes will open fraternities to a wider range of students.

"Frat rush has not been as responsive to student needs as it could have been," said Tom Terrell, IFC president.

"Many students don't receive invitations to come to rush, and if they aren't invited they think they aren't welcome. But many frats just don't know that some of the people who are interested are out there."

"They make rush lists from alumni suggestions and names they get from frat brothers. Which means that some people who could be good strong members is approached never get the chance."

To combat this, Terrell and IFC have instituted a trial semester of a new rush approach known as open house. Terrell said that, as far as he can determine, no other university has tried a system like open house.

From 7-10 p.m. today and Wednesday, anyone interested in joining a fraternity or seeing what frat life is like may drop by

any of the 30 fraternity houses at UNC to get acquainted. Maps showing the locations of the houses are posted in the IFC office, Carolina Union.

"We're trying to make it easier for people to go to the houses without invitations," Terrell said. "All the men living on campus have been given

information about open house. This puts the responsibility on the students in the dorm to come by, to make the overture to the fraternities."

After open house, students who are interested in rushing a fraternity should go by the IFC office to register on the rush list, Terrell said.

Formal rush will be Sept. 24, 25 and 27.

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