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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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One of the principal reasons for the lifting of the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus is the fact that from all indications the communists will not mount a rebellion unless they can improve their present capabilities, have a better cause like the rejection of a socialistic constitution and while I am still President

But by then if the President does not have the confidence or trust of the military, the military may take over the government.

So, now, we must band together against communism as a prerequisite to a settlement of our disagreements with the Lopez.

I conveyed this to Mr. Eugenio Lopez through Mr. Alfredo Montelibano this morning.

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The delegates to the Constitutional Convention led by some of the ^{MANILA} founders delegates are beginning to actually demand money to vote down the ban-puerco resolution in the Transitory Provision Committee.

Worked until 3:00 PM when I took lunch with the political leaders.

Have instructions to the Sec of Finance to stand firm on our demand that we do not merely follow the wishes of the Japanese government as to the manner of expenditure of the commodity loan agreement but insist on our history.