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Wednesday

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About P 384,000 has been discovered among the personal belongings of Delegate Quintaro at his residence in Mayon, Sta Ana. Found by a raiding party of NBI men led by Arthur Figueras and Manila policemen. The raid started after 6:00 PM and ended at about 9:00 PM.

The complaint was filed by Congressman Antonio Mate at about 2:30 PM with the NBI Chief, Col. Jolly Bugarin. He brought Cong. Mate to Judge (C-71) of Manila Sub X who interrogated him and examined the case up to 6:00 PM.

Cong. Mate swears under oath that the wife of Delegate Quintaro, Tarsila, had approached him in Tacholan saying that "if you can equal the offer of Pio Pedrosa and the Liberals of one million pesos, there will be no exposé"; that the demand was reported in Manila; that he overheard the negotiations for payment; that he knew and believed that the money was kept in the Quintaro residence at Mayon, Sta Ana, Manila, the hospital or the office.

So a search warrant was issued on a charge of extortion or threatening to libel. And the raid conducted.

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The wife of Delegate Quintero, it was claimed by the household had just left for the airport to take the PAF plane for Selye. When the airport was checked, it was found that no plane was bound for Selye that evening. So, apparently she was working for the raiders. It is possible that she escaped with some of the money.

During the raid, the grandson of Quintero, a seventeen year old boy, refused to allow the raiders to take custody of the money kept in the second drawer of the aparador until a relative who was supposed to be a soldier arrived.

The Manila Times publisher, of course, will follow the line of those usually caught in flagrant delicto, that the money was planted. In the first place, no rooms were entered except in the company of the household who opened the locked bedroom for the raiders.

And as Benj Espina of Pi Media said, in fairness to the HBN, the Pi Media was with them when the raid was conducted and no money could have been planted.

But the Manila Times is showing so much interest that there is ground for suspecting their involvement in the conspiracy to bring Quintero's aid by name.

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The lucky discovery of the "lost" of
Quintero is a boon to the Council and the
individual delegates pointed to as the givers.
But more than that it is poetic justice.

Quintero is spotting ^(pinkish) as of 12:00 P.M. She
has just been given Librium and plovergan to
put her to sleep after an injection of progesterone.
We still hope to save the baby.