

Partial Text of Willkie's Address

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (U.P.)—Following is the partial text of Wendell L. Willkie's speech last night:

People of America: Twenty-two years ago today, a great conflict raged on the battlefields of Europe came to an end. The guns were silent. A new era of peace began and for that era the people of our Western world—our democratic world—held the highest hopes.

Those hopes have not been fulfilled, the democratic way of life did not become stronger—it became weaker.

We in America watched darkness fall upon Europe. And as we watched, there approached an important time for us—the national election of 1940.

In that election, and in our attitudes after that election, the rest of the world would see an example of democracy in action, an example of a great people faithful to their Constitution and to their elected representatives.

Nearly fifty million people exercised on November 5th the right of the franchise—the precious right which we inherited from our forefathers, and which we must cherish and pass on.

GAVE HOPES TO MILLIONS

No matter which side you were on, on that day, remember that this great, free expression of our faith in the free system of government must have given hope to millions of us on millions of others—on the heroic Island of Britain—in the ruined cities of France and Belgium—yes, perhaps even to people in Germany and Italy. It has given hope wherever man hopes to be free.

In the campaign preceding this election, serious issues were at stake. People became bitter.

But we Americans know that the bitterness is a distortion, not a true reflection of what is in our hearts. I can truthfully say that there is no bitterness in mine. I hope there is none in yours.

We have elected Franklin Roosevelt President. He is your President. He is my President. We all of us owe him the respect due to his high office. We give him that respect. We will support him with our best efforts for our country.

A vital element in the balanced operation of democracy is a strong, alert and watchful opposition. That is our task for the next four years. We must constitute ourselves vigorous, loyal and public-spirited opposition party.

It has been suggested that in order to present a united front to a threatening world, the minority should not surrender its convictions and join the majority. This would mean that in the United States of America, there would be only one dominant party—only one economic philosophy—only one political philosophy of life. This is a totalitarian idea—it is a slave idea—it must be rejected utterly.

The British people are unified with a unity almost unexampled in history for its endurance and its valor. Yet that unity co-exists with an unimpeded freedom of criticism and of suggestion.

In Britain some opposition party leaders are members of the government and some say that a similar device should be adopted here. That is a false conception of our government. When a leader of the British Liberal Party or of the British Labor Party becomes a member of the Churchill cabinet, he becomes—from the British parliamentary point of view—an equal to Mr. Churchill's.

OUR SITUATION DIFFERENT

*With us the situation is different. Our executive branch is not a committee of our legislative branch. Our President is independent of our Congress. The members of his cabinet are not his colleagues. They are his administrative subordinates. They are subject to his orders.

An American President could fill his whole cabinet with leaders of the opposition party and still our administration would not be a two-party administration. It would be an administration of a majority President giving orders to minority representatives of his own choosing. These representatives must concur in the President's convictions. If they do not they have no alternative except to resign.

Clearly, such device can give us in this country any self-respecting agreement between majority and minority for concerted effort toward the national welfare. Such a plan for us would be but the shadow—not the substance of unity.

Our American unity cannot be made with words or gestures. It must be forged between the ideas of the opposition and the practices and policies of the administration. ours is a government of principles and not one merely of men. Any member of the minority party, though willing to die for his country, still retains the right to criticize the policies of the government. This right is imbedded in our constitutional system.

Therefore, to you who have so



Address

ceived thousands and thousands of letters—tens of thousands of them. I have personally read a great portion of these communications. I am profoundly touched. They come from all parts of our country and from all kinds of people...

In your enthusiasm for our cause, you founded thousands of organizations. They are your own organizations, financed by you and directed by you. It is appropriate for you to continue them if you feel so inclined. I hope you do continue them.

It is not, however, appropriate to continue these organizations in my name. I do not want this great cause to be weakened by even a semblance of any personal advantage to any individual. I feel too deeply about it for that. 1944 will take care of itself. It is of the very essence of my belief that democracy is fruitful of leadership.

I want to see all of us dedicate ourselves to the principles for which we fought. My fight for those principles has just begun. I shall advocate them in the future as ardently and as confidently as I have in the past...

PROMISES TO CARRY ON

Whatever I may undertake in the coming years, I shall be working shoulder to shoulder with you for the defense of our free way of life, for the better understanding of our economic system and for the development of that new America whose vision lies within everyone of us.

Meanwhile, let us be proud and happy in the fight that we have made.

We can go on from here with the words of Abraham Lincoln in our hearts: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Goodnight. And God bless everyone of you.

Thus, in order to counteract the threat of inflation and to correct some of our economic errors, we can offer five steps for our government to take immediately.

FIRST, all Federal expenditures except those for national defense and necessary relief ought to be cut to the bone. Work relief obviously has to be maintained, but every effort should be made to substitute for relief productive jobs.

SECOND, the building of new plants and new machinery for the defense program should be accomplished as far as possible by private capital. There should be no nationalizing under the guise of defense of any American industry with a consequent outlay of Federal funds.

THIRD, taxes should be levied so as to appear as nearly as possible the way you go places. Obviously, we cannot hope to pay for all the defense program as we go. But we must do our best. That is part of the sacrifice that we must make.

FLYING CADET KILLED

LAKELAND, Fla., Nov. 12 (U.P.)—Jerome B. Kok, 27, Hart, Mich., was instantly killed yesterday when his training plane crashed into a wooded area three miles south of Polk City.

WITCH-HUNTING MUST STOP

FOURTH, taxes and government restrictions should be adjusted to take the brakes off private enterprise so as to give it freedom, under wise regulation, to release new investments and new energies and thus to increase the national income.

FIFTH, and finally, our government must change its punitive attitude toward both little and big businessmen. Regulations there must be—but of the opposition have consistently recommended that. But the day of witch hunting is over.

If this Administration has the unity of America really at heart, it must consider without prejudice and with an open mind such recommendations of the opposition.

National unity can only be achieved by recognizing and giving serious weight to the viewpoints of the opposition. Such a policy can come only from the Administration itself. It will be from the suppression of the opposition that discord and disunity will arise. The Administration has the ultimate power to force us apart or to bind us together.

Immediately after that announcement, prices on the New York Stock Exchange and other exchanges, jumped sharply upward. This is not a sign of health, but a sign of fever. Those who are familiar with these things agree that the announcement of the Treasury indicated a danger—sooner or later—of inflation.

You all know what inflation means. You have lately watched its poisonous course in Europe. It means a rapid decline in the purchasing power of money—a decline in what the dollar will buy. Stated in other words, inflation means a rise in the price of everything—food, rent, clothing, amusement, automobiles—necessities and luxuries. Invariably these prices rise faster than wages, with the result that the workers suffer and the standard of living declines.

No man can say exactly how big the national debt can become, he-

Highlights of Willkie's Talk

"We have elected Franklin Roosevelt President. He is your President. We will support him with our best efforts for our country. And we pray that God may guide his hand during the next four years."

"It is a fundamental principle of the democratic system that the majority rules. The function of the minority, however, is equally fundamental."

"I want to see all of us dedicated to the principles for which we fought. My fight for those principles has just begun. I shall advocate them in the future as confidently as I have in the past."

And now a word about the most important immediate task that confronts us. On this, all Americans are of one purpose. There is no disagreement among us about the defense of America. We stand united behind the defense program. But here particularly, as a minority party, our role is an important one. It is to be constantly watchful to see that America is effectively safeguarded and that the vast expenditure of funds which we have voted for that purpose, is not wasted.

And in so far as I have the privilege to speak for you, I express once more the hope that we help to maintain the rim of freedom in Britain and elsewhere by supplying those defenders with materials and equipment. This should be done to the limit of our ability but with due regard to our own defense. Since November 5th I have re-

ceived thousands and thousands of letters—tens of thousands of them. I have personally read a great portion of these communications. I am profoundly touched. They come from all parts of our country and from all kinds of people...

WAIT WILLKIES AT RUSHVILLE

Rousing Reception to Rival Campaign Sendoff; Dinner Planned.

Wendell L. Willkie will receive another rousing reception when he returns to Rushville, probably Thursday or Friday, for a proposed three-week vacation.

Although no word has been received since Friday from either Mr. or Mrs. Willkie, the defeated Presidential candidate is expected to inform Rushville relatives and Willkie Club workers of his vacation plans today.

Miss Mary Sleeth, manager of the Willkie farms in Rush County, said that Mr. Willkie told her Friday that she and Mr. Willkie would return to Rushville sometime this week.

The Willkie Club and Republican headquarters workers are planning a dinner in Mr. Willkie's honor to be followed by a public reception in the high school.

Rushville Willkie supporters promised that when the Willkies "come home" they will get a bigger reception than the "send off" accorded the candidate and his wife when the campaign started.

HELEN MORGAN IN SERIOUS CONDITION

OAKLAND, Nov. 12 (U.P.)—Torch Singer Helen Morgan was in serious condition at Merritt Hospital today, suffering from an infection of the upper respiratory tract. She was stricken Sunday.

Two physicians and three nurses were attending Miss Morgan, who popularized the piano-sitting technique of torch singers. Hospital attendants said she had passed the crisis and was "improved slightly," but her condition still was critical.

Meanwhile, let us be proud and happy in the fight that we have made.

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ARMY RULING: No Hunting

LA PORTE, Ind., Nov. 12 (U.P.)—Officers of the U.S. Army Quartermasters Corps today had taken over supervision of the Government munitions plant site at Union Center and ordered the 13,000-acre area closed to hunters.

Maj. Benjamin T. Rogers and two aides opened offices here and had no trespassing signs posted on all roads leading to the site and barred hunters from the zone because of the danger to surveying parties.

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Exposure and Injuries Fatal

MONTICELLO, Ind., Nov. 12 (U.P.)—Carl Zarse, 22, of near Chalmers, died yesterday of injuries and exposure resulting from an automobile accident Saturday. He received head and chest injuries when his car hit a culvert near here. Attempting to find aid, Mr. Zarse collapsed in a barn where he lay until discovered yesterday morning.

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GERMANS EXCITED ABOUT NEW PLASTIC

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—Fabrics made from a synthetic resin, polyvinyl chloride, are being hailed in Germany as a great advance over rayon, Lenital and other materials derived originally from plant and animal sources.

An enthusiastic description of the new fiber, written by Dr. Herbert

Montgomery, is given in the July number of the journal, Die Umschau, just received here after weeks of delay in transit.

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