

Gen. Romulo Says United China Needed for Peace

A strong, democratic and united China is essential to the peace of the Far East and the Pacific, according to Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines.

The Filipino statesman and soldier, who fought on Bataan, spoke in Rochester on Sunday evening at the Aquinas Institute in the fifth lecture of the Christian Culture Series.

Besides the problem of uniting China, General Romulo highlighted three major issues currently needing solution in the Pacific. Three major issues are: the independence of Oriental peoples under the rule of colonial imperialism, and the rehabilitation of the Philippines.

He lauded the United States for its democratic treatment of the Filipino people and the Congressional Act which has promised independence to the Philippines in 1946.

"This voluntary act on the part of a sovereign nation towards a subject people," he said, "is unique in the history of the world."

In an eloquent appeal for American aid in rehabilitating the war-torn Philippines, General Romulo told his audience that the Filipinos were not only proud in the Orient to stand with the United States in meeting Japanese aggression.

Denoting that China is regarded in the interests of the United States as well as the Pacific, he warned that unless China is united under a strong democratic government she will become the prey of communitarianism and a source of perils to the world.

Exaggerated claims of Japanese aggression, he said, is an obstacle to the establishment of democracy. The militarists in Japan have exploited emperor worship to further their plans, the speaker charged.

Great Britain and Holland were given an obvious lesson by the Japanese, he said, in the way they were treated during the war.

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