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11:15 PM -

I have sworn in the non-aligned members during my speech before the Constitutional Convention members during the cocktail for them at 5:00 PM at the reception hall except for the non Executive Secretary, Alex Melchor whom I swore in the evening at 7:10 when Jimmy Lopez and Panday, Tony Lopez and the Chronicle and ABS-CBN staff came to have dinner with us. Jimmy was very loud, Tony was non-comittal and IP Salonga kept repeating that nothing would be the same again and that we would have to listen to the voice of the students as this was the voice of the people.

I kept repeating to Ernie Granada that he should not push me to Byroade and the Americans.

It is my feeling that the Lopezes are going to do their best to ~~undermine~~ ^{undermine} against us.

Met with Tony Pastelero brought by Angel Concepcion former secretary of Sen. Amilo Osias, as well as Fernando (Jerry) Barican this noon for lunch with the first and the latter at 4:00 PM. They both promised to stop the talk about my resignation after I convinced them that if I were not around the military would take over. This is apparently feared by everyone including them.

Barican today has warned of a take over by the Jesuit-Fascist-CA combine. We really should warn our people of this. But today I met also with the Jesuit nuns who want to be strengthened by my granting their demands. I agreed to them (the moderates) and the radicals.