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Have just spoken before the Jaycees in the Pasig, Rizal capital in their national convention for constitutional amendments. Reforms yes, but perhaps the most urgent are the reforms inside us. Then the powers of the President in an emergency of this nature.

Father Ortig wishes to see me. So I have set a meeting here in Malacañang at 9:30 A.M. tomorrow. A little on the outward side. But it is best that I set him at ease as he must be rather embarrassed since the statements he issued were rather arrogant.

Just with VP Lopez whom I convinced to take Bung Tanco as Asst Secretary for Agriculture and to agree to have a committee on sub-commissions to be organized. He was with Priding Montalban and speaker Pro Pemp Jose Aldeguer. Priding says he has talked to VP Salonga to have the Philippine toward soon and to give them one week as the paper cannot suddenly turn around but must do so gradually. I wonder what happens to Ernesto Gravada who has been unusually vicious.

Kerwin Palotan will write on the media and the communists.

But we must soon put up a newspaper. The machinery that was donated to Imelda belongs to be the right equipment for this project. We have to have a medium for our official positions.