Friday, Jan. 19, 1940

19th day — 347 days follow

Went to Murphy and inspected M.G. crew in order to equip M.G. units.

him called me up early to tell me of his estimate of the situation re MacArthur. He told me he had conversations with him wherein he told me a that he was willing to step out of the army to give way to me to become C of S. He told MeA that I am strong, honest, aggressive, full of initiative and a keen mind.

All our troubles re basic policies which have to be changed are the product of one man's mind MeA without the leveling influence of another. Had the C of S (Santos + V) any idea of their own on military matters these things would not have happened. As it is MeA chose dummies in order to have things his own way. But unfortunately the Gen. Staff was not such a dummy and with the fact that this Gen Staff is very well thought of by the Pres. MacArthur has to lose prestige. MeA dug his own grave when he chose dummies for his C of S.

Went to the Augusta flagship met Cole P.W. Capt Mielke keynote in Lanatano