

Effects of Neutrality

Were the Philippines to become neutral, it would remove itself from the center of the evolving conflict between China on the one hand, and the United States and Japan on the other. It would also allow a policy of equidistance from the competing Asia-Pacific powers. This would enable it to develop an independent world view and a foreign policy that looks primarily to its own interests, rather than to those of its external patrons. For the first time in its history, it would be compelled to stand on its own. This would not be without pain in the beginning, but if Switzerland provides any inspiration, the end result could be rewarding. It would allow the country to nourish and fulfill its own ambitions.

But it would mean dismantling the U.S.-Philippine alliance which has helped to undergird the U.S. security system in the Asia-Pacific region until now. Do you believe there is anyone on the horizon who would risk his chance of becoming president by suggesting to Washington that this is one great idea whose time has come?

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PINAS Statement on U.S. Actions Hostile to the Philippines

Nov. 16—The following statement was issued by Filipinos in Solidarity for Sovereignty (PINAS) on the U.S. provocation in the South China Sea and the planned U.S. military occupation of Philippine bases. It was drafted by Butch Valdes, the head of the Philippine La-Rouche Society, and adopted by PINAS on Oct. 30. PINAS also brought the case against EDCA to the Supreme Court.

Despite our presently unresolved territorial issues with countries surrounding the West Philippine Seas, it is with unequivocal opposition that we view the outrageous military provocation of China by U.S. President Obama under the guise of freedom of navigation.

In blatant disregard for the sovereignty and security concerns of Southeast Asian Nations, the U.S. has initiated threatening actions against China, which not only destabilize the whole region, but also may provide the



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spark of thermonuclear confrontation between the two superpowers.

Our concern is aggravated by the declared and insane acquiescence of the current President, Benigno Aquino III, in the critically dangerous advances by an equally impaired Barack Obama. The risk to 100 million Filipino lives notwithstanding, Aquino has signed a constitutionally infirm agreement allowing the U.S. forces to have access to all our airports and seaports, ply our territorial waters, and set up American bases within our Philippine bases.

It is this highly questionable accommodation by the Philippine President, and the tacit approval of a mercenary Senate and an obviously intimidated Supreme Court, that has provided U.S. nuclear-armed warships the bases to mount and implement provocative action against their principal adversary in the region.

We call on all patriotic Filipinos to *reject* the presently disastrous condition of allowing foreign military installations in Philippine territories. The U.S. geopolitical intentions, through President Obama's actions, are manifestly clear. Their decisions and actions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Yemen, Egypt, Syria, and Ukraine are now glaring examples of internal chaos, *after* they have been supposedly liberated from dictatorship, into democracy.

Let us uphold the principles of sovereignty, and advocate a world community of Sovereign Nation-States—bound by a common objective—to improve the quality of life of every single human being on the planet, so that our generation and those after us, can reap the benefits of Man's collaboration and collective creativity.