

10:00 Pm

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Feb. 7, 1971
Sunday

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

We docked at Pier 5 at 7:30 Pm after coming from the Esso pier at Lunday, Bataan at 6:00 Pm. I brought the Berlins to the Tambora by Kagitingan which they admired. We had docked at the Esso pier at 3:30 Pm and left by our cars which we had asked to come all the way from Manila at 4:00 Pm. It took us about 40 minutes to get to Det. Sanat.

We were supposed to go by helicopter to Det. Sanat from Corregidor where we docked at 5:00 A M but the wind was about 50 knots an hour and gusty so we went to Talaga Bay by the 777 at about 11:30 A M (it took us some time to see Corregidor as the visit included a 50-minute film "The Flame and the Sea" at the auditorium of the Pacific War Memorial, although the Berlins who are close friends of Jean Katterer thoroughly enjoyed it and were greatly impressed).

Left Talaga Bay after lunch and a short visit to the beach house with Mr. Richard Berlin whom we were calling Dick by now, while "Honey" rested. Last night they had stayed up to 3:30 A M singing and dancing. I went to sleep at 2:00 Pm and woke up 6:30 A M.

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The strike leader, Atty. Supnig Sagara, has again reneged on his promise. He did not call off the strike of the jeepney drivers. Typical of him.

The situation in the UP (Diliman) has worsened. Nancy Aquino who met with Sec. Ponce Ewile says the radicals have Armaletes and a machine gun, have been visited by Jose Maria Sison twice, but are not helped by Dante, whose commanders, Commander Pura etc, met him (Aquino) last week in Iloilo.

And this is confirmed by a spokesman of the non-academic personnel of the UP community, Mr. Ramon J. Fernando of 27 Dr. Nolas St., Area 3, UP Campus.

I enclose his letter as well as the report of Jerry Andalang, urgently requesting the intervention of the national government or giving them arms and ammunition to fight the radical students.

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I have ordered the acceleration of the plans by the military to take over the UP campus through the Metrocom.

In Los Baños, the wagers let a protest demonstration of 600 against the students barricading the streets to and in the U.P.

Tomorrow, there will be a mass demonstration where the radical students will close Jones Bridge. Mayor Vellegas has given them a permit and now he asks for 200 PC men to support his police and under his control. I have ordered that they be held available but in reserve and under the operational control of the highest PC officer.

The situation is developing where the people themselves will be demanding the proclamation of martial law.

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7 Feb. 71

TO: THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: DESPARATE SITUATION OF THE NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL IN THE U.P. MAY LEAD TO VIOLENCE IN THE STATE U EITHER TONITE OR TOMORROW.

1. Non-academic personnel in the U.P., speaking through their spokesman, Mr. Ramon J. Fernando, of 27 M. Viola St., Area 3, U.P. campus, are urgently requesting the President to take concrete, positive intervention to relieve the University from the clutches of the radical Left in the campus.
2. They are meeting tonight to demand that all Leftist members of the Faculty remove themselves from the academic community and muster enough courage to join the "Communists" in the campus and stand to be counted.
3. They are asking the President to effect the immediate ouster of U.P. President Salvador P. Lopez whom they have accused of "having deliberately tolerated the rape of the U.P."
4. Attached the President will find a letter signed by Mr. Fernando embodying the bitter sentiment of the non-academic personnel against the U.P. head and the student activists.

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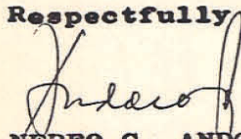
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5. An ABS-CBN helicopter yesterday unloaded sacks of rice and other foodstuffs, including cigarettes, for student activists.
6. Mr. Fernando confirmed that the radicals have already been armed with combat weapons such as M2s and even Armalites.

FOR THE PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

Respectfully submitted:


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MEMO FOR:

Lt. Col. Nereo C. Andolong

Subject: Prevailing situation in U. P. campus

S i r :

This is to bring to your immediate attention the prevailing situation at the U. P. campus.

Student activists are presently in full control of the entire campus. All thoroughfares have been barricaded thereby depriving all residents from commuting from one area to another even to attend to essential family needs. Residents who are working outside the campus cannot go to their respective working places for fear that they may be physically harmed by the activists on their way home.

Activists' headquarters are located at the Arts & Sciences Bldg., Vinzons hall and the College of Engineering bldg. where the DZUP is located. These activists renamed certain bldgs. with red paints such as the Administration bldg. was named Cdr. Danje Hall, Gonzales hall to Amado Guerrero hall and the Palma hall to Victor Corpus hall.

The U. P. Administrators, particularly Pres. S. P. Lopez, are helpless and have admitted their inability to settle the explosive situation before a meeting held by residents yesterday. The residents have demanded the removal of the barricades and they were merely informed by UP authorities that there is still a dialogue with the students to settle this matter.

During the meeting, retired Col. Felicisimo Castillo said that he went to the Headquarters of the U. P. Security Guard and he was informed that the U. P. Security Guards are undermanned and cannot protect the residents. In fact, Mr. Oscar Alvarez, S. G. head, even admitted that the Security Guards cannot even patrol the areas assigned to his men.

It was gathered in said meeting that the residents cannot do anything in the campus without the approval of the students. In fact, the proposal to provide shuttle buses for residents had to be approved by students and these buses will be manned by activists themselves.

The residents are restless. They feel that Pres. Lopez cannot cope with the situation, specially when he is surrounded by leftists elements such as Prof. Malay, Dr. Samonte, Atty. Nicolas Cuevo and Prof. Lansang. Only last night an anonymous pamphlet was circulated entitled "WE ARE FED UP" stating that residents can no longer allow student activists to dictate on them and, if need be, they will meet force with force to repel these elements.

U. P. residents, including members of the labor force, are questioning the actions of Senators Aquino, Kalaw, Lagumbay and Magsaysay. The residents feel that they should have also been interviewed and their grievances against the student leftists should have also been heard. Instead, the senators only heard student activists and even gave them pocket money to support their cause. ABS-CBN people also delivered sacks of rice and cigarettes to these students.

It is imperative that government authorities step into the picture again to suppress these unlawful activities. Otherwise, bloodshed will again be spilled by a confrontation between student activists and residents. The government authorities must intervene now because any further delay will strengthen these activists because their numbers are increasing with the steady arrival of outsiders and additional firearms.

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In the event the national authority will continue to respect the abuse of "academic freedom" ~~to respect~~ it is earnestly requested that we be sent arms and ammunition to fight for our right inasmuch as the U.P. authorities can no longer assure the safety of the residents.

Ramo.