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The congressman close to us, Cong. Cuyuganjo, Frisco San Juan, Ali Dunsapero, Jose Aguirre, Navarro, Lucas Cantor, Rogue Adlan all pressed for the use of my emergency powers. "We cannot understand why you are so patient. Do not wait until we are completely debilitated and the people is against us. It will be too late. One swift blow and we remove the cancer from our society," they all said. I could only answer that it may be sooner than we think.

For violence erupted in Plaza Miranda and other places in the city this afternoon up to tonight. Confirmed casualties are 14 injured including one policeman ^{and two prisoners} but ^{by} Molotov cocktails (which cocktails according to Gen. Ordoñez were twice the force of a hand grenade) and one confirmed killed and another possibly killed.

Atty. Eugenio Saguro who called us up while I was having dinner with the congressman at about 9:30 PM claimed the drivers were not involved as he dispersed them at 2:00 PM and the violence started at 5:00 PM which was true. But the

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radical left, mostly students did take over from the
drivers. Jazero said Bert Moran to explain to me that
he will try to stop the strike tomorrow.

I made an appeal for the media not to further
exacerbate passions. I request fairly and honestly.
I begged the pressure groups who are reported to
be financing and egging them on to please to desist
in the name of the people, for the communists
are taking advantage of the class and confusion.

I attach my outline and the report of
Adrian Custodal on the publishers meeting at
Manila yesterday.

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2. ^{7/16} ^{injured} ^{and killed}
Casualties including ^{Patriciano} -
Compassion for those injured
Conflicting reports - as to
when the shooting started

Orders of restraint - but
there are charges and counter-
charges -
we will have to investigate
~~two hour~~ ^{two hour} ~~blackout~~

I appeal for fair and straight
reporting - ^{the one contains roll back}
Passions are high enough -
Let us not exacerbate them -
Kill Marcos - Chaos
The strongest force -

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^{some mischievous individuals}
Reports of some pressure
groups financing and inciting
the strikers and supporters to
violence: I do not wish to believe it.

For and on behalf of the
people I appeal ^{to them} for sobriety
and not to inflame our people.

Violence will not solve
anything. It will not help our country
help the subversives
It will merely prejudice
our people -

The drivers are not the enemies -
We are in sympathy with them
for the strikers -
But the communists & other subver-
sives who are taking advantage of
the situation as usual -

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~~Oil~~

~~Presidential Oil Commission
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~~We will protect the small
man Preferred rates for
Passengers
Drivers
Trucks carrying food~~

~~Long range
Integrated transport system~~