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8:00

- Thursday -

8:30 meeting at Malacanan. Present - President
 9:00 and Secretary Vargas, the full staff of
 9:30 the military advisers and the members
 10:00 of the general staff. Valdez, Sim Bahica
 10:30 and myself. The pres. addresses the
 11:00 council by saying that for time to
 11:30 time he will call this body together
 12:00 and discuss important matters in the
 12:30 manner of a war council. He talked
 :00 on three subjects namely concentration,
 :30 cadres for training purposes (my general
 2:00 study) compulsory R.O.T.C units for all
 2:30 universities and quartering R.O.T.C.
 3:00 cadets in government owned barracks.
 3:30 On the subject of concentration, he says
 4:00 that as a result of his inspection
 4:30 he is virtually convinced that concentra-
 5:00 tion is the proper thing. McArthur tried
 5:30 to present his side by saying that
 6:00 the scattered cadres were decided
 6:30 upon in order to develop national-
 7:00 ism in the various localities. The
 7:30 pres. stopped him short by saying
 that the development of nationalism

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8:00 among the people is a political phase
 8:30 of the national defense and not
 9:00 a military phase, and as the political
 9:30 head of the nation, he is charged with
 10:00 this mission and the McArthur
 10:30 confine himself strictly to the military
 11:00 phase. He told McArthur that in his
 11:30 national defense planning he should
 12:00 disregard political influences. The president
 12:30 himself will face the legislature and
 1:00 the people in such subject. After the
 1:30 discussion, McArthur promised to
 2:00 present to him in a month a plan
 2:30 for concentration. (McArthur's argument
 3:00 in developing nationalism by the
 3:30 scattered cadres is fallacious, a man
 4:00 develops nationalism irrespective
 4:30 of where he trains and the influence
 5:00 of such a soldier is the same
 5:30 whether he trains at home or in
 6:00 some other locality.) On the subject
 6:30 of compulsory R.O.T.C. tramps for
 7:00 all universities, the president says
 7:30 that his secretary of justice has
 rendered his opinion that the

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8:00 Left Mindanao for Davao w Gen S
8:30 Col Aguilan, Capt Salacup & Lt Lavinio

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10:00 president is empowered to compel
10:30 all universities to establish R.O.T.C.
11:00 units, McArthur remarked that it
11:30 ^{was} probably necessary to compel them
12:00 as he was advised by the general
12:30 staff of the willingness of the heads
1:00 of the institution to establish an
1:30 invitation such R.O.T.C. units; nevertheless
2:00 the president says that he is going
2:30 to issue an executive order compelling
3:00 all institution to establish R.O.T.C.
3:30 units. On the subject of quartering
4:00 cadets in government owned barracks,
4:30 McArthur said that he will have
5:00 this subject more closely studied,
5:30 and a report will be rendered to
6:00 the president

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7:00 Next Day, June 2.

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