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Aug. 22, 1972

Tuesday

MALACAÑAN PALACE

MANILA

I have directed the Sec. of Justice with the Solicitor General to analyze the Supreme Court decision on Parity and ownership of public and private agricultural land. To stop speculations and possible misunderstanding I wrote the Secretary the guidelines that his recommendations be submitted to the cabinet meeting set for next Thursday, the 24th, be based on:

1. Prevent harassment by confiscation of property without just compensation.
2. Stop harassment and persecution by misinterpretation of the decision.
3. Prevent any anomalies like extortion arising out of alleged enforcement of the decision.

And to recommend both administrative and legislative action.

I attach copy of the handwritten order.

The business community is in a state of ferment and clearly agitated by the possibility of American capital pulling out. I do not believe it will flow that the rules of the game are clear, there will be less uncertainty.

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Aug. 22nd (Cont)

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Went by helicopter to the Bulacan area to inspect the destruction of the dikes that have blocked the rivers and partially caused the floods. Brought Sec. Consumi and Director Deloria. Picked up Eng. Regalado and assistant as well as Don Santiago in Mabalas.

Left at 11:00 AM and returned at 12:30 AM.

Also inspected the 2,000 hectare Bulacan Communal ^{up} fishing grounds 500 hectares of which have been squatted upon by big frogpond owners either blocking the rivers or ~~narrowing~~ narrowing the river beds so as to add to the floods. ^{Saw} ~~Saw~~ ^{Uwe Capiz} the dikes across which I blasted on June 22, 1967 which still remains as narrow as ever.

Most of these dikes and frogponds are protected by injunctions issued by Courts of Justice. This is the principal deterrent to the removal of the offending frogponds.

I am almost certain these judges are in the pay of the rich frogpond owners. On my instructions the Sec. of Justice has threatened the filing of administrative cases against them.

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Aug 22nd (Cont)

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It is obvious The Manila Times is trying to build up Sen. Jose Diokno as a presidential candidate. The Times today estimated the 3,000 Plaza Miranda crowd on the Aug. 21st Plaza Miranda rally as 15,000, as usual blotting the figures for a purpose.

And the cry was against the increasing militarization under the Inares administration.

Not much respect. The citizenry largely used their rally but did not give it much more attention.

I enclose the newspapers of today - 2 envelopes.
No. XXXIV-D.

The Senate, as usual, is moving at a snail's pace and has not approved a single law measure.