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We have decided to call a demonstration of our own to take over the space at the Congress on the 25th when the leftist radicals intend to cause trouble. We hope to place 100,000 people to displace the trouble makers and thus avoid violence.

I have also accepted the decision of the House of Representatives to set the opening ceremonies and the ~~my~~ State of the Nation address at 11:00 A.M. There are all kinds of rumours flying around: one says a grenade will be thrown at me or my car; another to the effect that a photographer may be the would-be assassin; the radicals are preparing strike forces who will hit back at the police; snipers will be posted at the tall buildings; Congress will be besieged for three days etc.

The Solicitor General reports that the Public Service Commission never acted in banc on the motion for reconsideration. The provisional rates appellon a petition for a certiorari is the basis for the new rates charged by Meralco. The first decision is under the law unenforceable while on appeal. So if the appeal of the provisional rates is withdrawn, then there would be no basis for the new rates being charged.

I have left the matter to the Secretary of Justice and the Solicitor General.

The Auditor General when asked to conduct an audit of the Meralco books of accounts claimed that

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they had finished the audit of the books from ~~last~~ June or last year. He acts suspiciously.

Atty. Jose Nuvasita, who practices in the Public Service Commission reports that one million pesos was given to Com. Nadvia and each of the four Associate Commissioners ₱250,000 each. And each of the four commissioners now receive an amount of ₱20,000 annually.

So we may have to file criminal or administrative cases against them.

Today I ordered the Presidential Economic staff to list down the monopolies, combinations, trusts and cartels so we can dismantle them.

I have directed a general study of rates reduction of all public utilities including the Phil. Long Distance Co. & the transportation companies.

I enclose the directives.