

Also met with Com. Gen. following
quarters at 11:30 AM to discuss
with Liberal Party
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12:10 PM -
Imelda left for Leyte to attend the installation of
the Bishop of Palo. Have just called her up by phone patch.
She says that is so beautiful, the Pope himself says it is
more beautiful than Japan. The moon is out. It is a three
quarter fading moon.

Met with all the Chiefs of Police in the Metropolitan
area, the Metrocom Chief & his staff, the PC chief and his
staff and the HBI chief. Asked Col. Tamayo and Barbero to
report on the rioting yesterday. I requested that the charges
against the students be dropped; charges against non-students
can continue; that a critique be made of the conduct of the
men in uniform; that steps be taken to prevent any injuries
to demonstrators in the future as there are reports of individual
cases of policemen using more force than necessary. The MPD
Chief explained that in the melee and the mob action, it was
difficult to say what are the proper limits to the use of force
to meet force. They asked for additional equipment as the
policemen have to buy their own helmets and baton. About
19 policemen were injured.

As reported by Dyraco Jacani, his HRTC was in the
rally saw Roger Aranda and his men start the rioting by
throwing the coffin, the stuffed crocodile and stones at my car.
I have asked Mr. Her to get their affidavits.

I also met at 10:45 with Ambassador Byroads whom
I quietly confronted with the story the Liberals are spreading openly
that the American Embassy is supporting an attempt at a coup d'etat.
He claims they only listened to the head for a coup. I told him of Tillerson's
suggestion to blast up the bridges to isolate the Embassy. He seemed
stunned and said he was greatly concerned and would do something
about it. He said so long as the Russians were in position we would not be fighting

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