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This marks the end of the month that is identified with tragedy, "the Day of March" and Maguayay's death etc etc.

Had the weekly Tuesday Council of Congressional leaders. Worked out the details of the export tax bill. Looks like sugar and desiccated coconut, the first the topages and the second Pajot as well as canned pineapple represented by Palay (Del Monte Company) have succeeded in getting a categorized or classified bill of Relatively processed, semi processed, and Processed at least 15-10-5% although it may be brought down to 12-9-6%.

Decided to increase the minimum wage. Seven pesos is the starting point. It could go up to nine.

Met Bert De la Cruz of the Pinagbuklod way down Zamboanga Filipino to present a days stoppage of work which he agreed to but after a meeting with his group formation meeting — he, Pedro Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Cipriano Ad, Seron and others.

My Paterno does not seem to be too eager to join the DOI. So I may have to get Hugo or June Cruz.

Met the two photographers with Pitts total. Have written Cesar Sanga and Leo Urata to prepare two projects on pulp and paper by Friday. Proposed a railroad for Mindanao in the caucus.