

U. S. Pledged to Free World, Says President

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Washington, D. C., Nov. 6.—Sound-
ing the ominous note that the Ameri-
can people have made an "unlimited
commitment" to defeat Adolf Hitler
and to rebuild the world afterward,
President Roosevelt today declared
the United States has not yet begun
to make "substantial sacrifices" in
the war.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke in the East
room of the White House to 250 dele-
gates of the International Labor Of-
fice, who had just closed their annual
convention in New York City at
which 33 nations were represented.
The address was carried to the na-
tion by radio.

In the course of his speech Mr.
Roosevelt urged that labor and in-
dustry submerge differences and
work three shifts a day for the defeat
of the axis powers. He said world
labor has a vital stake in victory over
Hitler because the axis powers are
enslaving labor.

All Must Work Together.

"The American people have made
an unlimited commitment that there
shall be a free world," the President
declared. "Against that commitment,
no individual or group shall prevail."

This declaration came at the close
of a section of the speech concerned
with "extremely limited sacrifices"
which this country thus far has
made. He said the country is begin-
ning to feel the pinch of war, recall-
ing that workers in some industries
have been compelled to give up their
jobs in order that essential raw ma-
terials may go to war uses.

"But with all this," he said, "we
have not yet made any substantial
sacrifice in the United States.

"We have not, like the heroic peo-
ple of Britain, had to withstand a
deluge of death from the skies. Nor
can we even grasp the full extent of

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Raps 'Limited Sacrifices' Made to Defeat Hitler.

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the sacrifices that the people of China are making in their struggle for freedom from aggression.

Lauds Russian Defenses.

"We have in amazement witnessed the Russians opposing the Nazi war machine for four long months—at the price of uncounted dead and a scorched earth.

"Most heroic of all, however, has been the struggle of the common men and women of Europe, from Norway to Greece, against a brutal force which, however powerful, will forever be inadequate to crush the fight for freedom.

"As far as we in the United States are concerned, that struggle shall not be in vain. The epic stand of Britain, of China, and of Russia receives the full support of the free peoples of the Americas. The people of this country insist upon their right to join in the common defense.

Assails "Misguided" Few.

"To be sure, there still are some misguided among us—thank God they are but a few—both industrialists and leaders of labor, who place personal advantage above the welfare of their nation. There still are a few who place their little victories over one another above triumph over Hitler. There still are some who place the profits they may make from civilian orders above their obligation to the national defense. There still are some who deliberately delay defense output by using their 'economic power' to force acceptance of their demands rather than use the established machinery for the mediation of industrial disputes."

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that he will seek to have the United States undertake the same rôle of "world builder" which it undertook, without success, at the conclusion of the last war.

Reveals Victory Goal.

Near the end of his speech he said:

"In the process of working and fighting for victory, however, we must never permit ourselves to forget the goal which is beyond victory. The defeat of Hitlerism is necessary so there may be freedom; but this war, like the last war, will produce nothing but destruction unless we prepare now for the future. We plan now for the better world we aim to build.

"If that world is to be one in which peace is to prevail, there must be a more abundant life for the masses of the people of all countries. In the words of the Atlantic Charter, we 'desire to bring about the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing, for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement, social security.'

"There are so many millions of people in this world who never have been adequately fed and clothed and housed. By undertaking to provide a decent standard of living for these millions, the free peoples of the world can furnish employment to every man and woman who seeks a job."

Mr. Roosevelt urged labor to be realistic and make its sacrifice now in the form of "three shifts a day; the fullest use of every vital machine, every minute of every day and night."