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Wednesday

The Cotabato (north) leaders, ^{Tururays} Muslim and Christian alike, have pledged to keep the peace and support me in the proclamation of martial law and the reformation.

But since fighting has broken out in the Maguway, Ampatuan, Pikit area I have called them to Manila — (all the provincial and municipal officials). I personally asked Cong. Felipe Bandolan to come over the telephone when I talked to him after my opening appeal wherein I told the leaders that Mindanao is a Muslim land and we, the Christians are there because of their tolerance and their invitation; that the Christians should therefore help their brother Muslims and other minorities who are less prepared for an exacting modern world. That the policies I have established favor the Muslim areas: most of the money we have borrowed from abroad go to Mindanao, the airports and airports being developed are in Mindanao; the "Investments below the typhoon belt policy" means investments will pour in Mindanao and Sulu, and the oil exploration program will favor Mindanao and Sulu, the number of schools being constructed now in these islands are double that of the Ilocos and Visayan areas.

So I concluded "I am ready to wipe out all past records and start out with the state

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clear provided ^{MANILA} that there will be no repetition of the past offenses." And pointed out to how I had personally gone to Buldon to stop the Armed Forces of the Philippines from decimating that Moslem town under Major Aratne (his son Tomachi had been sent by the father who was taken ill campaigning for the people's support of martial law) with artillery fire notwithstanding the seven casualties suffered by the government troops.

We ended up with Cong. Salipe de Padua retiring support for my program and agreeing to head a mission to contact Ex-Gov. Udto Matalam whose MIM forces have started the fighting to come to see us in Manila. But we have to stop the operations of the AFP against his band in the meantime.

And Datu Apilan Ampatuan will contact the two Saughi brothers, Abdallah and Bahat and son A to also come and see us. So too with the old man Datu Kundandug who has apparently joined Datu Udto Matalam. The Disarminda band which threatens Davao is composed of outlaws and will have to be destroyed.

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Met Cargos Arria Justilo of Negros and Edyardo Capuanga of Tarlac. They report 105 armed men have gone up the mountains in Negros and their transit point to Panay where they have contact with some other subversives is through Jimmaras through a certain Jayme. We will mount a special intelligence and search and destroy operations.

They also showed a telegram of Sugar Administrator Jose Usoson for all sugar people or planters and millers to pass their sugar through the Producers Cooperative controlled by Ex-sec. Alfredo Montelibano by a voting trust agreement who is apparently trying to corner the sugar market.

I have called all planters and millers next Wednesday at 10:30 AM so I can organize a government sugar Commission to handle exports and domestic sales.

I met Justice Fred Ruiz Castro. He has told the Chief Justice of my request that there be no direct confrontation between me and the Supreme Court. Justice Castro called attention to the fact that in all the cases they have studied, the U.S. Supreme Court decided the cases after martial law was over. I believe they will do this.

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I have asked the justices to help in preparing a list of CTF and CAR judges whose resignations should be accepted.

And reforms in the judiciary - or for that matter the whole society.

But I believe we still should look into how the Lopez interests (Meralco) have been paying the children and relatives of the justices.

And the payrolls are in the Meralco offices of the Comptroller, the treasurer and personal secretaries of Mr. Eugenio Lopez.

The last article of Richard Critchfield in the Washington Star is most laudatory. It is about the book (my book) calling it the best analysis of why I imposed martial law. "It is a brilliantly-reasoned manifesto calling for a government-led, non-violent revolution to fundamentally remake Philippine society xxx The book provides the political theory and the blue-print of what Marcos is doing now xxx"

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"It is perhaps one of the most extraordinary theoretical documents ever produced by a contemporary non-communist head of state."

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"Marcos' book, taken together with all he has been saying and doing since he declared martial law, puts the present crisis into an altogether different perspective. Far from being a short-term emergency or a routine power play, it is a far greater and more dangerous enterprise."

Marcos is pitting himself, the Army, the technocrats and other modernizing forces against the entrenched oligarchy, the communists, the radical left and the Philippine criminal underworld in a prolonged struggle to decide whether this country can afford to remain an open society."