ADDRESSES OF THE PRESIDENT
IN CONNECTION WITH THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
OF THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS & SCIENCES
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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MR. WANGER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I am happy to greet the motion picture industry of America, whose representatives are gathered from far and near for the Annual Awards Dinner of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

In these days of anxiety and world peril our hearts and minds and all of our energies are directed toward one objective. That objective is the strengthening of our national defense. Every day we realize that more and more things in our life must be evaluated in just such proportion as they contribute to the national defense.

The American motion picture as a national and international force is a phenomenon of our own generation. Within living memory we have seen it born and grow up into full maturity. We have seen the American motion picture become foremost in the world. We have seen it reflect our civilization
throughout the rest of the world -- the aims and aspirations and ideals of a free people and of freedom.

That is the real reason that some governments do not want our American films exhibited in their countries. Dictators -- those who enforce the totalitarian form of government -- think it a dangerous thing for their unfortunate peoples to know that in our democracy officers of the government are the servants, never the masters of the people.

In all that I have said on that all important subject through many months past I have emphasized that in the assault on the democratic form of government which imperils world civilization today, our problem of national defense has become one of defending the entire Western Hemisphere -- all three of the Americas -- North, Central and South. We can no longer consider our own problem of defense as a separate interest. It involves the defense of all the democracies of all the Americas -- and therefore in fact, it involves the future of democracy wherever it is imperiled by force or terror.
An all important factor in hemispheric defense is the Lend-Lease Bill, whose early enactment by the Congress we confidently anticipate. It is a pleasure here and now to acknowledge the great service which the newsreels have performed in acquainting the public with all of the implications of this measure as it takes its way through the various legislative stages.

Acceptance of the task of cooperating with all the Americas in defending the entire Western Hemisphere, implicit in our plans for national defense, is a natural outgrowth of our good neighbor policy in our relations with the other American Republics. Happily for democracy, the Americas stand forth today as a notable example of international solidarity in a world in which freedom and human liberty are threatened with extinction.

We have been seeking to affirm our faith in the Western World through a wider exchange of culture, of education, of thought, and of free expression among the various nations of this hemisphere.
Your industry has utilized its vast resources of talent and facilities in a sincere effort to help the people of this hemisphere to come to know each other.

In carrying on this program of advancing the spirit of inter-American solidarity and continental defense our government has established machinery to coordinate our growing commercial and cultural relations with the American Republics. Our government has invited you to do your share of the job of interpreting the people of the Western Hemisphere to one another. And all of us in all the twenty-one American Republics are grateful that your response is so immediate and so wholehearted.

I do not minimize the importance of the motion picture industry as the most popular medium of mass entertainment. But tonight I want to place the chief emphasis on the service you can render in promoting solidarity among all the people of the Americas.
For all this and for your splendid cooperation with all who are directing the expansion of our defense forces, I am glad to thank you. In the weeks and months that lie ahead we in Washington know we shall have your continued aid and support.

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RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
on the occasion of the Thirteenth Annual Awards Dinner
of the
Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences,
Hollywood, California,
Broadcast from the White House,
February 27, 1941, 11.50 P.M., E.S.T.

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that more and more things in our lives (life) must be evaluated in just such
proportion as they contribute to the national defense.

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motion picture become foremost in all the world. We have seen it reflect our
civilization throughout the rest of the world -- the aims and the aspirations
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In all that I have said on that all important subject through
many months past I have emphasized that in the assault on the democratic
I am here to explore the notion and importance of welfare. Wherever I see the need for better care for the million people
Could it be the need of better health and more enjoyment
In less years of misery and more years of promise and peace and
If I can, let me help you. Let me be one of the
In more and more people in our

The French Republic has become an example and an inspiration to us
To be a voice of our own generation.
This French example has been a
We have seen the
We have seen the visions of
We have seen the
Our vision of the
Our vision of the
And the vision of the people and the
That is the best reason that our government is what our
American Life cannot be without companionship. We have no place
of our community. We are
It is not true that I have met or had
You cannot imagine what it means to the people
We have no purpose to lose the American
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An all important factor in hemispheric defense, in defense of democracies today, is the Lend-Lease Bill, whose early enactment by the Congress we confidently anticipate. It is a pleasure here and now to acknowledge the great service which the newsreels have performed in acquainting the public of America with all of the implications of this measure as it takes its way through the various legislative stages.

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We have been seeking to affirm our faith in the Western World through a wider exchange of culture, and of education, and of thought and (of) free expression among the various nations of this hemisphere. Your industry has utilized, and is utilizing, its vast resources of talent and facilities in a sincere effort to help the people of (this) the hemisphere to come to know each other better.

In carrying on (this) the program of advancing the spirit of inter-American solidarity and continental defense our Government has established
machinery to coordinate our growing commercial and cultural relations with the other American Republics. Our Government has invited you to do your share of the job of interpreting the people of the Western Hemisphere to one another. And all of us in all the twenty-one American Republics and in Canada are grateful that your response is so immediate and so wholehearted.

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Greetings from the President in connection with the
Thirteenth Annual Awards Dinner of the Academy of
Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, to be broadcast
from the White House over a nationwide hookup at
11:55 P.M., E.S.T., Thursday evening, Feb. 27, 1941.

Mr. Warfield, Fabian and Wynnman,

It is a privilege as well as a pleasure to greet the motion
picture industry of America, whose representatives are gathered from
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Picture Arts and Sciences.

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and all of our energies are directed toward one objective. That objective
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and more in our daily lives that all things must be evaluated in just such proportion as
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thing for their enemies to know that in our democracy officers
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The enlightenment is a dangerous thing for people who are not free.
because enlightenment is the very essence of democracy and freedom.
In all that I have said on that all important subject through many months past I have emphasized that in the assault on the democratic form of government which imperils world civilization today, our problem of national defense has become one of defending the entire Western Hemisphere — all three of the Americas — North, Central and South. We can no longer consider our own problem of defense as a separate interest. It involves the defense of all the democracies of all the Americas — in fact, it involves the future of democracy wherever it is imperiled by force or terror.

An all important factor in hemispheric defense is the Land-Lease Bill, whose early enactment by the Congress we confidently anticipate. It is a pleasure here and now to acknowledge the great service which the newspapers have performed in acquainting the public with all of the implications of this measure as it takes its way through the various legislative stages.

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In carrying on this program of advancing the spirit of inter-American solidarity and continental defense our government has established a framework of coordination of commercial and cultural relations with the American Republics as one of the National Defense Program. I have invited you to do your share of the job of interpreting the people of the Western Hemisphere to one another. And all of us in all the twenty-one American Republics are grateful that your response was so immediate and so wholehearted.

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For all this and for your splendid cooperation with all who are directing the expansion of our forces, I am glad to extend my grateful and public acknowledgment. In the weeks and months that lie ahead we in Washington know we shall have your continued aid and support.
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