

4. The President and the Welfare of Humanity

This present visit to Canada of President Roosevelt, and his meetings with Mr. Churchill and other leaders at Quebec, have shed new light upon the singular place which he, both by official purpose and private concern, now occupies in the thoughts and hopes of millions of men and women. Throughout his life, and especially amid the stresses of a world-wide war, Mr. Roosevelt has been the champion of an oppressed humanity. Not in the United States alone, but among all of the United Nations now linked in the common struggle for freedom and peace, the President has arisen as the stalwart champion of a better day. Who will say how many nameless individuals have found strength and hope in the magic of his voice, in the burning brightness of his purpose for men and women to live at peace? Who may know how great will be the compass of the freedoms which he has described - freedom from fear and freedom from want; freedom of speech and freedom of worship.

Here, today, in Ottawa, from this shrine of Canada's devotion to the ideal of freedom for all mankind, will go out, from the hearts of the people of Canada, many fervent wishes and many a silent prayer. From this great assemblage in our nation's capital will arise the prayer freighted with all the hopes of a nation which for so long lived at peace, that you Mr. President, may be spared in