

QUEZON PRESENTS BOAT TO OUR NAVY

Roosevelt Accepts Philippine
Gift of the Bataan as Token
of Unity in Fight for Freedom

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—President Manuel Quezon of the Philippine Commonwealth announced today the presentation of the Philippine patrol vessel Bataan to the United States Government. The boat was accepted by President Roosevelt and turned over at once to the Coast Guard for service.

The vessel, formerly the yacht Limbas owned by J. M. Elizalde, Philippine Resident Commissioner, has Filipino officers and crew, who have been enrolled in the Coast Guard Reserve.

The Bataan was accepted for the Coast Guard by Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche, commandant.

In his letter of presentation to President Roosevelt, President Quezon said:

"On behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Philippines, it is my great pleasure to present the N. V. Bataan to the Government of the United States. I beg you to accept this vessel as a token of undying Filipino determination to fight under your command until the war is won.

"The Filipino officers and crew who will man this vessel are now regular members of the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

"They, and this Coast Guard patrol boat, represent the desire of every one of the seventeen million Filipinos, whether under enemy domination or on free soil, to go into action again in the fight for freedom."

In the letter of acceptance President Roosevelt wrote:

"We stand with almost all the peoples in the world that love liberty and respect humanity against a few nations inspired by hatred, envy and atavistic fury.

"The firmness and courage shown by the people and the Army of the Philippines in this worldwide struggle are an inspiration to your present allies and will be a glory of your future history.

"Your country has shed its blood against this onrush. Your people are daily risking their lives and often losing them so that the way will be paved for your triumphal return.

"You and your countrymen here have given up the homes and families of your native land in order to pursue the fight.

"Your present gift is made in ac-

cord with this spirit of sacrifice. It is accepted in the same spirit given since we of the United States are willing to give up our all, too, in order that the warmth of love and peace may again be restored to the earth.

"Finally, you and your people can rest assured that we will know how to re-establish that liberty which we founded.

"I accept the Bataan in the name of our government and for our Coast Guard, not only as a token, but as a valuable aid in our common effort. It is a symbol of our common purpose and our eternal friendship, and will be manned by your countrymen wearing our uniforms."