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It was a triumphant visit the President of the United States made to Manila in the Philippines. It was actually an emotional homecoming for Mr. Eisenhower to a country where he lived for four years before the war. The welcome extended to the President and his party by the Chief Executive of the Philippines, Carlos P. Garcia, symbolized the affection with which he was regarded by the Filipino People. The turmoil and uncertainty which characterized the explosive events in Tokyo were hanging grimly over the Eisenhower Far East trip. Before his three-day visit would end, the President would have accepted with regret Japan's quest that he cancel his stopover there. But in the Philippines, the warmth of greeting was from a nation, which President Garcia said "stands for all that America stands for in the way of the greatest human values..." En route from the airport the motorcade was halted time and again....evoking a good natured reaction from President Eisenhower.

"Long live Ike" read the signs....and huge crowds, never before seen in Manila and environs jam-packed the streets while the ticker tape and confetti poured down almost endlessly. It was the most spontaneous welcome ever accorded a visiting dignitary. Crowds....some two million Filipinos...along every step of the ten miles route to the presidential palace. Forgotten, for this memorable moment was the disappointment over collapse of the summit, and the turbulence in Tokyo....for here, Ike was safe....in a country bound to the U.S. in striving sincerely to win world peace with justice and honor. It was already dark when the presidential party reached Malacanang Palace. Ike was tired, but hardly unhappy.

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TOKYO

This was Tokyo....the scene, outside the Parliament building...and the rioting which finally forced Premier Kishi to ask President Eisenhower to cancel his visit. In the words of the American President, here was "a small, organized minority led by professional agitators." Defying police, the leftwingers broke into the compound of the building by pulling down a massive side gate. Said an observer: they behaved "like a trained assault force." Police trucks were captured by the rioters...as the fury mounted and reached a violent peak...and they were only momentarily halted when the police opened up with streams of water from fire hoses. The leftists refused for hours to be driven from the vicinity of the Parliament building. The injured numbered nearly nine hundred and at least one person was reported killed. An awful chapter for Japan...described by a government spokesman as "a planned action by international communism to destroy democracy by violent revolution."