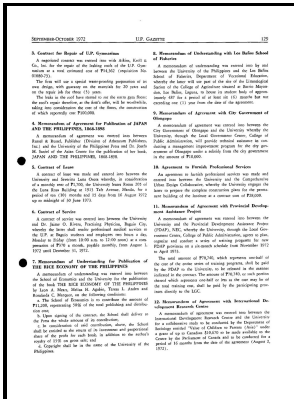


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Today, I feel impelled to call upon you to strengthen the faith and the determination that then informed our deepest wishes and most sanguine resolutions.

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They still expect to survive when everybody is threatened with annihilation, as if their fate will be of their own choosing. This reminds me of the sad experience in my family during the last war. That right is affirmed and that capacity established by self-sacrifice and self-discipline on the part of men and women who make a point of conscience to demonstrate human dignity as the highest flowering of freedom.

Quirino, Elpidio 1890

I come to you tonight addressing myself to your inner being. Twenty-seventh monthly radio chat of President Quirino to his fellow countrymen. Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines, 47 1 , 92-95.

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If we are to preserve them, if we are to move further, we must feel the compulsion of a moral duty and a higher authority, one that must develop within ourselves, that is, the small still voice of God within us. So blunted have become the sensibilities of many people that they cannot recognize the existence of facts that have not touched them personally.

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Or rather, because developments follow in too rapid a succession to lend themselves to extra-sensational treatment and to permit of a dramatic impact upon our consciousness, we grow insensitive to our peril and the urgency to action is lost upon us. Impoverished by oppression, we bestirred ourselves and broke the agelong shackles that stood in the way of our welfare.

Quirino, Elpidio 1890

What inspiration, what encouragement can we give to our soldiers now in the fields, in the mountains of Bulacan, in Laguna, in Tarlac, in Nueva Ecija, and elsewhere, exposing their lives to protect the innocent women and children and the helpless inhabitants from the forces of hate and destruction, if we abet or defend the latter in their wanton acts of cruelty and subversion? The Government is doing all it can to anticipate contingencies in the days ahead. Since they did not do it as we expected, when the Americans were about to reconquer the city we thought that the American forces, being our brothers in arms, would not destroy the city which the Japanese themselves had preserved, and we remained in the city confident that we would surely be saved.

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