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The operations in Bulacan bagged ten Hubs in Bulacan. One of them knows the tunnels in Hacienda Luisita and he is going to point them out in a search which will immediately follow. This will involve Genoy Aquino.

The export tax bill is on second reading in the House. Reps. Castillo, Sarawento, Chongbica and Sabido came to see me. Apparently Sarawento is lobbying so as to put plywood as a separate category as processed exports and this since he is the biggest producer of plywood he will earn more profits. I insisted on the bill as it is - an across the board ten percent tax without exceptions. The distribution of the proceeds will be 40% infrastructure, 30% Development Fund and 30% to the General Fund.

Celebrated the 73rd Anniversary of the Phil Army in Camp Bonifacio; explained the economic and social program of government and revealed my plans to increase pay and allowances as well as the establishment of an office and enlisted men's barrio and commissary for the AFP.

The taxi drivers, notwithstanding yesterday's agreement with Com. Medina of PSC and Philip Non-acrat, went on strike and overturned jeeps and destroyed buses because of the refusal of taxi drivers to join the strike. But the police and Metrocom quelled the disorder.

I will finish with the Holy Mass then attend to the needs of the situation that may require more stern measures. The price of gasoline and fuel goes up 4.4 centavos