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Thursday

The UP faculty had a demonstration this afternoon. They walked from Agrifina Circle to Malacañang, handed me a manifesto blaming this administration for "the problems of repression."

I have no mention at all about who started the shoving nor the danger to the first lady and me — nothing but police brutality.

Dean Bagul claimed they were referring to the government in general and that he who heads a house is responsible for the happenings in that house. Dean Escudero of Business Adm. says he also (Marcos Liberal and that it is a matter of faith. Dean Faria (apparently an American lady) of English says there was brutality that her 17 year old daughter was near our car and did not see any stone thrown (she must need glasses otherwise where did the mayor of Legaspi Tuason get the forehead cuts from) Dr. Francisco Benamso arrogantly proclaimed he has not contact with the manifesto but after seeing my reaction to it, he was happy. I had said that I was disappointed in the faculty of my alma mater; that the UP was charged as the spawning ground of communism and that the manifesto was full of ambiguous generalities that had a familiar ring to them. Then I read a report that he had said he wanted the members of the faculty to be hurt by the police and that he had given directions to the Berkland Russell Peace Foundation to prepare gasoline (apparently for molotov cocktails, stones and other missiles to be used

in the Friday (Jan. 30th) rally), and that in the charge of communism in the UP, this name was mentioned.

Tomorrow, the big student rally. But Dragonland of the youth reform movement says the NUS and the NSL will not come to Malacañang but go to Congress instead. The Kabataan Makabayan will come to Malacañang, though.

Mayor Villegas has said that he will not allow the police to be near the demonstrators. I ordered him in writing to maintain peace and order in all rallies and demonstrations. He sent word that his press release did not mean he would keep the police away.

I showed to the UP professors the Collegian which carried the communist party articles and said that I did not want to stop this but that I hoped that the two sides of the question would be ventilated. SP Sotto called the editor of the Collegian a leftist.