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We are now ^{now} hitting some swells ^{that} we are directly west of Marinduque and the ship is rolling and pitching moderately but sharply. Arrived at Pasacao at about 10:00 AM. The military and civil officials took the PH military ^{to} board us from the pier of Pasacao. Our trip last night was smooth although the low pressure center, Kauswag, is about 260 miles east of Samar.

Inilde could not go to the town as it was raining. It has been overcast and raining since then.

Last Force Commander, ~~Col.~~ ^{1st Lt.} Bulosan, Col. Ramiro conducted the confidential briefing with the military first and the public one later. There has been an increase in both armed strength to 100 of the HPA and the mass base to 9,000 although Col. Ramiro would admit only to the latter.

Gov. Alfaro is non-cooperative. Although he will follow my directives, he will not go out of his way to help the military. Apparently because the HPA commander, Benjamin Gallares, alias Commander Benjie is a relative of his wife. I suggested to him to arrange the surrender of Gallares. I doubt if he will, although he agreed.

1st Lt. Ramiro, PH military. J BSDUS

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The trip has been very heartwarming. What is probably happening is that the media that has been hitting and demeaning us repeatedly is over-rated, our people are more discriminating and sophisticated and intelligent and/or we are so much the under dog that the people are sympathetic to us.

All over the Visayas, Mindanao and Bicol, we have been welcomed tumultuously and happily. The question of Javalde running has come up.

It was raised dramatically by the Cebu municipal mayor who upon the motion of Mayor de Dios of Cebu and secondly resolved that since no one can lead the country in this troubled times but Pres. Marcos Javalde is directed to run for President in 1973!!

So although there is a deterioration of the peace and order situation and an increase in area and numbers of the New People's Army and CPP, I am glad that we took the trip.