

EISENHOWER'S SPEECH

S.V. Let me ask you how you would feel if you had to follow on this rostrum the master of the English language. (Applause) 26'

First, the overwhelming honour I feel by being asked by the Eighth Army to meet with it in one of its reunions.

And the second is that after all my language is not supposed to be exactly that of these islands. (Laughter)

And so you will forgive my errors. When Monty asked me to come up here this evening and said I was to talk a bit and I said "About what?" and he said "About three minutes." (Laughter). 56'

C.U. ...But after ~~xxx~~ all, both Monty and you know that I am not contesting any favours for next October 25th. / Never have I been more moved than by this symbolic parade this evening of Empire solidarity, strength and devotion to an ideal. No man who even attempts to speak ~~x~~ ^{the} language of these islands can ever forget the coming down at least from the year ~~1250~~ 1215 has been an ideal that all of us have followed and for which we have more than once, have been called upon to sacrifice and many of us even to die. And so the world offered a great debt to the kind of thing that we have seen symbolised and typified here this evening. If I could add one single thought to what has been presented to us, it would be this over and above the preservation of the loyalties, of the ties you have, let us lift up our hearts so as to encompass a loyalty for all nations that love freedom. [The time has come when a power on earth has decided that a state is more important than a human soul and intends to enforce that ideal by the power of arms.] By the secret and terrible methods of a police state, by the dagger and the gun, and ~~if~~ we respond and ~~if~~ we meet that threat in the same way that people of this great race and all who have imbibed inspiration from the example they have given us down through the centuries, if we meet it in that same way, then that kind of tyranny cannot

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prevail. Ladies and gentlemen.....

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S.V. ~~to~~ meet the plaguing, terrible problems of peace have with the courage of the victors of Alamein - and that's all there is to it. Have I the courage to do my problems dafly in a way that makes me want to do more than the man alongside me and the country alongside me, rather than to watch them and to see can I do less?

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S.V.you may read in your papers of our troubles in Korea, in Indo-China, in Iran, in Egypt, and they're all very real, all very terrible, but it's a free world. We'll rise up and remember the ~~winning~~ ^{worthiness} of this cause and in that worthiness determine, each of us, to do more than his neighbour, the future is prosperous. It is growing and it is secure, not only in the individual sense, but for all of us for the great cause for which we have fought in the past and are now living. Ladies and gentlemen, could I repeat again the honour that Mrs. Eisenhower and I feel in our invitation here this evening. A chance to meet again with my old associates of the war, now my trusted

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