

12.30 PM

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The Senate has rejected (at 10.30 PM) the Roxas appeal to the Senate of the Committee on Judiciary decision to suspend the investigation of the Quintero raid by a 10-10 vote with Sen. Magdalena Antonio abstaining, Almondras voting against (after I had talked to them, Magdalena with a little heat when she kept referring to her conscience and I ended by saying that I merely wanted her to know that I was asking a favor) and Magayay being called to vote in favor at 6.30 PM violating his promise to be absent.

This strengthens our position to let the judiciary decide the issue of the legality of the issuance of the search warrant and its execution.

And strengthens the persuasive powers of the Presidency.

It also presents an image of unity among the Nacionalistas especially after Vice President Lopez read my speech yesterday on Independence Day.

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The speech has been well received. The Americans, however, must be disturbed by it as I call the bases a limitation of our sovereignty.

It is necessary to adopt a forthright stand on the bases to remind the Americans that we are doing them a favor by granting it and they should acknowledge it with the extension of the Laurel-Langley agreement, the support of our self-reliant military plans and the exclusion of long range missiles and nuclear weapons from our country.

I am still weak as I found out when I tried to exercise but I remember how I received the Gold Cross (Avalon Seal) when I led the men in breaking out of an encirclement in Pampunyan, Kiangar although I was in the infirmary burning with fever and chills from pneumonia in 1945 at the start of the enemy attack.
So I have decided to personally lay the wreath at the Unknown Soldier's Tomb tomorrow on

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Besmany Pass on USAFIP, NA Day.

How soft and flabby peace has made
of us! I feel a little bit shamed by the
recollection of my soldiering days!

I attach one of the letters of Charles
Sisadbergh who has been active on conservation
as well as J. D. Harrar, President of the
Rockefeller Foundation.