
Address by Hon. James A. Farley

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The Coca-Cola Export Corporation

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS
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HON. SOL BLOOM

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Tuesday, February 18, 1947

Mr. BLOOM. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following remarks by the Honorable James A. Farley, chairman of the board, the Coca-Cola Export Corp., in presentation of a citation to the College of the City of New York, Wednesday, February 12, 1947, at an alumni luncheon at the Hotel Astor, New York City:

The year of 1847, which has been so often referred to as the pioneer year in the expansion of our country—when the great push across the Mississippi and the opening of the West took place—saw an unusual example of the pioneer spirit right here in New York when City College opened. Here for the first time, as far as I know, was established a college where the will to learn was the only standard of admission. No one questioned the applicant's religion nor the locality from which he came for men of every race, every national background were welcomed; it was one place where equality of opportunity was not just preached; it was offered to all who sought it.

City College may well be proud of its contribution to the life of our city and to the Nation. We cannot name a field of human endeavor in which we do not find a distinguished alumnus of the College of the City of New York. The roster is long, and the

time allotted to me today is short, but I must mention a few names—Dr. Duggan, General Goethals, Justice Frankfurter, Senator Wagner, and a man who may well be called a leading American citizen, Bernard M. Baruch; all graduates of City College.

I am going to take advantage of this opportunity given me today to address this gathering associated with one of our greatest colleges in New York City, and one which is most highly regarded academically, by bringing to your attention what I feel is a most important responsibility now resting upon our institutions of learning.

Every day we read in the press of those who would incite to class conflict, substitute foreign ideologies for our American way of life, outlaw God and inject atheism, banish free enterprise, and establish totalitarianism.

We hear, with alarm, protests of discrimination by certain universities in admission to postgraduate and professional schools on religious and racial grounds. Movements are on foot to abate these practices. But restrictive measures alone will not work a cure. The causes, if any there be and wherever they be, must be removed. Our colleges owe a duty to assist, by eliminating from their teaching body, those who by precept or suggestions point the way, or give encouragement, to the spreading of subversive and anti-God propaganda. In the classroom there must be taught the greatness, glory, and beneficence of our Declaration of Independence, our Bill of Rights, our economic system of free enterprise and unbounded individual freedom and opportunity, and devout belief in the guidance and wisdom of Almighty God. I hope sincerely, from my heart, that you who are listening to my few words will mark well what I say to you.

On the letterhead of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, this line appears: "For justice, amity, understanding, and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews."

The conference seeks to promote that ideal. City College has pioneered in a comparable ideal. Its long life of a hundred

years proves the worthiness, the success, and the truth of the ideal.

It is, therefore, on behalf of the National Conference, an honor to confer upon the College of the City of New York this citation. It is a great and personal privilege for me to present this award to Dr. Harry N. Wright, president of City College.

