

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 217, September 29, 1956]

IMPOSING A FINE OF ONE MONTH'S SALARY ON CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATOR URBANO B. CALDOZA WITH REPRIMAND AND WARNING.

This is an administrative case against Civil Aeronautics Administrator Urbano B. Caldoza for grave misconduct, oppression and persecution filed by responsible officials of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, namely, Zosimo H. Derpo, Senior Overseas Communicator; Pedro S. Reyes, Airport Manager and Chief of the Manila International Airport Division; Cesar A. Mijares, Airline Pilot; Juan A. Herrera, Jr., Associate Airways Maintenance Technician; and Juan Perez, Chief, Cash and Property Section.

The charges were investigated by Atty. Jesus Paredes as Special Investigator, and the respondent was given full opportunity to defend himself. After the termination of the investigation, the Special Investigator submitted a report finding the respondent guilty of –

1. Oppression consisting of the following acts:

(a) That on July 30, 1955, the respondent issued an order transferring complainant Zosimo H. Derpo to Laoag on permanent assignment as officer-in-charge of the radio station thereat; that the complainant brought the case to the Office of the President and the respondent was ordered to hold in abeyance complainant's transfer to Laoag; and that the respondent deferred complainant's transfer to Laoag but assigned him temporarily in the Office of the Chief of the Airways Division, instead of returning him to his position as Acting Chief of the Overseas Foreign Aeronautical Communication Station;

(b) That on June 28, 1955, he sent a letter to complainant Derpo, terminating the latter's lease of a government cottage within thirty days from receipt thereof; that on August 11, 1955, upon orders of the respondent, the light and telephone connections in said cottage were cut off and armed guards were posted within the premises to prevent their reconnection;

(c) That shortly after assuming office as Administrator, the respondent told complainant Cesar A. Mijares that he expected him to resign; that he ignored the latter on several occasions by giving direct orders to his (Mijares') subordinates; and that the respondent disauthorized Mijares from performing his official duties, such as flying CAA planes;

(d) That on July 30, 1954, complainant Juan Perez submitted a letter of resignation to the respondent; that on the same day the respondent accepted complainant's resignation and directed him to turn over the office and the keys to Pantaleon Velasco; that three days later, the respondent sent a memorandum to the complainant reiterating his previous directive and compliance therewith within three