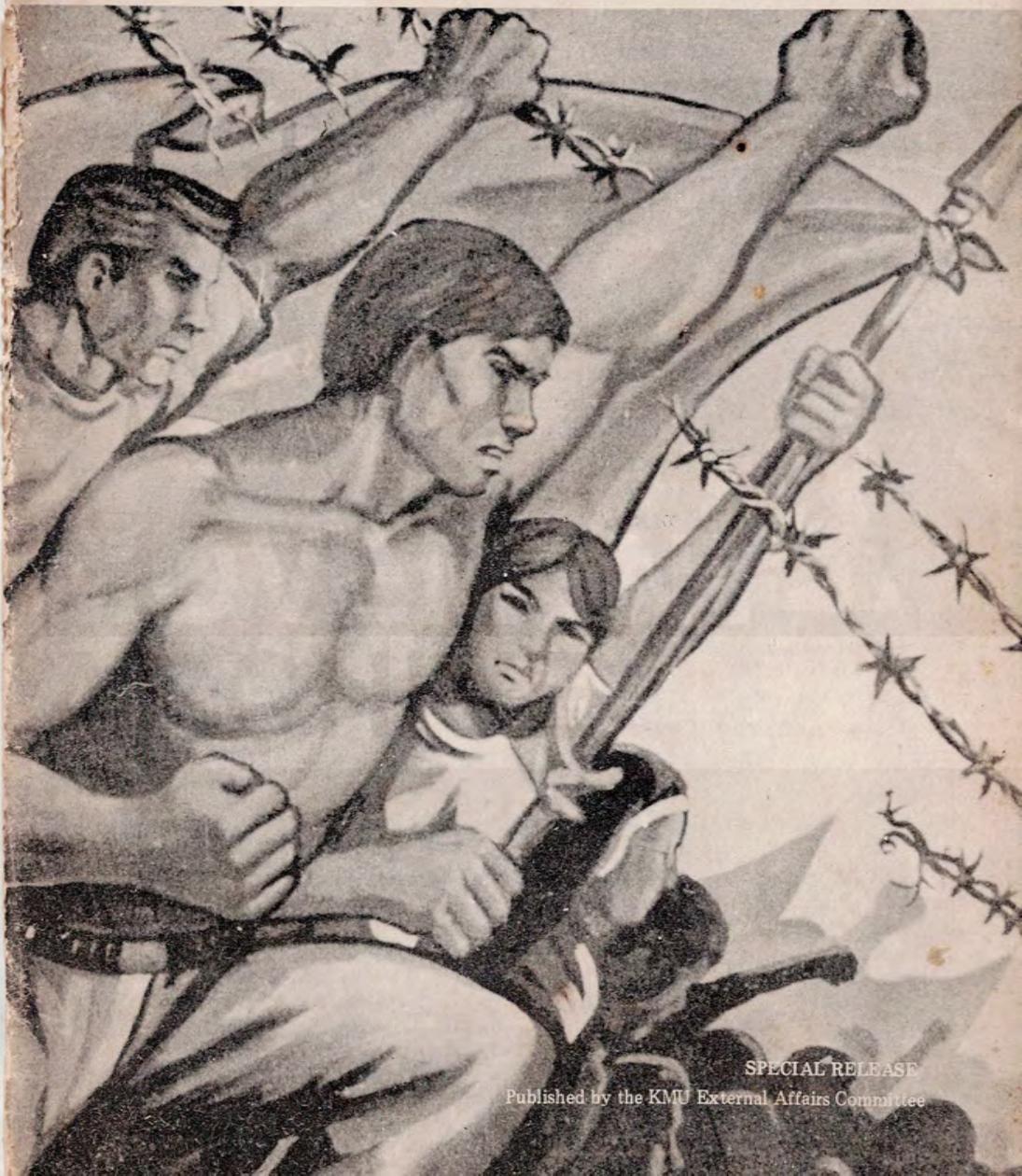


REPRESSION OF FILIPINO WORKERS: A DOSSIER

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To the workers who chose not to keep silent in the face of poverty and tyranny....

The seeds we have sowed yesterday, and the seeds we are sowing today.... will flower into a genuine labor movement that belongs to the workers and to the people.

FOREWORD

*"No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile...
No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."*

— The Universal Declaration
of Human Rights

Virtually every nation all over the world subscribes to the notable and straightforward principles expounded by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Yet these principles are widely and brutally ignored. Amnesty International, a respected human rights organization, estimates at least 60 countries to have officially practiced as a policy the arbitrary arrest, detention, torture and inhuman treatment of persons who appear to be "threats to national security."

Ironically, the Philippines, a human rights signatory, is a perfect example of human rights violators.

Under the Marcos regime, political repression remain as a state policy. It uses the "threat of communist insurgency" as an excuse for its heightened and continued suppression against the people. Persons who express dissenting opinions are branded as "subversives."

For the year 1983 alone, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) has listed 2,088 arrests, many of whom are peasants, workers and professionals. As of June this year, more than 900 persons are languishing in jail in the different military camps all over the country. Many of them are workers, workers who are breadwinners of their families. Scores more are being hunted as the regime steps up its crackdown against political dissenters.

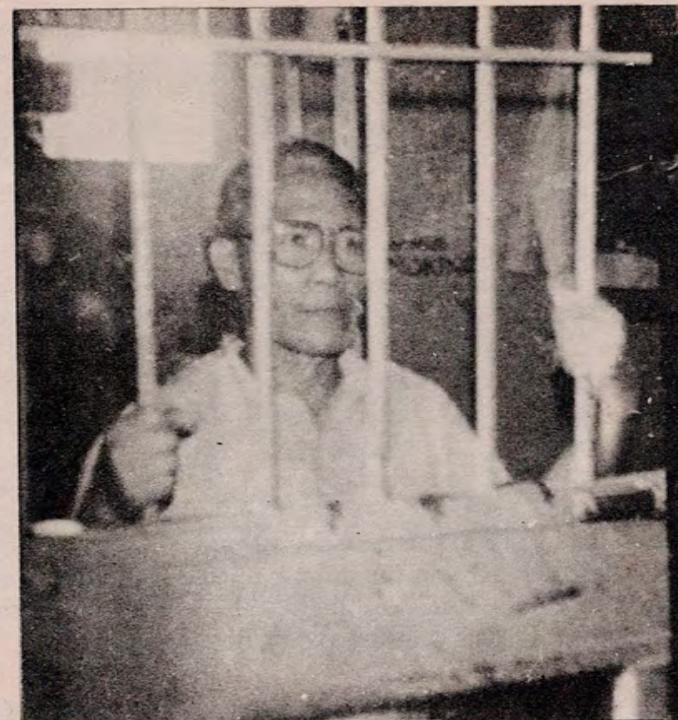
In the face of all these repressive acts of the Marcos regime, the struggle for freedom of these detainees and victims of repression should be waged more resolutely. More than ever, this cause should be forged alongside the struggle against political repression. Salvaged victims and missing persons should also be given justice. Disappearance and salvagings should be stopped.

Support the campaign for freedom and amnesty to all political prisoners!

Stop torture and salvaging!



WORKERS IN PRISON



CRISPIN BELTRAN

Age : 51 years old
 Status : Married with 10 children
 Arrest Date : August 18, 1982

Crispin Beltran is "Ka Bel" to fellow workers and brothers in the labor movement. He is the vice-chairman of the Philippine Alliance of Nationalist Labor Organization (PANALO) and the re-elected secretary-general of the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU or May First Movement)

Only five days, after the arrest of the late Felixberto Olalia, then chairman of KMU and the Pagkakaisa ng Manggagawang Pilipino (PMP), Ka Bel was himself arrested on August 18, 1982 by military men led by Capt. Carbonilla. He was taken to Camp Crame where he was investigated by the Metrocom Intelligence and Security Group (MISG) and the Constabulary Security Group (CSU). After investigation, he was brought to the Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police (PC-INP) Stockade, also in Camp Crame, where he has been detained since then.

Ka Bel is facing charges, of conspiracy to commit rebellion and inciting to sedition and rebellion before Judge Eduardo Tutaan of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court. All his 24 co-accused have already been temporarily released from military custody.

More than half of Ka Bel's life has been spent and dedicated to serve the genuine trade union movement. In 1957, he joined the Yellow Taxi Drivers Union and later became an officer. From 1959 to 1963, he served as president of the Amalgamated Taxi Drivers of the Philippines, an affiliate of the Philippine Workers' Congress (PWC). From 1963 to 1966, he became the national secretary of PWC and assistant administrator of the Confederation of Labor of the Philippines (CLP) from 1963 to 1972.

In 1976, he assumed the post of national vice-president of the Federation of Unions of Rizal (FUR) until 1978 when he joined PANALO as executive vice-president. Since the establishment of KMU, he was elected national vice-chairman and later assumed the post of secretary-general after the incumbent Ernesto Arellano, was arrested by the military in September of that same year.

Despite his detention, Ka Bel was still re-elected as secretary-general of KMU.

Ka Bel's detention has deprived his family of a breadwinner. His ten sons and daughters rely on the assistance from institutions and from Mrs. Beltran's peddling of goods. Likewise, his continued detention has deprived the workers of his genuine and dedicated services.

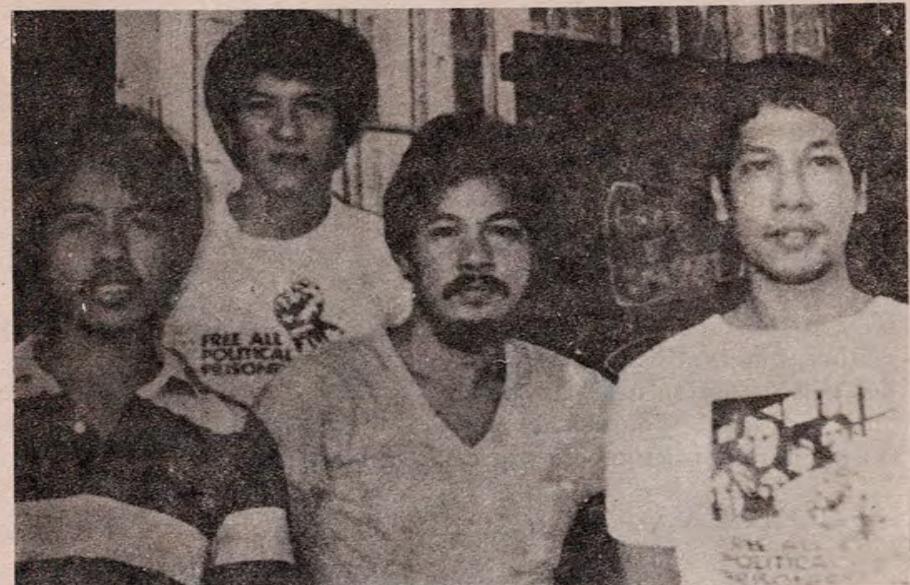


Abner Hizarsa languishing in jail for more than four years now.

ABNER HIZARSA

Age : 32 years old
 Status : Married with one child
 Occupation : Factory worker at Subic Naval Base

Abner was apprehended on July 31, 1980 together with his wife (later released), Alex de la Rosa and 4 others. He was arrested allegedly for his subversive activities. He is now detained at Camp Maquinaya, Olongapo City.



The first half of Bicutan worker detainees: (L to R) Sesgundo, de la Fuente, Palma and Marcelino.

BENJAMIN SESGUNDO

Age : 22 years old
 Status : single
 Occupation : 1979-1981 — worker at Mirad Multifoods, Inc.
 1981 — time of arrest — labor organizer for NFL

He was arrested on Feb. 27, 1982 at Tulalian's residence, which he shared with Edwin. Though there was no warrant of arrest, he was taken to the MIG-15 headquarters at Bago Bantay, Quezon City, where he was subjected to tactical interrogations and torture.

Benjamin used to contribute for the schooling of his younger brothers and sisters, a responsibility cut short by his arrest. He is also suffering from weak lungs.

DANILO DE LA FUENTE

Age : 33 years old
 Status : single
 Occupation : Labor organizer for the National Federation of Labor (NFL)

On Feb. 26, 1982, Danilo was with some NFL organizers at the residence of a PHILFLEX union official at Gen. Luis St., Novaliches.

He was assisting in the planning of activities for the coming certification election and Collective Bargaining Agreement of the PHILFLEX union when the combined teams of the MISG and MIG-15 raided the house and arrested him and the others. He was taken to the MISG headquarters for tactical interrogation, then transferred to the NISF headquarters in Fort Bonifacio and later brought to the MIG-15 in Bago Bantay, for further interrogation. In all of these places, he was tortured.

He is now facing charges of subversion along with 21 others before Judge Lantin of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court. And he is still detained at the PC-INP Jail in Bicutan.

At the time of his arrest, Danilo was the main provider for his mother, who is afflicted with cataract, and his younger brothers and sisters. His detention has made it very difficult for his family to make both ends meet. Moreover, he is also suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, urinary tract infection and hemorrhoids.

CHARLES PALMA

Age : 31 years old
 Status : married with two children
 Occupation: driver/electrician and labor organizer for NFL

He was arrested on Feb. 26, 1982 together with Danilo de la Fuente and Edwin Tulalian. He was brought to the MISG headquarters in Camp Crame where he was subjected to tactical interrogation and maltreatment. He was subsequently charged with subversion and is still being detained at the PC-INP Jail in Bicutan.

The arrest of Charlie Palma has deprived his family of its breadwinner. His two children are in need of regular medical attention. The eldest, a girl of 6 is afflicted with epilepsy while the youngest, a boy of 4 suffers from meningitis. Charlie also has viral hepatitis and malaria.

ALEX MARCELINO

Age : 28 years old
 Status : Married
 Occupation : albor organizer for NFL

Alex Marcelino was arrested on Feb. 26, 1982 together with Charlie Palma, Edwin Tulalian and Danilo de la Fuente. He was taken to the MISG headquarters in Camp Crame and later to the MIG-15 headquarters at Bago Bantay where he was interrogated and maltreated. He faces a charge of subversion before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

Alex's wife, Beth, was also arrested and detained with him but was released after three months of detention.

Alex is suffering from malaria, weak lungs, sinusitis and peptic ulcer.



The other half: (L to R) Benosa, Tulalian, Mansos and Bodino.

RODOLFO C. BENOSA

Age : 33 years old
 Status : married with 4 children
 Occupation : factory worker of Century Container Corp.
 Date Arrested: February 27, 1982

Rodolfo was an active member of the workers union in Century Container Corporation at the time of his arrest. On February 27, 1982, MISG operatives raided his house and arrested him without showing him a warrant of arrest or a search and seizure order. The raiders searched his house and seized some 200 copies of books published by the Institute of Labor and Manpower Services (ILMAS).

He was first taken to the MISG headquarters in Camp Crame, then brought to the Transient Officers Quarters in Nichols Air Base. He was subjected to torture in both places: punches on the head, stomach and other parts of the body, blows at the back of the head, prolonged and repeated striking of the knees with spoon, choking, etc.

EDWIN TULALIAN

Age : 28 years old
 Status : married with three children
 Occupation : machine operator at Philips Wire and Cable Corp (PHILFLEX)

Edwin was the treasurer of the Malayang Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Manggagawa sa PHILFLEX at the time of his arrest. He was arrested on Feb. 26, 1982 at his own residence by MISG and MIG-15 operatives. He was brought to the MISG headquarters and the NISF headquarters in Fort Bonifacio where he was subjected to interrogation and torture.

He is charged with conspiracy to commit subversion before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court and is still being detained at the PC-INP Stockade in Bicutan.

Edwin's detention has created a pressing financial burden on his wife. Moreover, the children are being deprived of the love, care and concern of a father.

Edwin also suffers from weak lungs, poor eyesight and kidney trouble.

ALFREDO MANSOS

Age : 32 years old
 Status : Married with 2 children
 Occupation : machine operator at PHILFLEX

Alfredo was president of the PHILFLEX union at the time of his arrest. He was arrested on Feb. 27, 1982 at Tulalian's house. He was brought to the MIG-15 headquarters at Bago Bantay, Quezon City where he was tortured.

He is now being detained at the PC-INP Jail at Bicutan and is also facing charges of subversion to which he pleaded innocence.

After his arrest, he was subsequently terminated from work and this was caused great economic dislocation to the family. This condition is further aggravated by Alfredo's physical condition — he suffers from hepatitis and weak lungs.

NESTOR R. BODINO

Age	:	27 years old
Status	:	single
Occupation	:	machine operator at Philips Wire and Cable Corp.
Date Arrested	:	Feb. 27, 1982

Nestor was an active member of the Malayang Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Manggagawa sa PHILFLEX (Independent Union of United Workers at PHILFLEX) at the time of his arrest. He was apprehended of Feb. 27, 1982 by MISG operatives on the house of co-workers Edwin Tulalian at Novaliches, Quezon City. He was taken to the MIG-5 headquarters at Bago Bantay, Quezon City and was subjected to torture. He and six others were later transferred to the PC-INP Jail in Bicutan where they remained detained to this day.

Millet Soriano,
 struck with a piece
 of wood while being
 interrogated.



MILLETE SORIANO

Age	:	26 years old
Status	:	single
Occupation	:	labor organizer for KMU

She was arrested on Sept. 11, 1982 by operatives of MISG. She was taken to Camp Crame where she was further interrogated. After this, she was brought to the PC-INP Stockade also in Camp Crame where she is being detained until now.



Redson worker detainees: Britanico, Pabit and Anino.

LAURO PABIT

Age : 22 years old
 Status : single
 Occupation : millkeeper at the Redson Textile Mfg. Corp.
 Date Arrested: Sept. 12, 1982

Lauro was arrested in Pasig by military men led by 1Lt. Bailen a day after Millet Soriano was captured. He was not shown any search or arrest warrant nor a Presidential Commitment Order (PCO)

He was immediately handcuffed, blindfolded and taken to Camp Panopio first, then the PC-INP Jail in Camp Crame where he is presently detained. Lauro is charged with illegal possession of subversive materials and subversion at the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

JOSE BRITANICO

Age : 30 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : sample maker at the Redson Textile Mfg. Corp.

Jose was an active union member of the Redson Labor Association at the time of his arrest. He was arrested on Sept. 11, 1982, at his residence together with Millet Soriano and Simplicio Anino Jr.

Before Jose was brought to Camp Crame, he was already maltreated. He is presently detained at the PC-INP Stockade at Camp Crame.

SIMPILICIO ANINO

Age : 28 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : worker at the Redson Textile Mfg. Corp.

Simplicio was an active member of the Redson Labor Association (RLA) at the time of his arrest. He was arrested on Sept. 11, 1982 together with Soriano, Britanico and was taken to the MISG headquarters for questioning and then to the PC-INP Stockade for detention.

ALBERTO MADRIGAL

Age : 26 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Factory worker at the Holland Milk Products, Inc.

He was arrested near the strike-bound factory on May 3, 1984 and charged with illegal possession of firearms. He was taken to Camp Crame (PC-INP Jail) where he is presently detained.

JAIME VERDAN

Age : 31 years old
 Status : Married
 Occupation : Worker at Holland Milk Products, Inc.

He was arrested together with Alberto Madrigal on May 3, 1984 for alleged illegal possession of firearms by the CHSG (Constabulary Highway Security Group). He was transferred to the PC-INP Stockade in Camp Crame on May 14 and has been detained there until now.

SANTOS ABELLANOSA

Age : 46 years old
 Status : Married
 Occupation : Staff driver at the Manila Hilton Hotel

He was arrested on Sept. 19, 1982 by elements of ISOD for alleged illegal possession of explosives. He is facing charges of conspiracy to commit rebellion before the Regional Trial Court at the Manila City Hall. He is an active member of the Manila Hilton Labor Union.

GRACELA DE LA CRUZ

Age : 23 years old
 Status : Married with one child
 Occupation : Labor Organizer

She was arrested on August 11, 1983 and was pregnant at that time. While in detention, she got TB-Meningitis and was taken to the military hospital. But the military still refused to release her temporarily. Her family is appealing that she be officially released from military custody so that she may be given proper medical attention to treat her illness.

VILLAMOR S. DALIMOT

Age : 25
 Age : 25
 Civil Status : Single
 Occupation : laborer in Lactawan, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya
 Date Arrested : November 24, 1982
 Charges : activist/labor organizer
 Detention Center : PC.-INP Stockade, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

LEONCIO MARAYAN

Age : 27
 Civil Status : single
 Occupation : laborer in Atati, Palayan City
 Date Arrested : March 4, 1984
 Arrested by : 177th PC Coy
 Charge : member of the New People's Army
 Detention Center : 189th PC Coy, Cabanatuan City

JOB SARMIENTO

Age : 27
 Civil Status : Single
 Occupation : Driver in Ito, Capalonga, Camarines Norte
 Date Arrested : May 5, 1984
 Charge : no case filed — ballot snatching
 Detention Center : Camp Cadig, Tagkawayan, Quezon

DANILO PACIMOS

Age : 24
 Civil Status : married with 2 kids
 Date of arrest : May 5, 1984 in Ubay Capalonga, Camarines Norte
 Wife : Luz Argario

ERNESTO ORLINA

Age : 24
 Civil Status : single
 Occupation : laborer in Pamplona, Camarines Norte
 Date arrested : May 5 1984
 Arresting Officer : Sgt. Laginding of the 31st Infantry Battalion
 Charges : New People's Army supporter, ballot snatching no case filed

JUANITO CARABEO

Age : 28
 Civil Status : single
 Occupation : worker in Barangay San Juan, Samal, Bataan
 Date arrested : Aug. 17, 1983
 Charge : no case filed
 Detention Center : Balanga Provincial Jail
 Harassments : tortured with gun butts

FRED PARADEZA

Age : 19 years old
 Status : Married with 2 children
 Occupaton : tricycle driver

He was arrested on Jan. 3, 1983 by elements of the Olongapo Metrodiscom in his house. He suffered torture such as "water cure" from the hands of his captors and was held in solitary confinement for 7 days. He is now detained in Camp Maquinaya, Olongapo City. He is charged of being an NPA (New People's Army) member.

His wife, Julita, bears all the family responsibilities they once shared.

ALEX DE LA ROSA

Age : 26 years old
 Status : Married with two children
 Occupation : farm worker

On July 31, 1980, Alex was arrested together with Abner Hizarsa by 60 troopers of the Metrodiscom Subic Police. He is charged with illegal possession of subversive documents, illegal possession of firearms and violation of the Anti-Subversion Law. While he was being interrogated, Alex was subjected to various forms of torture such as "water cure," fist blows at the head, stomach, thighs and back. He was isolated for a time during his early detention.

ROMEO BALUYOT

Status : Single
 Occupation : Laborer

He was arrested on August 17, 1983 by elements of the Marine Battalion Landing Team A led by Philippine Marine soldiers in uniform and other military men in civilian clothes in Bgy. Mabatang, Abucay, Bataan. He is now detained without formal charges at the Balanga Provincial Jail, Balanga, Bataan.

His family and relatives say that he has been tortured while undergoing investigation.

IRINEO PRING

Age : 19 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : worker

Irineo was first arrested on April 1983 without formal charges against him. He was released in May, 1983 but was rearrested again last August 1983 without any formal charge. He has been languishing in jail (Balanga Provincial Jail) since then.

LUIS SANTOS

Age : 23 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Farm Worker

Luis was arrested on Feb. 1, 1983 by the Philippine Marines in Ma. Fe Subdivision, Orani, Bataan because he was suspected of killing

or disarming military personnel. In his early detention, he was forced to eat sand, paper and gun powder and was not given food for 2 whole days. He received fist blows and kicks all over his body and was beaten with a pointed steel bar and wood by his captors.

He is presently detained in Camp Olivas, San Fernando, Pampanga

RENATO PINEDA

Age : 43 years old
 Status : Married with 8 children
 Occupation : worker

Renato was apprehended on Feb. 24, 1983 but the PC at Bgy. San Joaquin, Mabalacat, Pampanga, together with Tony Cabrera, Noel Maglalang, Ceferino Pineda and Abelardo Baun. They were arrested by the military allegedly for their subversive activities which the military have not yet proven.

Renato was tortured: his head, chest, nose and body received fist blows and kicks while undergoing interrogation; he was applied water cure. He is presently detained at Camp Olivas, Pampanga.

TONY CABRERA

Age : 30 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Laborer

On Feb. 24, 1983, some 300 troopers of the Regional Command 3 Intelligence Division, and the Angeles Metrodiscom forced him to ride in one of the vehicles. These military men aimed their M-16 rifles at him. While undergoing interrogation, he was severely manhandled by his captors. He is now detained at Camp Olivas, together with Renato and Ceferino Pineda.

CEFERINO PINEDA

Age : 43 years old
 Status : 2 children
 Occupation : Farm laborer

On Feb. 24, 1983, he was arrested in his own house in Bgy. Camias, Mabalacat, Pampanga by elements of the PC-Recom 3. He was tortured and is charged with subversion. He is presently detained at Camp Olivas.

NOEL MAGLALANG

Age : 26 years old
 Status : Married with two kids
 Occupation : farm laborer

He was arrested on Feb. 24, 1983 together with Tony Cabrera and others. He was severely tortured and is facing charges of subversion. He is now detained at Camp Olivas.

ROBERTO RAMOS

Status : Married with 2 children
 Occupation : worker

He was arrested on August 8, 1983 with wife Josephine, who was three months pregnant at that time, and son, Alvin. Josephine and Alvin were later released from military custody but Roberto still languishes in jail. He is detained at Camp Olivas up to now.

ROMEO CASTILLO

Status : Single
 Occupation : Labor organizer

Romy, as he is fondly called by friends is the incumbent KMU National Council member and KMU Coordinator for Area 1. He was the vice-president of the union in Philippine Blooming Mills from 1979-1981 before he devoted all his time to organizing workers.

He was arrested on July 22, 1984 (see KMU International Bulletin, July 1984) by elements of the MISG. Arrested with him are: Herminia Ibarra, Fernando Reyes, Cesar Bristol, Danilo Garcia and Nestor Yaranon. He was severely tortured by his captors for several days. He is presently detained at the MISG headquarters in Bicutan.

HERMINIA IBARRA

Age : 32 years old
 Status : Married with 4 children
 Occupation : laborer and organizer

Herminia is a worker of Sewn Products Inc. and is an active officer of the union there. She is also one of the organizers of KMU Area 2 and a member of the Alliance of Women Workers. Arrested with Romeo Castillo and company, Herminia was also tortured and detained at the MISG headquarters in Bicutan until now.

FERNANDO REYES

Fernando is a full time organizer of the KMU Area 2 at the time of his arrest. He was also severely tortured and has been detained at the MISG headquarters at Camp Bagong Diwa (Bicutan) since his arrest on July 22, 1984.

CESAR BRISTOL

Cesar is the incumbent president of the union in Continental Milling Co. and chairman of the Alliance of Workers of Gokongwei in Pasig, Rizal. Arrested together with Romeo and others, he was tortured and held incommunicado for two days. He is now detained at Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan (MISG headquarters).

DANILO GARCIA

Danilo is a worker of Universal Robina Corp. and an active member of its union. He is also a member of the Alliance of Workers of Gokongwei at the time of his arrest.

He was tortured and forced to sign statements that incriminate himself. He has been detained at the MISG headquarters in Bicutan.

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should be forged alongside the struggle against

political repression."



MISSING WORKERS



Jun Flores's family

CEFERINO FLORES, JR.

Age	:	44 years old
Sex	:	Male
Status	:	Married (with six children)
Occupation	:	Houseman at the Hotel Intercontinental
Date Disappeared	:	January 28, 1983
Place Last Seen:	:	Hotel Intercontinental

Ceferino "Jun" Flores is the principal breadwinner of his family. His wife, Blancaflor, augments the family income by teaching social science at the Adamson University.

Jun is the founding member and an active trade unionist of the National Union of Workers in Hotel, Restaurant and Allied Industries (NUWHRAIN). He is also the incumbent board director of the Employee Union of Hotel Intercon.

Jun's trade union activities are well known to his wife and children. Blanca sums up Jun's stand: "It is his life and death." (Buhay at kamatayan niya iyon.)

In the course of his trade union work, Jun was arrested and detained in March 1975 by the 5th Constabulary Security Unit (CSU) on charges of subversion. The case was dismissed and Jun was released after seven months of detention.

Jun has been missing since Jan. 28, 1983. He left Hotel Intercon at 10:30 in the evening of Jan. 28. He did not come home since that night.

Efforts made by Jun's wife, family relatives and friends in the search remained fruitless. Even the military denied having arrested nor detained Jun.

ATTY. HERMON LAGMAN

Age : 32 years old (at time of arrest)
 Sex : Male
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Lawyer
 Date Last Seen : May 11, 1977
 Place Last Seen : Between Bago Bantay, Quezon City and Pasay City

Born on Feb. 12, 1945 in Albay, Hermon obtained his AB in Political Science and Bachelor of Law degrees at the University of the Philippines in 1966 and 1970, respectively.

He served as a staff member of the Senate Technical Staff for Justice for the Congress and a volunteer lawyer of the Citizen's Legal Aid Society in the Philippines (CLASP). He was an advocate for workers and labor unions and was in fact a lawyer of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Co. Labor Union.

He was apprehended on May 11, 1977 with Vic Reyes between Bago Bantay, Quezon City and Pasay City, Metro Manila. An unidentified male caller informed Mrs. Lagman on May 14 on her son's disappearance. Since then, inquiries at military camps and government agencies made by his family have remained fruitless.

VICTOR DANDAN REYES

Age : 26 years old (at time of arrest)
 Sex : Male
 Status : Married (with 2 kids)
 Occupation : Lawyer
 Date Disappeared: May 11, 1977
 Place Last Seen : Between Bago Bantay, Quezon City and Pasay City

Vic attended Quezon City High School and Feati University in Manila. At the time of his arrest/disappearance, he was an associate of Atty. Lagman.

In a Quarterly Report (Oct.-Dec., 1977) published by the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP), Vic was reportedly seen twice by workers near Gelmart Industries on South Superhighway sometime in late October or early November.

Like the Lagmans, the Reyes family has made efforts in locating Vic but to no avail.

DOMINGO ALMUETE

Sex : Male
 Occupation : Worker of Cosmos Bottling Co., in San Fernando, Pampanga
 Date Last Seen : Jan. 31, 1983
 Place last seen : San Miguel Corp. complex in San Fernando, Pampanga
 Arresting Unit : Sindalan Police

He was arrested and last seen at the San Miguel Corp. complex in San Fernando, Pampanga by the Sindalan Police. His family went to the various military camps but to no avail.

He was arrested together with Antonio Sambajon and Lito Quilicot.

ANTONIO SAMBAJON

Occupation : Worker of Cosmos Bottling Co. in San Fernando, Pampanga
 Date last seen : Jan. 31, 1983
 Plast Last Seen : San Miguel Corp. Complex

LITO QUILICOT

Occupation : Worker of Cosmos Bottling Co. in San Fernando, Pampanga
 Date Last Seen : Jan. 31, 1983
 Place Last Seen : San Miguel Corp. Complex

DANILO VERGARA

Age : 32 years old
 Sex : Male
 Status : Married (with 3 children)
 Occupation : Labor organizer
 Date Disappeared: June 22, 1983
 Arresting Team : Unidentified armed men

Danilo was picked up by 4 unidentified armed men while he was on his way home in Tambacan, Iligan City. His family and relatives did not see him since then.

ALLAN SUARAN

Age : 31 years old
 Sex : Male
 Occupation : Pedicab Driver
 Status : Married with 3 kids
 Date Last Seen : May 31, 1980
 Place Last Seen : Lupon, Davao Oriental

Three passengers in civilian clothes were riding in his tricycle to Banay-banay. He was stopped one kilometer away from the town and was ordered to ride in a blue Pinoy.

The incident was blottered to the military authorities in Lupon. Allan's family has sought the assistance of the mayor, the governor, the Provincial Commander of Davao Oriental and almost anyone in authority in the province. However, his family have not seen nor heard from him since.

ANTONIO SANCHEZ

Sex : Male
 Occupation : Worker
 Status : Married
 Date Disappeared: Oct. 11, 1980 (around 9 a.m.)
 Place Disappeared: Agdao, Davao City

Antonio was picked up by a group of armed plainclothesmen in a yellow Tamaraw. he was handcuffed and thrown inside the vehicle. While inside, he was hit with an armalite butt on his head and shoulder.

Meanwhile, four unidentified armed men raided his home and searched the whole household without presenting an arrest, search and seizure order (ASSO).

Antonio's wife has not seen him since then.

FLORENCIO PESQUESA

Sex : Male
 Status : Married
 Occupation : worker and labor organizer of Dynavision
 Date Last Seen : Jan. 3, 1979
 Place Last Seen : Bo. Macabiling, Sta. Rosa, Laguna

Ka Picion, as he is fondly called, has been a labor advocate since his younger years. He was responsible for the establishment of a labor

union, NSFA in Sta. Rosa, Laguna on Dec. 1974. He also led 84 sugar workers in Hacienda Inchican in protesting the reduction of their daily wage from P10 to P8.

His family believes that his dedication for the worker's cause has alarmed the military and thus cause his arrest and disappearance.

GREGORIO ALCARADO

Age : 30 years old
 Sex : Male
 Occupation : copra worker in Calauag, Quezon
 Date Last Seen : Feb. 18, 1983
 Place Last Seen : Lopez, Quezon

JOSE ALCARADO

Age : 23 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Copra worker in Calauag, Quezon
 Date Disappeared: Feb. 18, 1983
 Place Last Seen : Lopez, Quezon

ROBERTO ENGRESO

Age : 19 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Copra worker in Calauag, Quezon
 Date Last Seen : Feb. 18, 1983
 Place Last Seen : Lopez, Quezon

He was arrested together with Gregorio and Jose Alcarado.

NESTOR GAYLON YARANON

Age : 29 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Organizer of National Federation of Labor Union (NAFLU)

Nestor was arrested on July 22, 1984 together with Romeo Castillo and company. Since his arrest, he was isolated with Romeo's group and was never seen nor heard since then. His family has contacted the different military camps and has appealed to the military but to no avail.



'SALVAGED' VICTIMS



1. RODOLFO MELOCOTON

Status : Married (with 3 children)
 Occupation : Tricycle driver
 Date Salvaged : March 17, 1978
 Place Salvaged : Binalbagan, Negros Occidental

He was shot and killed by a PC soldier after a quarrel.

2. PATROCINO ALBACINO

Status : Married (with 9 children)
 Occupation : Carpenter
 Date Salvaged : April 17, 1979
 Place Salvaged : Malinao, Aklan

His child saw him sprawled on the ground, his face slashed with a bolo and his neck cut. He had four stab wounds on his side.

3. ROLLY TILAD

Age : 26 years old
 Occupation : wood cutter
 Date Salvaged : Oct. 18, 1979
 Place Salvaged : Negros Occidental

Suspected by the military to be an NPA sympathizer, he was apprehended and shot by his captors. When he was already dead, the military took the cadaver, fired at the left eye and kicked it. Not yet satisfied, the military brought the mutilated corpse to the municipality, placed a grenade and a revolver beside it and took pictures of it.

4. ENRIQUE PARAASE

Age : 20 years old
 Status : Single
 Occupation : Worker
 Date Salvaged : Oct. 2, 1979
 Place Salvaged : Inoma Line, Sabud Operation, Agusan del Sur

5. IBRAHIM MAMA

Age : 20 years old
 Status : single
 Occupation : Worker
 Date Salvaged : Sept. 1980

Place Salvaged : Capiton, Dinaig, Maguindanao
 Operating Team : 39th Infantry Battalion, Phil. Army

6. CARMELO TROPIZADO

Occupation : Worker
 Date Salvaged : March 23, 1980
 Place Salvaged : Ayala, Binicalam, San Luis, Agusan del Sur

7. CIPRIANO TORRES

Age : 28 years old
 Status : Married (with 4 kids)
 Occupation : Contractual worker
 Date Salvaged : Aug. 22, 1980
 Place Salvaged : Bayabas, Toril, Davao City

He was arrested on July 29, 1980 by the group of INP headed by Pfc. Sardoncillo. Upon arrest, he was brought to Jucell 2, PC-INP Jail, PC Barracks, Davao City.

8. TEODORO MALAQUE

Occupation : Worker
 Date Salvaged : Dec. 12, 1983
 Place Salvaged : Butuan City

Teodoro was vice-president of the Butuan Logs Employees Association at the time of his arrest. On Dec. 12, 1983, two plainclothesmen barged into his house and invited him to discuss labor problems, to which he declined. After this, he was dragged out of the house and subsequently shot by one of the men.

9. ISAGANI AGOSTO

Occupation : Worker
 Date Salvaged : Dec. 13, 1983
 Place Salvaged : Narihatag, Surigao del Sur

He was apprehended on Dec. 13, 1983 and later gunned down by an element of the Airborne detachment.

10. NUNELON PENAR

Age : 56 years old
 Status : Married
 Occupation : Auto Shop Operator
 Date Salvaged : Feb. 4, 1981
 Place Salvaged : Sumpong, Malaybalay

11. PABLO SILAYA

Age : 38 years old
 Status : Married with 2 children
 Occupation : Barbeque vendor
 Date Salvaged : Sept. 21, 1981
 Place Salvaged : Roxas Ext., Digos, Davao del Sur

12. OLIPIO SUSON

Occupation : Tuba gatherer
 Date Salvaged : Oct. 29, 1981
 Place Salvaged : Tagalog, Zamboanga del Sur

13. DEODEGARIO VISINO

Age : 23 years old
 Occupation : Porter
 Date Salvaged : Jan. 17, 1981
 Place Salvaged : Toril, Davao City

14. ADHIKA HACINAS

Occupation : Worker
 Date Salvaged : July 27, 1979
 Place Salvaged : Samal, Bataan

15. RUSTICO OCLIMA

Occupation : School worker
 Date Salvaged : May 24, 1979
 Place Salvaged : Samal, Bataan

16. LEONARDO DE LOS SANTOS

Occupation : School worker
 Date Salvaged : May 24, 1979
 Place Salvaged : Oriental Mindoro

17. EDUARDO BUENAFLOR

Occupation : Labor organizer
 D.S. : March 13, 1980
 P.S. : Tiaong, Quezon

18. ALFREDO ZAMORA

Occupation : Labor Organizer
 Date Salvaged : March 13, 1980
 Place Salvaged : Tiaong Quezon

19. MEMENG SENEAL

Occupation : Tricycle driver
 Date Salvaged : May 20, 1980
 Place Salvaged : Sumpit Subd., Bongabong, Nueva Ecija

20. FRANCO DOMINGO

Age : 40 years old
 Occupation : Jeepney driver
 Date Salvaged : Feb. 8, 1981
 Place Salvaged : Sta. Rita, Pampanga
 Description : He was shot by an armed group with a .45 caliber pistol

21. PORFIRIO ECONNES

Age : 38 years old
 Occupation : sugar worker
 Date salvaged : Nov. 13, 1977
 Place Salvaged : Cauayan, Negros Occidental

He was shot by police/CHDF while returning home from work. A criminal complaint was filed against Pat. Ismael Ordinario Jr., Pat. Rodolfo Limasan, Pat. Fred Samillano, Pat. Molong and two civilians. The case was dismissed for lack of evidence and this was later reaffirmed by the Ministry of Justice.

22. LITO BARRIENTOS

Occupation : Tuba gatherer
 Date Salvaged : Feb. 7, 1978
 Place Salvaged : Ibajay, Aklan

He was apprehended while climbing a coconut tree; was tied, blindfolded, mauled then gunned down.

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(Excerpts)

Article 1. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin , property, birth or other status.

Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-selfgoverning or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

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Article 4. No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

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2. Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country.

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