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We have just left Zamboanga City for Cebu after a tumultuous and spontaneously happy welcome by the people who lined the streets to welcome us as we rode to the SOA ESCOM Hq. and the Pastor Bonus Hall for a meeting with the civil officials.

Situation is alarming but not critical. Started as a family feud between the Miranda and the Hassans. Seems that last November a policeman, Miranda, in trying to pin the son of the Vice Mayor, Hassan, of April, was killed by one of the companions of the boy whom he killed in turn with his gun. In retaliation the brother of Hassan killed the brother of the policeman Miranda. Miranda then sought the help of the Slogas against the Muslims.

The Slogas raid on April where 7 Muslims were killed and five Slogas also killed resulted.

And there are Slogas organizations springing up, possibly in self-defense, but actually in a big extortion ring — or with possible connections with the communists.

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Ordered the banning of the carrying of
firearms outside residences as in Iloilo and
Cebu, augmented the SDW ESCOM and increased
the arms for the policemen with the promised
government advance funds for purchase and
the PC lending some.

On June 16th the PC apprehended an
Iloilo leader a Maximalist Party who
revealed that he and 37 others were brought
from Cebu by Hon. Quirino in August of
1971 to Iloilo then to Zamboanga
del Sur.

I talked to Archbishop Gonsaga who
is a spiritual adviser. He also feels that a
revolution has actually started and will get
well into a worse state soon. And the democratic
ways will not solve the violence. So martial law
may be necessary. To what extent he does not know.
But this has impressed Quirino and we