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The city is paralyzed because of the jeepney drivers strike. They claim that there is need for an increase in rates. So do the buses which are still plying their routes although they also claim 200 of their buses have been damaged (glass windows) by the stone-throwing bus-strikers. Mayor Velasco in the conference I called where the bus owners headed by Tony Herras, a Dias and Mangano and the jeepney drivers headed by their lawyer de Luna and Bus. Enrique Medina of the PSC and Edu of the ITC were present, suggested that the jeepneys be organized into one corporation or one working unit working ~~the~~ the routes in Manila so that there will be no temptation for the police of Manila to collect ~~large~~ from jeepney drivers for preferred parking places and length of awaiting passengers etc. Maj. Castillo of the MPD Traffic Division of course to take steps to meet the demands. Com. Medina will conduct in chambers meetings for the increase of rates of both buses and jeepneys.

But as of now the transportation was running.

Atty. de Luna claims the students offered financing to the jeepney drivers for them to join the protest March yesterday. That must be the Kabataan Makabayan. Leoncio C. Kabayan Makabayan Secretary General and his common-law wife Erlinda Tanc, niece of Peregrino Tanc, were captured in Po. Talaga, Capa Parlac last night.

The congressmen (about 15) who visited me all agreed the peaceful demonstrations are debilitating and the disorders must now be induced into a crisis so that a measure can be taken