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The Phil. Marketing Asso. hosted the 4th Pacific Asian Marketing Conference and I spoke as guest of honor. Theme: Asia wants peace and to be left alone by the world powers whether of Asia or not. Asian Forum needed. Djakarta is the beginning. Our dreams for Asia.

Have gotten the bill of Trig Roxas for national housing. It is a salary tax of about 5% for the establishment of a housing banking institution.

I hope to be able to raise funds for the deficiency in housing (400,000 annually)

The coral reefs north-west of Palawan one of the islands of which is Freedom Island seems to be the best chance for discovering oil. And the area is on our side of the median line between Thailand and the Philippines. So I am allowing the grant of concessions of over a million hectares in the exercise of jurisdiction over the area. Although Cabinet is organizing the corporations for it.

The Congressmen of Pangasinan want to divide the province. But this will raise many problems as all the provinces will seek to split up.

Ben Mallari, the right hand man of Buscador (the same Ben Mallari assigned to assassinate Dante (the one killed with another (and three captured) in Nueva) was killed last night by Task Force Sawa and a group under Lt Col. Romayo.