

I write this at 10:45 PM
at the State Dining Room
while watching Madhuban
Holiday. Bangkok on 7th MALACANAN PALACE
left Bangkok at 8:53 AM and will arrive
at New Delhi at 3:20 PM & all is well.

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Jan. 8, 1971
Friday

I have just talked to the same two groups
of drivers who both claim to have the majority of
drivers. But a great majority of the jeeps and
buses stayed out of the streets.

Still the same positions of the two groups.
This time the delegation of Atty. Eugenio Sagara included
not only the head of Magpabata another union but also
Atty. Angeles of the Consumers Union and Joey Sini, a student
leader who criticized the inaction, a long time ago of the
National Price Control Council.

They all demanded that the oil refineries
be asked to suspend or cancel the increase of gasoline
prices until the National Price Control Council has
made a decision on the Village rates.

I called up Mr. Wallehan of Caltex and asked
how why the prices were increased when we had
agreed in Baguio on the 3/27 that there would be
no such increase until ~~the National~~ we met again in
Manila — and we had never met. The reason for my
request had been the fact that the National Price
Control Council had to approve the Village rates before
they could be enforced nationally.

The oil refineries would not be able to
bring down the prices even if they wanted to.

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In the morning I met the Vice President, Sr. Eusebio, Sr. Abad Santos, Ube Ingles and Dir. Busuogo to give approval to their recommendation to approve the Pioneer Oil concession for the Nationalist Civic Oil their partner to drill and if oil is discovered to exploit the concession getting a 30% share of the oil provided that the safeguards that a foreign government like Nationalist Civic does not transfer its rights without the approval of our government; that it must register with SEC as a domestic corporation so it can be held liable in our courts; the entry of its technicians to be subject to the usual safeguards.

I am also working on the political philosophy that should be able to rally all the classes of our people in the event of a take-over.

And classifying the records that have to be duplicated and stored in a place other than Malacañan.