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The Mansion, Baguio

10:50 PM Sunday
May 17th

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I write this only tonight as the trip by boat last night was rough and I went to sleep at 11:00 PM. We started from Pier 15 at 8:15 and arrived at the San Fernando pier at 9:45 AM today. Outside the breakwater we were on a SE course with the wind from the north so we were rolling a little. This stopped when we rounded Cochinos point at the south of the Bataan Peninsula. But the swells in the China sea made Bongbong sick, he had to be given half a bonamine. Stevie Cumpiong vomited twice and Tessie Gulo once. But the rest were all good sailors.

In the morning I left at 7:30 AM to Sta Cruz - San Fernando Air Base to speak at the graduation of the Flying Cadets (19) and student officers (12 [illegible] 4 ARG). Had to travel by car and it took us one hour and a half because of the fact that the airplane crashes have made Philippine nervous everytime I fly. (We just received from PAT the picture of the AVRO plane that crashed at Pantabangan with the tail section blown off apparently by explosives, then the right wing disintegrating before impact on the ground.) The PAC plane after turning upside down, had its right engine burn on take-off, the pilot feathered it but banked steeply on the dead engine instead of the functioning one, so stalled and crashed on its nose. The PAT jet-prop plane that crashed in Legaspi took off below minimum requirements so it was running heavy and runway was 100 yards, hit a mound of dirt on the side tumbled around and burned after all the passengers had escaped the plane. The stewardess who was about to put on her belt was thrown off the door that flew open and died of a cracked skull (the only casualty).

Returned to Manila at 10:30 AM to attend at the Escolta PNB building at 12:00 to address the Rice and Corn

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Federation convention.

Then went to Malacañang at 1:00 PM to meet Gen. Arranz on the Pulp and Paper project and the PAL-COX war. Tony Tiotko on the navigational aids valued at P12.5 million they are installing.

At 3:00 PM after some conferences and at a 15 minute nap, I was at Del Monte to inaugurate the new 15,000 cavan a day rice polishing and processing plant of the Mindanao Progress Corporation of Roberto Tellis. Conference at Bonifacio 4:30 PM to 7:00.

Malacañang to pick up some books, papers and clothes and was at the boat at 7:30 PM when I met Henry Fruto on the Navotas reclamation project of Ramon Alvarado and Mandaue Congressman Cornejo on the PDP-Laban ticket which Fruto Fl. Senator Valdez badly mishandled. He had warned that the asking P200,000 only for Mandaue. The latter was going to be a scandal. Minority floor leader Mandaue Cornejo also went aboard and said the grease money although I do not believe Fruto when he says that he did not keep any part of it. The House on the motion of Congressman Lasam and the prompting of Mandaue Cornejo voted to recall of the Mandaue and now there is a serious move to change Valdez as majority floor leader.

I scolded Mandaue a little for the bungling.

Imelda is awaiting from Dimi Aquino Avancena's remarks to Tony Aldaba that we may be hardworking, intelligent and sincere but we are making too much money, the mentality of the Makati Rotarians. We are also supposed to own Atlas, Dick Elizalde's corporations, Don only knows!!!