

12:30 PM

On board the 777 on
the way to San Francisco, in
union library left Haang Pier at
about 11:15 PM

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Dec. 28, 1972
Thursday

Docked at Haang Port, Curremas, Ilocos Norte
at about 7:00 AM. Left by car at 9:15 AM and
arrived at Marcos Stadium at 9:50 PM for the
400th year celebration of ^{the implementation of} Christianity in the class
by Salcedo. Delivered my speech at 12:00 AM, ~~made~~
cut the ribbon for the Mini-fair at 12:30 AM.
Blessing of the Cross at Ermita Hill at 12:45 AM,
the chandeliers and cathedral improvement at 1:00 PM
and conferred with Messrs. Nelson (Carter in charge
of drilling outside of the U.S.), Ray Johnson, Philippine
Carter head and others for Carter and Sec. Bing
Tanco and Chairman Ting Paterno of BOI. Then
returned to the ship for lunch. ~~But~~ that time
the ambassadors were in the ship, the luncheon
prepared at Habul by Elizabeth ~~having~~ been a
grasco. So a second luncheon was prepared on
board the ship.

We had told everybody that I had planned
in from Mindanao to catch up with the affair while
Imelda came to Ilocos by boat and that I was
going back to Manila by plane in the afternoon.
Zongbong and the boys skived up to 600 from 3:30.
Imelda went to inspect the site of the bamboo beach
house in Curremas, the church in Bayay which she will
rehabilitate, the site of fathers' memorial at Bulocan Falls,
Batac, the house in Batac and visited Tri Berang.

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Dec. 28th (Cont)

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We followed her to Batac and invited my old cronies to come to the ship for dinner.

We had fun reliving the good old days when I was still congressman.

And we (Imelda and I) later regaled the children, to the accompaniment of much laughter, with stories of the "smoker" the professionals would put up on "Innocents Day" - Dec. 28th, when I was still a congressman.

With Dr. Eugenio Hernandez as an angel raised up to the ceiling as an angel and we could not bring him down, so he dangled above the scenery for some time apropos to nothing that was going on on the stage in a supposed drama in the meantime.

On the line he came on stage as a lady having borrowed Imelda's ternos

And in the comedia or maro-maros I was superior but I would secretly double as the clown and belabour everyone with my stick physically and with my tongue with wisecracks.

On the political campaigns when the cash was never enough and we would bluff our way through. And Kokoy getting beaten up at Dugues or Tony Raguja being surrounded in Bacarra by goons.

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Mudres Durapol the way who was tortured 2518
by the old Dept of Investigation to testify against me and
refused (in 1989) has been suspended of 12 months Dec. 28th (Court)
for the provincial guards. I directed his reinstatement
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I gave Padong Jayson Acting Mayor of Iloilo, who also was tortured
and accused, but acquitted before us for the Philippines Ministry has supported. Last
attack and in Manila's car of the US Hospital
so far no lead heard from Mindanao
or anywhere else.

The feeling for the continuance of martial
law seems unanimous because of peace and
order prevailing and the elimination of corruption
as well as the improper use of wealth.

I am all the more resolved to inde-
finitely postpone the plebiscite, suspend the
sessions of Congress and call a referendum of
citizens' assemblies.

Thoughts from my speech at Iloilo -

"Faith lives by symbols" -

"All revolutions whether constitutional or
bloody are finally aimed at changing the
heart, the soul and spirit of man. Thus the
importance of religion and faith."

"What we lack in material resources
we make up for with spiritual values."

The story has come full cycle for
Asia which gave birth to the world's great
religions received the modified version of ~~that~~
those religions.