

will insure for America unmatched fighting forces, but other provisions have been made to strengthen and reinforce these provisions. You have read, I am sure, statements that were given wide publicity to the effect that the Eastern Shore of Maryland was particularly open to foreign attack. It must have been reassuring to you in the extreme, therefore, to learn of the acquisition by this government of naval bases in the Atlantic, through the use of which the shoreline and the entire Eastern Seaboard is rendered absolutely safe from any concerted hostile movement.

Tonight, what we have seen is just a reminder that America is ready and that never again will we be caught unprepared when dire disaster threatens. We have, in our Constitution and in our tremendously powerful nation, possessions that are the envy of every other nation in the world. Now, too, we are on the threshold of a preparedness that will hold for us, for all times, those things which we value so highly. Tonight, it is good to be in America, and to know that while, unfortunately, millions of human beings abroad are burrowing in the earth like moles to safeguard themselves against attack, here in this Country, as always in the past, we are free to act, to gather, to speak, to live exactly as we wish.

Today, there is more reason than ever why America should be a living thing in the hearts and minds of every citizen. No other country on the face of the earth has so much that is definitely worth being proud of and definitely worth protecting. Our priceless liberty, our prestige among the nations of the earth, our spiritual leadership, all combine to make the United States the foremost in the entire world.

However, America will continue to function just as long as you, its citizens, are on guard. You are the government and America will continue to be the "land of the free" as long as the people safeguard the principles upon which this government was founded.

As we leave here tonight let us thank God that he has given us the great opportunity to live in a land where a citizen can be truly free in mind, in spirit and in action. Thank God for all this and let us resolve tonight as possibly never before to do whatever may be necessary to sacrifice whatever we may be called upon to sacrifice rather than yield one iota of the friendly institutions that have been inherited from our forefathers and which we hope to pass on to our children and our children's children as bright and clean and effective as they were handed to us. And let us offer, also, a prayer that under the Great Fatherhood a lasting brotherhood of men may manifest itself so that international peace and good-will may reign again throughout the world.

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**T**HIS occasion marks the completion of fifty years of service to the community of a kind and quality of which you can indeed be proud. This is not only because of the care which you have extended to countless aged and