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Red Cross, 1938.

There are so many forces in the world today bent upon destruction. Here is one force bent upon construction.

There are so many movements in the world today directed towards separation and division among men, the sowing of intolerance and hate and the turning of brother against brother. Here is one movement which overarches all peoples, all races, all religions and draws them all within the living ring of mercy compassion and helpfulness.

There are so many philosophies in the world today tending to make nations self-centered, ingrown and exploiting. Here is one philosophy which reaches beyond national boundaries and unites all men in a common service of mutual help even as they are united in common needs and in a common destiny.

The war psychosis has again laid hold of the Western World. The rising generation is being trained for war. The wealth of nations is being drained off into armaments. The world is preparing furiously and fatefully for tragic Armageddon. Here is one great army of peace which is quietly, patiently and devotedly preparing itself for the human disasters which are in the offing, to be ready to heal the wounded and to bind up the broken in body and spirit.

Men are everywhere hungering for security. There is no security against that human folly which is now ravaging our world except in that spirit of love and human fellowship which is represented in the Red Cross. And there is no security against the unpredictable natural disasters of tornadoes, fires and floods except in such large-scale, intelligent and disciplined provisions which are made by the Red Cross for just such eventualities.

Here is a human service agency which is free from politics, free from partizanship, free from provincialism, dedicated to a year-round program of helping men, women and children, through guidance in health and self-care, through relief and medical aid, in normal times as well as in times of danger and catastrophe.



Here is the symbol of human brotherhood and compassion - The Red Cross!





## The Everlasting Mercy

For the sins of men God gave them repentance,  
and for their wounds a healing balm.

For the errors of men God gave them truth, and  
for their sorrows a great consolation.

For the hate of men God gave them love, and  
for their greed the gift of sacrifice.

And for the wars of men, which bring sin and  
sorrow, error, evil and greed, God gave them  
repentance and a healing balm, truth and a  
great consolation, love and the gift of sacrifice.  
And the symbol of these is the Red Cross.



There are so many

Foras - Festive

Movements + / Separation  
Sowing  
turning  
over - ring

Philosophy - tending to  
with habits

marks beyond - mark

The War generation - Generation - Wealth

an unhappy

Hungry for Security -

Here is a human security - free -

- thus rely -

Here is the future



Forces - Movements - Philosophies  
War Psychosis

Hungry for Security - provisions

Here is a human service Agency

their guidance - relief

Here is the Symbol





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**ROLL CALL RALLY**  
**OF THE**  
**GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER**  
**OF THE**  
**AMERICAN RED CROSS**



*Music Hall of the Public Auditorium*  
*Cleveland, Ohio*



**Friday, March 11, 1938 at 8 P. M.**



## STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

### LAST VERSE

*"Oh: thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved home and the war's desolation.  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a Nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto, 'In God is our trust.'"*

*And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."*

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ORCHESTRA SELECTION, "Capriccio Italien" by *Tschaikowsky*

SONG, "STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

Mrs. Hazel McGinley, accompanied by the Orchestra

(Mrs. McGinley will sing the first and last verses.

The audience is invited to join in the last verse—  
see opposite page.)

INTRODUCTION OF CHAS. H. KELLSTADT,

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Chapter of the American Red Cross.

SPEECHES—

The Honorable Harold H. Burton, Mayor, *City of Cleveland*

Rev. Philip Smead Bird

Rev. Michael L. Moriarty

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

James L. Fieser, *Acting Chairman of The American Na-  
tional Red Cross.*



PAGEANT OF THE JUNIOR RED CROSS, with

Orchestra Selection, "Pomp and Circumstance" by *Elgar*

RED CROSS SOUND FILM of the

Ohio-Mississippi Valley Flood of 1937

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ROLL CALL WORKERS

Chas. H. Kellstadt, General Roll Call Chairman

ORCHESTRA SELECTION—"La Pere de la Victoire,

(Father of Victory)" by *Ganne*



*We wish to express our appreciation to:*

The Federal Music Project Symphony Orchestra  
under W.P.A. in Ohio,

Alfred Metzdorf conducting, which has played  
throughout the program.

The members of the Red Cross Staff Assistance Corps,  
who have served as ushers.

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the flowers.

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*Red Cross Roll Call March 15 to 29, 1938*

*"Make Greater Cleveland Red Cross City No. 1"*