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Dentists banquet, 1952.

- work up

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What we have is a challenge

(1) Who shall win (2) What shall we do

1. Compliment. "Children Dental Health Day" - origins in U.S. - now spread

Another fine social instt - of fine vision - human purpose - Aliy
our Com. Chest which clars gave to our country Tribute
Dr. Deane

Purpose - is to focus the attention of our people on the prevalence
of dental disorders and the need for early dental care.

It bases itself on the sound principle established fact
that many of these dental malachies are preventable - and

upheld the sound principle - valid here as in 20 many other
fields - the place to start is with the children - and often the

prevention is better than cure - and that decay which
"Children Dental Health Day" expresses the concern of our

people in the health of our children.

Every wise people looks to the health of its children - physical
and mental.

"As arrows in the hand, a mighty man - so are the children of
our youth. Happy is the man that hath his given full thereof. They
shall not be put to shame, when they speak with their enemies at the gate".

A veritable army of doctors and dentists, of barbers and
scientists and research workers, of teachers and ministers
of social workers and recreational workers, as well as armies
hospitals, laboratories, schools, churches, playgrounds, settlements, and
youth organizations are on the field to protect, guide, instruct
and guide our children - and enable them to grow up city
fine and sturdy men and women. (Altho it is still a disconcerting fact that
while we spend \$B. on armaments
and \$ob. - military and defense
- America has not neglected its children - except in certain
areas of population - and in certain fields of charity -

but, even here, it is endeavoring to catch up as its tardiness -
Certainly the 70,000 dentists in the U.S. - are alert to their part
~~responsibilities~~ in this total program for the protection, the
health of the Amer. child - and this Children Dental Health
Day is ^{one} evidence of it.

2/. We want to build a better world for our children. We
want them to have a more peaceful and orderly world than
we have had. I doubt whether we, of this generation,
who have seen two world wars - and are facing the
 prospect of a third - will be able to give it to them. They in
their life-time may be able to achieve it - and so it
is imperative that we prepare them physically, intellectually
and spiritual for the great tasks and opportunities which will
be theirs. Whatever we do to make our children strong
in body and mind and spirit - we are contributing
not alone to their own well-being, ^{and happiness} but, possibly also,
to the well-being of mankind.

(a) For America will ^{certainly} continue to lead the world through
the 20c - This is the "American Century" - Even as the 19c
was the Century of G. B. - ~~the~~ during which its policies
determined largely the course, world history

(b) Our leadership, so far, has not achieved peace a
totalization in the world. The world, has never known
less, it - except during times of actual warfare -

But what we see - ~~the dark hours before the dawn~~ ^{may be the prelude to peace} - for
world peace - after the long - incalculably long epochs, war -
will not be long to achieve. (3)

Long and cruel centuries of greed and oppression, of
exploitation, imperialism and the enslavement of people and races
do not terminate peacefully and do not gently pass over into
a new age of freedom, justice and peaceful order without a
terrible ~~hard~~ and painful wrench.

And ~~the~~ coming generation / Americans must be prepared
in confidence, in strength, ^{knowledge} ~~and in courage~~ & faith to seize ^{every} ~~any~~
opportunity to build for peace and good-will - to share
and aspire for the good world.

3. ^{we} Our children have a great heritage. They begin life with
~~unparalleled~~ ^{new} advantages - incomparable the first in
the world. - Most Fortunate

✓ ① A land of vast natural resources - not starved & barren land -
not doomed to a low standard, living - ~~unless~~ we expand our re-
sources. The ~~worst~~ ^{worst} foe, democracy - is Poverty and Want (^{Physical &} ~~Conc.~~ ^{Conc.})
There need be no poverty in our land! With intelligent manage-
ment we can make happier times abundant for all.

② Young Nation - young in spirit and outlook - we do not
belong to the past - altho all the cultural treasures, the past are
available to us. The past belongs to us!

not handicapped by old world animosities - altho from time to time they do, unfortunately, creep in and bedevil our nat. life and unity - No threatening neighbors on our frontiers

More > any other people - to preserve our way of life - confidence

① Being young - not set in our ways - not afraid to experiment - to adventure - See with hopeful eyes / not tired - spent - cynical - Politically resistent.

② Fin capacity for self-criticism - some times in excess - Talk too severely criticisms made by other people -

not for soul - not given to self-glorification - National Exhibitionism - Nazis

Ready to acknowledge our mistakes - take blame - not blame others - reverse ourselves

③ Not fragmented politically - suffer from host of small, intelligent pol. groups - intransigent in their policy and unimportant divergences - disagreed - but into disputes

We have retained by and large a two-party system - We have sometimes complained that there is so little difference between them - That is our good fortune! - When diff. become vast and unconceivable - then there is real danger - their very plurality is our salvation - It means that progress can be made without revolutions

- (5) Our long-established Demos - nearly 175 yrs old
- For them many crises - including a Gold Age - survived
- no long-estab. democ. in the world has succeeded to total.
 - Nazism - Fascism - Communism - came to conquer - no long demos. traditions - not experienced in disciplines a well as privilege | self-govt
 - Steadily we made an art. more republican - flexible to admanay needs
 - we ask to join members - idea / being ruled by future refugeant - To be deprived - do violence

- (6) Human ^{Dignity and} Equality 'No Rols' Basic Rights Rel. Tolerance
- 1) Photo-ambly Adam not essential humanity not in organic social hierarchy disproportion - the best
- ~~St~~ ① Not to take them for granted - Can be lost disintegrate
- Eternal life values - ① Be on the alert to defend it - against enemies without murder - hostile propaganda but also against bigotry and witch-hunting - suppression / free speech - destroying the very united which we wish to preserve - not to be harassed by slogans and catch-words - We should not resort to unpatient and illegal methods to obtain even worthy and desirable objectives - Bigots
- Carries which cause decay + inf spread infection
- ② Not over-burden our govt - When impossible govt. or econ. burdens are put upon a demos. govt - it collapse! - Bad therefore

(3) Work for econ. justice - security - avoidance, econ. depression
& large-scale unemployment - incite to all kinds of desperate
remedial measures - (A fair sharing of our country's wealth
by all, its citizens. is a safeguard of freedom for all)

(4) Always do - we should avoid ways - things which lead to war -
for nothing so quickly destroys - as ways ever means arms
Last 2 was - new fight -

5/ Work on our foreign relations - our leadership should lean
more on State methods - less on force :-

- (a) War is not inevitable - inevitable - On hand - ways
& compromise - Most compromise!
- (b) End Armament Race -
- (c) Economic Aid - to impoverished people -

6/ Look Forward Future