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Meldy's cyst in the right breast has been removed and found benign — as the report says ~~it~~ <sup>is</sup> a fibroadenoma. When today (Dr. Francis Picini) brought out the specimen, I was shocked at the size. It was about three inches by eight inches and a quarter of an inch thick. Dr. Pantayco and Ferral were the pathologist. Dr. Seale Yap assisted by Dr. Uy performed the operation. Dr. Plunin Gomez was the anesthesiologist assisted by today. Present were the heart specialists, Dr. Juanita Lopez and Dr. Pedro Cruz. We slept at the hospital last night at about 11:30 and woke up at 5:00 AM when she was injected with some sedatives. Operation started at about 6:15 frozen section after 15 minutes and finished (sutured) at about 7:00 AM. A little depression was left at the site but the opening was only about three inches long.

Reinstated my appointments for the day and met with the different chambers of commerce who have a letter offering cooperation. The Provincial Press Federation, Bishop Gironi and Mr. Watanabe, the President of the Asian Development Bank.

The whole city is still talking about the supposed rift between the sugar bloc and me. Yesterday Malby Bernales went to see Inday Montalano (called me by telephone and I talked to Inday who was all with influence and she promised to come and see me at the Palace on Monday.

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We were all agreed that the cyst of Kelly was benign as it had not changed in size for the last two years and in fact has reduced in size. But she was beginning to contaminate everyone with her tension including me. Kelly is resting well and ate sugar from Ralph tonight. Bongbong left us in stitches with stories of his first dance and the children's parties he attended. Horrors! Malita says she will be 70 next month and feels like 20 after Dr. Malabao and Switzerland. What a lot of these people in this room would give to feel like 20. Especially Zita <sup>Filipino</sup> who is trying to peep into my diary. All these women around here, I bet are all wondering if they have lumps in their breasts.

Yesterday there was a demonstration of students from the Central University Phil General School and Phil College of Arts and Trades for the release of \$65 million and the appointment of their own choice of President for the Central University.

Tonight Agnes Jacsin had a thousand demonstrators in what Sen. Raul says is a month-long demonstration against the administration and the various govt agencies like the PC against alleged partisanship of the PC for the furthering of the strike here. I had an investigation.

Dr. Raul ordered to follow-up of the plan I directed to set up alarm systems in the barracks then the BHD 7.