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The parliamentary system again won the Executive Power Committee without the Marcos-ban provision by a vote of 20 to 14, one absent (Saguisa) and four abstentions.

But the haters of Marcos will try to insert it tomorrow in the form of an amendment. The boys hope to get three additional votes and lose two to the haters.

I attached reports of Guinio de Vega.

Also attached is another previous report on the activities of the P.K.P. Paliburo.

Town and Country is here to do a cover story of Imelda but they will do a lay with the President.

Caltex will drill next May at the Sulu area. The other big companies are coming in.

I gave cocktails for the 1935 constitutional convention delegates with 1971 delegates and justices as guests.

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Feb. 8th (Cont)

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We can feel a perceptible change of public opinion in favor of the administration and a return of the faith of the people in government.

The turning point, I believe, was the unanimous Supreme Court decision <sup>on the Habers Carpro case</sup> the closing of the Plaza Miranda case, the State of the Nation address of Jan. 24, 1972, the stabilization of rice prices, the victory in the voting in the Concor against the Ben-Marcos resolution, the improved peace and order ~~for~~ situation in Mindanao and the Metropolitan area and the aggressive crusade against criminality, private armies, compartmentalized justice and high prices as well as anomalies in government.

We must improve the information dissemination efforts of government.

I have given Tito Tatal all the powers to do so.