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A Cup o' Kapeng Barako

By Jesse Jose

For my views, many people hate me. I've been called "OJ," as in Obnoxious Jesse ... and a Filipino daw, with a "crab mentality" and who, instead of shooting at the enemy, I turn my rifle around and shoot at fellow Filipinos.

I've been called a "narrow-minded bigot."

I've been called a "foul-mouthed S.O.B."

I've been called a "little brown American."

A few had even threatened me with physical harm. Some want to "sanction" me and ban me from writing and muzzle me from expressing my views.

I am too "dangerous" daw. Someone, a friend, who used to be a friend, that is, but who

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became a foe because of my views, even wished me "grave illness" and "death." Kind of scary. And kind of sad.

But, I think, it's more of a SCREAM, like a YIKES scream. Y'all know what I mean? Yes, funneeeee and soooooo deliciously laughable.

The most laughable and the most STUPID comment, I think, was when I was called "a little brown American." Of course, I am an American ... and proud of it. And, of course, I am brown. Tan, golden, and brown ... and proud of it. I am not LITTLE though, like many "little Filipinos."

I am tall, dark and handsome, like the way Poldo Salcedo used to look. And, with my bigote and perfumed hair pomade, you could also say I am an Erap look-alike in his heydays as an actor. Eat your hearts out, heh, heh, heh. I am kind of old now, and I keep my stash of Viagra near my bed. But you know what they say about men getting on with age, they truly know how to get it on. OLDER, BOLDER, SEXIER, they say. I kid you not. And surely, quality is better than quantity.

Yes, make no mistake. I am not what-you-ma-call a "little brown American." I am an American, period. You and I are now in America. This is NOW our country. Let's think like an American. And let's talk like an American. And let's walk like an American. And show our complete and total LOYALTY to America ... like a good American.

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I am not saying that we should forget our ethnicity and do away with our cultural heritage. Let's keep it in our hearts and practice it. But let's don't be too CONSUMED with our Filipino-ness. I think that is wrong! Let's be an American first, and second only as a Filipino.

Let's stop saying: "I am a Filipino." Because, really, who cares if you say that in America?

Let's stop singing that stupid song: "*Ang Pilipino angat sa mundo.*" Because it projects to the world our sense of inferiority complex and our inadequacy. Let's prove first that the Filipino is *angat sa mundo*, then let's sing it!

Let's toil for this country as an American. This country that takes good care of us. In this country, our accomplishment as a person should be what we should sing about.

And, as that great American, John F. Kennedy, once said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

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To me, that means, let's don't be a BURDEN of this country. Let's don't take advantage of the WELFARE system of this generous country.

If you are one of them who do, shame on you! Get a job, pal! And get a life! I didn't mean to give lecture here. Got carried away a little with that "little brown American" bit. I am getting off my soap box now. But remember, I am not LITTLE. Brown, yes. American, yes. And Filipino, yes, but "beri leetel" only ... you dig?

In other words, my heart and soul is Filipino, I cannot change that. Nor do I want to change it. But my mind is American and my loyalty is to America.

As to those other descriptions, *kulams* and curses that were heaped on me, hey, what can I say? This is America. The land of the free. Your land and my land. The land of free speech. The land of many Americans, black, white, yellow, giants and midgets, as well as those ... "little-minded brown Americans" within its midst.

Yes, I am hated for my views, but now and then, a comment from readers would come my way and warm my heart. This one came from someone in California, named Allan. I am not making

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this up.

I'll quote him en toto: "Hi Jesse,

"Love your post. Light, funny, yet deeply profound. It's almost poetic ... Keep up the good work."

Signed) Allan.

For my views, some people love me, too. # # #

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