

MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS

The Governor spoke in substance as follows:

We are gathered to do honor to the memory of the men who have died in the service of their country.

Not many in Guam have been laid away in this peaceful cemetery by the sea.

Our thoughts go out to that larger number who in distant lands have given, and who will give their lives in the defense of freedom.

A great President fifty-five years ago enjoined us that we resolve that government by the people shall not perish from the earth.

Relatively, government by the people is in far greater danger of perishing now than it was then.

We should like to be doing our share at the front in the struggle for freedom. But that is not given to all. We can honor the memory of those who have gone and extend our great sympathy to those who are still bearing the brunt.

Our President in his proclamation appoints this a day of prayer and humiliation.

Guam is the first of our possessions that the sun passes over on this day of prayer. From now, until twenty-one hours later, when the same day will be beginning in Samoa, the great American people, dedicated to liberty, will be giving all their thoughts and supplications to the one idea of securing peace and freedom to the world. We usher in this day, and may our firm spirit and determination, by the blessing of Providence, lead us to a happy issue.

Guam, May 30, 1918.