

FOR FREEDOM OF PHILIPPINES

Anti-Imperialist Group Demand Independence

The Anti-Imperialist League of the United States, in a statement just issued "stands for the complete and immediate independence of the Philippines."

The statement was unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the League which includes Robert W. Dunn, Roger Baldwin, Albert Moreau, James W. Ford, Jessie Lloyd, Manuel Gomez, and R. K. Kangleon. It was endorsed by the League for Filipino Freedom of Chicago, whose general secretary is Anacleto Almenana. The statement says:

"The Anti-Imperialist League of the United States stands for the complete and immediate independence of the Philippines. It supports those movements in the Philippines which stand on this program and opposes those half-hearted advocates of independence who give lip service to the principle but sabotage it in practice.

"The Filipino politicians in official charge of the independence commission are making no genuine effort to free the Philippines. Men such as Quezon, Osmena, and Roxas compromise with American imperialist interests obviously in an attempt to share with them the exploitation of the islands.

"The only solid basis for the freedom of the Philippines is to be found not among the politicians but among the working and peasant classes who are awakening to the need of independent action. These forces are beginning to understand that their's is a common struggle with the anti-imperialist movements in other parts of the Orient against alien rule."