

EL PUEBLO DE LAS ISLAS FILIPINAS, QUERELLANTE-APELADO, CONTRA PACIANO FUENTEBELLA, ACUSADO-APELANTE.

R.G. Nos. 38744 y 38745. August 16, 1933

Ponente: AVANCEÑA, J.

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AVANCEÑA, J.:

Se acusa en estas dos causas al apelante Paciano Fuentebella del delito de libelo cometido, el uno, el 23 de abril de 1930 (R.G. No. 38744) y el otro, el 24 de mayo de 1930 (R.G. No. 38745) por haber publicado en dichas fechas en el periodico "The Bicol Times" que se edita en la cabecera de Naga, de la Provincia de Camarines Sur, dos articulos encabezados, respectivamente, Democrata Meeting by Approximately 5,000 People y Sin Malicia. Se alega que estos articulos son libelosos y tienden a atacar, desprestigiar y ridiculizar la fama, honra y reputacion del Hon. Jose Fuentebella, Senador del Sexto Distrito Senatorial, con el proposito de perjudicarlo y exponerlo al odio, ridiculo y desprecio del publico. Estos articulos se transcriben en las dos querellas.

El Juzgado declaro al apelante culpable del delito acusado en ambas querellas y le condeno en cada una de ellas a pagar una multa de P300, con la prision subsidiaria correspondiente, en caso de insolvncia, con las costas.

La mera lectura de los articulos transcritos en la querella, demuestran que tienden a atacar la fama, honra y reputacion del Hon. Jose Fuentebella, exponiendolo al odio, ridiculo y desprecio del publico. No hay duda de que estos articulos se refieren al Senador Jose Fuentebella, y esta es la unica inteligencia de que son susceptibles estos articulos.

Por lo demas, constando en las copias del periodico "The Bicol Times" en que aparecieron estos articulos que el apelante es su Managing Editor, habiendose, ademas, probado que el apelante es el mismo que como tal Managing Editor presento la correspondiente declaracion jurada para el Bureau of Posts, la responsibilidad del apelante ha sido cumplidamente establecida.

Se confirman las sentencias apeladas, con las costas al apelante.

Asi se ordena.

Street y Santos, MM., conformes.

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