

Senior Cap and Gown Day, address. April 21, 1944.

"Our faith for Living"

I have long pondered the task that is mine on this  
Cap and Gown day -

- (1) congratulate you on your achievement, yes!
- (2) Macalister is, of course, proud of you -

But, we cannot ignore that these are  
days of tragedy, days of dynamic change,  
days of decision.

{ We cannot escape the challenge that  
faces us as a nation, and as  
individuals.

We cannot deny that our very  
faith, our democratic institutions  
are being tested as never before.

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The day for "high powered" praise  
and the traditional "pat on the back"  
telling you that the world awaits  
you with welcoming arms, is  
~~not~~ no longer with us.

{ You are the students of the Depression  
years, of the War years -

you are today living in a world  
charged with dynamic change -

{ This is a revolutionary Period  
{ you must be prepared to meet it.

### Changing -

(1) Europe in Chaos - 50 million homeless.  
Nazis Gestapo -

Political revolution - People cry out for  
freedom - for opportunity.

Power of Russia -

(2) Asia - The rebirth of China.  
Imperialism gone.

(3) Industry - fabulous production  
world over.

Industrial expansion everywhere  
y<sup>t</sup> before this war, Unemployment.  
today 11,000,000,000 man workers.  
\$150. Billion Income.

There is and can be no return "to normalcy"

The face of the world has been changed

What has been our normalcy! "Lest We forget"

(1) War I - "The great Betrayal of the League"

(2) The "Harding era" -

(3) Coolidge + Capone - Bank failures  
farm indebtedness etc

(4) Stock market - 1929

(yes, in spite of warning)

(5) Tariffs - greed - ruinous

(6) 1931 - Manchuria

(7) 1932 - 15,000,000 Unemployed

(8) 1935 - Ethiopia

(9) 1937 - China

(10) 1938 - Munich

} Democracy  
at lowest  
ebb -

not only Political Crisis -

not only Economic Crises

But also ~~Political~~ Moral Crises

} Men of Goodwill,  
without Will



The inevitable War came -  
to Europe in Sept. 1939  
to America, Dec 7, 1941

We had failed Politically (League, helpless)  
Economically (unemployment)  
morally (Peace at any Price)

The old guard Leadership had nothing to  
offer except words + good intentions

Listen to Mr James P. Warburg, one of America's leading  
Bankers - His letter  
to the New York Times  
Feb 2, 1941.

"It was not the Common man who originally  
caused the trouble. It was the Political man,  
the industrial man, the great landowner,  
the banker - all too many of whom  
placed concern for the maintenance of  
their own privileged position ahead  
of all other considerations.

These men, and their social and economic  
parasites, were the original betrayers.

out of their selfishness were born the  
extreme mass movements of the left. Out  
of their fear, aroused by these movements,  
were born the reactionary dictatorships  
of the right - "

Today - war - Total in its intensity and  
mobilization -

Total War - military, }  
Economic, }  
Ideological }

During all of this we enjoyed the luxury  
of prolonged debate, and argument -

Isolationism - Indifference - the curse of  
our generation

It was "indifference" that brought the  
depression

It was "isolation" that existed when  
Poverty was looked upon as an individual  
problem

Isolation - Housing, Disease.

(X) We have failed to understand our Political faith

(1) Declaration of Independence -

democracy  
can be  
and is  
Positive

(A) all men are Created Equal

(B) all men - inalienable Rights of Life, liberty, &  
the pursuit of happiness

(C) Governments are instituted among men  
to secure these blessings -

(2) Democracy is a spirit - an everyday  
attitude of mind about men -  
no room for the Selfish, the indifferent

- (3) Democracy a challenge - a set of goals.  
(a) Four freedoms the same

Our Faith for living calls for a full understanding of the Democratic ideology

- (1) We must think of the State as a positive instrument of service in all of those fields where individual action is not enough or is leading to Chaos
- (2) We can only enrich ourselves by helping others
  - (a) Poll tax = our problem
  - (b) Health, Recreation, Housing etc our problem
  - (c) Nation only as rich as its people
  - (d) Racial prejudice our problem  
anti-Semitism  
anti-negro etc
  - (e) Economic opportunity for all  
Security - our problem





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