



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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Armistice Day, 1937.

1/ Flag - Symbol - Am - Not only a country -
Idea - complex of ideas - Begotten in
Revolution - challenged world 161 yrs
with a Dec. 9 Ind. from world's accepted
- Still challenging world

2/ People can govern eos. - Require no
Kings - Lords - dictators - Faith in Common
Man - gathering power - Vision - intell.
disruption - Latent. NOT blind -
No hobo -

3/ Equality - No preferred state -
More preferred - but no superior -
Adam - No privileges under law
+ no handicaps - No castes!

4/ Inalienable Rights -

Feared too much govt. - Wrested -
Opposed absolutist state - Areas -
Charters - Bill of Rights -
Govt exist for Men not V.V.
Gave scope to Indiv. - Pioneer
Req. mentation drives up

5/ Nation built up on Race, a blind
allegiance to ideals -
Amalgam - "elective affinity"
Racism - Mosaic.

6/ This was the new in the "New" world
All these again challenged today
War ruled - apocalypse -

① People cannot ^{Dem. discredited} remain - but
regime - Dues etc - Suppression -
Secret police to spy - Quiet to-day
are gaunties - terrorize -

② No equality - Race chauvinism
in Nazi - Barbarism against Jew

③ No Inalienable - State Total -
Educa - Churches - Cath. Protest

④ Nation built upon blood -

7. Dictator - Conservative - Hybrid
150 yrs. of Transience -
Dictatorship ? Antitension + Tension

8. Shortcomings - Social dog -
- on our way - Struggles

① Mark Ages -

② Govt -

③ War -

9. Faith - emerges tolerance patience.
"American methods" -

American

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1- It is well for Peace if only
" " " to recall Patriotism. Courage, ~~summed~~
No nation can survive
The Duality will long remain in memory.
You men organized - to keep fresh
To keep sawd a comradeship
To hold alight in peace - depended on the battle.

2- These ideals now seriously menaced 1937-1941
the armistice - Vindicated - Vain -
What was it - inspired .
Our motives not selfish - territory . Loans
Some scoundrels - But people as a whole
sanctioned - at Stake -
We may have been deceived -
We made sure to give a moral defeat -
Translate it - Sublimate it - Purpose
Not a new balance of power -

- (1) Democracy - with in, above
- (2) Self-Determ - Submerged
- (3) Inter. Cooperation - War to end War . Selfishness
a League

3- Victory which we won insured failure
Idealism succumbed to Indignity - Selfishness
old-fashioned predatory Diplomacy .

① Democ. - in retreat

② Self. Def. - Ethiopia. China. Spain

③ League - Chattel. - Rearmament.

4. Even more serious > failure. Active Prep.
very validity - life-death struggle

Powerful Govts - Crusading - Emissaries

New weapon - Prep - Underground - Spot-light

Use Dem. to destroy Dem. - Opportunities

Prep - a pseudo-Sc.

Hitler -

Mystral attraction / Private Armies -
uniform - military exercises

Dem. too confused - divided. fundamentalism
to organ. militantly against it.

5. We fought for Freedom - Individual.

In keeping with - Constitution - "unalienable"

Garfield -

A cynic: "From the beg. of Time, all Govts
have tended toward 2 evils to take the
property and steal the liberty of citizens"

To-day . State . All That .

6. We fought for Inter. Peace .

Provincialized -

Great Vision of Forwarding To this

Nationalism - narrow -

Racialism -

(Just W.W.2 Nazis in Cleveland .
- aliens - allegiance - Berlin -

7. Peace -

"Votive Kuchi"

Education for War -

War as Destiny -

Second World War has begun -

8. Soldiers of Amer - What are You going to do
lose Faith ? Every battle - Zero hour

① Defend Dem. at Home !

① Expose lying Prop - Traps -

② Guard against Stamps - The Far World
- Save You

④ Deny subversive parties movements
private armies - uniforms - parades

when
you
hear

- ④ When you hear a man attack Communism
same breath - an enemy of America
- ⑤ Resist idea of Class Struggle -
- ⑥ Insure largest measure of Econ. Justice
- ⑦ Not thru State control - Golden Rules
- ⑧ The more the State gives us - the more
- ⑨ Bread & Circuses

9. Broad, Generous Nationalism
Spiritual Unity - Nazi's - "electric chord"
Mosaic, Harp
Intern. Interdependence -

10. Word for Peace - Engineering.

11. Salute, Am. - Carry on!
Your Legion Resolutions -

My urgent advice to you would be, not only always to think first of America, but always also to think first of humanity. You do not love humanity if you seek to divide humanity into jealous camps. Humanity can be welded together only by love, by sympathy, by justice, not jealousy and hatred. I am sorry for the man who seeks to make personal capital out of the passions of his fellow men. He has lost the touch and ideal of America, for America was created to unite mankind by those passions which lift, and not by the passions which separate and debase. We came to America, either ourselves, or in the person of our ancestors, to better the ideals of men, to make and see finer things than they had seen before, to get rid of the things that divide, and to make sure of the things that unite. It was but an historical accident, no doubt, that this great country was called the United States, yet, I am very thankful it has that word "United" in the title, and the man who seeks to divide man from man, group from group, interest from interest, in this great Union, is striking at its very heart."