

Global View - Presidential Speech II (C0129)

A: We now stand ten years past the midpoint of a century that has witnessed four major wars among great nations. Three of these involved our own country. Despite the carnage of these conflicts, America is today the strongest, the most influential and most productive nation in the world. We are understandably proud of this pre-eminence, yet we realize that America's leadership and prestige depend, not merely upon our unmatched material progress, riches and military strength, but on how we use our power in the interests of world peace and human betterment.

A: Throughout America's adventure in free government, such basic purposes have been to keep the peace; to foster progress in human achievement, and to enhance liberty, dignity and integrity among peoples and among nations.

A: We pray that peoples of all faiths, all races, all nations, may have their great human needs satisfied; that those now denied opportunity shall come to enjoy it to the full; that all who yearn for freedom may experience its spiritual blessings; that those who have freedom will understand, also, its heavy responsibilities; that all who are insensitive to the needs of others will learn charity; that the scourges of poverty, disease and ignorance will be made to disappear from the earth, and that, in the goodness of time, all peoples will come to live together in a peace guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and love.

A: Now, on Friday noon, I am to become a private citizen. I am proud to do so. I look forward to it. Thank you, and good night.

Key Vocabulary

foster

principle
verb, infinitive

to help (something)
grow or develop

yearn

principle
verb,
present
simple

to feel a strong desire or
wish for something

pre-eminence	<i>common noun, non- variable</i>	more important, skill- ful, or successful than other
scourge	<i>common noun, plu- ral</i>	someone or something that causes a great amount of trouble
we now stand	<i>phrase</i>	to be in a particular place or position

Supplementary Vocabulary

stricken	<i>Adjective</i>	badly affected by dis- ease, pain, grief, etc
Democrat	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	US politics a member or supporter of the Demo- cratic Party, the more liberal of the two main political parties in the US
Republican	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	belonging to the Re- publican Party, the more conservative of the two main political parties in the US

first lady

common
noun, sin-
gular

(in the US) the wife of
the president elect

campaign

common
noun, sin-
gular

An operation or series
of operations energeti-
cally pursued to accom-
plish a purpose