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Birthday celebration devoted to mass and a meeting with the governors and mayors which has turned out to be tedious. I have barely finished with 38 and will have to meet the rest after the Security Council tomorrow

But it has been an eventful day. The Meralco was bombed in two places last night. Today the Manila Police battled a jeepload of NPA's, capturing six killing one armed with a Carbine five hours after he escaped although another of the escapees armed with a Thompson submachine gun is still being hunted and a 3rd of the Manila Police was killed

The kidnappers of Tom Aguirre (Pan Filipino) and his son Antonio released them after they paid 1.2 million. The kidnappers were well disciplined, had a basement full of communications and had apparently been successfully kidnapping Chinese for ransom — Tony Roxas' Chinese wife for 1 million, De Guzman ordered ransom for the same amount, Chan Bangkok and others. The NPA's may have raised their funds in this manner.

So there is hysteria in Manila from a bomb and kidnapping scare.