

INDEPENDENCE DAY NOW UNITY DAY.

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Title: Star Spangled Banner.

Tracks: Love In The Army.. Who's That Knocking At My Heart
America I Love You.

Lines: Stagg.

Voice: De.

Never had the Stars and Stripes flown from so many standards in Britain as on Independence Day, 1941. The antagonism of 165 years ago has been washed away by our common blood. We and our cousins over the water are united again by the ties of freedom. Outside St. Martin's Church in London is the statue of the first President of the United States, George Washington. At the Durham village of Washington his forebears settled eight hundred years ago, and took the name for their own.

The little place points out with pride that the family manor house stood on this site. They still preserve the Washington family family badge - genesis of the American flag. This Independence Day the village school staged a pageant, representing the essential unity of John Bull and Uncle Sam, emphasised by the stress of war.

At St. Paul's Cathedral a tribute was paid to the first American-born pilot to die fighting under the Union Jack. Men of the Eagle Squadron (Americans with the RAF) attended the service. Sir Archibald Sinclair, and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. J. G. Winant, came to the dedication of a tablet unveiled by the Air Minister to Pilot Officer Fiske, who fought for ideals enunciated in an Independence Day broadcast by the President himself.

Roosevelt's Broadcast:

- 16^c "When we repeat the great pledge to our country and our flag, it must be our deep conviction that we pledge as well ~~as~~ our work, our will and, if it be necessary, our very lives."

Americans were hosts at the Eagle Club festivities. For the first time since 1776 we too celebrated the U.S. National Day. Both countries have learnt that not by independence but by marching together we can save the world.

American patriotic songs were enthusiastically sung all over the country by more than two thousand movie audiences.

LV CHURCHILL: "High~~ly~~ Commissioner, Mr. McKenzie I am much affected by the kindness of the message which you bring me by the Emblem which has been carried so far over the land (LENS CHANGE) through the air and over the sea.

SV CHURCHILL: "It has come ~~back~~ here to represent another impulse of the great effort which Canada is making in the months and years of storm and fame (LC)

SCU CHURCHILL: "I cannot thank you enough for all you ~~will~~ claim about me which I shall ever labour to deserve but without any expectation of achieving such high results I assure you but at any rate here in this old House and garden (LC) which has for (CLOSE UP) hundreds of years been the centre from which the British Government has been conducted. On this sunshine afternoon when no enemy airplanes dare come within the range of our fighting airforce I am proud to welcome here the representative of the Canadian forces and you ~~represent~~ yourself as the Canadian Minister for Air (LC) who have come all this way....

LONG VIEW CHURCHILL: "...to encourage us in our fight with their own weighty contribution to assure us if indeed assurance were necessary... (LC) ...that Canada will continue to the end.

(SCU CHURCHILL) (First two words bad picture) "The end may be far off. We cannot tell that depends upon the enemy. How long he will resist, we cannot tell. How long that wicked man will torture and afflict the nations or what direction he will set his murder machine in ~~motion~~ motion we cannot tell. One thing we are sure: ~~that~~ he will be, he and his villainous crew will be delivered to the doom and the shame which is their due and that we ourselves shall have the honour of having had something to do with that...Thank you very much."