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THE LATE PRESIDENT

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STILL SPEAKS . . .

It was in 1909, that the militant Manuel L. Quezon was chosen by the assembly as one of the two Resident Commissioners at Washinton. During the seven years Quezon held post, he waged a vigorous campaign to influence American opinion both in and out of Congress.

Congressman Jones of Virginia introduced in March, 1912, the first Philippine independence bill which bears his name. The bill provide for complete independence in eight years for the Philippines.

On March 24, 1934, the Tydings-McDuffie Act was approved giving the Philippines complete freedom after a short transition of 10 years. Quezon was sick in bed in Manila but he made speeches for its adoption. In 1935 the Commonwealth of the Philippines was established through the undying work of Manuel L. Quezon.

On July 4, 1946, the Independence of the Philippines was given with General Douglas MacArthur, a bosom friend, of Quezon, as guest speaker and Manuel A. Roxas, trained by Quezon for the work, succeeded him. Although the late Quezon is now resting in peace in the grave the work he has done for his country remains immortal. If he were still alive he would say — build up the Philippines to be a modern country in the world . . . make it a champion for freedom . . . make it the true light of a benighted Asia.

ROXAS TO REFUSE

FRANCO MEDAL

MANILA. — President Manuel A. Roxas said yesterday he intended to decline a decoration which he understood the Spanish government was offering him.

Roxas said he had no official knowledge of the decoration but had read news dispatches that Generalissimo Franco had signed degrees awarding him the Grand Cross of the Order of Carlos Tercero and awarding the Vice President Elpidio Quirino the Order of Grand Cross of Isabela Catolica.