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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RADIO ADDRESS

AT HONOLULU, T. H.

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In a fine old prayer for our country are found these words: "Fashion into one happy people those brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues." That prayer is being answered in the Territory of Hawaii. You have a fine historic tradition in the ancient people of the Islands and I am glad that this is so well maintained. You have built on it -- built on it wisely -- and today men and women and children from many lands are united in loyalty to and understanding of the high purposes of America.

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And on leaving, I want to say a word of congratulation on the efficiency and fine spirit of the Army and Navy Forces of which I am Commander in Chief. They constitute an integral part of our National Defense -- and I stress the word, "Defense." They must ever be considered an instrument of continuing peace, for our nation's policy seeks peace and does not look to imperialistic aims.

And so, my friends, I leave you my gratitude for all the kindnesses you have shown me -- I carry with me the hope that I shall have the opportunity to return.

My friends, I shall ever remember these days -- days that are all too short -- your flowers, your scenery, your hospitality, but above all the knowledge that America can well be proud of the Territory of Hawaii -- And so I say to you: "Aloha from the bottom of my heart."

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