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Tuesday

Raining since yesterday and Manila is flooded all over again. The Tarlac dike in San Miguel has been washed away. Even the children are marooned at Gov. Romualdo's house.

It de Leon reports that the troops in Diguys have found a field switchboard and twelve field telephones.

The HPT's certainly have been training and equipping themselves well for a revolution. They are better trained and equipped than expected. This makes the situation more serious than even I expected.

I dined with Sen. Arturo Tolentino. He himself believes as he reiterated that during this period a dictatorship is necessary in the Philippines. I asked him whom he would recommend for a Revolutionary Council. And we could not find any in any of the contemporary leaders. It informed him of the seriousness of the situation.

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Sen. Teves told us tonight that even Sen. Noy Aquino observed in confidence that the discovery in Palawan shows the NPA's pose a threat more serious than we think.

Everyone seems to be wondering whether it will declare martial law.

A time bomb was discovered in the Senate. It was napalm in an attached case in the publications division and loaded with napalm, set to explode 9:00 PM tonight.