

ESSAYS AND TALKS

1916 - 1974

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FOREWORD

This is a partial autobiography - emphasizing the vocal side with a leavening of essays. I never kept a record of speeches, which must have numbered nearly a thousand. These have been salvaged by others. They are, I think, a reasonably fair sample. Missing are all the Chapel talks at Lawrence, all the talks at Pembroke (save for one fragment), and most of the talks to the students at Brown.

Brown published two volumes of speeches edited by others. Wriston Speaking was a collection published by the Brown University Press in 1957. The committee on selection and editing was composed of the late Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, Allyn L. Brown; W. Chesly Worthington, for many years editor of the Brown Alumni Monthly; and Ruth E. Sandborn, who watched over my dangling participles and other grammatical deviations both at Lawrence and Brown. The second volume, Policy Perspectives, was also published by the Brown University Press in 1963. It was a selection of speeches and articles prepared after I retired from Brown.

Neither volume contained the kinds of speeches to school boards, special publics like the Tax Foundation, or to the three War Colleges.

This volume is arranged not topically but as near as possible in chronological sequence. That choice was made in order to reveal the state of mind at given times on educational matters, public issues, and all sorts of social, political, moral, and economic questions. With a single exception

I have not repeated here speeches which were printed in full in Policy Perspectives, but have included cross references.

Also excluded are essays available elsewhere, such as the first chapter in Cuba and The United States published by the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., 1967. My chapter, "A Historical Perspective," is on pages 1 through 44. Also omitted is the first chapter of Goals for Americans, The Report of the President's Commission on National Goals, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1960. My chapter was entitled "The Individual." It appeared on pages 35 through 58. A discussion, based upon work with the Goals Commission appeared in Adventures of the Mind, from the Saturday Evening Post, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1961, pages 3 through 18. It was entitled "The Challenge of Being Free." An American Assembly volume, The Secretary of State, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1960, contains a chapter I wrote on "The Secretary and the Management of the Department," pages 76 through 111. Other essays in jointly developed books I have been unable to obtain.

Published volumes, of which I was the author, are:

War Chest Practice, 157 pages, published by the State of Connecticut, 1918. This was for many years the principal discussion of money-raising techniques for community and charitable enterprises. It led to my appointment, at the opening of the Second World War, to the group of five to organize the National War Fund, of which I became the Vice President.

Report of the Connecticut Council of Defense, 236 pages, Hartford, 1919. I had become Assistant Manager of the Executive Department under Joseph Alsop.

Executive Agents in American Foreign Relations, 874 pages, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1929. The basic thesis was given as the Albert Shaw Lectures on Diplomatic History at Johns Hopkins University, 1924.

The Nature of a Liberal College, 177 pages, Lawrence College Press, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1937.

Prepare for Peace, 275 pages, Harper and Brothers, New York, 1941. Translated into Spanish as Bases para la Paz, 234 pages, Editorial Claridad, Buenos Aires, July 1942. It was said to have had a much larger circulation in this edition than in the English version.

Challenge to Freedom, 240 pages, Harper and Brothers, New York and London, 1943.

Diplomacy in a Democracy, 115 pages, Harper and Brothers, New York, 1956. Delivered as lectures before the Associated Colleges at Claremont, California: Pomona College, Scripps College, Claremont Men's College, Claremont College.

Academic Procession, Reflections of a College President, 222 pages, Columbia University Press, New York, 1959. Still (1974) in print.