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Gomburza — Gomez, Burgos and Zamora day.

We celebrated the centenary of their death by garrote by the Spaniards after conviction by court martial for allegedly inciting the Cavite Mutiny of 1871.

And in my speech I spoke of the Gomburza martyrdom as having started the fire and fervor of the desire ^{and equivoques} to be one nation.

"It laid the moral basis for the Revolution of 1896. It was the beginning of the Revolution."

Went back to the palace to meet with the Ford executives and have lunch with the Urayan congressmen and leaders. The latter wanted taxes they are paying to be spent for the economic development plan in their area. They wanted help to be strengthened so that they may help me — after they had pledged loyalty to me and the first day — even to the extent of suicide. I assured them that there would be no need to

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commit suicide. But that we had to arrange a settlement with the Lopezos first - thru Piding Montelibano who was their spokesman. and then they must help raise the funds for the program. Public works may not be as effective as in 1969 (about 40% effective only) to win the support of the people. So we have to think of some other way to benefit the individual later directly. Thus manpower training housing, electricity, barrio employment, cottage industries etc.

We will prepare an economic plan for the Visayas.

Then interview by Slim Aaron and Sade Ashby of Town and Country, the news magazine of the Hearst Publications in the US. They have helped other countries tourist problem and international wage development. So we are sending them by Air Force 74 for tomorrow to Cambridge, then Dhava + back.

This evening we had the Dwight Davis tennis courts at the Park which I had reconstructed inaugurated by USAFIP, NK while we played golf



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Then we ate *silawin kambing pinakbet*.
and joked of old times when we were
soldiers. Col. Luis Patayo, Comodoro Juvel,
Gen & Aero. Tamayo, Tancred Guray, Duke
Pilloraga, Tony Dany, Babang Cabano,
Francis Salazar and my brother Peking
were there.

Det Delegate Inoa brought by Congressman
Jose Payat. Then later Delegate Elizabeth
Chiongbian brought by Cong. Alway Ina.