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COMMENTARY

Magandang Filipina U.S.A.: Esclamado's Glamorous Subscription Drive Exposed



The winners—What now, after one night of glamor? Did this unite the community and promote Filipino culture?
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SAN FRANCISCO—The much-publicized *Magandang Filipina U.S.A. 1979* ended Friday, November 25, but never came close to its purported goals. Meant to promote Filipino heritage and unity, the beauty pageant instead, was a glamorous cover for Alex Esclamado's drive to rescue *Philippine News* from financial troubles. Esclamado is now \$56,000 richer as a result of the pageant—the price the entrants had to pay in the form of 35 subscriptions each to enter the contest.

Far from promoting Filipino heritage and unity which beauty contests do not accomplish in the first place, the pageant was a strange blend of fashion show, talent contest, an anti-KDP lecture, and slideshow all rolled into one.

BEAUTY CONTEST

While the contestants were especially gifted in their display of talent, like a hula-Tahitian dance, disco number, jazz number, etc.—the closest to being Filipino was a fashion show entitled "East Meet West," a Moslem-style costume presented on roller skates!

The contestants also had the unfortunate experience of being subjected to superficial and irrelevant questions. It remained unclear how such questions as "What makes the world go round—love or money?" or "What will you do if you had a million dollars?"—measured intelligence.

The swim suit presentation was not only irrelevant; it was down right disgusting! The "girls" (as Esclamado referred to the contestants) paraded up and down the ramp amidst shouts, howls, whistles, and cat calls. *Philippine News* manager and emcee, Bob De Veyra, even encouraged the audience for a louder outcry "to express your appreciation." This, of course, meant more whistles and cat calls, making the pageant resemble nothing but a cheap burlesque show.

SLIDESHOW—DISTORTION OF FIL-AM HISTORY

To give clout and justification to the pageant, Esclamado started the program with a 20-minute "historical perspective" on the Filipino-American experience. With the assistance of "historical consultant" Rodel Rodis, he turned the truth upside down and re-wrote history!

Entitled "Dreams Across the Ocean," the slide show recounted the three waves of immigration, but dropped out the discrimination and exploitation the community has suffered. For example, while slides depicting the racist exploitation of the Filipino pioneers were being shown, a *manong* singing "God Bless America" played in the background. This served to downplay the racism shown the slide and create the idea that today's senior citizens are grateful to America, despite the suffering they've experienced.

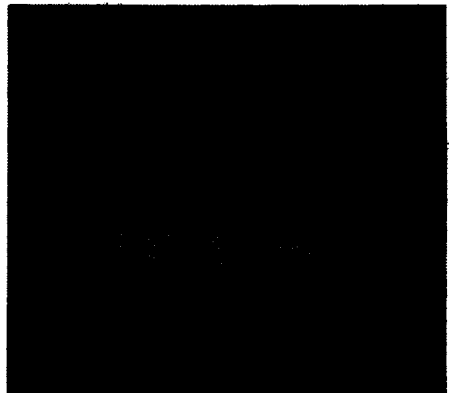
Worse yet, slides of the various struggles of the community, like the International Hotel, Narciso-Perez, Philippine National Day, etc. were shown followed by *Philippine News*' front page coverages of the same issues. Displaying the worse sort of opportunism yet, Esclamado was able to create the impression that HE and HIS NEWSPAPER were leading these struggles. How? Simply by failing to mention that KDP was working on these issues. But for one who makes it a habit of editing out KDP from community news coverage, this was hardly surprising.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Esclamado further used the occasion to verbally attack the KDP. Confounding the audience, Esclamado said in his keynote address: "Earlier in the evening, you received a pamphlet from the KDP—the Union of Democratic Filipinos—the Katipunan, the communists I have exposed in my paper!" Ranting on and on, he reiterated his love for democracy and freedom, openness to criticism, and the service to the community of his newspaper.

Yet earlier in the evening, his son Victor, followed by a couple of his "boys" went out of their way to rough up the leafletting KDP members. One was pushed to the ground while the leaflets of others were grabbed away. This is Esclamado's version of openness to criticism, love for democracy and freedom, and unity in the community.

Esclamado defensively mentioned in his speech that he will account for every cent



Esclamado: \$56,000 richer after the pageant.
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spent on the pageant. That Esclamado even saw fit to make this statement underscores the credibility of the KDP's charge that financial opportunism was the overriding consideration in the pageant. Eighty contestants had to raise 35 subscriptions equivalent to 2,800 new subscriptions or \$56,000 nationwide! All these for "a night of glamor" and a chance for a \$2,000 scholarship! For now that the contestants have come and gone, the glamor of the evening, a simple memory, the real beneficiary has \$56,000 to his name. □

Sacramento: Community Elections Reform Caucus Reaffirms Progressive Platform

By TRINITY ORDONA
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Sacramento—Despite repeated anti-communist attacks and an organized mobilization of the conservative base of the community, three progressive candidates won office in the recent Nov. 25 elections of the Filipino Community of Sacramento and Vicinity (FCSV).

The three, Maxi Villones (2nd Sec.), Jay Paular (1st Sergeant-at-Arms), and Jan Gorre (Governing Board), were members of CAR (Caucus to Advance and Reform FCSV) which formed two months ago on a progressive platform. CAR ran a slate of nine candidates for the different Executive Offices and Governing Board positions.

Although a minority in the new administration of 15, CAR pledges to continue its long-range plan to transform FCSV and the political thinking of the whole community.



FCSV members registering to vote while Sonny Alforque (right), CAR member observes as election monitor.
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CAR's platform, which called for reform in three major areas of FCSV, aims to build the organization into a more active, relevant and all-rounded organization. (See platform, next page.) The organization is presently under-representative of the whole community, particularly the youth and new immigrant families, and is narrowly social in its activities.

CONSERVATIVE BACKLASH

Despite the objective merits of CAR's platform and candidates, the progressive reform was effectively blocked through the anti-communist intrigues preceding the election.

Rallying people under the banner of fear that "the young people are taking over the community," the conservatives formed their own slate and urged people to vote against CAR. It was a "silent conspiracy," however, without open disagreements with CAR nor a counter platform on the issues at stake in FCSV. The politics of negativism and anti-communism were utilized instead, organizing people to vote against CAR without knowing why.

The "red menace hysteria" was also used

to try and pressure CAR candidates to disassociate with CAR. Said Jan Gorre, CAR member and Board member-elect:

"I'm with CAR because of the platform. It has meat, substance to it. I was warned by some people to break with CAR. I'd have a better chance of winning, they said. But I stand on principle, not personality. I have to respect myself and stand firm on what I believe in."

While the conservative backlash was very sharp, CAR's position was further weakened by some candidates who verbally agreed with CAR's platform, but refused to join the slate.

Gorre and the other CAR members, however, remained resolute rather than conciliate to the pressure and preserve their own political future in the community. With CAR's platform and slate, the struggle over issues was finally introduced into community politics, challenging the unspoken conservative views leading FCSV. But without a decisive break with an opportunist approach

—forsaking principle for political career—CAR members felt that a genuine reform movement within FCSV would be sabotaged.

Said Maxi Villones, after the elections: "The real contest will be determined in the next two years by those who really work in organizing the community and making FCSV more relevant. The conservatives who came just to vote against progress, who were not interested at the real issues at stake, will do nothing more than that—stand in the way and try to keep things as they are. The "benders" who take a popular position, depending on the way the wind blows, will not have the stamina to weather the political battles ahead. You can't fold your hands and pray for unity."

"If anything, the election was an acid test for CAR. And I think it has shown that CAR has the capacity to challenge the entrenched conservative leadership. Our unity is much stronger and we have learned to distinguish between sham and genuine reform and put principle above personal ambition. These are important qualities of leadership that the community will rally around and support.

The tide has turned and CAR is going to stay and fight." □

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

STRIKE REPRISAL AT FEC

TEACHER FIGHTS PUNITIVE TRANSFER



McLeod (left) with AFT President, James Ballard (middle). Teachers who went on strike are being displaced, while scabs enjoy the fruits of the strike. . . . AK Photo

By David Poland
AK Correspondent

San Francisco—The transfer of a Filipino teacher from the Filipino Education Center (FEC) has triggered charges of strike reprisal from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

Circe Sola-Mc Leod, who, along with her co-workers, picketed the FEC for six long weeks, was given a transfer notice by Principal Ross Quema, backed by the San Francisco School District Administration.

According to Mrs. Sola-Mc Leod, "This transfer is in direct violation of the no reprisal return to work agreement signed between union and management." The contract's "no reprisal clause" stipulated that no teacher should be punished or in any way penalized for their participation in the strike. The contract also stated that every effort should be made to rehire teachers to their former schools.

The recent controversy began on Nov. 16. Mrs. Sola-Mc Leod, senior teacher (nine years) at FEC was handed a memo by the principal, Ross Quema. The memo informed without previous notice, that Mrs. Mc Leod will be transferred to Balboa High School and should report to work effective that Monday, Nov. 19, 1979.

"Quema didn't even have the decency to give me any fore-warning or even a meeting on this transfer. Because I was one of the most active picketers, he wants to exile me."

The reasons for the transfer stated in the memo were that the FEC was over-staffed by one teacher; that seven of the other teachers could not be transferred because they were "skipped teachers" (skipped refers to those teachers who were not laid off prior to the strike because they held bilingual credentials); that Mrs. Sola-Mc Leod holds a K-12 bilingual credential which according to the memo "qualifies her to fill a vacant position in a high school." According to Mrs. Sola-Mc Leod, "Those skipped teachers, several of whom were strikebreakers hold the identical K-12 Bilingual Specialist credential that I have. Why penalize me for holding a credential?"

TEACHER FIGHTS BACK

Given the extreme short notice of the transfer, Circe reacted immediately. A protest letter was drafted that same Friday afternoon and copies were delivered to Robert Alioto, superintendent of the San Francisco School District, the San Francisco Board of Education, James Ballard, President of the AFT, and Ross Quema.

The letter stated in part, "This transfer was actuated by acts of reprisal and vindictiveness to ease out the undersigned (Sola-Mc Leod) from FEC." The letter protested the manner in which the transfer was given, and questioned the motivations of Quema. It demanded a complete explanation from the District on their policy involving transfers. It also urged the AFT to intervene on her behalf.

Mr. Ray Del Portillo, head of the San Francisco Bilingual Department, informed Mrs. Mc Leod that the transfer was the result of an "unfortunate mix-up". He further told her that the transfer should be disregarded and to report back to work as normal at FEC on Monday, Nov. 19.

On Nov. 20, *Ang Katipunan* talked to Mr. Robert Seymour of the personnel depart-

ment of the school district. He stated that indeed the transfer had been upheld in order to "review and reconsider the transfer." For the record; he also informed the AK that it is "usually the least senior individual who is transferred."

After reviewing the case, the AFT moved quickly into the picture. Ms. Gerry Meister, Union representative told *Ang Katipunan* on Nov. 20, "This transfer, although couched in other language is an obvious strike reprisal." She went on to say, "Circe Sola-Mc Leod and the skipped teachers hold the same bilingual credentials, why pick on her when she has never taught in a high school? This is clearly punitive."

For one week, Mrs. Mc Leod disregarded Quema's transfer notice under the authority of Del Portillo, and reported to work at FEC while the administration tried to make up their minds about what to do.

Finally on Nov. 27, the District rendered a new decision—Mrs. Mc Leod would not be transferred to Newcomers High School. The administration cited the same basic reasons for the transfer.

A HISTORY OF CONTROVERSY

Given the history of events that had occurred at the FEC, the transfer could hardly avoid questions of motivations. In fact, the strike at FEC had gained media notoriety in the Filipino community on several occasions.

Trouble at the FEC was first reported by the *Ang Katipunan* in its Oct. 16 issue, "Education on the Picket Line." Several teachers and children who were on the picket line had witnessed Principal Quema become violent. According to one witness, Victor Rosero, who was on the picket line at the time, "Quema came out screaming and tore up a picket sign, shouting "No picket signs! No picket signs! This is my school!"

Shortly after, in a *Philippine News* (PN) article, Gerardo Galvan, who is an admitted close friend of Quema's (See AK Nov. 1-15 issue) wrote a highly inflammatory and slanderous article about the FEC picketers.

The article accused the teachers of having violently accosted another teacher by pinning her to the sidewalk, and of slashing Quema's tires. The striking teachers vehemently denied the allegations of violence. Even Quema upon questioning by the AK admitted "No, there is no proof at all that the teachers committed such violence."

The picketers made every effort to denounce the distortions which portrayed them, as violent. The teachers felt the accusations were not just personal attacks, but were part of the effort to discredit the strike in the eyes of the Filipino community.

The next incident which occurred served to further malign the picketers. This occurred when the Filipino American Council (FAC) issued an "Open Letter to James Ballard" charging that the teachers strike at FEC was "detrimental to immigrant children" and was "traumatic and endangered the lives of recently arrived immigrants." It also echoed Galvan's charges that the teachers were engaged in acts of violence.

The letter was endorsed by Lucio Raymond, President of FACSFS and many community leaders. It called for AFT President Ballard to "remove the pickets from the FEC and deploy them to other schools."

In response to the Fil-Am Council letter, the AFT stated, "You (FAC) mentioned in

your open letter that the students at FEC are not accustomed to teachers on strike. We believe it is very important for those children to learn that teachers are, like many others, people who take a stand for what they believe in and fight for what they know is right."

It was later revealed that the FAC had gotten a one-sided picture of the strikers through the Galvan article and certain advocates of the "Open Letter" namely Mr. Ron Avenida, husband of Ligaya Avenida (assistant to School Superintendent Robert Alioto). This realization placed the FACSFS in an embarrassing situation, and they were forced to give an apology.

Underscoring the embarrassment, Chris Cabasares, FACSFS officer, stated at the meeting, "Never again should the FACSFS ever take sides on an issue without investigating the facts first."

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

On Nov. 29, the Union made a last ditch attempt to stave off the transfer. Union President James Ballard, AFT lawyer Stewart Wienberg, and Mrs. Sola-Mc Leod met with District Supervisor Jack Abad for three hours. Upon exiting from the meeting, a frustrated Ballard commented to the *Ang Katipunan*, "They have not produced a single reason to our satisfaction. We will file a court injunction at this point to try and stop this transfer."

Union officials have had numerous reports of gross violations of the strike settlement; the transfer of Mr. Sola-Mc Leod is not an isolated incident. In addition, the Union reports far too many gross errors in assignments of teachers by the school district. For example, a teacher with 17 years of experience in driver education was placed in a sixth grade social studies class.

In most of these cases, it is the teachers who went on strike who are being misplaced, while those who crossed the picket line enjoy the fruits of the strike.

A teacher from Lowell High School summed up the situation, "In 20 years with the District, I've never been in a situation as bad as this before. The 'Year of the Child' is not being celebrated in a grand manner. There is too much wonderland speeches and jargon coming from District bureaucrats." □

CAR Platform

To develop FCSV into a well-rounded community organization which serves the needs of the whole Filipino community. These needs are identified as the political, social and cultural needs of all ages, generations, and waves of immigration.

CAR feels it is important and essential at this time to gather all those who unite with this platform to participate in the healthy progressive transformation of FCSV.

Based on this perspective, we support the following demands:

Sectoral Needs:

Youth—That the FCSV establish a youth committee. This youth committee is responsible to: 1) recruit youth members; 2) develop a two-year activities calendar; 3) conduct seminars on Filipino History and Cultural Enrichment, Career Planning (employment and college preparation); 4) hold regular sports tournaments; 5) provide and develop a working office in the community center.

Senior Citizens—That the FCSV establish a viable committee to organize seniors for their needs. The committee shall be responsible to implement the 1979 Filipino People's Far West Convention Senior Citizens Workshop resolutions and conduct seminars on Filipino History and Cultural Enrichment.

Workers—That the FCSV fully develop the Filipino Fair Employment Committee, whose principal task is to advocate for Filipino employment rights. The committee shall be responsible to: 1) establish an intake and follow through process for cases; 2) conduct seminars on employment rights; 3) openly advocate for fair employment rights for Filipinos; 4) work with other minority organizations who have similar working committees.

FCSV ELECTIONS

About the
CAR
Candidates...

Two of the elected officers, Maxi Villones and Jay Paular, are both KDP members and have been active in student issues and fighting for the democratic rights of the Filipino community. Jay was the co-coordinator of the 1977 Sacramento Narciso-Perez Defense Committee and presently works with the Filipino Youth Basketball League. Maxi, a former Ethnic Studies Instructor at U.C. Davis, Sacramento State University and Sacramento City College, is also well-known for her leadership in the 1978 Philippine National Day Celebration and the 1979 Filipino People's Far West Convention. Jan Gorre, whose family was one of the first to settle in Sacramento, was the chairperson and main initiator of the First Annual Pinoy-Walk-Athon held here in Sacramento as a tribute to the Filipino pioneers of the Delta area.

The other CAR candidates were: Dolores Pizarro, long-time, respected community leader and former president of FCSV (1975-77); Clarita Lackey, a third wave immigrant and new comer to Sacramento, former social worker in Hawaii with experience in organizing elderly and immigrant service programs; Bobby Aglubat, former FCSV Vice-President (1977-79), while a new-comer to Sacramento, he helped form Maharlika, an association for third wave newcomer families to Sacramento; Donny Pizarro, former Auditor for FCSV (1975-79), a senior citizen and active in the local community for many years, Board member for two city-wide Senior Citizen programs; Dick Mazon, former 2nd Sergeant-at-Arms (1977-79), KDP member, FCSV Community Center Task Force since 1976, and 1979 Philippine National Day co-coordinator; and Sonia Tatayon, who is waging a difficult discrimination battle against her former employer in one of the state departments here in Sacramento. □



OVERALL COMMUNITY NEEDS

Sponsorship and endorsement of progressive community events and activities—That FCSV sponsor progressive community activities by actively promoting and participating in the preparation work for activities like Philippine National Day, Filipino People's Far West Convention delegations, Alona Support Committee, etc. Open forums on key issues should also be held when appropriate.

Community Newsletter—That the FCSV establish a working committee to produce the newsletter once a month, and if needed print special issues. The committee would be responsible for overall publicity needs.

Newcomers to Sacramento—That the FCSV establish a Newcomers Welcome Committee. This committee will be responsible to orient newcomers to Sacramento.

Filipino Community Center—That the FCSV conduct a thorough study of the terms of agreement between the FCSV and County Park and Recreation Department. In the meantime, a temporary moratorium should be placed on further negotiations until this study is completed. □

SEATTLE REGION

Rank and File Lead Cannery Contract Fight

The winter months in Alaska have turned out to be the most crucial period for the salmon industry workers and their union, Local 37 ILWU.

It is during these months when these cannery workers, recently back from seasonal jobs, begin their bitter struggle against canning companies.

At stake is whether the canneries will heed workers' grievances of union contract violations. These changes range from such issues as arbitrary blacklistings (termination of workers); the hiring of workers outside of the union jurisdiction; the failure to feed union workers adequately; and poor working and living conditions.

RANK AND FILE COMMITTEE FIGHTS INJUSTICES

Union delegate Terri Mast, who is also a member of the Rank and File Committee (RFC), a reform caucus with in Local 37, has been vigilant in making sure the grievances are addressed properly.

One such case filed against Diamond E. Fisheries' Eggek cannery charged

the company with: arbitrary termination of Lynn Domingo, an RFC member; the illegal hiring of non-Alaska resident workers; and the insufficient feeding of cannery workers.

Recently, the Local 37 Union filed an unfair labor practices charge against Diamond E. with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) after Diamond E. stopped negotiations with the union over said grievances. The union also charged that the company has illegally held back payments to the Union Health and Welfare Fund, as well as union dues workers authorized Diamond E. to make payable to the union.

The NLRB has already assigned an investigation to determine the validity of Local 37's case. Testimony has been taken and a determination is expected soon.

ENFORCE THE CONTRACT

The commitment of RFC is in line with a previous RFC pledge during last year's election to "strictly enforce the union contract." RFC spokespeople are



Rank and File Committee members of Local 37 fight canneries to enforce contract.

assuring union members that the Committee will continue to push President/Business Agent Tony Baruso to resolve the Diamond E. grievances.

They also indicated they will push grievances cases at three other canneries.

"It is crucial that we take the stand to fight contract violations," stated one RFC member. "In the past, when there has been a violation, the union leadership (Local 37) turned their heads and refused to fight and uphold the contract." □

Progressive Leadership Needed to Reform FCSI



Vincent Lawsin (fifth from left), being sworn in as FCSI President. His "promises" need to be reviewed.

By David Della, Leni Marin and Silme Domingo

The 1979 election of the Filipino Community of Seattle saw the birth of a more active and responsible leadership—the Filipino-Americans for Reform and Progress (FARP).

Since the election of FARP members to the FCSI leadership body, the FCSI has visibly become an active center to the Seattle Filipino community. FARP has become very instrumental in initiating much-needed reforms at the community center, encouraging more people's involvement in FCSI activities.

One example was the building-improvement project that FARP began in September, 1979. This was a big effort to make the center more attractive and functional for the community. The heating and ventilation systems were overhauled, walls insulated, the interior and exterior parts of the hall painted and a new carpet installed.

While these renovations were mere "plans" of past FCSI administrations, FARP worked hard to make these a reality.

FUNDRAISERS DRAW IN THE MONEY

For a number of years, the Council's

finances have been very unstable.

Since March this year, FARP has sponsored crowd-drawing and money-making fundraisers that beefed up the Council's treasury. One of the more successful ones—the Casino Night—drew in \$5,000, a significant addition to the Council coffers.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

One of the most important projects introduced by FARP within the Council is the Social Concerns Committee. This committee will focus on issues and concerns facing the Filipino community, one of which is the SSI beneficiaries.

The formation of the Social Concerns Committee was aimed to make FCSI an organization that is genuinely responsive and directly in touch with the Seattle Filipino community.

MR. LAWSIN'S OBSTRUCTIONIST STANCE

In the midst of FARP's active role in improving the center, the conspicuous absence and lack of participation by FCSI President, Mr. Vincent Lawsin has been quite disturbing.

What is more critical, however, is the recent obstructionist and uncooperative stance Mr. Lawsin has played to FARP-initiated projects.

In the building improvement project, for example, Mr. Lawsin spent more time criticizing the work being done. Instead of supporting the renovations, he questioned the improvements made at the center.

Yet, now that the project has been completed successfully, Mr. Lawsin claims credit to all the work done.

This is a very unethical way of gaining popularity in the community. As a result, Mr. Lawsin's leadership became increasingly questionable, as he is in clear violation of the Council unity on what responsible unity should be.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF LEADERSHIP

FARP supported the candidacy of Mr. Lawsin, based on his promises of "reforms", following a bankrupt Tangalan administration. One of these promised reforms was the consistent accountability of leaders not only to their elected positions, but to the community as a whole.

While Mr. Lawsin showed some signs of fulfilling this reform after he was sworn into office, his recent moves are indeed highly questionable.

Last November, Mr. Lawsin recommended the reinstatement of Councilmember Ben Rafanan. The Council removed Mr. Rafanan because of his excessive absences in Council meetings.

Such absences only indicated his "commitment" to the Council. Thus, in November, the Council—led by the Reform bloc—overruled Mr. Lawsin's recommendation and reiterated its agreed principles of unity on reforms and leadership.

As one Councilmember stated: "We really feel that everyone in the Council should take the interest of the community that elected us to heart. Our removal of Mr. Rafanan last October was an issue of principle and not a personal dislike of him. Mr. Lawsin's recommendation to reinstate him is a clear violation of the Council's unity."

OUT WITH THE 'COMPADRE COMADRE' SYSTEM

It is clear that the community and the Council leadership has to take a more active role in criticising Mr. Lawsin in this period.

The past Tangalan administration was based on the old "compadre comadre" system of favoritism. This system only promotes individual personalities whose only concern is their own self-interests. We have seen that this type of leadership does not come up to the needs and demands of Seattle's growing Filipino community.

Yet, Mr. Lawsin's actions showed his continuation of this practice, much to the detriment of the entire community.

GENUINE LEADERSHIP BRINGS REFORM.

Through FARP's experiences in reforming the FCSI, it has proven that progressive leadership has to be accountable in both word and deed. It is only through practice that concrete achievements can be made. Such leadership should decisively break away from old-style politics reminiscent of past administrations.

To Mr. Lawsin, it is to the community's interest that you stop your obstructionist policies and join FARP in its efforts to attend to the well-being of the community. Such cooperation, we feel, will ensure more positive changes for our Seattle community. □

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

FACLA Elections Activates L.A. Community



Photos of FACLA members are shown here handing out campaign literature and talking to senior citizens at the FACLA Center.



ELECTION RESULTS TALLIED

The Filipino-American Community of Los Angeles (FACLA) concluded December 2, the cleanest election in the history of the organization.

The race which decided who would take the reins of FACLA after the turbulent San Jose administration, just ended with the Bert Mendoza slate taking a sweep over the FACLA Reform Movement. The Reform Slate took 28 percent of the over 1,500 votes cast and won of the vice-presidential slots.

The following were candidates elected: Bert Mendoza (President); M. Quema, R. Cruzada, and R. Geaga (Vice-Presidents); P. Lamdagan (Treasurer); M. Balbuena (Auditor); P. Cruzada (Recording Secretary); Baldovino, H. Quema, J. Tolentino, J. Racimo, B. Miguel, S. Dizon, M. Balbuena, D. Dionson (Board of Directors).

The FACLA Reform Movement, which pledged to run on issues and not merely on personalities, were generally satisfied with the results and conduct during the election.

Vice-Presidential candidate Greg Santillan stated: "We are not disappointed with the outcome. We feel assured that all of the 300 plus votes we garnered can accurately be described as being cast on the basis of what we stand for and our qualifications. This is a base from which we can draw strength from throughout the year."

The COMELEC was also commended by both sides as a body which conducted one of the fairest elections in FACLA history. □

