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Citizenship, 1944.

American citizenship is the most precious possession which any human being can have or acquire today. It is a passport to the enjoyment of freedom, opportunity and human dignity to the fellowship of ^a people of noble traditions and great achievements, to the company of gallant, generous and adventuring spirits who have for one hundred and fifty years beacons the political and social progress of mankind.

Those who have come of age, or by naturalization attain the status of American citizenship, are privileged indeed, and their privilege involves great and solemn obligations in peace and in war.

America has set aside a day as a public occasion upon which to welcome the new citizens and join with them in a solemn rededication to those great ideals which have sustained this friendly and gracious land, and by which it has so eminently prospered.

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