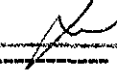


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED "NATIONAL SECURITY AWARENESS" SEMINARS BEING CONDUCTED FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP).

Whereas, The 1987 Constitution mandates in Section 5 (3), Article XVI that:

"(3) Professionalism in the armed forces and adequate remuneration and benefits of its members shall be a prime concern of the State. The armed forces shall be insulated from partisan politics.

No member of the military shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any partisan political activity, except to vote;" (*underscoring supplied*)

Whereas, There have been reports that a certain political party identified with the National Security Adviser, the Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas (PDSP), has been going around the military camps to conduct seminars for soldiers ostensibly about national security awareness;

Whereas, The discussions and reading materials in these seminars include topics focusing on political issues and democratic institutions, basically emphasizing that the present liberal democratic system is dysfunctional and that a shift to social democracy, the PDSP's political ideology, is necessary;

Whereas, What these seminars appear to be is plain and simple political indoctrination by a political party to the military who are being taught to be politically aware and active to the point of being encouraged to play a partisan political role in effecting fundamental change;

Whereas, These activities seem to run counter to the constitutional pronouncement of an apolitical military and likewise go beyond the mandate of the armed forces to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory; *Now, therefore, be it resolved,*

By the Senate, As It Is Hereby Resolved, To Direct The Senate Committee On National Defense And Security And Other Appropriate Committees To Inquire, In Aid Of Legislation, Into The Alleged "National Security Awareness" Seminars Being Conducted For Officers And Members Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP).

Adopted.


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