

enemies. We can stand near a border and talk to the people and find that they are convinced that those on the other side of it are hateful, wicked men who will destroy them if they can. When we cross the border we find exactly the same attitude on the other side. In America, on the contrary, individuals can roam from one end of this country to the other, without ever having to show a passport, or to give proof of identity, or to be subject to any of the interminable regulations and restrictions that are found in practically every other part of the world.

Some years ago I went with my father to visit an old Frenchman in California. The man could hardly contain himself for expressing his joy at being in America. "Here," he said, "we find Frenchmen and Germans working together in complete harmony, and English and Russians living like brothers." The old racial antagonisms and hatreds of Europe have completely disappeared. The United States is a great melting pot. By and large, there is equality of opportunity for our people regardless of race, language, or national origin. God has wrought a miracle, in building a nation with ideals hardly to be paralleled elsewhere.

Today, a third of the world is held under the cruelest tyranny and oppression that the world has ever known. Thousands of innocent people have had the experience of hearing a loud rap at 3 A.M., and being hustled off to jail, to spend months in prison, without even an inkling of the cause of their arrest. In America anyone who is arrested can secure a habeas corpus, which requires the officers of the law to release him at once, or else to lay formal charges against him and give him the opportunity of securing counsel for his defense. Lin Yutang, the noted Chinese Philosopher, has said that one habeas corpus is worth more than all the alleged material advances claimed by the Chinese Communists.

The government of the United States exists to serve its people: it is not the other way round, as in Communist countries. America proudly stands as a haven of refuge for the oppressed of all lands. The Bible teaches the importance of the human soul. As a result of the influence of Biblical teaching on our nation's history, the United States has taken a stand for justice, equality, and liberty that is hardly to be paralleled elsewhere.

What a miracle is our nation. Where else in the world will immigrants, as they enter a country, see a great Statue of Liberty, raising the lamp of liberty high over New York harbor, with the words carved on its wall:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.

Our nation is indeed unique; it represents a new departure in the history of the world. It is a miracle nation. It is a nation in which freedom of speech, freedom from fear, freedom of religion, equality of all its inhabitants, true democracy, are set up as ideals and are carried out in practice to a degree far exceeding that to be found in any area of comparable size. It is a nation to which God has granted material blessings, beyond anything ever seen in the world before, extending throughout the length and breadth of the land and affecting all its people.