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Nikki admits mistake in oil deregulation

MANILA — Sen. Anna Dominguez Cojuangco has admitted that she was wrong to vote for the approval of the law deregulating the oil industry, but added that the Senate was made to rely on imprecise information and overly-ambitious projections.

This was the reaction of Cojuangco to criticism that the recent round of oil price hikes can be attributed to the enactment of the oil deregulation law. She recalled that Malacañang had promised that deregulation would result in attracting more petroleum companies, and that result in cheaper and more affordable petroleum products.

"Where are all these oil companies?" the lady asked when Cojuangco also asked why, if the industry is now deregulated, are the prices of the products of all three oil companies the same. "Since government owns a 40 per cent stake in Petron, it should be concerned with keeping the cost of Petron's products lower to pressure the rest of oil companies to match Petron's pricing," she commented.

SC to hear sides in move to amend Charter

MANILA — The Supreme Court has given proponents of a controversial proposal to amend the 1987 Constitution 10 days to present their petition that would allow President Fidel V. Ramos to seek a second term.

This was another victory for the People's Initiative for Reform, Modernization and Action (PIRMA) as the high court did not outrightly reject the petition that it had twice previously rejected. The Supreme Court voted 7-6 last month to make a new ruling on the PIRMA petition which seeks to amend the Charter to allow the president to serve two terms. Previous Supreme Court rulings on March 19 and again on June 10 dismissed PIRMA's petition, saying that there was no constitutional basis for the petition.

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Mel Tobias, host and producer of Club Filipino, is also the Lifestyle and Entertainment editor of The Philippine Chronicle. His expansive influence in the entertainment world includes contacts from the Philippines, to Hongkong, the United States and Europe. Mel just got back from the 50th celebration of the Cannes Festival in the South of France. His yearly film festival beat also includes the Toronto, Montreal, and Hawaii film fests. Mel's personal attendance in these global showbiz happenings gives him a close-up look and first hand information in the glamorous world of the movies.

Mel is also a columnist of the Philippine Star, one of the biggest newspapers in the Philippines, Manila Standard's "SAVVY" magazine and The Reporter (New York). You can also read his regular re-

ports on International Film festivals on 8-INTERNATIONAL, the most glamorous magazine in Hong Kong, China.

Mel's broadcasting career included the longest running radio program, "Off the Beaten Track", aired on RTHK (Radio-Television Hong Kong) and he also reviewed films on television for HK-TVB's cultural magazine program "Eye on Hongkong."

"Club Filipino" is a 1 hour program which will feature current events in Vancouver, Philippine music, lifestyle and entertainment news around the world and the Philippines. The program's segments are Talk of Manila, Business update, trends, tourism, restaurants, beauty tips, skin care and fashion, the latest in news and a "heart and soul" advise portion with Anna Pansacola. There will be a 10- minute

interview with a Filipino-Canadian called "Making the scene with..."

Most importantly, Club Filipino will showcase the "now" generation of Filipino-Canadians: **productive, inspired, sophisticated and involved.**

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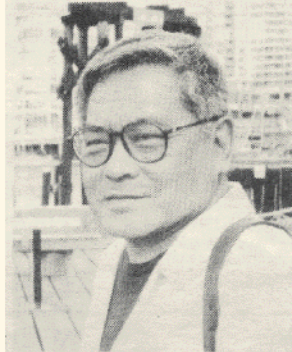
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