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The Peoples March was a flop. Only about 5,000 at the most joined. The march was supposed to get the support of the people in the streets and houses but it did not. Only a few of the spectators joined. It has ended in some Molotov cocktails thrown at the U.S. Embassy, three men caught with hand guns at the Mini Bell, some one caught lobbing a Molotov cocktail in Congress, another bag of Molotov cocktails at the Finance Building, about 30 arrested, 14 in the hospital and one seriously with a cracked head.

Father Ortiz' abusive and arrogant reply to my supposed charge that the Jesuits were fomenting the revolution (which I have denied and which is untrue) has brought out the image of the friar who brought about the Revolution of 1896. And the people are saying the Priest talks like a king and the king talks softly like a priest.

Father Blanco was here and he has been included in the lecturers at the Buena Vista in Malacañang. I still have my doubts about going into retreat in a Jesuit house. I still want to, however.

Talked to Bibilo Prieto about Plinio Poes. Bibilo was brought to Sangay by Delmy Prieto.

The Northern Congressmen were in far disorder. Frisco San Juan feels that these series of demonstrations is debilitating to our economy and should be brought to a crisis and resolved. Yet it is like benign tertian malaria, the type hardest to cure. It should be resolved and cured soon. Frisco says he could provoke violence by the community by introducing and starting the discussion of a bill making the anti-subversion act more strict.