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Was great of honor of the convention for the merger of the two biggest labor unions, the ~~PTUC~~ of Bert Oca and the PTUC of Pedro Fernandez at 4:00 PM at the USIS auditorium. They constitute 65% of the organized labor force. They welcomed me warmly and applauded my speech enthusiastically. This will show that labor is on the side of government and not leftist as claimed by the KM and SPP.

This is the second time I have been false. I should do so more often.

Had lunch with Gen. Rancudo, C of the Fifth Fighter Wing who swears undying loyalty even if the other elements of the AFP should turn disloyal. "One of my F-50s can blast the Tabak Division installations in ten minutes," he said. He said he is willing to fight even the Americans if necessary. I hurried to add that the Americans were on our side. He had the CAA Administrator with him (he is another jet fighter pilot). I ordered Pasay airfield to be immediately lengthened ⁵⁰⁰⁰ long to be ^{transport} immediately lengthened to 10,000 ft. so as to handle jets (commercial) as an alternate international airport. Actually this is to handle our jet fighters. The same thing with Zamboanga and Davao.

I have given the project on the Aomera training camp in Samar to Gen. Ben Reyes, III, PC Zone Commander and his C/S chief, Maj. Manglongat who strikes me as competent. Aerial photography may locate the area and neutral envelopment by helicopter or by air drop may do the trick. Inelda is again very confident that I have things well on hand. So does Father Donaghy feel the same way.