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PRESIDENT KENNEDY INVITES YOU TO CEREMONY ON TUESDAY APRIL
NINTH TO WITNESS SIGNING OF THE RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS DESIGNATING
SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
STOP PLEASE COME TO SOUTHWEST GATE WHITE HOUSE TWO FORTY FIVE
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P KENNETH O'DONNELL.

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Monday, April 8 - '63
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Kennedy Hails Churchill as American 'Son'

Honorary Citizen Status Conferred At White House

By GARNETT D. HORNER
Star Staff Writer

President Kennedy proclaimed Sir Winston Churchill America's first honorary citizen today, describing the former British Prime Minister as "the most honored and honorable man to walk the stage of human history in the time in which we live."

The President signed a resolution granting honorary citizenship to the stout-hearted "grand old man" of Britain and issued a proclamation making it effective in a special White House ceremony.

"By adding his name to our rolls," the President declared, "we mean to honor him—but his acceptance honors us far more. For no statement or proclamation can enrich his name now—the name Sir Winston Churchill is already legend."

Represented by Son

Randolph Churchill, journalist son of the man who the President said "mobilized the English language and sent it into battle" during World War II, was on hand to read a statement written by Sir Winston accepting citizenship in the country where his mother was born.

Mr. Kennedy described Sir Winston as "a son of America, though a subject of Britain" who has been a firm and steadfast friend of America throughout his life.

The proclamation asserted that Sir Winston's "bravery, charity and valor, both in war and in peace, have been a flame of inspiration in freedom's darkest hour" and that his "art as an historian and his judgment as a statesman made the past the servant of the future."

Scores of friends and former associates of the British leader, now 82, as well as cabinet members, congressional leaders and British Embassy officials were to be at the ceremony. Former Presidents Eisenhower, Truman and Hoover were invited but were unable to attend.

Passport Is Ready

United States Ambassador David Bruce is to present Sir Winston his American passport tomorrow at his London home.

The ceremony was carefully timed so that the British Broadcasting Corp. could bounce it off the orbiting Relay satellite and Sir Winston could watch it on television.

The setting was the rose garden outside the White House where Sir Winston helped chart the strategy of global war and peered at the problems of an uneasy peace in the climatic years of a strikingly erratic career.

Today he got back to the national capital in thought and spirit.

And memories surged back through Washington of how Sir Winston scared the Nazis with acid tongue and tone, of how he preferred a spot of brandy to that "bleak beverage," water; of his head to ice, zipped air raid suit, and of the big cigar and jaunty air.



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

President's Remarks

The text of remarks prepared by President Kennedy at today's ceremony proclaiming Sir Winston Churchill an honorary citizen of the United States:

We meet to honor a man whose honor requires no meeting—for he is the most honored and honorable man to walk the stage of human history in the time in which we live.

Wherever and whenever tyranny threatened, he has always championed liberty. Facing firmly toward the future, he has never forgotten the past.

Serving six monarchs of his native Great Britain, he has served all men's freedom and dignity.

Words Gave Courage

In the dark days and darker nights when great Britain stood alone—and most men save Englishmen despaired of England's life—he mobilized the English language and sent it into battle. The incandescent quality of his words illuminated the courage of his countrymen.

Given unlimited power by his citizens, he was ever vigilant to protect their rights. Indifferent himself to danger, he wept over the sorrows of others.

A child of the House of Commons, he became in time its father.

Accustomed to the hardships of battle, he has no distaste for pleasure.

Now his stately ship of life, having weathered the severest storms of a troubled century, is anchored in tranquil waters, proof that courage and faith and the zest

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Churchill's Response

The text of a message from Sir Winston Churchill to President Kennedy released today by the British Embassy:

Mr. President, I have been informed by Mr. David Bruce that it is your intention to sign a bill conferring upon me honorary citizenship of the United States.

I have received many kindnesses from the United States of America, but the honour which you now accord me is without parallel. I accept it with deep gratitude and affection.

I am also most sensible of the warm-hearted action of the individual States who accorded me the great compliment of their own honorary citizenships as a prelude to this act of Congress.

Key to Future

It is a remarkable comment on our affairs that the former Prime Minister of a great sovereign state should thus be received as an honorary citizen of another. I say 'great sovereign state' with design and emphasis, for I reject the view that Britain and the Commonwealth should now be relegated to a tame and minor role in the world.

Our past is the key to our future, which I firmly trust and believe will be no less fertile and glorious. Let no man underrate our energies, our potentialities and our abiding power for good.

I am, as you know, half American by blood, and the story of my association with that mighty and benevolent Nation goes back nearly 90 years to the day of my father's marriage. In this century of storm and tragedy I contemplate with high satisfaction the constant factor of the interwoven and

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for freedom are truly indestructible.

The record of his triumphant passage will inspire free hearts for all time.

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Proclamation

Following is the text of the proclamation declaring Sir Winston Churchill an honorary citizen:

Whereas Sir Winston Churchill, a son of America though a subject of Britain, has been throughout his life a firm and steadfast friend of the American people and the American nation; and

Whereas he has freely offered his hand and his faith in days of adversity as well as triumph; and

Whereas his bravery, charity and valor, both in war and in peace, have been a flame of inspiration in freedom's darkest hour; and

Whereas his life has shown that no adversary can overcome, and no fear can deter, free men in the defense of their freedom; and

Whereas he has expressed with unsurpassed power and splendor the aspirations of peoples everywhere for dignity and freedom; and

Whereas he has by his art as an historian and his judgment as a statesman made the past the servant of the future;

Now, therefore, I, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States of America, under the authority contained in an act of the 88th Congress, do hereby declare Sir Winston Churchill an honorary citizen of the United States of America.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be af-

RESPONSE

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upward progress of our peoples.

Unexampled Brotherhood

Our comradeship and our brotherhood in war were unexampled. We stood together, and because of that fact the free world now stands. Nor has our partnership any exclusive nature: The Atlantic community is a dream that can well be fulfilled to the detriment of none and to the enduring benefit and honour of the great democracies.

Mr. President, your action illuminates the theme of unity of the English-speaking peoples, to which I have devoted a large part of my life. I would ask you to accept yourself, and to convey to both Houses of Congress, and through them to the American people, my solemn and heartfelt thanks for this unique distinction, which will always be proudly remembered by my descendants.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

A MOMENT OF SPLENDOR

It's Citizen Churchill for Sir Winston

By MARY McGRORY
Star Staff Writer

The Americanization of Sir Winston Churchill provided a moment of splendor in the brass at the White House.

The ceremony took a scant 15 minutes, but it was one of those occasions where setting, purpose and utterance are so appropriate and harmonious that everyone feels improved for having been there.

Only a churl would have begrudged Sir Winston the honor that was done him yesterday. None was present.

Sir Winston, from London, somehow dominated the proceedings. Every word that was spoken, especially his own, strongly conformed him, and one heard him growling and chuckling in the background, splendid and incorrigible.

The Weather Is English

For the making of this new citizen, the garden and the chilly weather were entirely English. The hydrangeas are in full bloom in the White House garden. The magnolias are almost out, the four crabapple trees are ablaze with blossoms. Rain had fallen or threatened all day, but at the climactic moment, the sun muddled through in a heartening demonstration of what the British Broadcasting Corporation has immemorably called "a bright interval."

In the compelling absence of the 88-year-old new citizen, dignitaries huddled companionably together without any particular thought to rank and station. Cabinet members, Congressmen and contemporaries of Sir Winston stood around chatting on the wet grass while the Marine band played lively music and a cold-eyed Marine relentlessly rehearsed an eight-man color guard, his ferocious sibilants hissing through the garden.

Baruch Among Friends

Bernard Baruch, one of Sir Winston's old friends, carefully



Sir Winston and Lady Churchill appear at the window of their London home after watching on television the White House ceremonies proclaiming him an honorary citizen of the United States.—AP Radiophoto.

took his seat in the double row of folding wooden chairs that were drawn up in front of the steps.

Behind him were men who also knew Sir Winston well—former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, the new under-secretary of State, Averell Harriman, President Roosevelt's son Elliot, USIA Director Edward R. Murrow. Also there was Kay Halle of Cleveland, whose inspiration it was to have Sir Winston become the first honorary American citizen.

At a few minutes past three, the color guard, carrying four flags—the American, British, NATO and presidential—marched down the steps and the President appeared, looking entirely cheerful.

With him were Mrs. Kennedy, Sir David Ormsby Gore, the British Ambassador, and Lady Ormsby Gore, George Ball, Acting Secretary of State,

and Sir Winston's son Randolph and his grandson Winston. In both Churchills the square jaw and the blue eyes of the new citizen were repeated.

Son Acts for Sir Winston

The President read his remarks with the air of a man who knows only honorable defeat awaits any man entering a prose tourney with the great word-marshal of the 20th century, who, as he said, "mobilized the English language and sent it into battle."

The heaviest burden of the day, however, fell on Sir Winston's son. It was Randolph Churchill who had to stand in for his father—crushing task—and read the old man's message. Randolph, whose face in the words of the old song is a well-written page, and blue of cast, rose heroically to the challenge.

He read with clarity and with feeling. He rendered perfectly

a perfect Churchill line, in which ordinary words are made to march and soar: "I have received many kindnesses from the United States of America, but the honour which you now accord me is without parallel."

Randolph Churchill's hands trembled, but his voice did not, as he came to the passage that was like the lashing of an old lion's tale, a splendid roar from the great days. "I reject the view that Britain and the Commonwealth should now be relegated to a tame and minor role in the world. Our past is the key to our future, which I firmly trust and believe will be no less fertile and glorious."

After Randolph Churchill had finished and the garden had absorbed the noble words, George Ball stepped forward and offered to the British Ambassador for Sir Winston a passport for an honorary citizen, unique credentials for a unique human being.



Associated Press

Sir Winston Churchill: He's an honorary United States citizen now.

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Kennedy's Remarks at the Ceremony

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