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Denies Philippines Is a Puppet of the United States

MANILA, June 7 (AP)—A Russian's assertion that India's freedom would be "fictitious" like the "false freedom" of the Philippines drew a sharp retort today from a Philippine Foreign Office spokesman who charged Russia with being "a past master in creating puppet governments."

"Those who speak of our independence as fictitious are either insincere, ignorant or malicious," he said. "The independence granted to the Philippines is a very real one. We formulate our foreign policy without dictation of any power, not even the United States."

He said that the recent treaty granting military bases in the Philippines to the United States was "entered into because we believed that it will afford us the best guarantee of Philippine independence." The treaty, he said, "was not imposed upon us by the United States. It was a purely voluntary agreement between two countries."