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Repeatedly, the anti-Marcos group in the Cov-Cov, has lost to our supporters in the ban-Marcos resolution.

Today Ex-Justice Barrera who with Paul Manglapus lead the fight to have the entire Marcos family down to the 3rd generation from the Presidency, lost out on a motion for collective privilege, on a reconsideration, on a nominal voting and on another vote.

In the steering council they also lost out.

I attach the report from Guinsas of 5:45 PM
This is the first day of the plenary sessions of the Cov-Cov.

Delegate Jesus Barrera is the same man who upon retirement from the Supreme Court was recommended by Dr. Eugenio Lopez as Ambassador to the Vatican so that he (the new ambassador) could work for the annulment of the marriage of the Lopez daughter, Presentacion (Presy) but he demanded that he be

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given a logging concession in Quezon Province
then licensed to Gen. Rodriguez (I was expected
by them to cancel the license to accommodate
Barrera).

I refused and Barrera has not forgiven
me for showing him up since then.

We expect the matter to be brought up
repeatedly in various questions — qualifications
for either the president or the prime minister,
executive power, transitory provisions etc.

However, I am confident the delegates will stand
firm against the effort to turn the Constitutional
Convention into a forum of hatred.

Arbitrated the quarrel between the Tayon
(newly elected Mayor Rodolfo Tayon) and Caram
factions to prevent further bloodshed.

Worked until 3.30 PM.