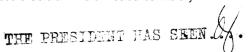
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#### ADDRESS AT THE OLD NORTH CHURCH

#### BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1975

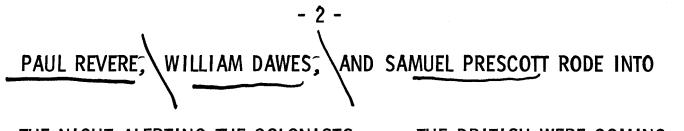
#### TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO TONIGHT, TWO LANTERNS HUNG IN

THE BELFRY OF THIS OLD NORTH CHURCH. THOSE LANTERNS SIGNALED

#### PATRIOTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CHARLES RIVER. BRITISH

TROOPS WERE MOVING OUT OF BOSTON BY WATER. AS LONGFELLOW

SAID IN HIS POEM: "ONE IF BY LAND, AND TWO IF BY SEA."



THE NIGHT ALERTING THE COLONISTS. THE BRITISH WERE COMING.

WHEN DAY BROKE, ACCORDING TO DIARIES OF THE TIME,

THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND BLUE.

#### BRITISH TROOPS HAD CROSSED THE CHARLES RIVER.

THEY MARCHED ALL NIGHT AND -- AFTER A SKIRMISH AT LEXINGTON --

THE REDCOATS ARRIVED AT CONCORD.

THERE, A VOLLEY WAS FIRED BY OUR MINUTEMEN -- WHAT

EMERSON CALLED THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD.

THE AMERICAN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE HAD BEGUN.

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TONIGHT, WE STAND IN TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO STOOD  
FOR LIBERTY AND FOR US TWO CENTURIES AGO. TONIGHT, WE BOW  
OUR HEADS IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES, LIMBS AND  
PROPERTY FOR US DURING THAT HISTORIC STRUGGLE. BECAUSE  
TONIGHT, WE BEGIN  $-1$  AS A NATION AND A PEOPLE  $+$  THE

CELEBRATION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.

OF OUR BEGINNINGS:

#### "IN THAT LAND, THE GREAT EXPERIMENT WAS TO BE MADE,

BY CIVILIZED MEN, OF THE ATTEMPT TO CONSTRUCT SOCIETY

ON A NEW BASIS."

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OVER THE DECADES, THERE WERE CHALLENGES TO THAT

EXPERIMENT: COULD A NATION HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE SURVIVE?

COULD A SOCIETY WITH SUCH A MIXTURE OF PEOPLES AND RACES AND

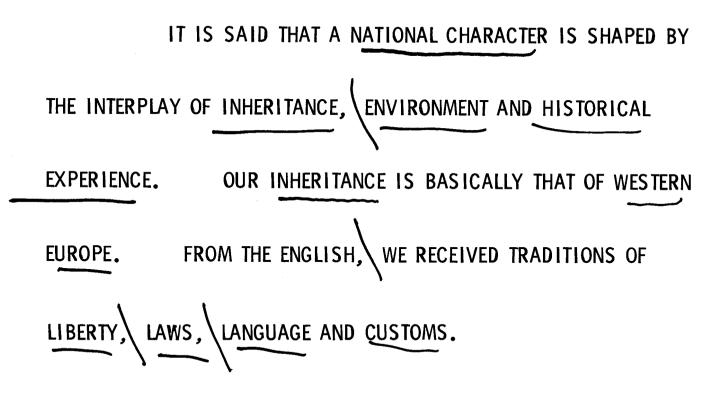
RELIGIONS SUCCEED? WOULD THE NEW NATION BE SWALLOWED UP

IN THE MATERIALISM OF ITS OWN WELL-BEING?

# THE ANSWERS ARE FOUND IN THE HISTORY OF OUR LAND

AND OUR PEOPLE.



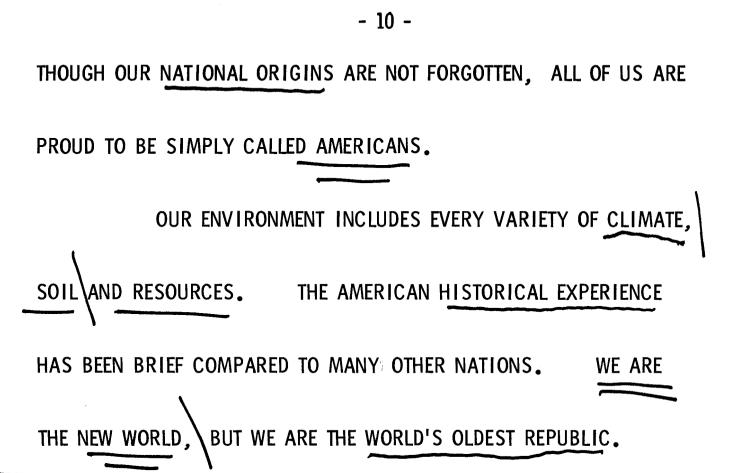


THE AMERICAN INHERITANCE HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY ENRICHED BY PEOPLE FROM WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE, FROM ASIA

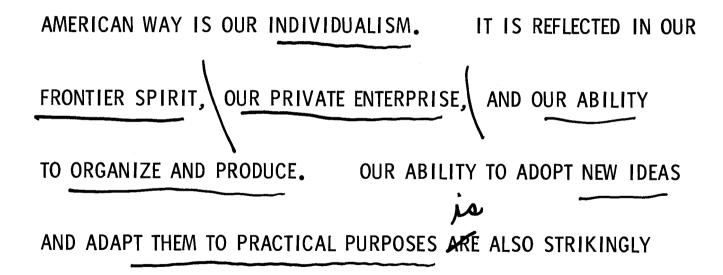
AND AFRICA AS WELL AS LATIN AMERICA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE

WORLD. OVER THESE TWO HUNDRED YEARS, SOME FIFTY MILLION

IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN ABSORBED INTO OUR SOCIETY.



#### THE MOST DISTINGUISHED CHARACTERISTIC OF THE



AMERICAN.

WHERE WE ARE TONIGHT? THE ANSWER IS FOUND IN THE HISTORY

OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE.

#### IT TEACHES US THAT THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN

MORE OF REASON THAN REVOLUTION . . . MORE OF PRINCIPLES THAN

PASSIONS . . . AND MORE OF HOPE THAN HOSTILITY OR DESPAIR.

BUT OUR HISTORY IS ALSO ONE OF PARADOX.

### IT HAS SHOWN US THAT REASON IS NOT WITHOUT

ITS MOMENTS OF REBELLION . . . THAT PRINCIPLES ARE NOT WITHOUT

PASSION . . . AND HOPE IS NOT WITHOUT ITS HOURS OF

DISCOURAGEMENT AND DISMAY.

#### IT IS WELL TO RECALL THIS EVENING THAT AMERICA

WAS BORN OF BOTH PROMISE AND PROTEST. THE PROMISE

OF RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES AND PROTEST FOR REPRESENTATION

AND <u>AGAINST</u> REPRESSION.  $\mathcal{T}$ 

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#### SOME OF OUR DREAMS HAVE AT TIMES TURNED TO

DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISILLUSIONMENT. BUT ADVERSITY HAS

ALSO DRIVEN AMERICANS TO GREATER HEIGHTS. G

**GEORGE WASHINGTON** 

MARCHED FROM THE ANGUISH OF VALLEY FORGE TO THE ACCLAIM OF FINAL

VICTORY.

#### REASON AND HOPE WERE THE TWIN LANTERNS OF WASHINGTON'S

LIFE. THEY ENABLED HIM TO PREVAIL OVER THE DAY-TO-DAY DOUBTS

AND DEFEATS. THEY HAVE BEEN THE LAMPS THAT HAVE LIGHTED

THE ROAD OF AMERICA TOWARD ITS ULTIMATE GOALS -- DIGNITY AND

SELF-FULFILLMENT -- AND, YES, PRIDE IN COUNTRY.

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#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS A MAN OF REASON AND HOPE.

#### HE ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRAVE FLAW OF OUR FIRST EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS

-- SLAVERY.

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#### ONE HUNDRED AND TEN YEARS AGO, THE AMERICAN CIVIL

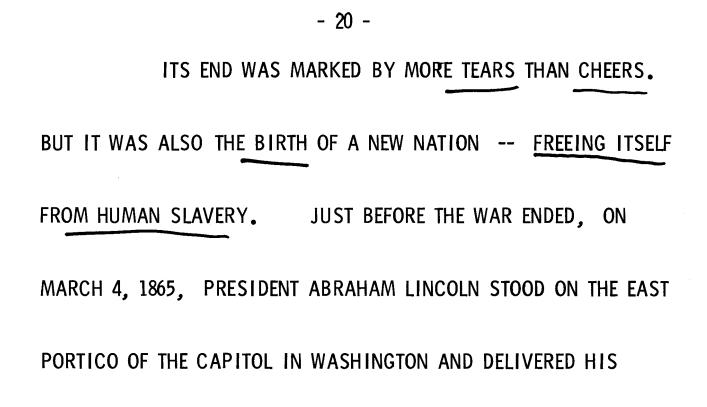
## WAR ENDED WITH OUR REPUBLIC BATTERED AND DIVIDED. MANY

#### PEOPLE TALKED MORE OF SURVIVAL THAN OF UNION. ONE-HALF OF

#### THE NATION WAS ON ITS KNEES IN RUIN. NEARLY TWO MILLION

HAD BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED. THE WAR HAD UPROOTED THE

LIVES AND FORTUNES OF MILLIONS MORE.



SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

HE EXTENDED THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY WHEN HE SAID:

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE; WITH CHARITY FOR ALL;

WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT, AS GOD GIVES US TO SEE THE RIGHT,

LET US STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK WE ARE IN, TO BIND UP

THE NATION'S WOUNDS . . . "

#### PRESIDENT LINCOLN HAD RE-LIT THE LAMPS OF REASON

AND HOPE.

#### HE HAD REKINDLED PRIDE IN AMERICA.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO -- AS THE NATION CELEBRATED

ITS CENTENNIAL -- AMERICA LOOKED TO THE FUTURE. OUR NATION

HAD EMERGED FROM AN AGRICULTURAL, FRONTIER SOCIETY INTO THE

INDUSTRIAL AGE. OUR TOWNS WERE BEGINNING TO EVOLVE INTO

THE CITIES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

#### RAIL TRANSPORTATION AND THE TELEGRAPH WERE TYING THIS VAST

CONTINENT TOGETHER. WHEN WE CELEBRATED OUR <u>ONE-HUNDREDTH</u>

BIRTHDAY, ONE OF THE THEMES WAS:

"WHILE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE, WE REGRET

THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE MORE."

THERE WAS CERTAINLY MORE TO DO. AND MORE PEOPLE

TO DO THE JOB. IMMIGRANTS WERE POURING INTO AMERICA.

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THEY WERE WELCOMED BY THESE WORDS INSCRIBED ON THE STATUTE

OF LIBERTY:

"I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR."

#### THE GREAT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS MADE

US A FORMIDABLE FORCE IN THE WORLD. THAT FORCE WAS SOON

NEEDED. WORLD WAR ONE SAW AMERICAN TROOPS FIGHT AND DIE

IN EUROPE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

MANY AMERICANS WERE

DISAPPOINTED AND DISILLUSIONED BY THE AFTERMATH OF THE WAR.

THEY FOUND THE CAUSES FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT UNACHIEVED.

#### THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REJECTED FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS AND

WITHDREW INTO A SEPARATE EXISTENCE.





IN 1941, THE UNITED STATES WAS ATTACKED. AND ONCE

MORE WE WENT TO WAR -- THIS TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC AS WELL AS

THE ATLANTIC. WE WERE PROUD OF THIS COUNTRY AND WHAT IT WAS

ACHIEVING FOR LIBERTY AROUND THE WORLD. YET, STILL ANOTHER

TIME -- FOLLOWING VICTORY OVER OUR ENEMIES -- THE AMERICAN

PUBLIC WAS JARRED AND DISILLUSIONED BY THE POST-WAR YEARS.

#### THEY DISCOVERED THERE WOULD BE NO REAL PEACE.

EUROPE WAS DIVIDED IN TWO ON V-E DAY. IN THE WORDS OF

CHURCHILL: ". . . AN IRON CURTAIN HAS DESCENDED ACROSS THE

CONTINENT."

AMERICA HAD BECOME THE STRONGHOLD OF LIBERTY.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN INSTITUTED A NEW BIPARTISAN

# FOREIGN POLICY OF CONTAINMENT, COOPERATION AND RECONSTRUCTION.

THE MARSHALL PLAN MOVED TO RECONSTRUCT THE FREE WORLD.

THE UNITED NATIONS WAS BORN BUT THE COLD WAR HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

SOON -- ALL TOO SOON -- AMERICA WAS AGAIN AT WAR UNDER THE

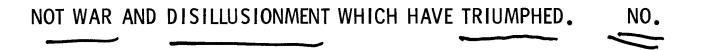
# BANNER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN KOREA. LITTLE DID WE KNOW

THEN THAT AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD -- ONLY A DECADE LATER --

BE FIGHTING STILL ANOTHER WAR IN ASIA -- CULMINATING IN A

BROKEN PEACE AGREEMENT IN VIETNAM.

#### IN THE TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE, IT IS



IT IS THE AMERICAN CONCEPT AND FULFILLMENT OF LIBERTY THAT HAVE

TRULY REVOLUTIONIZED THE WORLD. AMERICA HAS NOT SOUGHT

THE CONQUEST OF TERRITORY BUT INSTEAD THE MUTUAL SUPPORT

OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHO CHERISH FREEDOM.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE HAS WON THE MINDS AND HEARTS

OF THIS WORLD BEYOND THE DREAMS OF ANY REVOLUTIONARY WHO HAS

EVER LIVED. THE TWO LANTERNS OF THE OLD NORTH CHURCH HAVE

FIRED A TORCH OF FREEDOM THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED TO THE ENDS

OF THE EARTH.

#### AS WE LAUNCH THIS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, WE

AMERICANS MUST REMIND OURSELVES OF THE ETERNAL TRUTHS BY WHICH

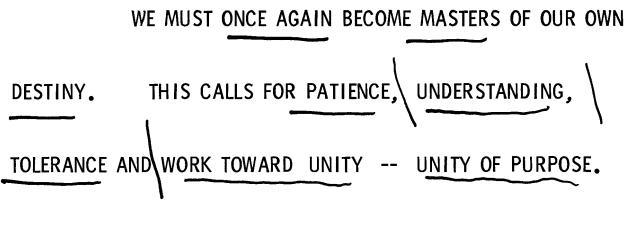
WE LIVE. WE MUST BE RE-INSPIRED BY THE GREAT IDEALS THAT

CREATED OUR COUNTRY. WE MUST RENEW OURSELVES AS A PEOPLE

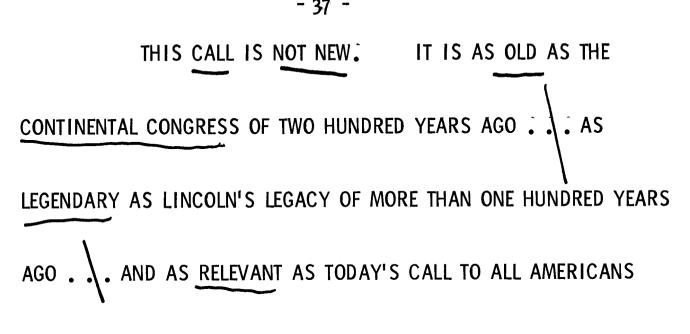
AND REDEDICATE THIS NATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF TWO CENTURIES

#### WE MUST REVITALIZE THE PRIDE IN AMERICA THAT CARRIED US

FROM SOME OF OUR DARKEST HOURS TO OUR BRIGHTEST DAYS.



A UNITY BASED ON REASON AND HOPE.



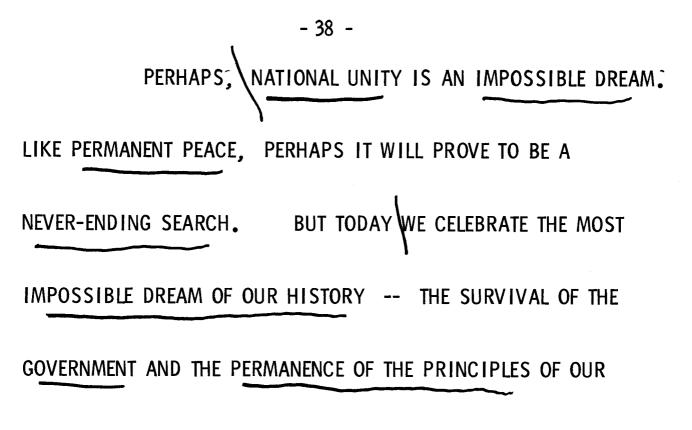
TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.



## BISHOP,

## VICAR,

## DEAR FRIENDS



FOUNDING FATHERS.

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## AMERICA AND ITS PRINCIPLES HAVE NOT ONLY SURVIVED

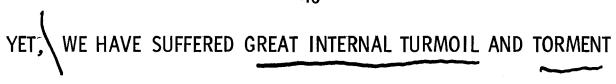
BUT FLOURISHED FAR BEYOND ANYONE'S DREAMS. NO NATION IN

HISTORY HAS UNDERTAKEN THE ENORMOUS ENTERPRISES OF THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE. NO COUNTRY -- DESPITE OUR IMPERFECTIONS -- HAS

DONE MORE TO BRING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TO ITS PEOPLE

AND THE WORLD.



IN RECENT YEARS.

# NEVERTHELESS, IN ALL THE EXPLOSIVE CHANGES OF THIS

AND THE PAST GENERATION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE DEMONSTRATED

A RICH RESERVE OF REASON AND HOPE.

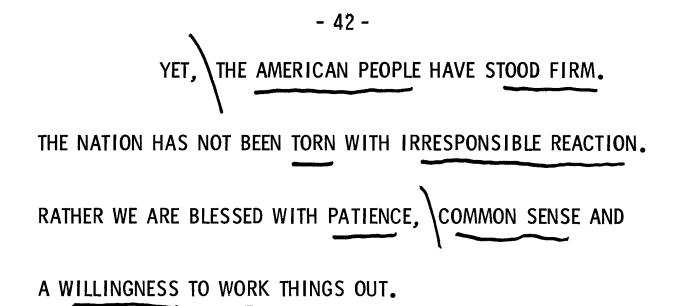
#### THERE ARE FEW TIMES IN OUR HISTORY WHEN THE

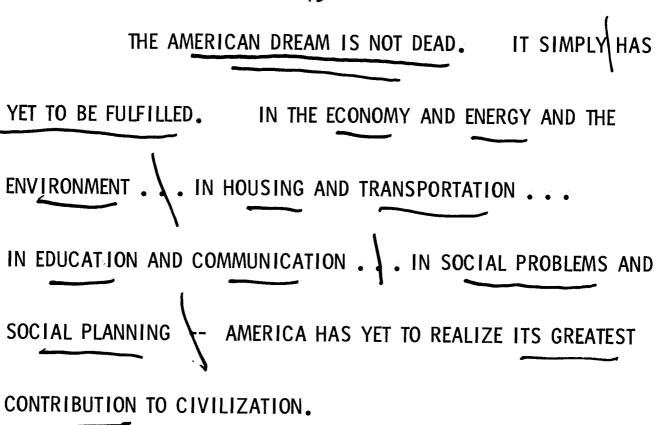
#### AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN WITH MORE ELOQUENT REASON AND

## HOPE THAN DURING THE TRIBULATIONS AND TESTS THAT OUR

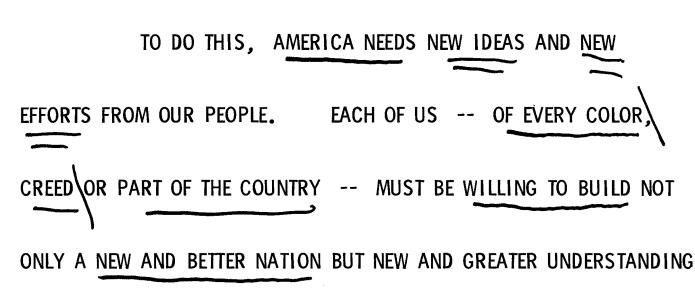
GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS HAVE ENDURED DURING

THE PAST YEAR.





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AND UNITY AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

## LET US NOT ONLY BE A NATION OF PEACE,

BUT LET US FOSTER PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS. LET US NOT ONLY

BELIEVE IN EQUALITY, BUT LIVE IT EACH DAY. LET US NOT ONLY

FEED AND CLOTHE A HEALTHY AMERICA, BUT LET US LEND A HAND

TO OTHERS STRUGGLING FOR SELF-FULFILLMENT.

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OF THE WORLD. LET US SEEK THE SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OF OUR

PEOPLE MORE THAN MATERIAL GAIN. LET US BE TRUE TO OURSELVES

-- TO OUR HERITAGE AND OUR HOMELAND -- AND WE WILL NEVER

THEN BE FALSE TO ANY PEOPLE OR NATION.

