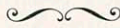


PART II



Part II of this volume contains original material that came to our committee from many organizations and individuals of our community over a thirty-month period, from mid-1955 to December, 1957.

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"May I underline the belief that each of us is a trustee of the past—that we have the important task of living up to our inheritance and adding something to it.

"Let us always remember that there was a time in this country when even a whole day of life was not taken for granted; much less water, shelter, and a safe night's sleep. Now by reason of this uniquely bountiful heritage, we take for granted—too much. We assume, we expect, we insist. Nowhere else in the world is this possible.

"It is not to guarantee us ice cream and television that women bore children under Indian attack—that they were partners in the great pioneering sweep to the West.

" . . . It is perhaps good for us to remember what our simple right to vote cost other human beings. Perhaps they had no thought for us; they were concerned with making *their* America. But what they made is what we have.

"To take this heritage unthinkingly for granted is a first step to losing it.

"Tomorrow can be kept bright and shining, I firmly believe, only through the same faith and courage, the hard work and common sense, the positive Americanism we build into today."

MRS. RUTH DEYOUNG KOHLER, *given before the
American Association of Museums on May 30, 1952*