

RADIO SPEECH OF
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FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1943
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To ~~us~~ in the presence of great victories by our ~~soldiers~~ ~~men of the armed forces~~ in Tunisia, we must again rededicate ourselves to the principles of Democracy. The right to a free election, the right to vote, is our heritage of freedom. men and women of Minneapolis, surely if your sons and brothers can give their lives ~~for our~~ ^{to protect our} way of life, you can give Ten minutes ^{of your time} at the voting booth on Monday, May 10th,

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THE ONLY BOARD MEETINGS WHICH THE MAYOR HAS ATTENDED WITH ANY REGULARITY ARE THOSE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN.

AN ABSENTEEISM HAS PERHAPS BEEN A PROBLEM IN WAR PLANTS, BUT ~~EXXX~~ IT IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR OWN MAYOR'S OFFICE, AS THE FIGURES REVEAL. THE CITIZENS OF MINNEAPOLIS ARE DESERVING OF MORE THAN MERE ABSENTEEISM AND DO-NOTHINGNESS.

FINALLY, THE MAYOR HAS LAID CLAIM TO LEADERSHIP IN THE MATTER OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE. HE IS, TO BE SURE, THE COMMANDER AND CHIEF, BUT IT IS HARDLY CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT THE MAYOR ALONE ORGANIZED AND ESTABLISHED CIVILIAN DEFENSE. SURELY HE, AND ALL OF US MUST GIVE CREDIT TO THE WORK OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE

CIVILIAN DEFENSE CORP - THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUCH AS THE AUXILIARY POLICE, THE AUXILIARY FIREMAN. IT IS A MATTER OF RECORD THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALONG WITH OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

THEN TOO, THE EXCELLENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LABOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE, ARE NOT THE PRODUCT OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. IN FACT, THE MAYOR KNOWS, AND LABOR KNOWS, THAT IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF THE INSISTENCE OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CITY COUNCIL, THAT ORGANIZED LABOR WAS BROUGHT INTO THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AS AN EQUAL AND PARTICIPATING PARTNER. CIVILIAN DEFENSE REQUIRES MORE THAN ORGANIZATION. IT REQUIRES ABOVE ALL, INSPIRATION - YES, AN INSPIRATION TO CALL FORTH THE VOLUNTARY SERVICES OF WILLING AND PATRIOTIC CITIZENS.

YES, AS I SAID IN THE OPENING SPEECH OF MY CAMPAIGN, THE REAL ISSUE IN THIS ELECTION IS WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS IS TO HAVE VIGOROUS, YET SOUND AND CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO REALIZE THE HOPES AND EX ASPIRATIONS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO THE TASK OF VICTORY FOR DEMOCRACY.



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