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Quezon's Political Philosophy

"To the New York Herald-Tribune:

"I was amazed to read in Walter Lippman's column in yesterday's edition of your paper that he takes the position, inferentially at least, that unless 'a reliable regime of security in the Pacific' can be secured, there will be 'no earthly good in granting the Philippines independence."

"Let me say at once that I am wholeheartedly in favor of collective security. I believe that, unless the United Nations provide the world with the means of insuring peace for at least two or three generations, if not for all time, the unconditional surrender of the Axis will only mean a temporary suspension of hostilities.

"My political philosophy is old-fashioned. It is still that of Patrick Henry: 'Liberty

or death.' This philosophy has inspired me to lead my people to fight to the bitter end by the side of the United States against Japan. I know from the beginning that the Philippines could not defend itself, and that, because of Pearl Harbor, America could not come to our rescue in time to save thousands of our men from death, and many of our towns and cities from desolation. After seeing the easy victories of Japan in Singapore, in Malaya, in the Netherlands East Ind and her more-difficult victory in Bataan and Corregidor, my faith in our eventual victory was rudely shaken. Yet I continued to urge my people to fight on and to accept no defeat.

"Of course, now I know that Japan's defeat is certain. But I would care little about Jap-

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HOROSCOPE: *Were You Born in March? Turn to page 203.*

PRONUNCIAMENTOS—

MANUEL L. QUEZON—Always try to be the best treasurer. Don't be satisfied with being rated as second-class treasurer, regardless of the class or the category of the province where you are; be a first class treasurer for a first class treasurer can fit in, in any situation.

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GREGORIO SANCIANCO Y GOSON—A sound finance is the basis of the institutions of any country; and because by it they are also molded, it follows that these institutions are defective in proportion as the financial system is deficient.

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RAFAEL PALMA—We should bring about a reasonable balance between our high standard of living and of governmental service, and our means of production in order to meet fully the economic needs of the nation.

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un's defeat if my own Philippines were not going to be free.

"From my sickbed I am urging my people constantly to go on fighting—and they are doing it—because they and I expect that our country will be independent now, regardless of any future international agreements to provide for collective security.

Let no one have the impression that I am not deeply concerned about the future security of the Philippines. The Tydings-Bell joint resolution takes into consideration this question as well as all other postwar economic, social and political problems which will confront the United States also, by virtue of her relations with the Philippines. I refer you to sections three, four and five of the joint resolution. But the all-important point is that we fought and are still fighting for right and liberty, regardless of consequences. Right and liberty are more precious than life.

"Mr. Lippmann's political philosophy seems to justify a national policy of siding with the most powerful nation. This theory, if followed to its logical conclusion, would make of every Quisting a statesman."—Letter of President Quezon dated Sept. 29, 1943, at Washington, D.C., to the New York Herald-Tribune.

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