

Today's assemblage, a counterpart of thousands of other demonstrations that have been and will be staged throughout the Country, gives evidence unmistakable that the people of America are ready for the supreme test ahead. It proves anew the esteem in which Americans generally regard their individual and National freedom.

The guns carried by our State Guards are symbols of the grim determination of America to resist, as long as life shall endure, any encroachments upon our life as a Nation or upon our liberties as individuals. The faithfulness of our civilian volunteers to the tasks assigned them, the responsiveness of so many to the call for Minute Men, all of these are but expressions of the genuine American desire for freedom, the unconquerable American determination to retain those privileges, won for them by their gallant ancestors and preserved and strengthened through the years.

No! America will never give up this fight until freedom has been restored throughout the world. It is a solemn obligation that has been laid upon us, not only to maintain our own security but to help restore to enslaved millions everywhere, the freedom that is rightfully theirs.

One hundred and thirty million Americans are united with the people of Allegany County in the patriotic determination to win through to Victory in this war, no matter what the costs. Only thus can the menace of Hitler and his perverted ideologies be destroyed; only thus can there be reestablished throughout the world the principles of decency and humanity that are so essential to world happiness, and to the hope for maintenance of peace upon the earth.