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Opening session of Congress. State of the Nation Address and Riots by the demonstrators in front of Congress.

Two students reported killed. Phil. Gen. Hospital.

Dr. Pascual reports 45 demonstrators and 5 policemen treated. Cars in Congress destroyed like that of Sen. Roy.

The invocation of Father Pacifico Ortiz, abused head, was in poor taste. It castigated the government referring to goods, high prices, streets not being safe, the threat of revolution and how the citizens were ready to fight for their rights even in the barricades. It was an attempt at the state of the nation. I hope he is happy until what he has helped bring about. Paul Hung Capus engineered this with the help of the Jesuits apparently for all the Catholic schools had delegations. But apparently they were infiltrated by the Kabataang Makabayan who [illegible] some students started the violence.

After the State of the Nation address, which was perhaps my best so far, and we were going down, the battles, placard bandits, stones and other missiles started dropping all around us on the driveway to the tune of a Marcos, Puppet chant.

As the intelligence reports it the demonstrators had brought a coffin which they carried from the street below to the site of the flagpole where they pushed it into the faces of the policemen. The policemen then

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threw the coffin to the street below and may have hit two demonstrators. The latter then took out a stuffed alligator from inside the coffin and threw it at the policemen who threw it back. Then the mood, bottle and stone throwing which caught us at the front stairs. I could not go into the car as Imelda kept standing on the stairs. Col. Var tried to push me inside but I ordered the first lady to be fetched and put inside first. Since she could not be pulled by anyone I had to do it myself. I am proud I pushed her into the car floor much too hard. Anyway I bumped my head behind the right ear against the car's door side and twisted my weak right arm again. We moved out under a hail of stones. But this PSA agent covering me, Agent Jusay, was hit in the forehead and left eyelid and took four stitches. I thought it was Col. Var as his barong was splashed with splatches of blood but Jusay's blood had spilled on him so he was on my right.

We saw some of the action over television after we arrived at the palace.

Raul Manglapus is hoping to become the President of the Constitutional Convention.

And the extremists are using these demonstrators to provoke violence for their purposes.

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Some advisers are quietly recommending
stern measures against the Kabataang Makabayan.
We must get the emergency plan polished up.