Pledge of Allegiance

I Am An American Day

HON. HARRY S. TRUMAN President, United States of America Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

We have read the Proclamation of our fallen leader, President Roosevelt, calling upon the American people to honor the new citizens of our nation and to reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of American citizenship.

I Deeply stirred by his message; solemnly conscious of the precious rights, rich opportunities which American citizenship

confers and the sacred duties which it obligates;

With love of our country in our hearts and fired by the unyielding spirit of free men and women to preserve and extend our liberties, to maintain our national prosperity and to make secure the full employment of sixty million American workers;

We, in meeting assembled, voluntarily take this pledge: I That with increased devotion and determination to fulfill Franklin D. Roosevelt's ideals, program and policies, to which you have dedicated yourself, we pledge you our fullest support;

That, in the fight for victory of our country with our allies, we shall give everything we have to defeat Germany and Japan, the enemies of mankind and freedom, who would enslave us;

That in the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, we stand—and shall strive—for equal citizenship for all;

That in the performance of our duties as citizens in a de-mocracy, we shall uphold our country's democratic traditions and safeguard the people's rights embodied in the Constitution

of the United States;

That, to defeat the foe, to punish the war criminals and to destroy Fascism utterly, we renew our pledge and our efforts to belp build national unity; to maintain unity with our allies and the United Nations in war and in peace; to contribute our full support to the historic agreements concluded at Teheran, Yalta, Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods and San Francisco; and, in ful-filment thereof, to help rally the nation, to support the policies and program of your administration; We pledge to you, President Truman, in your leadership of the nation in these critical days, that we will give you the ful-

lest, loyal support.

In meeting assembled, we, the members of Lodge

of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, unanimously take this solemn pledge.

Date:

, President

Secretary

State