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We are making today the same fight that we fought and won over 150 years ago. Then as now it was a bitter, desperate struggle to prove that men have dignity; that they have the right to be free.

Americans in the 18th ~~Century~~ Century fought for freedom. By courage and sacrifice they won that first battle. But this fight for freedom never ends. In 1952 our battlefield is the whole world.

There is another similarity between 1776 and 1952. Not only is the cause the same but you hear the same prophets of gloom; men of little faith in the essential strength and vigor of our country.

They whine that we can't afford to make this fight. They say we must let the rest of the world go hang.

I suggest these men read American history. Think back to 1776. General Washington led a beaten army; men were deserting and heading for home; in the cities you heard that the fight was lost.

Here are the words that shamed the ~~weak~~ quitters and ~~x~~ inspired the believers in 1776:

"These are times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value."

Remember this to. When we stood and fought for freedom in 1776 men ~~xxx~~ from all over Europe, who ~~like~~ loved freedom, came to fight on our side. Now history repeats itself. They knew then, as we are convinced now, that freedom must eventually be world-wide or our own freedom cannot survive.

Let us see what we face today:

First and foremost, there is the ~~immediate~~ immediate threat presented by ~~Soviet~~ the military power of the Soviet Union. To answer this we need planes and tanks, and ~~solid~~ soldiers. This mobilization buildup requires taxes from all of us; increased work from others, and life itself from some.

This is a holding action. When President Truman ~~announced~~ courageously decided to halt ~~aggress~~ Communist aggression in Europe we made it clear to the free world that we are in this struggle for freedom to stay. This made it clear to Europe and to Asia that United States backs up its words with positive action.

In Europe we have created a defense force ~~from the~~ ---- the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This is gradually but definitely ~~providing~~ providing the military guarantee that ~~Europeans~~ Europeans need. The prophets of gloom in this country tell us that ~~that~~ Europe is dragging its feet; that we should pull out. ~~This is a fact~~

This is untrue. Europe is ~~it~~ doing its share. Let me tell you of the progress they have made there. And it is not easy to wartorn countries, rebuild them, and at the same time continue sacrificing for the common defense. The progress in Western European unity; the Schuman plan; the European army, make it clear that progress is being made.

This you must never forget: democracy is not only the right system for the free, human spirit, it is also the strongest. In the long pull the free people will outstrip the totalitarian lands --- in production, in vigor. ~~It~~ Time is on our side if we use it wisely. So far we have.

There is more to this whole problem than the military buildup. Throughout the world today there is a great revolution taking place. You can see this in India, in the Near East, in Africa, in Latin

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America, in Asia, in Europe. The ordinary man, the simple farmer or worker, is demanding what is rightfully his. He wants freedom; dignity and decency; an opportunity to work and raise a family; schools for his children; a right to make his own decisions.

This is the same fight we made in 1776. This revolution ~~ex~~ exists today because men, no matter what their color, their race, their nationality, their way of work, want dignity. They want to be free.

The Communists, financed and directed, disciplined and ruthless, seek to exploit this revolutionary ferment. Make no mistake --- there is nothing revolutionary about the Communists. That is the great lie of the 20th Century. That is the fraud we must expose.

We must take hold of this great revolutionary movement that is sweeping the world and channel it along the way toward free institutions.

This is why Point Four is such a vital part of our foreign policy.

What must we do? We have to share our great technical and scientific resources with these nations, these peoples who are struggling upwards to a life of dignified, free men.

First we must use our technical help to raise the health standards of these people.

Secondly we must employ our great scientific knowledge to improve the agricultural output. This science at our disposal has done wonders in this country --- it can do the same for the rest of the world.

Then, we must take the many steps necessary to bring industrial ~~development~~ development in and raise the productivity.

You know, in many ways, this is a simple business proposition. All the areas which Point Four will assist send us raw materials of one more

kind or another. Malaya, for instance, provides tin.

On the other hand our busy factories will need markets in the years to come. It is easy to see that a backward, agricultural country can not buy many refrigerators. However, if we produce an industrial development then their ability to absorb manufactured goods, particularly consumer goods, from this country will be immense. This is the only way in which we can reestablish world trade and end what the economists call the dollar gap.

But the technical and industrial help we provide will not be the only ~~ways~~ answer to the problem. We must deal in ideas. America must export its most precious product --- the belief in the importance of individual dignity. This is simply that each human ~~be~~ being's life is worthwhile.

I do not mean that this is propaganda, or the Voice of America--- although these are essential. We cannot export the precious heritage of America by radio or by printed documents. We must demonstrate in every way we can --- by the way we do things in this country; by what we say publicly; by our dealings with these people in every way. For instance, a Point Four technician in India ~~is~~ must be positive argument for freedom; in the way he ~~will~~ talks, and lives and works he must be a proof ~~that~~ of the fine words we use in speeches.

Unless we do this the tragedy is that we'll provide the seeds and the tractors and the Communists will provide the ideas. It will take more than guns to provide the will to fight; there must be ideas.

~~The Senate will not make any attack on our policies~~

You hear today from many politicians ---- the Tafts, the Hoovers, the MacArthurs --- that we cannot afford the foreign policy we have agreed on. They talk of our economic ~~aid~~ and military aid to the Western World as if we were providing a sort of a dole for these countries.

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This is ~~isxxxxxxxx~~ absolutely untrue. The simple fact is that this is the biggest bargain in a foreign policy that any nation every had. We spend about 8 ~~xxxx~~ billion dollars, it is true. What do we get in ~~xxxx~~ return? We draw on the tremendous resources in materials and men of the free world.

We are getting human resources; economic resources in raw materials and productive strength of Europe; and we are also gaining strategic location ~~of~~ to protect ourselves.

If we had not arranged these alliances our army would have to be 20,000,000 men to adequately protect ourself; our military budget would be several times as high; and we would be in a world without allies.

The argument of Senator Taft seems to be that we could just cut down a little, then a little more, and finally give practically no aid. He adopts the position that you can always reduce the help--that the countries involved will ~~xxx~~ somehow make the necessary effort. I would remind him of Senator Vandenberg's point that it makes a lot of difference to a drowning man if you throw him a 15 foot rope when he is 30 feet from shore.

If you want to see why Point Four is important just take a look at the election in Iran. The Communist Party there has a simple platform: to end all United States influence. They particularly want to halt the \$23 million dollar Point Four program that we have just ~~start~~ started there. That should make it clear. The Communists know what damage Point Four will do to them.

Thurs., January 24, 1952

Humphrey Speaks at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa. -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Minnesota) spoke to the annual Roosevelt Day Dinner of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action at the Hotel Schenley on Thursday, January 24.

Senator Humphrey, former National Chairman of ADA, is now a National Vice-Chairman of ADA.

The Pittsburgh dinner, marking the anniversary of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is one of a series of celebrations sponsored by ADA all over the nation.

"The United States must export its most precious heritage--the belief in the importance of the individual," Senator Humphrey declared. "Unless we do this we'll provide the tractors and the seeds and the Communists will provide the ideas."

"We cannot export this American tradition by propaganda. We must demonstrate it in every possible way--by the way we do things at home; by what we say publicly; in our dealings with the peoples of the world."

Senator Humphrey emphasized that India today provides the "perfect test" of what the United States must do. He said: "We can help the Indian people solve their tremendous economic and social problems with technical aid and financial help. But we must never forget this--the heart of the Point IV program is that we help people to help themselves."

The Senator pointed out that "when foreign cities have suffered from flood or earthquake or the ravages of war the people of American cities or towns have 'adopted' foreign communities. Then we aided these people in far off lands back to health through gifts in kind and in cash."

"This has been done already in the Point IV program," he said. "Horace Holmes, a former county agent from Tennessee, showed farmers in India's Etawah district how to double their wheat crop. Then a farmer from there, named Amar Singh, came to live in Carroll County, Georgia. It is in this way that we show what good neighbors we truly can be."

"Think of the impact on the mind of Asia if communities all over the United States adopted foreign towns and aided them to solve their many problems?"

"You can be certain of this: the Communists know how powerful Point Four is. The Communist Party in Iran ^{has} ~~had~~ made their big campaign issue the ending of the Point Four program in that country. The Communists realize what damage Point Four can do to them."

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Senator Humphrey expressed confidence that American foreign policy is making progress. He stressed that he had seen, in his recent trip to Europe, that the Schumann Plan, the Nato army, and economic cooperation were making Europe strong.

"This is not a time for despair," he said. "Throughout our history there have been men of little faith who cried out that we could not meet the test. This was true in 1776 and it is true today.

"There is a great revolution taking place in the world today. This is the demand by men of all colors and all races that they have a right to individual dignity and freedom. The Communists hope to exploit this great ferment. What we must do is guide and lead this great world-wide revolution into free institutions

Senator Humphrey emphasized that the program of military and economic aid to our allies is the "biggest bargain in a foreign policy that any nation ever had."

"We draw on the tremendous resources of materials and men of the entire free world. This means human resources for if we had no allies we would need an army of perhaps 20 million men; economic resources in raw materials and productive strength; and, strategic locations so that we ^{can} maintain our military guard posts all over the globe."

"The Republicans would have us believe that you can reduce the amount of our aid and still get the same result. I would like to warn them that it's no use to throw a fifteen-foot rope to a drowning man if he's 30 feet from shore."

Senator Humphrey stressed that optimism is justified because "in the long run Democracy is superior to Totalitarianism. We must have the courage to wage the long fight."

"We are making today the same struggle that we fought and won in 1776. Americans then fought for freedom. But this fight for freedom never ends for freedom must be world-wide or we cannot survive. In 1952 our battleground is the whole world."

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