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Saturday

Am working on a Primer on Communism. Everyone is talking of confrontations with student power. Actually the whole crisis has been utilized by Communism to create a revolutionary situation.

Ernesto Arceles, columnist of the Manila Chronicle has become libelous. He writes what Jhing Lopez tells him to. Today he blames me for the riots and for paying toughies to infiltrate the demonstrations and to destroy private property and thus raise the ire of the people against the demonstrators. He must watch out on the Lopez side. Mother has written me that one of the friends of Jhing Lopez has revealed to her that Jhing Lopez has paid some people to kill me. I can believe this.

My barber, Conrad, tells me that the overwhelming opinion outside Malacañang is that it is about time I took sterner measures against the demonstrators that are violent.

The Armed Forces had a critique of the exercises for the Contingency Plan. Defects being pointed out.

He must finalize the list to be arrested if there is massive sabotage or assassination. I assess the plans of the communists to include these activities by the middle of March.

Johnny Ponce Escribano reports demoralization among the HMB's especially the Ma-Mas's who are ready to surrender but would like to make it appear like a capture.

There is restlessness in the transportation sector as the bus operators are losing P. 30 for each peso gross they earn.

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We will have to allow an increase in rates as the tire suppliers have increased prices by 17% and the oil people are waiting next Wednesday to increase theirs. I was able to hold the rates down in 1966. Today we will not be able to do this because of the floating rate.

The Congress is moving as slowly as ever on urgent legislation like the price and rent control law.

I have asked Benigno Tanco to come and help me on the agricultural program. I hope to put him in as Under Secretary of Agriculture if I can convince him.

I have just appointed Gen. Estrada as Deputy Director of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.

The cement shelter in the ground floor (my gymnasium) has just been finished. It is against any possible mortar or grenade attack.

And I have been trying out my bullet proof vest as I was going to Bohol but had to cancel it as the East Visayan Athletic Meet is set for the afternoon and I have some appointments here in Manila. The vest is a little lumpy under my newly tailored barong and shirt. It weighs 13 pounds and protects from the most penetrating rifle fire.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES


EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

PROHIBITING THE USE OF TRAWLS AND BASNIG IN CERTAIN PORTION OF MANILA BAY.

In order to effectively protect the fisheries and conserve fish and other aquatic resources in Manila Bay, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and pursuant to Section 73 of Act No. 4003, as amended, do hereby order that:

1. It shall be unlawful to operate commercial and baby trawls and basnig, as hereunder defined, in the area of Manila Bay, south of an imaginary straight line running from the highest peak of Corregidor Island to the lighthouse tower of the Customs house of the Port of Manila. It shall likewise be unlawful for commercial trawlers and basnig using boats of more than 50 tons gross to operate within Manila Bay not covered by the reservation.

2. For the purpose of this Executive Order, the terms trawl, commercial and baby trawls and basnig as used herein shall be construed as follows:

- (a) Trawl in general shall mean a net made in the form of conical bag with the mouth kept open by various devices and the entire gear is towed, trailed, or trawled, usually on the bottom of the sea to capture the bottom-dwelling species.
 - (b) Commercial trawl shall mean a trawl operated with the use of a vessel more than three (3) tons gross.
 - (c) Baby trawl shall mean a trawl operated with the use of a vessel three (3) tons gross or less.
 - (d) Basnig shall mean a type of lift net which is neither conical, ovate in shape, or in the form of an inverted mosquito net, the upper corners and upper sides of which are connected by ropelines (serving as pull ropes), attached to the outriggers of bancas or bamboo poles and lowered by means of weights down under the boat. This gear catches fish (that are attracted by lights operated by the boat) by lifting the net
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through the same outriggers or bamboo poles and pull ropes.

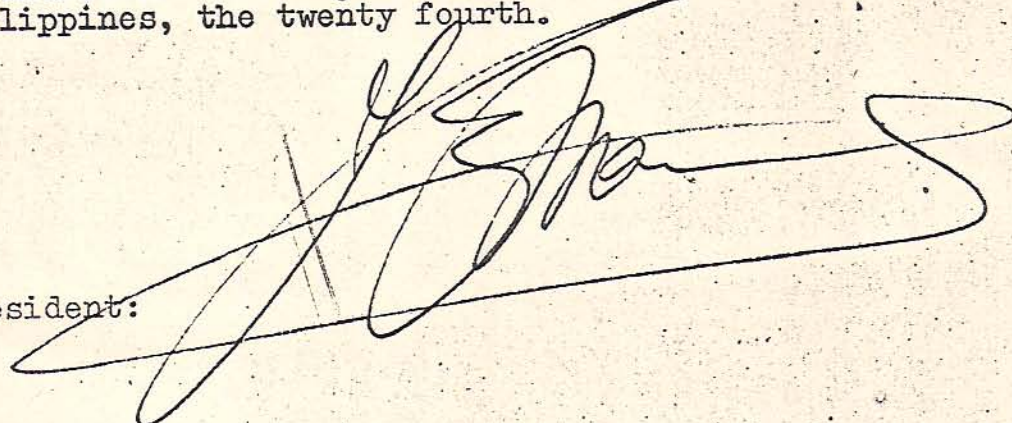
3. Violation of this Order shall subject the offender to the penalty provided for in Section 83 of Act No. 4003, as amended, which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos or an imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both, in the discretion of the Court.

4. All Orders and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed.

This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and for a period of not more than five (5) years.

Done in the City of Manila, this day of March, nineteen hundred and seventy-one and of the Independence of the Philippines, the twenty fourth.

By the President:



ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Executive Secretary

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The Chairman
Presidential Steel Committee
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S i r :

It is hereby directed that the Presidential Steel Committee implement, or cause to be implemented, the following policy decisions relative to the steel industry in general, and to Iligan Integrated Steel Mill, Inc. (IISMI) and the Elizalde Rolling Mills, Inc. (ELIROL) in particular:

1. A price control mechanism for steel products and raw materials is to be established, with the Development Bank of the Philippines as action agency, in collaboration with the Price Control Council insofar as construction materials are concerned.
2. Within the purview of Sec. 8(c) of the Investment Incentives Act (R.A. 5186), cause, through the Board of Investments, the imposition of post-operative tariff protection against imported cold rolled sheets of at least 30% ad valorem.
3. In the short-term, cause IISMI and ELIROL to merge or combine and form a new corporation that will establish a hot strip mill, while retaining their present positions as individual producers of cold rolled sheets and black-plates. The joint undertaking under the new corporation can also carry out the final phase of integrating the local steel industry by installing blast furnaces, LD converters and primary rolling mills to produce slabs and billets.

4. In the long-term, cause complete backward integration of the steel industry through the establishment of only one integrated steel mill. The joint venture by IISMI and ELIROL on the hot strip mill could serve as the initial step, with involvement of other steel firms to be considered subsequently. The integrated operation should have at least a million tons of crude steel capacity at the start, and expandable to four million tons within a ten to fifteen-year period.

Report action taken on the above matters at the earlier date possible.

cc:

The Chairman
Board of Investments

The Chairman
Development Bank of
the Philippines

The Chairman
Price Control Council