

their own affairs. This war has clearly demonstrated two things: First, that in order for democracy to survive it must be ever militant against the encroachments of those groups that are basically opposed to and suspicious of the right of self-government. And, ~~xxxxxx~~ second, ~~xxx~~ this war has demonstrated that a democracy is inherently stronger-- it has more genuine substance, a greater creative source of human energy and devotion from which to draw-- than is any other form of government.

So I speak to you as one who is a fervent and devout believer in democracy, ~~in the ability of the people to make the decisions~~ as one who ~~has~~ has profound trust in the judgment of the people and who believes that a community can be no stronger than the ~~the~~ bond of unity and common understanding that links all elements and all sections together.

To me, as I have so often stated, democracy is a corollary of Christianity. They are related to another like convex is to concave. ~~Democracy~~ Just as Christianity is the spiritual expression of the brotherhood of men and the sovereignty of God, so ~~in~~ democracy ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is the political ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ expression of this concept of fraternity and loyalty to our Creator.

Democracy is, then, like Christianity. It is built on the basic and fundamental belief that man has an inherent dignity and worth, that he has inherent goodness. It is built on the belief that all men are equal before God, no matter how unequal ~~xxxxxx~~ they ~~be~~ may be in their mental and physical capacities. Democracy proclaims that all men are equal before the law, and that no man is above the law.

Democracy proclaims, too, that men shall be governed by leaders of their own choosing, and that those leaders must answer

for their actions to those who are governed.

This means that, if ~~the~~ the democratic faith is to achieve the great ends ~~xx~~ which men of good-will have envisioned, that the governments we design of our own choosing must be responsive to the needs ~~of the~~ and desires of the great mass of men.

A democratic government cannot afford to permit great sections of its population to live in poverty, unemployment, slums, or insecurity.

A democratic government cannot afford the exploitation of man by man. It cannot afford the elevation of one group above another. It cannot permit the domination of one nation by another.

A world constructed on the democratic principle must be a world that practices the Christian doctrine of the brotherhood of all men.

How can we build such a world? We must first of all recognize that a democratic world cannot be built without democratic nations. We must ~~xxxxx~~ recognize, further, that democratic nations cannot be built without democratic local governments. And, finally, that democratic local governments cannot be built without democratic individuals.

Democracy, thus, rests in the final analysis upon the individual. Like Christianity, democracy draws its strength from the individual-- from the common man.

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recognize that a democratic world cannot be built without democratic nations. We must recognize further that democratic nations cannot be built without democratic local governments. We must recognize, ~~finally~~, that democratic local governments cannot be built without democratic individuals. Democracy rests, in the final analysis upon the individual. ~~Like~~, Like Christianity, democracy draws its strength from the individual - from the common man. But man must have a moral philosophy. He must be convinced of the necessity for tolerance, the equality of men, the essential dignity of men; yes, the divinity of men. In other words, democracy is more than a form of government. It is a spirit and a way of life. It is a set of moral values. ~~However, all of this depends upon political action, for the realization of a democratic social order.~~ ^{It cannot be realized, however, without} We as citizens of a great democracy ^{therefore} have not only the legal right to vote, we have a moral obligation, as well. To remain apathetic to our political responsibilities, ^{TO SILENTLY RENOUNCE} ~~is a silent renunciation of~~ the democratic faith which we profess. Now more than ever before, we ~~as citizens~~ must reaffirm our belief in free government. We must prove the adequacy of our ^{democratic} institutions not only by military victories, but by our vigorous participation in the political life of our community. Yes, freedom is a precious possession. Each and everyone of us is its custodian.

Tomorrow we ~~the people of~~ ⁱⁿ Minneapolis are to have one of the great opportunities accorded the people of a democratic nation - the right to vote. Reflect for but one moment on the plight of our conquered allies. The people of Norway, of Poland, of Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Greece, and Yugoslavia are impatiently awaiting this democratic privilege. I am sure that if the people of these nations could but vote tomorrow, tyranny in Europe would meet its long overdue death. Ballots, like bullets, can crush dictatorship.

I say to you, therefore, that tomorrow we must display the same determination in making democracy live at home, as we are now doing on the battle fields to insure its living in the world. Your

vote will signify your determination to see ^{freedom} ~~democracy~~ a living reality. ~~No matter for whom you vote, therefore, you must vote. Ultimately, our democracy means that we must have faith in the judgment of the common man. Often we who are accustomed to freedom, tend to forget, that Democracy is not old; it is new. It has accomplished much in the past, but it has even more to do in the future.~~

It is not enough, ~~therefore~~, to merely defend democracy or, as we say, "The American way of life." To defend it, ^{don't} may be to lose it, to extend it is to strengthen it. Democracy is not property; it is an idea. Military victory ^{alone} ~~on our part~~ may not mean the preservation of this idea. It is entirely possible that the viciousness of fascism may infect our lives until we have lost the faith of a free people. That is why in total war the military and economic aspects are not more important than the war of the spirit or the idea. We must recapture the audacious enthusiasm of democracy, a belief in the common man, a faith in our- selves and our God--these are the fundamentals of a free people. We must become so convinced of the essential soundness and truthfulness of the democratic idea that no amount of defeat, sacrifice, or suffering can weaken our ~~conviction~~ conviction and loyalty to the principles on which we live.

We must be such devout adherents ^{of} ~~to~~ the democratic philosophy that in the process of crushing the dragon of Fascism, we do not besmirch ourselves in the dragon's blood. This necessitates an understanding of the causes of the present war and the responsibilities for ^{The} future world order that belongs to America. Planning for a future and better world will be of little use if we do not profit from our past experiences. The mistakes that have been made shall provide the experience for the charting of a better postwar world.

don't The hope of democratic government lies in the wisdom and virtue of the people. Surely if this century is to be the century of the common

man, then the plain people, the little people, must be intellectually and morally equipped to make the right decisions. If America is to assume her proper place in a world needing rebuilding and redirection, this America must have the impelling force of public will to carry through. There can be no return to normalcy, no renunciation of our responsibility. We cannot repudiate a suffering humanity ~~xxx~~ twice in one generation and still profess to be a democratic and ^{decent} ~~Christian~~ people. Either we recognize and practice the basic principles of our moral and political faith - the dignity of the individual, freedom of conscience, and the brotherhood of mankind, ~~or we~~ forfeit the privilege of freedom and the claim to decency. Our task is almost overpowering; the world expects so much, and as yet we are ready to do so little. This time we must not ~~have it written, "Too little and too late."~~

This war will not be won by men and machines alone. Total war is more than ^{military} ~~a metals~~ and economic warfare. It is a warfare of ideas and ideologies. The idea of democracy is our most dynamic weapon. The world is hungry for liberation, for a chance to live as free people. The Power of an idea, the courage that comes with ~~reason and understanding~~ - these are the indomitable, the ^{real} ~~secret~~ weapons of a free people. Total war must bring more than military victories, it must bring more than the defeat of the enemy. ^{Real} Victory will come ^{only if we build} ~~in the building of~~ a new and better world. The hope of total victory lies in the willingness of the people of democratic faith to dream new visions, to chart new plans of social organization, to dare to try new ideas and make the so-called impossible a living reality. ~~We must recapture the audacious enthusiasm of democracy.~~ Democracy is not a social system of the status quo. It is a challenge for the future. It requires more of courage and boldness. ~~It must be ever restless and desirous of new victory. A democratic people must rest its faith on a belief in the common man, a faith in themselves~~

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Surely, then, everyone of us can afford 10 minutes tomorrow to visit the voting booth. For there is the citadel of our freedom.

Before closing, I should like to once again express my thanks to all of you who have given so generously of your funds, your time and your effort in my behalf. I am proud that I can number among you representatives of different parties and different walks of life. I am proud of your trust and of your friendship. To the great number of youth groups, to the members of the University faculty, to the Trade Unions, to all of you in short who have placed your confidence in me, I extend my deepest gratitude.

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Friends and Fellow Citizens**

This being Sunday evening, I do not wish to take this time to speak in behalf of my own candidacy. Instead, I should like to discuss with you tonight a matter which is, I ~~feel~~ ^{feel}, ~~of great~~ ^{of greater} importance to all of us. I refer to the matter of democracy, ^{-the American way of life} and to the challenge which it now ~~faces~~ faces.

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