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Addressed the first convention of Rotary at 8:30 a.m. Then left the premises for Malacañang and had my clearing speech so that we could keep Laurel and opposition Junta members, had to announce All the work of the Junta and of hers, had to announce for the consumption of the public that we could not intervene in purely internal matters of the House, unless the House members themselves asked us to personally intervene.

After this, I called a conference of Cong. Ramon Durano, Treasurer Unigue, Ali Dimaporo, Congressman Antonio Navarro, Joe Alberto, Salipada Pendatun and Florencio Abadilla to tell them that inasmuch as they are the leaders of Ex-Speaker Villareal, it was their duty to explain to him my decision and that the most ideal situation would be for Villareal to withdraw. Then I asked Villareal and Laurel to come into the conference room and notified each in turn of my efforts to prevent an open fight.

A committee of six — three from Pamilo side, (Majority floor leader Vilaso, Asst. floor leader Mercado and Congressman Albert Chongbian) then three on Villareal's side (Congressman Alberto and Ali Dimaporo) was organized to govern ourselves to the rules of the House.

Because of the reorganization of the Aquino plot I must include Johnny Ponce Enrile in the counter-planning — and perhaps J-2, Col. Fidel Ramos and the NBI.

Played golf at Paragua with the Malacañang reporters. Rain in the afternoon. The doctors: Dr. Yap and R. Marcos think I was good & made a round.

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But Imelda gets operated on at Veterans Memorial Hospital 8:00 A.M. on the 16th and will sleep at the hospital tomorrow.