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# The Philippines Joins the LaRouche Movement's War on the *New York Times*

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May 1—For years Lyndon LaRouche and the movement associated with him have identified the *New York Times* (know more familiarly as the *New York Slimes*) as the leading voice of Wall Street, the drug lobby (as identified in the *EIR* book, *Dope, Inc.*), the war party run by the Bush family and Barack Obama, and other similar evils—that is, as the voice of the British Empire in America. This identification has included many detailed reports in *EIR* of the crimes of the *Times*, as well as political demonstrations at its offices in New York against its many lies and crimes. We have modified the motto it carries on its front page: “All the Lies that Fit, We Print.”

Over the past week, the Philippine government of President Rodrigo Duterte and several leading intellectuals in the country have fully joined in that campaign to expose the lies and threats from the *Times* against the Philippines as criminal acts under both moral law and international law. This step was provoked by the *Times* editorial of April 25, titled “Let the World Condemn Duterte,” a vile piece of imperial lying which should be considered a death threat against the President of the Philippines. The editorial reports on a scurrilous case presented to the International Criminal Court (ICC) by a Philippine lawyer calling for Duterte to be tried for crimes against humanity over his war on drugs. The ICC itself is an imperial institution, which tries Third World leaders almost exclusively, never the mass murderers and lawless warmongers of the West such as Tony Blair, George Bush and Barack Obama.

“The ICC should promptly open a preliminary investigation into the killings,” writes the *Times* editorial board, referring to those drug dealers who have been killed resisting Duterte’s all-out war on the drug



*Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte.*

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scourge. Duterte’s pledge to wage such a war on drugs was a major reason he was elected, and why he enjoys overwhelming support in his country today (polls show his support at somewhere between 78-90% among the Philippine people).

The *Times* admits that the case does not even meet ICC requirements, according to which all judicial efforts within the country must first be exhausted. There are multiple legal cases over the deaths in the drug war before courts in the Philippines, including some against police and army personnel whom Duterte has identified as complicit in the drug business and/or in extra-judicial killings, primarily to silence drug lords they fear would testify against them. The *Times* typically ignores that reality, as it also rejects the sovereign judgment of the vast majority of the Philippine people, to conclude their editorial with a threat: “This is a man who must be stopped.”



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LaRouche PAC demonstration targetting the New York Times.

### Duterte Fires Back

Asked by the press about the *New York Times* editorial, President Duterte did not mince words: “Well, it’s about time that their publication also must stop. New York Times—assholes, assholes. You cannot even criticize your own mistakes. Invading a country, making up excuses before the world that are not true, then you have the gall to say ‘stop.’ You better stop your publishing!”

Ernesto Abella, Duterte’s presidential spokesperson, also denounced the *Times* editorial, calling it an appeal to the ICC “based on a complaint filed by a lawyer of a self-confessed assassin.” The complaint is based on the testimony of a man who says he was part of a death squad in Davao, claiming that Duterte, who was mayor of Davao at the time, had ordered him and others to kill criminals. Abella noted: “The President was democratically elected to attack corruption and crime that have made so many Filipinos hostages to the criminals who had prospered through the rampant drug trade and other criminal activities that plagued our nation for decades.”

On April 29, the highly respected Filipino journalist, Rigoberto Tiglao (a former cabinet minister, ambassador, and editor), posted an op-ed on the front page of the *Manila Times* titled: “Let Filipinos Condemn and Boycott the *New York Times*.” Although he is addressing Filipinos around the world, he is well aware that there are nearly four million Filipinos in the United States, many in the New York area. Tiglao writes: “I’m sick and tired of the *New York Times* articles and editorials that are vicious hatchet jobs not just on President Duterte, but on the Philippines itself. *NYT* has portrayed our country as one where thousands of corpses of the innocent litter our

streets, and that we Filipinos—and therefore even columnists like me—either just keep quiet in fear of Duterte, or that we are savages living in and embracing a failed state.”

Tiglao identifies the methods of the West’s color revolutions against leaders who refuse to follow colonial orders: “Have somebody file a case in an international body even if it is merely based on allegations by the opposition and hearsay, and then get U.S. media to sensationalize it. Here’s some news for the Yellow Cult, whose rise to power in 1986 was to a great extent due to U.S. media: Those days are over.”

The “Yellow Cult” refers to one of the first color revolutions, when Washington orchestrated a coup against the nationalist President Ferdinand Marcos under a yellow banner in 1986, which resulted in the dismantling of all of Marcos’s industrial and economic development projects (including the completed nuclear plant in Bataan), leading to the economic and social collapse of the state, which still persists today.

Tiglao issues a challenge: “I dare the *NYT* to name a single political opponent of this regime and a single child killed by Duterte’s alleged death squads.” Tiglao also exposes the insane claim by the *Times* that, if the Philippine House of Representatives turns down an impeachment bill brought by the same lawyer who took him to the ICC, that would serve as proof that the country refuses to deal with the drug deaths, and therefore the ICC could claim jurisdiction. “What?” Tiglao writes. “If the Congress doesn’t impeach Duterte, he is still guilty of mass murder anyway, so the ICC can intervene?” He notes that the plot to impeach (or assassinate) Duterte would put Vice Presi-

dent Leni Robredo, from the Yellow camp, in power.

Communications Secretary Martin Andanar reported that his office had sent letters to the *New York Times*' editors to debunk its editorials and articles. None has been published, Tiglao notes. "With these maliciously cruel and destructive [attacks] that the *NYT* has been unleashing against our country, we should all condemn this publication, and patriotic Filipino New Yorkers should boycott it. I urge my readers to do a patriotic act and write the *NYT* letters of complaints against their coverage and editorials. . . . Let's show these AHs [recall what Duterte called them] we're not pushovers, and we'll not allow biased reportage to slur our country."

### Demonstrate Against the Times

On April 23, supporters of President Trump and representatives of the LaRouche movement held a demonstration in front of the *New York Times* building in Manhattan. As would be expected, the demonstration was not covered by the U.S. press, but the Russian news agency TASS covered it prominently under the title, "Demonstrators Demand *NYT* to Stop Lying About Russia and Syria."

TASS reported: "Participants of the action carried placards with slogans: 'The *New York Times* wants war with Russia, Americans want peace,' 'Do not let yourself be fooled again,' 'Read a new lie—it's the same as the old lie,' 'The *New York Times*—all the false news in print.' " It reported that LaRouche spokesman Dennis Speed told the demonstrators that before the Second World War, the *New York Times* published articles portraying Adolf Hitler in a positive light, and that it had played a central role in spreading the lie that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, unleashing the criminal wars that have destroyed the Middle East.

TASS also quoted another LaRouche spokesman, Daniel Burke: "The whole world laughs at the *New York Times*. They have become miserly servants of those who seek war and chaos."

### Trump Calls Duterte

President Trump called President Duterte on April 30, praised him for his battle against drugs, and invited him to the White House on a date yet to be determined. The *New York Times*, of course, went ballistic: "Mr. Trump's affinity for Mr. Duterte, and other strongmen



*CNN's coverage of Duterte is representative of the mainstream media's hysteria, in which the New York Times is in the lead.*

as well, is firmly established. Both presidents are populist insurgent leaders with a penchant for making inflammatory statements. Both ran for office calling for a wholesale crackdown on Islamist militancy and the drug trade." Imagine that: Trump and Duterte want to stop terrorism and drugs!

The *Times* drags out John Sifton, a spokesman for Human Rights Watch, the institution funded by British agent George Soros, the leading promoter of legalizing drugs throughout the world. Soros, together with former president Obama, is also the primary driver of the ongoing color revolution against Trump himself. The *Times* quotes Sifton: "By essentially endorsing Duterte's murderous war on drugs, Trump is now morally complicit in future killings. Although the traits of his personality likely make it impossible, Trump should be ashamed of himself."

The *Times* also lies wildly that President Trump is trying to mend the alliance with the Philippines as a bulwark against China's expansionism in the South China Sea. This is particularly laughable, since Trump has repeatedly stressed that he has the greatest admiration for Xi Jinping.

The LaRouche movement heartily welcomes President Duterte, his government officials and diplomats, and all the Philippine people to join in the next demonstration by the LaRouche movement at the office of the *New York Slimes*, which will be announced soon. Write to me to get the date and time, at: [mobeir@aol.com](mailto:mobeir@aol.com)