

Report

RADIO ADDRESS BY HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS
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In my three previous radio talks I have discussed with you some of the major problems now confronting our city. In those talks, I pointed out that Minneapolis needs, above all, vigorous, fearless and constructive leadership. The type of leadership that will unite our citizens in support of the plans for world peace now being developed by the United Nations at the San Francisco Conference.

The type of leadership that will command the confidence and respect of both business and labor.

The type of leadership that will look to the future, confident in the greatness of our city, and ready and able to fulfill our hopes and aspirations.

The type of leadership that will intelligently and constructively plan for the post war period.

The type of leadership that will bring to all of us an understanding of our city government and its administration.

Yes, we need, and the times demand, leadership that is above all responsive and responsible to the needs and wishes of our people.

I have pointed out, moreover, that the mayor, as the chief executive officer of this city, is obligated by duty and by the prestige of the office, to speak out for the welfare of the whole community -- to be vitally concerned with the development of new industry, with full employment now, and in the future, of our labor.

I have called to your attention that under the terms of our city charter, the mayor can and should coordinate and integrate the numerous city government departments, boards and commissions. I have also pointed out to you that the present mayor of Minneapolis has not utilized the

prestige and weight of his office to provide Minneapolis with the dynamic leadership which is now so vitally necessary.

He has failed to act constructively in such matters as city planning, governmental reorganization, education, post-war reconstruction, social and recreational development and law enforcement. He has not shown interest in or concern about such serious problems as housing, slum clearance, juvenile delinquency, minority or racial questions.

It is not enough merely to issue proclamations and statements. The critical era in which we live requires bold action and resolute purpose. Government and government officials must work with and require the best of industry and labor.

A do-nothing philosophy has no place in a world which has been forced to fight for its right to live. The present mayor, whatever his intentions, has been able to give to Minneapolis only the most colorless, the most indecisive, the most mediocre type of leadership.

Tonight, I wish to speak to you on another topic of primary importance to every person in this community. I refer to the future of Minneapolis in a changing world - a world changed beyond all description by the impact of war.

Today, we are living in the presence of great and terrible events. It becomes our duty to think seriously, plan constructively, and speak responsibly. I have promised to myself and to those who support my candidacy, that I will not seek the office of mayor on a program of sensationalism or half truths.

Persons seeking public office today, more than ever before, have an obligation to their country and to their fellow Americans in the armed forces to act and speak as responsible persons, basing their program upon facts and constructive proposals.

From time to time, I have mentioned the relationship of Minneapolis to our state, our nation and to our world. Within the last few years, we have all begun to sense the importance of our city as a great transportation and traffic center in the new world that has been so unified by modern technology and invention.

It would not be wrong to say that Minneapolis has a future in the field of world commerce that will command the respect and envy of all cities. We, in truth, are to become the great inland port for air transportation.

Without a doubt, we can make what is now a dream and a plan into a reality. Our strategic position geographically places upon our civic leaders and public officials a responsibility for world understanding and imaginative leadership.

A city that has the potentialities for greatness can never acquire the position of leadership unless the entire citizen body understands the relationship of our metropolitan area to the world about us. We must not only become citizens of Minneapolis and of Minnesota and of the United States, but we must also become citizens of the world.

It becomes obvious that Minneapolis needs the kind of leadership that can command the respect of our state and national government. Our planning must be coordinated with state and national programs. Our industrial development must take into consideration, and new developments in the realm of science and invention.

We must be prepared to move on to new fields of commercial expansion -- to explore all possibilities of growth.

What has the present mayor done about obtaining freight rate equality for this region of the country? As in so many other activities, he has done nothing to acquaint the public with the importance of this matter. He has remained completely silent and demonstrated no active interest in the problem.

The mayor of Minneapolis should join with public spirited community leaders in a program aimed at making sure that our congressional delegation is firmly organized in support of adequate legislation.

There has been some outstanding work on the part of private organizations in acquainting the federal government with this region's problems. But we will not achieve a solution in this matter until our local public officials take an active part in mobilizing public sentiment.

A similar problem in freight rate discrimination has confronted the southern states, and that region has found an effective spokesman in Governor Ellis Arnall. As the result of his vigorous leadership, the state of Georgia is receiving favorable consideration in its claims in the federal courts.

Any major expansion of industry in Minneapolis must be based upon enlarged transportation facilities. As a great air transportation terminal we must not permit our recent enthusiasm to fade away but must realize the potentialities in the airport terminal.

Minneapolis will be a logical center for aircraft or aircraft parts construction. With rich deposits of magnesium only a few miles from our city, we must plan now for the development of magnesium processing plants.

With a rapidly expanding acreage in our agricultural area devoted to the production of soy beans, let us make sure that we acquire our share of industry for the production of plastics.

Centered as we are in the great grain producing area, is it not possible and in fact desirable that we plan for and encourage the construction of industrial facilities for the production of synthetic rubber. The alcohol grain process is scientifically sound and in current use.

Minneapolis business, labor and finance has the right to expect the mayor of this city to use his influence in encouraging the establishment of synthetic rubber plants here in our city. Such a program would require

the closest cooperation between rural and urban leaders. Yes, the mayor in cooperation with leaders of finance, business and labor must fight for our future, not wait for it. We must create new business, new job opportunities for our men and women seeking employment. The post-war period will find Minneapolis with thousands of former war workers, and returning soldiers. We cannot endure mass unemployment.

We are indeed fortunate in having some of the finest vocational schools in the nation. We have trained thousands of men and women for war production. We can and will retrain those workers for peace time production. To do this there must be the closest cooperation between our welfare agencies and vocational schools. It is not enough merely to pay out money for public assistance to the needy, we should provide every willing worker a chance to learn a new trade or a new skill for peace time activity.

Along with these proposals for industrial expansion, we must include housing development, making it possible for new home building and remodeling of old homes. During the period of war years, personal property in the form of homes and business establishments has necessarily deteriorated because of the lack of materials. The opportunity for construction of new facilities and remodeling of the old, will make possible a period of extensive employment in the Building Trades.

Minneapolis is a northwest trade center and has always been dependent upon the great agriculture area surrounding it. Misunderstandings which have grown during the past few years between business and labor interests of the city with the agriculture interests of the surrounding area must be eliminated by the highest type of public relations and educational programs. Here again, the Mayor's office can do much in promoting a better understanding between capital, labor and farmer.

In order to make these possibilities a reality, I am proposing for your consideration, and I pledge to carry out the following ten point program:

- (1) Formation of a Greater Minneapolis Association to integrate and coordinate the work of private and public agencies concerned with post war planning.
- (2) The marshaling of the city's credit and financial facilities to encourage private investment and to ensure sound financial expansion.
- (3) Extensive programs to make possible new home buildings and remodeling of old homes.
- (4) Promotion of synthetic rubber plants and other industries which will at once provide new employment opportunities and supply a market for surplus agricultural products.
- (5) Promotion of a closer understanding between the business and labor interests of the city and with the agricultural interests of the surrounding area so that the city-rural antagonism may be eliminated.
- (6) An active program to recapture lost industrial enterprises by seeking new traffic routes and adjustments on freight rates.
- (7) Unceasing activity to bring about completion of the upper harbor project and to bring to the city the air routes that will build the one world future.
- (8) ^{adequate} Extensive public works program to provide a floor below which post-war employment must not drop.
- (9) Co-ordination of the city's vocational facilities to retrain war workers for peace.
- (10) Encouragement of research which will contribute to the development of Minneapolis industry, such as magnesium processing, the development of lowgrade iron ore, and the manufacture of plastics.

This war has taught us that America is not several communities but that we are one nation, a union of free people. Business and labor must think in terms of not only their own membership but of 130 million people equally convinced of the virtues of democracy. American labor must assume that other members of the society are as eager for a decent standard of living, for security, and for peace as is the union member. American business must recognize its obligation to human welfare. Finally, unless business and labor can forget their feuds and get down to the business of cooperating, our economy will be seriously jeopardized and our political system may be drastically weakened. We have not only a war to win, we have a peace to win. The victory of the peace will require even more cooperation between labor and management than the military victory. The production schedule of tanks, airplanes, and guns during wartime must be converted into a production schedule of homes, automobiles, of refrigerators, and other goods in peacetime. Full employment must be available to the American people or an economic crash and political upheaval is inevitable. There will be neither free labor nor private enterprise if the disaster of inflation and unemployment falls upon us in a post-war world. Never before have American business and American labor had so much in common. The day is fast approaching when American labor and American industry must unite in a program of post-war reconstruction. Your government needs you and your people expect you to lead the way, not follow. Let us make this symbol of war time unity a peace time reality. The idea of civilian defense which has found American labor an effective partner and has brought employer and employee together on a basis of mutual responsibility and understanding must become the program for the new democracy.

Finally, let us reflect for a moment upon the broader problems of our generation. We are part of one world. We are living in ^{time} ~~a~~ ~~area~~ that has forced upon us ^{great} ~~the~~ responsibilities ~~for world peace~~. We cannot escape our

destiny for either greatness or for chaos. Every American, every citizen of this community must grow to understand the world about him. We blundered into war, but we must not blunder into peace. We must work for it, plan for it, believe in the certainty of a free world. Presidents, Governors and Senators alone cannot bring peace or security -- there must be a democratic understanding and determination on the part of we the people. We must equip ourselves mentally for the kind of a city, a nation, a world that we want. Then, through democratic action we must select men of ideals, of courage to unfold the vision that lies before us. We must become keenly aware of the changes wrought by this war; changes in a political sense and in the economic organization of our society. We must recognize that the world of tomorrow will be an industrialized world composed of people desirous of the necessities of life and the privilege of freedom.

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IN THREE PREVIOUS RADIO TALKS ADDRESSED TO THE PEOPLE OF MINNEAPOLIS,
I HAVE OPENED MY CAMPAIGN FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR BY DISCUSSING WITH YOU SOME OF
THE MAJOR PROBLEMS NOW CONFRONTING OUR CITY. IN THOSE TALKS, I HAVE POINTED OUT
THAT MINNEAPOLIS NEEDS, ABOVE ALL, VIGOROUS, FEARLESS, AND CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP.
THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP THAT WILL UNITE OUR CITIZENS IN THE PRESENT GREAT WAR EFFORT.

THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP THAT COMMANDS THE CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT OF BOTH BUSINESS
AND LABOR.

THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP THAT LOOKS TO THE FUTURE, CONFIDENT IN THE GREATNESS OF
OUR CITY, AND READY AND ABLE TO FULFILL OUR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS.

THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP THAT INTELLIGENTLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY PLANS FOR THE
POST WAR PERIOD.

THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP THAT CAN BRING TO ALL OF US AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR
CITY GOVERNMENT AND ITS ADMINISTRATION.

YES, WE NEED, AND THE TIMES DEMAND, LEADERSHIP THAT IS ABOVE ALL RESPONSIVE
AND RESPONSIBLE TO THE NEEDS AND WISHES OF OUR PEOPLE.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I HAVE POINTED OUT, MOREOVER, THAT THE MAYOR, AS THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THIS CITY, IS OBLIGATED BY DUTY AND BY THE PRESTIGE OF THE
OFFICE, TO SPEAK OUT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY - TO BE VITALLY CON-
CERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INDUSTRY, THE FULL EMPLOYMENT NOW, AND IN THE
FUTURE, OF OUR LABOR; I HAVE CALLED TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR
CITY CHARTER, THE MAYOR CAN AND SHOULD COORDINATE AND INTEGRATE THE NUMEROUS
CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. I HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT TO
YOU, THAT THE PRESENT MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS HAS NOT UTILIAED THE PRESTIGE AND WEIGHT
OF HIS OFFICE TO PROVIDE MINNEAPOLIS WITH THE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP NOW SO VITALLY
NECESSARY. HE HAS FAILED TO ACT CONSTRUCTI ELY IN SUCH MATTERS AS CITY PLANNING,
GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION, EDUCATION, POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION, SOCIAL AND RE-
CREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE HAS NOT SHOWN INTEREST IN OR
CONCERN ABOUT SUCH SERIOUS PROBLEMS AS HOUSING, SLUM CLEARANCE, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY,
MINORITY OR RACIAL QUESTIONS, AND ACQUISITION OF WAR PRODUCTION CONTRACTS FOR

MINNEAPOLIS BUSINESS AND LABOR. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO MERELY ISSUE PROCLAMATIONS AND STATEMENTS. THE CRITICAL ERA IN WHICH WE LIVE REQUIRES BOLD ACTION AND RESOLUTE PURPOSE. GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MUST WORK WITH AND REQUIRE THE BEST OF INDUSTRY AND LABOR. A DO-NOTHING PHILOSOPHY HAS NO PLACE IN WORLD FIGHTING FOR ITS RIGHT TO LIVE. YES, I AGAIN REPEAT, THE PRESENT MAYOR, HOWEVER GOOD HIS INTENTIONS, HAS BEEN ABLE TO GIVE TO MINNEAPOLIS ONLY THE MOST COLORLESS, THE MOST UNDECISIVE, THE MOST MEDIOCRE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP.

TONIGHT, I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU ON A TOPIC OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO EVERY PERSON IN THIS COMMUNITY - YES, ANOTHER PROBLEM OR ISSUE ABOUT WHICH THE PRESENT MAYOR HAS DEMONSTRATED A DO-NOTHING ATTITUDE. I REFER TO THE FUTURE OF MINNEAPOLIS IN A CHANGING WORLD - A WORLD CHANGED BEYOND ALL DESCRIPTION BY THE IMPACT OF WAR.

TODAY, WE ARE LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF GREAT AND TERRIBLE EVENTS. IT BECOMES OUR DUTY TO THINK SERIOUSLY PLAN CONSTRUCTIVELY AND SPEAK RESPONSIBLY. I HAVE PROMISED TO MYSELF AND TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT MY CANDIDACY, THAT I WILL NOT SEEK THE OFFICE OF MAYOR ON A PROGRAM OF SENSATIONALISM OR HALF TRUTHS. PERSONS SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE TODAY, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THEIR COUNTRY AND TO THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS IN THE ARMED FORCES TO ACT AND SPEAK AS RESPONSIBLE PERSONS, BASING THEIR PROGRAM UPON FACTS AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS.

FROM TIME TO TIME, I HAVE MADE MENTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF MINNEAPOLIS TO OUR STATE, OUR NATION AND TO OUR WORLD. WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE ALL BEGUN TO SENSE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CITY AS A GREAT TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CENTER IN THE NEW WORLD THAT HAS BEEN SO UNIFIED BY MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND INVENTION. IT WOULD NOT BE WRONG TO SAY THAT MINNEAPOLIS HAS A FUTURE IN THE FIELD OF WORLD COMMERCE THAT WILL COMMAND THE RESPECT AND ENVY OF ALL CITIES. WE, IN TRUTH, ARE TO BECOME THE GREAT INLAND PORT FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION. WITHOUT A DOUBT, WE CAN MAKE WHAT IS NOW A DREAM AND A PLAN INTO A REALITY. OUR STRATEGIC POSITION GEOGRAPHICALLY PLACES UPON OUR CIVIC LEADERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND IMAGINATIVE LEADERSHIP. A CITY THAT HAS THE POTENTIALITIES FOR GREATNESS CAN NEVER ACQUIRE THE POSITION OF LEADERSHIP UNLESS THE ENTIRE CITIZEN BODY HAS AND UNDERSTANDS

THE RELATIONSHIP OF OUR METROPOLITAN AREA TO THE WORLD ABOUT US. WE MUST NOT ONLY BECOME CITIZENS OF MINNEAPOLIS AND OF MINNESOTA AND OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT WE MUST ALSO BECOME CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

IT BECOMES OBVIOUS THAT MINNEAPOLIS NEEDS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT CAN COMMAND THE RESPECT OF OUR STATE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. OUR PLANNING MUST BE COORDINATED WITH STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS. OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REALM OF SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

WE MUST BE PREPARED TO MOVE ON TO NEW FIELDS OF COMMERCIAL EXPANSION - TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBILITIES OF GROWTH. WHAT HAS THE PRESENT MAYOR DONE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UPPER HARBOR PROJECT, SO LONG THE HOPE OF THIS CITY. YEARS OF PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EFFORT BEEN SPENT ON THIS WORTHY PROGRAM, YET, DURING A WAR PERIOD WHEN ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION ARE OVER-TAXED, WE HAVE NOT PRESSED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE UPPER HARBOR. THIS MUST BECOME ONE OF OUR PROJECTS FOR THE POST-WAR PERIOD. WE MUST SELL THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A RIVER TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. ANY MAJOR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY IN MINNEAPOLIS, MUST BE BASED UPON ENLARGED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. AS A GREAT AIR TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL, WE MUST NOT PERMIT OUR RECENT ENTHUSIASM TO FADE AWAY, BUT MUST REALIZE THE POTENTIALITIES IN THE AIR PORT TERMINAL. MINNEAPOLIS WILL BE A LOGICAL CENTER FOR AIRCRAFT OR AIRCRAFT PARTS CONSTRUCTION. WITH RICH DEPOSITS OF MAGNESIUM ONLY A FEW MILES FROM OUR CITY, WE MUST PLAN NOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAGNESIUM PROCESSING PLANTS. WITH A RAPIDLY EXPANDING ACREAGE IN OUR AGRICULTURAL AREA DEVOTED TO THE PRODUCTION OF SOY BEANS, LET US MAKE SURE THAT WE ACQUIRE OUR SHARE OF INDUSTRY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PLASTICS. CENTERED AS WE ARE IN THE GREAT GRAIN PRODUCING AREA, IS IT NOT POSSIBLE AND IN FACT DESIRABLE THAT WE PLAN FOR AND ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER. THE ALCOHOL GRAIN PROCESS IS SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND AND IN CURRENT USE. MINNEAPOLIS BUSINESS, LABOR AND FINANCE HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPECT THE MAYOR OF THIS CITY TO USE HIS INFLUENCE IN ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER PLANTS HERE IN OUR CITY. SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD REQUIRE

The closest of cooperation between rural and urban leaders. We must persist in our demands for the altering of freight rates, which in the past have placed a penalty on Minneapolis industry. Yes, the Mayor in cooperation with leaders of finance, business and labor must fight for our future, not wait for it. We must create new business, new job opportunities for our men and women seeking employment. Again let me remind you, the post-war period will find Minneapolis with thousands of former war workers, and returning soldiers. We cannot endure mass unemployment, either politically or economically.

We are indeed fortunate in having some of the finest vocational schools in the nation. We have trained thousands of men and women for war production, we can and will be able to retrain those workers for peace time production. There must be the closest of cooperation between all welfare agencies and vocational schools. It is not enough to merely pay out money for public assistance to the needy, we should provide every willing worker a chance to learn a new trade or a new skill for peace time activity.

Along with these proposals for industrial expansion, we must include housing development, making it possible for new home building and remodeling of old homes. During the period of war years, personal property in the form of homes and business establishments has necessarily deteriorated because of the lack of materials. The opportunity for construction of new facilities and remodeling of the old, will make possible a period of extensive employment in the Building Trades.

Minneapolis is a northwest trade center and has always been dependent upon the great agriculture area surrounding it. Misunderstandings which have grown during the past few years between business and labor interests of the city with the agriculture interests of the surrounding area must be eliminated by the highest type of public relations and educational programs. Here again, the Mayor's office can do much in promoting a better understanding between capital, labor and farmer.

In order to make these possibilities a reality, I am proposing for your consideration, and I pledge to carry out the following ten point program:

X (1) Appointment of a post-war development council, as recommended by the city planning commission.

(2) The marshaling of the city's credit and financial facilities to encourage private investment and to ensure sound financial expansion.

(3) Extensive programs to make possible new home building and remodeling of old homes.

(4) Promotion of synthetic rubber plants and other industries which will at once provide new employment opportunities and supply a market for surplus agricultural products.

(5) Actively promote a closer understanding between the business and labor interests of the city and with the agricultural interests of the surrounding area so that the city-rural antagonism may be eliminated.

(6) An active program to recapture lost industrial enterprises by seeking new traffic routes and adjustments on freight rates.

(7) Unceasing activity to bring about completion of the upper harbor project and to bring to the city the air routes that will build the future.

(8) Extensive public works program to provide a floor below which post-war employment must not drop.

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(10) Encourage research which will contribute to the development of Minneapolis industry, such as magnesium processing, the development of lowgrade iron ore, and the manufacture of plastics.

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BUSINESS AND LABOR CAN ~~XXXXXXXX~~ FORGET THEIR FEUDS AND GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF COOPERATING, OUR ECONOMY WILL BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED AND OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM MAY BE DRASTICALLY WEAKENED. WE HAVE NOT ONLY A WAR TO WIN, WE HAVE A PEACE TO WIN. THE VICTORY OF THE PEACE WILL REQUIRE EVEN MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN LABOR AND MANAGEMENT THAN THE MILITARY VICTORY. THE PRODUCTION STRUGGLE OF TANKS, AIRPLANES, AND GUNS DURING WARGIME MUST BE CONVERTED INTO A PRODUCTION SCHEDULE OF HOMES, AUTOMOBILES, OF REBRIGERATORS, AND OTHER GOODS IN PEACETIME. FULL EMPLOYMENT MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OR AN ECONOMIC CRASH AND POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IS ~~XXXXXXXX~~ INEVITABLE. THERE WILL BE NEITHER FREE LABOR NOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IF THE DISASTER OF INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS UPON US IN A POST-WAR WORLD. NEVER BEFORE HAVE AMERICAN BUSINESS AND AMERICAN LABOR HAD SO MUCH IN COMMON. THE DAY IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN AMERICAN LABOR AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY MUST UNITE IN A PROGRAM OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION. YOUR GOVERNMENT NEEDS YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE EXPECT YOU TO LEAD THE WAY, NOT FOLLOW. LET US MAKE THIS SYMBOL OF WARTIME UNITY A PEACETIME REALITY. THE IDEA OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE WHICH HAS FOUND AMERICAN LABOR AN EFFECTIVE PARTNER AND HAS BROUGHT EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE TOGETHER ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND UNDERSTANDING MUST BECOME THE PROGRAM FOR THE NEW DEMOCRACY.

FINALLY, LET US REFLECT FOR A MOMENT UPON THE BROADER PROBLEMS OF OUR GENERATION. WE ARE PART OF ONE WORLD. WE ARE LIVING IN AN AREA THAT HAS FORCED UPON US THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WORLD PEACE. WE CANNOT ESCAPE OUR DESTINY FOR EITHER GREATNESS OR FOR CHAOS. EVERY AMERICAN, EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS COMMUNITY MUST GROW TO UNDERSTAND THE WORLD ABOUT HIM. WE HAVE BLUNDERED INTO WAR, BUT WE CAN'T BLUNDER INTO PEACE. WE MUST WORK FOR IT, PLAN FOR IT, BELIEVE IN THE ~~XXXXX~~ CERTAINTY OF A FREE WORLD. PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS AND SENATORS ALONE CANNOT BRING PEACE OR SECURITY - THERE MUST BE A DEMOCRATIC UNDERSTANDING AND DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF WE THE PEOPLE. WE MUST EQUIP OURSELVES MENTALLY FOR THE KIND OF A CITY, A NATION, A WORLD THAT WE WANT. THEN, THROUGH DEMOCRATIC ACTION WE MUST SELECT MEN OF IDEALS, OF COURAGE TO UNFOLD THE VISION THAT ~~MX~~ LIES BEFORE US. WE MUST BECOME

KEENLY AWARE OF THE CHANGES WROUGHT BY THIS WAR; CHANGES IN A POLITICAL SENSE AND IN THE ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION OF OUR SOCIETY. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORLD OF TOMORROW WILL BE AN INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD COMPOSED OF PEOPLE DESIROUS OF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE AND THE PRIVILEGE OF FREEDOM.

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Please forward the address made by Mr.
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