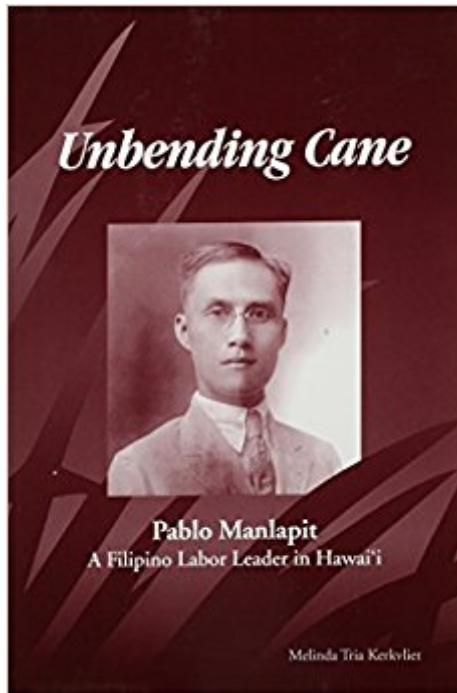




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Tria Kerkvliet's much-needed account of Hawaii Filipino labor leader, Pablo Manlapit, helps to fill in a large gap in plantation labor history in Hawaii. Other accounts, e.g., Ronald Takaki's *Pau Hana*, minimize Manlapit's presence, or fail to probe deeply into the nuances of ethnic organizing, as in John Reinecke's otherwise informative, *The Filipino Piecemeal Sugar Strike of 1924-1925*. Beyond this historical corrective, *Unbending Cane* also gives us a view of how social activism takes a toll on family stability. This private view of a historical figure is enlightening, if also somewhat

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