

Country was aligned. Our leaders know from long experience that the farm people would be on the side of the preservation of those principles and institutions of Democracy, which brought to the people of America a more complete enjoyment of life, and have made this Country of ours the envy of all the other people of the world. So today, they count upon you as one of the bulwarks of strength at this critical moment.

America's answer to the Dictator's challenge is a spontaneous uprising of all our people, the people of our cities, and of our farms. All recognize that this is everybody's war. In a world where treachery and brute force have become the chief weapons of war-mad dictators, ours is the task of preserving and strengthening the principles of liberty and of the rights to the individual. The unity of spirit in America today is so complete that our people need but to be informed as to their duty in order to perform it. We are united in spirit. We must translate this unity of spirit into unity of action.

This is no ordinary war crisis. The threat to our democratic way of life is the greatest we have ever faced in all the years of our National existence. It is evident, therefore, that the times call for a national unity far exceeding that ordinarily achieved by free people in wartime.

The dictators would tell us that we are too easy going, and that we could never hope to complete in war with the soulless war machine they have so ruthlessly perfected. You know, and I know, that we shall prove that philosophy false, that we shall demonstrate convincingly, that the spirit of free men can rise to mightier heights of war than even the driven slaves of the militarists can achieve.

To do this, however, we must attain to uncharted heights of National unity. We must work, and sacrifice, with an unconquerable spirit. Only along such paths can we come to that overwhelming preparedness called for by President Roosevelt in his ringing speech of Tuesday. Only thus, can we gain that overwhelming victory that must be, and will be, the vindication of Democracy's ideals.