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cities and in the agricultural parts of the State.

Quite regardless of politics -- I mean party politics, -- I am very certain that the country as a whole is going on to better things than we have today.

We have to have faith in ourselves. We have to understand that cooperation of all the groups, of all the elements of the population, is the biggest thing we can get and we are going ahead, through cooperation, to better living conditions and a greater human happiness, I think, than we have ever had before. (Applause)

I have had a great day today. Thank you all. (Prolonged applause)