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The open skies has been implemented with our going through CAPB two frequencies to PAN AM and two to Northwest one of which is through Tokyo to the U.S. Benay Toda is going through the hysteria in seeking to stop these grants but if we would increase our tourist trade we will have to increase the flights. It is a case of private interest against the public good. So there is no choice. And I have ordered CAA Administrator Ablan to give cargo unloading & storage space to both PAN AM and Northwest as well as a finger in the new terminal each, such to be constructed at their expense. Both promise to spend a ~~thousand~~ ^{million} dollars each for the propagation of the routes to the Philippines. Had kind with Sen. Jostino, another of those who aspire to be President although he denies it. He told me the oil companies make profits on their crude oil purchases from their mother or affiliate companies setting their own price and on the cost of carriers, the latter about 15 to 20%. At his suggestion I asked Com. E. Medina of the PSC to see to it that after the increase of 5 centavos for jeepney fares, even if gasoline price should go up as the crude oil inventories of the refineries is only up to April or May, there should be no further increases of passenger fare. Bury Tanco seems to be doing well as my action officer in prices. But Nanding Lopez wants him to work in the Dept of Agriculture now. Asked Sen. Estrella and Eusebio to quit quarrelling and attend to the land reform problems.