

REPRIMANDING LT. COL. ANDRES O. CRUZ AND DISMISSING THE CHARGES AGAINST LT. COL. VICTOR H. DIZON, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR AND ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR RESPECTIVELY, OF THE CIVIL...

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 175-A, December 12, 1951

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This is an administrative case against Lt. Cols. Andres O. Cruz and Victor H. Dizon, acting administrator and acting deputy administrator, respectively, of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, brought by Eliodoro de la Resa, general counsel of the same office, charging the first with gross misconduct in office, grave abuse of authority, active political participation and unlawful use of government vehicle and the second with complicity (with the other respondent) in coercing the complainant to resign and indifference towards the complainant when his co-respondent attacked the former and engaged him in a physical encounter. The charges were investigated by the Integrity Board which found those against Dizon not substantiated but found Cruz guilty of gross misconduct and political activity.

It appears that for some time prior to January 9, 1951, there was a movement, of which respondent Cruz was aware, to secure the appointment of civilians to manage the Civil Aeronautics Administration then being run by military men. The personnel thereof was divided into two factions, one for maintaining the status quo and the other favoring the change. Complainant, who was apparently interested in the post of administrator, was identified with the latter group. A couple of meetings of officials and employees were called by respondent Cruz to sound out, among other things, their preference as to who among the respondents and complainant should run the office. In the meeting held on the afternoon of January 9, 1951, Cruz suggested to complainant to go on leave in order that he could work for his candidacy as administrator.

Acting on the suggestion, complainant submitted the next day an application for one month's vacation leave which was forthwith endorsed by respondent Cruz. Upon learning, however, that complainant had more leave to his credit, Cruz insisted that the former exhaust all his leave on condition that he submit his resignation to take effect at the expiration of his leave. Complainant refused to comply with the conditions invoking his rights as a classified civil service officer. Whereupon Cruz tore the application and, after an exchange of hot words, stood up and boxed complainant on the mouth. They grappled but were separated by some employees. Complainant left the room and went to his desk but was followed by Cruz who persisted in further laying hands on him. Efforts of cooler heads to prevent him from doing so proved to no avail. When finally they were separated, complainant, who was the smaller of the two, emerged with several injuries which required medical attention.

It also appears that in violation of existing law and regulations respondent Cruz aided a candidate for congressman in the Province of Bohol in the 1949 elections by contributing to the latter's campaign fund and asking his subordinates to do the same, which they did.

Aside from the violation of law and regulations already stated, it is evident that respondent Cruz is guilty of conduct unbecoming a public officer. It is indeed regrettable that one in his high position and who, as head of the office, albeit in a temporary capacity, was expected to observe more self-restraint, should be the first one to lose

his equanimity and resort to violence, thereby creating a scene in the office and disrupting the work therein.

Wherefore, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Integrity Board, Lt. Col. Andres O. Cruz is hereby reprimanded and relieved of his duties as acting administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration and returned to active duty in the armed forces, while the charges against Lt. Col. Victor H. Dizon are hereby dismissed.

Considering the role played in the unhappy incident by complainant Eliodoro de la Rosa who, to foster his ambition of becoming administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, was practically the moving spirit in the agitation for a change in the management of said office, I agree with the Integrity Board that it is in the interest of the public service that said Eliodoro de la Rosa be taken away from the Civil Aeronautics Administration and transferred to another branch or office of the Government. The Secretary of Commerce and Industry and the Commissioner of Civil Service are accordingly directed to find ways and means of effecting such transfer.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-one and of the Independence of the Philippines, the sixth.

(Sgd.) ELPIDIO QUIRINO

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) MARCIANO ROQUE

Acting Assistant Executive Secretary

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