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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

Left for the Sugar Planters Convention at 8:00 AM by plane for Bacolod

Met the mayors at Gov. Montelibano's house and attended the convention at 11:30 AM.

Spoke on why we must support sugar. It is one of the principal producers of dollars for our industrialization.

"But you must stand up and fight for your industry. Do not cover in shame or apology. For your industry helps the country and the Filipino people."

"Do not wait for the President to defend you and your industry. Come out openly on your behalf."

If the sugar industry collapses, the price of our industrialization depends on our exports, industrialization will lag, unemployment will worsen, prices of other commodities which are imported in processed form or in raw materials will rise, we cannot attain our objective of a balanced agro-industrial economy.

Met on the plane on the way back from 1:45 to 3:00 PM. Met at Pangasinan at about 6:30 with Donald and the girls. Played golf at 4:25-6:25 PM including the usual exercises: 102 sit ups, 50 leg knee bends (squatting), triceps tension, pectoral tension, shoulder arm - 200 times.