



APPENDIX 4.14

MARCOS DIARY ENTRY, 20 DECEMBER 1972

It appears here that the justices of the Supreme Court tried to return the country—or at least the legal regime—to a semblance of normalcy in their negotiations with Marcos regarding the ratification of the new constitution, but Marcos did not want to relinquish his exclusive legislative powers so soon.

Source

Presidential Commission on Good Government Files (through Meynarado Mendoza and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines), Roll No. 20, File Nos. 0138-39.

20 DECEMBER 1972

Conference with 68 governors, 61 city mayors and 1451 mayors with senators and congressmen.

I will have a transcript made of the speech delivered.

Met the governors, city mayors and municipal mayors in the afternoon in a private conference. Announced that there will no release of cash or of public works funds to follow the standards of the new society.

Met Justice Fred Ruiz Castro, Dingdong Teehankee, Felix Makasiar, Tony Barredo, Salvador Esguerra and Felix Antonio.

They recommended.

1. Suspension of the effects of martial law during the campaign for the constitution.
2. Farther implementation in the lowest level.
3. Time
4. Ratification by Congress

Only the call to a session of Congress would mean the admission of the weakness of my position in issuing decrees with the effect of law.

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Wednesday

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Met Justices Rod Ruz Castro, Dindong Techankee, Felix Beckasair, Tony Barredo, Salvador Eognera and Felix Antonio.

They recommended:

1. Suspension of the effects of martial law during the campaign for the constitution
2. Further implementation in the lowest level.
3. Time
4. Ratification by Congress

Only the call to a session of Congress would mean the admission of the weakness of my position in

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