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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

I issued Proclamation No. 890 lifting the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus throughout the Philippines except with respect to those who are presently accused under Proclamation No. 889 and amendments thereto.

This was prompted by the issuance of a warrant of arrest against 39 of the accused including one detainee. Since, however, the other detainees are still facing a hearing and the warrant of arrest has not yet been issued, I included the exception.

This was in accordance with my announced intent made before New Year.

The typhoon "Astray" has caused about 200 deaths and a tremendous amount of damage in Leyte. As well as other islands.

Gen. Cecay Romualdez has been removed from Leyte. His command is completely destroyed. And our calamity fund is completely exhausted.

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The whole morning, noon and afternoon up to 4:00 P.M. I spent with the senators, congressmen and governors and mayors whom I invited to a caucus.

I suggested that all the leaders of the party resign; a junta of younger men be organized to lead.

Puyat, Roy, Tolentino etc were for retaining the old junta which means they will continue to run it.

But the members were unanimous in the plan to strengthen the party by reorganization - the junta to be chosen by the directors and by the officers.

Then we must be self-sufficient in our respective districts and provinces - even in the propaganda effort.

I said that we lost the propaganda war because we have done well as a party but that the dissemination of information had broken down.

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Mr. Wollahan of Caltex, this noon, confirmed the fact that FHC B foreclosed on Rubicon for its \$4 million loan on which there is a \$3 million delinquency but upon the guaranty of Caltex the loan was restructured to be paid this year but it is expected that Benny Tada will not be able to pay the delinquency.

Caltex prefers to have a Filipino group to take over the PAF — but not Benny Tada who has lost his credit as he has been with drawing property from PAF. Example was the PAF Building paid to Cabilles for unpaid insurance premiums.

We are now looking at the financial standing of PAF itself. It owes Caltex alone about \$17 million.