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We are establishing diplomatic relations with Panama and Yugoslavia in accordance with the trend to "open new windows" to the world.

This was recommended by the Foreign Policy Council after listening to the Security Council with a briefing by Gen. Ramon on the security aspect of the opening of diplomatic relations with the Socialist Countries.

I attach the papers on the meeting.

I also met the retiring generals for lunch at ISAPF, created the center to help ex-officers and announced the new assignments:

As chief of Staff - Brig. Gen. Espino  
Vice chief of Staff - Brig. Gen. Ilate  
chief of PC - Brig. Gen. Ramon  
chief of Air Force - Brig. Gen. Remondo  
Chief of Staff, Navy - Commodore Pina  
Commander Phil Army - Gen. Zegala

1st PC Zone Commander - Gen. Tomas Diaz  
4th PC Zone Commander - Gen. Encarnacion

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Jan. 12th (Cont)

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I met the leading delegates on the parliamentary question for Insular at Pangasinan.

Today there are charges of payola by <sup>insular</sup> ~~insular~~ to the Insular delegates for the parliamentary system. Some newspapers mentioned "ten thousand reasons" for the change of front from presidential to parliamentary form of government.

So Delegate Paredera issued a statement charging that the charges of payola were made by the Insular delegates after a meeting last night with the senator-elect Juan Comiso.