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FDR's First Inaugural Address

"This is...time to speak...the whole truth"

Not "shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today.

This great nation...will revive and will prosper...

The only thing

We have to fear is fear itself...

Our common difficulties concern...thank God, only material things...

More important, a host of unemployed citizens

Face the grim problem of existence."

"Primarily, this is because the rulers of exchange

Of mankind's goods have failed...The money changers

Have fled from their high seats" in society.

"We may now restore...ancient truths...more noble than...profit," see

"Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money

It lies in the joy of achievement; in the thrill of creative effort.

The joy and moral stimulation

Of work no longer must be forgotten in the...chase of...profits...

"Restoration calls...for" more than "changes in ethics."

"This nation asks for action, and action now."

"Our greatest primary task is

to put people to work." Here's how:

"Government recruiting...treating the task as we would...war."

And "Through this employment" accomplish more

"Greatly needed projects to stimulate" the nation.

Also "we must recognize the overbalance of population

In our industrial centers" and through "redistribution"

Provide relief for farmers, and "raise" their "product" "values."

"Finally, in our progress toward"

Resuming "work we require...safeguards
Against a return of the evils of the old order...
Strict supervision of...banking...an end to speculation
And...a sound currency."
"There are the lines of attack. I shall presently
Urge upon a new Congress in special session
Detailed measures for their fulfillment."
"We face the arduous days that lie before us
...In the warm courage
Of the national unity. The people of the United States
Have not failed. In their need they've registered a mandate
That they want direct, vigorous action. They
Have made me the instrument of their wishes...the gift I take it."