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Saturday

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I met with all the leaders of organized labor with 27 federation heads present. They committed themselves to the unrelenting fight against the oligarchs, the fixing of regular gasoline prices even if premium gas is increased, the lowering of Overhead rates which were increased by the Public Service Commission headed by Com. Madina, the dismantling of monopolies, combinations and cartels that control prices, the passage of a strong anti-trust law and the removal of franchises that give special privileges and were social justice legislation.

But they asked everyone, including myself, that there be a common pledge of no withdrawal from the fight. "Patayin ang sumangay!" which we did solemnly.

Now we tie up all the farmers' organizations and the Socialist Party under Lacson.

The Acting Chairman of the group was Roberto Oca, President of the Pinagbabuklod na Manggagawa ng Philipinas and the Acting Secretary, Tony Salcarpio the Vice President of Atty. Serun in the Cipriano Act was represented by Atty. Israel Basco.

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The labor leaders left Malacañan to meet outside so that it may not be said that they were herded and dictated to in Malacañan. Then they returned to present the resolution to me. I attach the resolutions of the labor leaders.

After a conference with Justice Antonio Barrido, former Solicitor General who handled the increase of Meralco fares for the government, with Sol. Gen. Felix Antonio and Sec. of Justice Vicente Abad Santos, as well as Solicitor Evangelista, we have decided that Com. Evangelista will order the Auditor General to look into the books of Meralco to determine their income under the increased rates, then on the basis of the new facts and the fact now discovered by me (from Justice Barrido) that the motion for reconsideration was never tried by the Public Service Commission *in banc* and therefore cannot be appealable, the Public Service Commission will ask the Supreme Court to which the increase was appealed, to allow the Public Service Commission to reassess the rates anew.

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Also met the CAA squatters who came
to Malacanang to reaffirm their support for me
in the fight against the oligarchs.
I attach pictures of these.