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“The 26th of July has become an historic date in the annals of our country's long and heroic struggle for its freedom. This great honour is certainly not what those of us who attempted to storm this fortress were seeking. No revolutionary fights with an eye on the day when the events stemming from his action will be commemorated with honour. Marti said that duty must be performed simply and naturally. The performance of a duty led us to this action without anyone thinking about the glories and honours of this struggle.”

References to the original: [Speeches and Interventions: Speech delivered at the Central Ceremony for the 20th Anniversary of the Attacks on the Moncada Barracks, in Santiago de Cuba, on July 26, 1973.](#)

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