

abuse powers is seen from the Supervisor who stole parts of teachers' salaries for his own use. All that has been said were crimes, be it minor or a major one, it's still a crime. Another would be about the Negros Nine. They were innocently playing basketball on the streets when they were arrested. It was said that the police only did the arrest to reach their quota for the week. No one knew what had happened to them. We can see that the people were not treated justly by their supposedly "protectors." The police and military officers were assigned to maintain peace and to help their people in times of need yet they abused their power because of greed, arrogance, for the fun of it, and also so that they can stay in power. Toto Kiko was killed out of greed and desire for power. This shows us how corrupted people can be. They take lives just for them to have everything they desire for, even if they are on the same standard of living.

The government's problems cannot be easily told to just anyone and anywhere. There is always someone who is watching our every move, thereby jeopardizing our safety. Through stories, rumors and songs, it may be more possible to relay vital information without sacrificing the very safety of the people. These ballads gave readers an overview justification on the occurrences that were happening in the Visayan towns. These also showed hidden messages about what's really happening in the government and the society as well as how Filipinos think and act in those times of troubles.