

# AMERICAN BIRTHRIGHT ON TRIAL!

An indictment against the most brutal U.S.-sponsored holocaust in the Philippines! And a story of how those who survived were collectively stripped of their United States citizenship!

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# Brief Shining Moment of Magnificence: An Account Of Elly Velez Lao Pamatong's Historic Court Performance in New York City

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The Court of Appeals in New York City, located at Wall Street, the bastion of world capitalism, was transformed into a pantheon of judicial history, August 29, 1997, at high noon, where a dynamic Filipino lawyer, Elly Velez Pamatong, founder-chairman of the Crusade for the Recognition of American Citizenship (CRAC), presented his oral and final arguments before the three U.S. circuit judges hearing the case.



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This protracted crusade, which started a full decade ago, is about the constitutional birthright of Filipinos born between the years 1898 and 1946, when the Philippine Islands were under the sovereignty of the United States of America. In substance, Elly Velez Pamatong claims that all Filipinos borne during those years were, and still are, citizens of America under the Common Law Doctrine of Jus Soli. Through devious manipulation of the law, however, the Filipinos were divested of their American citizenship and, subsequently, reduced to third class status known as “American nationals.” In a word, the Filipinos were made quasi-citizens of the United States.

In sum, only arbitrarily selected provisions of the American fundamental charter were made applicable to the Filipino people. According to the Supreme Court, only “fundamental” constitutional rights applied to “unincorporated” territories like the Philippines.

For instance, freedom of speech was one of the four fundamental rights considered to have been extended to the Philippine Islands automatically and of its own force. However, the Right to Citizenship -- clearly more fundamental than freedom of speech -- was not among those deemed to have automatically applied to the “Philippine Islands, United States of America.”

The obvious reason for America’s silence on whether the Right to Citizenship automatically applied to the Philippines lies in the racist attitude burning in the minds of many among the United States lawmakers like Congressman Ben Tillman and Senator Elihu Root. The latter explained that the Filipinos were a “cancer” to the American societal order.

Despite clear evidence of American injustice toward the Filipino people, the Filipinos became the first Asians to become comrades-in-arms with American soldiers.

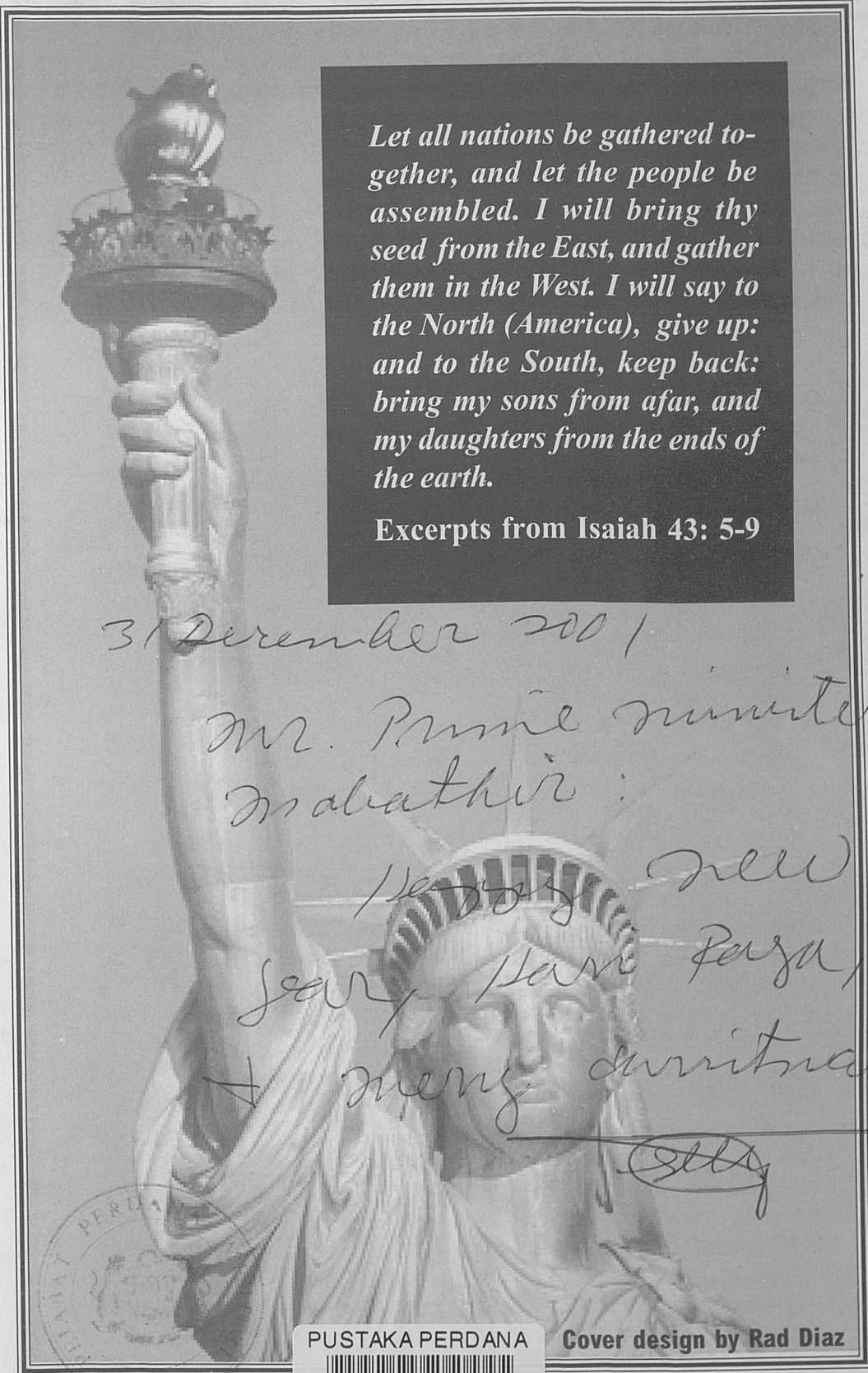
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*Let all nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. I will bring thy seed from the East, and gather them in the West. I will say to the North (America), give up: and to the South, keep back: bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.*

Excerpts from Isaiah 43: 5-9

31 December 2001

Mr. Prime Minister  
Malaysia:

We do not  
fear have  
any  
+ many  
arrived!

*[Handwritten signature]*



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General William Shafter

*“My plan would be to disarm the natives in the Philippines, even if we have to kill half of them.” They did. General William Shafter*

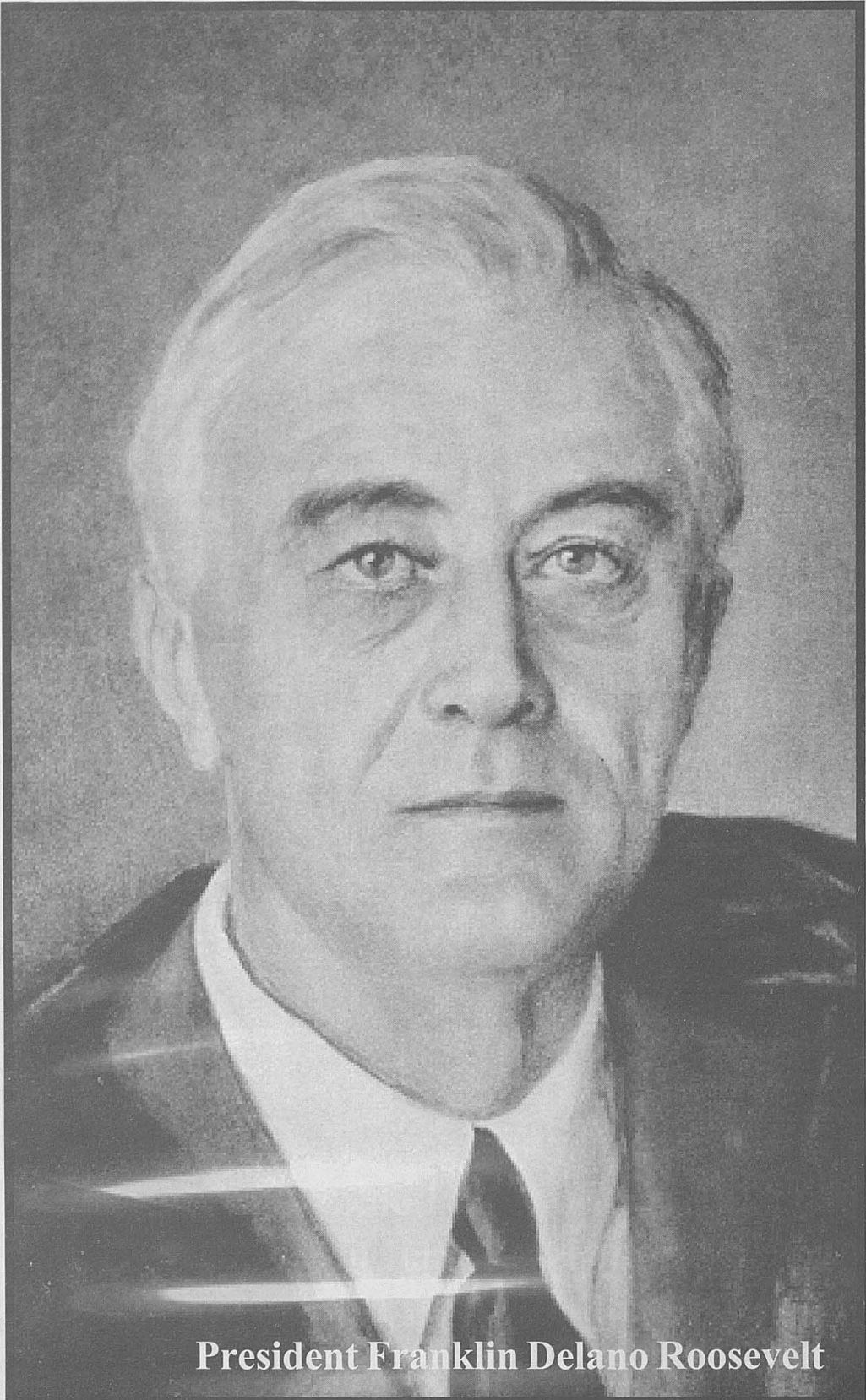


**This is a personal account of how the author came close to changing the map of the world. One more vote from the U.S. Court of Appeals circuit judges could have meant recognition of the American citizenship of Filipinos born during the territorial period. But, just the same, he scored an unprecedented moral and political victory.**

**On the other hand, this is a true history of how white America exterminated one half of the population in what was then known as the “United States of America, Philippine Islands,” and stripped all those who survived the holocaust of their American nationality or citizenship.**

**In a sense, America’s proposition that “all men are created equal” is on trial in this book. And, in reality, what is on trial here is the conscience of America itself.**





President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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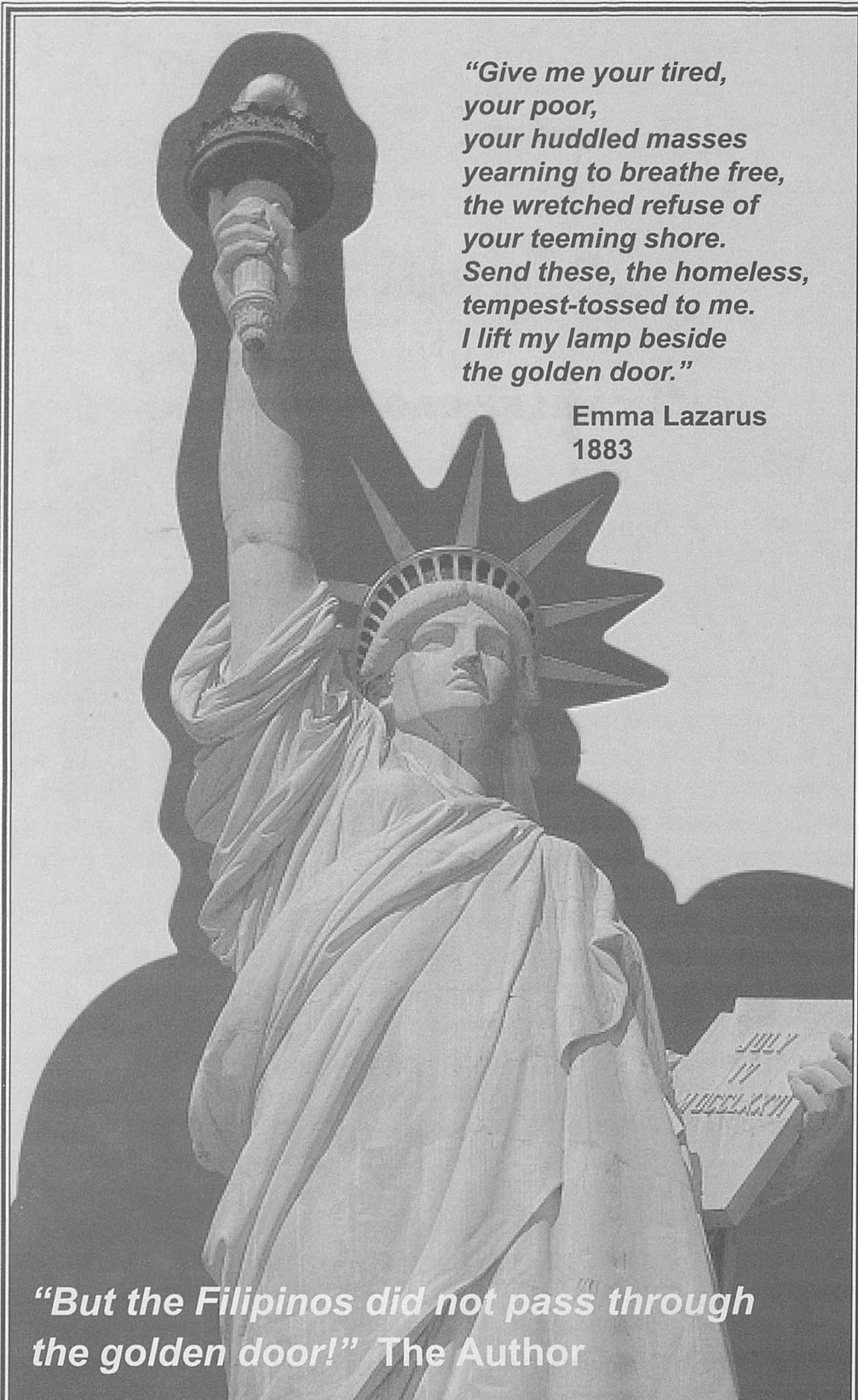
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*“Give me your tired,  
your poor,  
your huddled masses  
yearning to breathe free,  
the wretched refuse of  
your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless,  
tempest-tossed to me.  
I lift my lamp beside  
the golden door.”*

Emma Lazarus  
1883

*“But the Filipinos did not pass through  
the golden door!”* The Author