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What worries me most, now is the prices and the apparent scarcity of essentials. We set aside \$2 million monthly for essentials beginning January, ~~but~~ ^{and} this was at the old rate. And yet there seems to be scarcity. I have asked Sec. Leo Urata to get together with Greg Sicaras to bring in essentials through ^{havacs}, which must be reactivated if necessary. Even in the produce soap and sardines seem to be deficient. If this is not attended to, this could be a cause for disorders. And reports indicate the Chinese are boarding the communists could very well be in this too. This bears watching.

Malba brought the children and the Martel and Kefauver families to Pagsanjan, up the rapids under the falls and down again. They apparently enjoyed the trip. Stayed at Italaanang to finish my work and think after reading the book The Strategy of Deception by ~~James~~ ^{James} J. Fitzpatrick, a study in worldwide communist tactics. Her thesis is the alleged inevitable class struggle and victory of the proletarian class has been disproved by history and that Communists in practice are less doctrinaire than expedient. There is realpolitik, less ideology. All they seek, in short is power, no matter what and the liberal Democrats should meet them with the same objectivity and reality. The book disproves every single theory of Marx.