

SUNDAY EVENING OPENING - J. Crocker

SIGNS  
OF  
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This year we have been engaged in working with various local communities across the world whose residents have decided to involve themselves in social demonstration. That is they are communities that are out to demonstrate what is possible. They are out to demonstrate what it means to be a fully human being in the 20th century. I turn first to Kwangyung Il. It is on a small island off the southern coast of South Korea. Maliwada is a small village about 200 miles east of the city of Bombay in India, while the Isle of Dogs is located right in the heart of the great city of London in Great Britain. Majuro is located in the Marshall Islands just east of here, where there is a great new ocean nation of people coming into being. Oombulgurri is located in the northern part of Australia where we are working with the aboriginal people of Australia, who are the oldest people in History; that is with the most continuous history of over 40,000 years. Kawangware is located in the city of Nairobi, Kenya, in the eastern part of Africa. Fifth City is located in the heart of the black ghetto of the city of Chicago in the United States. Now, here we are in Sudtonggan in Lapu-Lapu.

SUDTONGGAN

I already told some of my friends when I found that I was coming here, that I was going to the place where the first successful rejection of Western imperialism by the Eastern world took place. Of course it took several other times after that first successful time before it was finally pulled off. I've stood before the great history of this place and wondered as I've looked at the smallest coin you have, that I find the picture of Chief Lapu-Lapu. And I'm not sure whether that's because he was first or whether he was a man who stood among common men and was the most local men among his people. In any regards, what a man he was! And then I think of the name of Sudtonggan and I'm sure that there may be several meanings to this, but what speaks to me is that this means going back into the remote places, going back into a place which has been a place of refuge to people. What a significant meaning that is at a time when the whole future is turning to the villages and the remote places as the key to the future. I have come in the last few days to have a deep appreciation for this place, for what a place it is. And then I have stood in amazement as I have thought of the people who have been in this place. What a strength it has taken over the years to carry out a human community in the midst of this land. I think it has taken a great deal of strength and a firmness that has great promise

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for the future. And so I say "What a place this is, and what a people this is!"

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Now, the question might be "How is it that we're going to proceed this next week?" I'd say it'll be something like Bayanihan. That is, we'll be working together and our work is going to begin here tomorrow morning with a breakfast meal at 7 o'clock. We will be working as a group of people who have been brought together with the objectivity of those who have come from Canada, and the United States, and from Hong Kong and Australia. With the great wisdom out of the people who live in this community we will have a way of bringing that wisdom together as we work together this week. We will be out to build the practical plan by which all of us can move comprehensively in terms of the future. And when we have completed with our week's work we will then take another week and we will work to produce, as we have in every place, something that would look like this. There is one that comes from every one of the places where we have been privileged to engage in socio-economic development. There will be a plan, a very practical plan, for the life of this community, and this will be something that all of us will participate in building, and all of us will participate in creating. Yet, it is only the people of this great village who can bring something like this into being.

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PROMISE

I would want to say, finally, that this place is not only a great place with great people, a great man and a great history in his past, but I would claim a promise of the future, that this community will stand as a great sign to the Republic of the Philippines; and as a great sign of possibility for all people of the world. With that kind of claim I want to say that I further promise you that this week will have a lot of hard work, and that we will have a lot of fun together doing it.

Thank you.

MONDAY. OPENING SPIN - J. Wiegel

Good Morning!

GLOBAL  
CONSCIOUSNESS

I am very impressed that the planes that fly from the airport fly over Sudtonggan. When I was a young boy I remember in my home looking up in the sky and seeing the airplanes go over my house. And in my boyhood, I remember thinking about the other places in the world that I had never been to. And I thought of all the people from other places in the world who had never been to Frankfurt, Illinois, my home town. I am very pleased to announce to the good people of Sudtonggan that today the world that flies over Sudtonggan has come to Sudtonggan. People from all over Cebu, people from all over the Philippines, people from all over Asia, people from all over the world have come here. This has never happened in my home. I hope, one day, a gathering like this will come to Frankfurt and hold a Consultation like this.

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DESIGN

I want to say a few words about the Consult that we'll be doing. In local communities all around the world today, local people are awake and ready to deal with their problems. The question they have before them is, "How?" What specifically is to be done in this village, or this village, or in this village? And so the issue we have found in development has to do with effective methods for change. The method that we will be using this week has six steps. Each day we will take a new step in the method. Today we will work together to discern the operating vision of the people of Sudtonggan to see if we can find out the real hopes for this place. For without first understanding the hopes and the dreams of the people of this place we cannot deal seriously with what must happen here. Tomorrow morning we will organize the Operating Vision of the people of Sudtonggan. But that is not enough, so we will go on to figure out the underlying contradictions, the factors in the situation that keep this vision from coming true. We will try to find the real blocks to a new future for Sudtonggan. Once we have found those contradictions, we will go on to create practical proposals for the village of Sudtonggan. The real needs, or the jobs that must be done if these blocks are to be removed. Once we have organized the practical proposals, we will move to work out the tactical systems necessary to practically implement those proposals. We will spell out the real deeds that must be done here in the village of Sudtonggan. By the time we get here the week will be over. But there are two steps remaining still. The next step is to organize all of this into

the Actuating Programs, the vehicles for getting all of this done. And then spelling out the timelined implementaries: what must be done; where it must be done; how it will be done; when it will be done, and who will do it. Those of us who will be leaving and going back to other places in the world can be of help up to here. But the people of Sudtonggan who must do the work have got to be the ones who work out the timelined implementaries.

FUTURE  
PROJECTION

Now when the people of Sudtonggan do these implementaries change will happen in Sudtonggan. When change happens in Sudtonggan, you know what? There will be a new hope in Sudtonggan. And there will be new factors blocking that hope from coming to being, and new proposals and new tactics will be required of the people of Sudtonggan. And new programs and new implementaries must be done, and when those new implementaries are done around again, and around, and around. For just as for hundreds of years people have lived and worked in Sudtonggan, and the job in Sudtonggan is not finished; so in the future, over and over and over again, the people of Sudtonggan must work together to build their community.