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Radio Address by N H B

Americans in arms -----on land, on sea and in air, we salute you. In this hour of world destiny,

“Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o’er our fears,
Are all with thee.”

We salute you ALL – black and white – Jews and Gentiles – who are fighting under Old Glory, the undefeated banner of a free nation, to make the world large enough for Democracy and too small for race prejudice, discrimination, injustice and hate.

We pledge you that we shall give our last ounce of devotion, toil, sweat and sacrifice, to the cause of world freedom, justice and equality, for all men, everywhere.

We are highly resolved to make the victory line strong and firm right HERE IN AMERICA, so that it can be firm in YOUR STRONG HANDS, on every battle front in the world.

We are keenly mindful of the fact that this war gives to America her first supreme opportunity to prove to the world that Democratic ideals and principles cannot be defeated. This, under God, she proposes to do. It also gives to the American Negro, his FIRST opportunity to let the world know the type and quality of men and women a democracy can produce in seventy-five short years.

It is a fact, that this nation and the Negro race are face to face with the greatest opportunity and challenge that have ever come to either. Neither must be weak ANYWHERE.