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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT IN BEHALF
OF THE 1936 MOBILIZATION FOR HUMAN
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2 { There is a big and vital job to be done. Federal agencies will do their part. But the job cannot be done unless the community welfare agencies are functioning also.

The machinery to do the job is ready in your community. In nearly all our cities it is now in operation; but like any practical machine ever devised by man, it must have fuel or it will not continue to run. This is refueling time.

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3 With gratitude for our increased measure of ability to bear this burden, I am confident that our people will respond more generously than ever before to the appeal ^{1/2} the Community Chest now presents.

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3 ^{may furnish} 1956 ~~is~~ our opportunity for another advance. May each and every one of us, in every community, in every State, contribute our share in answer to this great appeal to meet human needs.

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The parts crossed out were eliminated for the ~~radio~~ moving picture taken after the address.

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