

Anti-Imperialist League Greeta Filipino Nationalists; Urges Reliance on Masses

Greeting him as the leader of "a home country of American imperial movement which has inscribed upon its banner the slogan of complete, immediate and absolute independence for the Philippine Islands," the All-America "Anti-Imperialist" League today addressed an open letter to Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, who is now in Washington conferring with President Coolidge over possible appointment to succeed the late Leonard Wood as governor-general of the Philippines.

The open letter follows in part.

Demand Freedom.

"Dear Senator Quezon:

"As the spokesman of the organized nationalist movement in the Philippine Islands you represent to us a movement which has inscribed upon its banner the slogan of 'Immediate, Complete and Absolute Independence' for the Philippines; and it is because of this that we extend to you the greetings of the All-American anti-Imperialist League upon your arrival in the United States, the

home country of American imperialism.

"Our league, which has national sections in eleven countries of Latin America as well as in the United States, wholeheartedly supports the demands of the Filipino people for liberation from American domination. We believe that all talk of 'further progress' in the Philippine Islands is a fraud and a sham so long as the twelve millions of Filipinos remain under foreign yoke. Imperialism does not mean progress, but in fact blocks the way to progress.

Coolidge, The Imperialist.

"President Coolidge belongs to the Party which appointed Governor General Leonard Wood, who systematically made himself the instrument for defeating all Filipino Nationalist aspirations, subjecting the Filipinos completely to Wall Street and Washington. General Wood earned the enmity of all.

"In the light of these things it

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(Continued from Page One) speaks of that taken by Senator Cushman.

"Nothing can be gained by fostering in the Filipino people continued illusions regarding what is to be expected by Wall Street and Washington.

Bound to Filipino Cause.

"We take the liberty of addressing you in this manner for the simple reason that we feel ourselves bound by the closest fraternal ties with the Filipino cause. It is our kinship with all those striving for Filipino emancipation that enables us to speak out so frankly when frankness is necessary for the furtherance of our common cause.

"We terminate this communication expressing to you once more our solidarity with the Filipino people and assuring you that we shall do everything in our power to fight shoulder to shoulder with the revolutionary Filipino nationalists against American imperialism and for immediate, complete and absolute independence for the Philippine Islands.

"You have had enough of governor-generals. It is the duty of every progressive element in the United States, and especially the workers, to help you rid yourself of them.

Fraternally yours.

All - American - Anti-Imperialist League,
Edward Gomez, Secretary,
United States Section.

Conference Ladies.

"The road to Filipino independence does not lie thru the White House at Washington. Independence will never be voluntarily granted by Imperialism. It is in the masses of the Filipinos themselves and their sympathizers among the oppressed peoples everywhere that the hope of national emancipation rests. Not petitions in Washington, but rather militant struggle on the part of the Filipino people and their actual and potential allies; this is the essential requirement of the Filipino cause, which we also look upon as our cause.

Same Mistake

"In perfect frankness we feel that we ought to say that we do not believe that the official Nationalist movement, of which you are recognized as leader, has always followed the best course. It seems to us that new methods are necessary. We by no means wish to imply that in adopting 'new methods,' we would have the Filipino movement adopt such 'new methods' as those suggested recently by Senator Cushman, on the contrary our position is the exact op-