

# P.T.A. Urged to Keep Faith in Democracy

## Tenth District Congress Speaker Outlines Duties of Citizenship

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"We are 130,000,000 people with the same schools, the same language, the same privileges. We are a great people. Keep your faith in our greatness and listen to no one who tells you that we are not great in our freedom. That very freedom depends upon your faith in your country and its people."

This was the theme of the address made by Dr. Edwin A. Lee of U.C.L.A. before members of the 10th District Congress of P.T.A. yesterday at the first general meeting of the year. Mr. Lee talked on "The Responsibility of a Free People," the first of a series of talks on the demands of a democracy to be given this year.

"To maintain this freedom of which we boast, to live the American way, means responsibility on the part of every citizen; demands sacrifices from each of us. Such sacrifices have been required since the Pilgrim Fathers first came here in their search for freedom. We cannot hope to escape them," he said.

"When you hear some one ask, 'Wouldn't it be better to let things slide a little for the sake of security?' you may know that the first step in tearing down our freedom lies in that question. When you begin to suspect that the press is withholding news or is printing what is untrue, you also may know that here is another evidence of our destruction.

### Freedom Stressed

"We must maintain our freedom to think for ourselves instead of as some dictator tells us, to listen to what we want to hear rather than what a dictator wants us to hear, to choose our education and our work according to our choice and our abilities. Anything less than that is the beginning of the system now being enforced upon the people of the occupied areas of Europe."

Mrs. Edwin J. Strong conducted the meeting at the Banning High School at Wilmington with the P.T.A. councils of the harbor area the host groups. Harry E. Gross, principal of the school, gave a word of welcome.

### City Act Approved

By the unanimous action of the large audience of members, letters of commendation were sent Mayor Bowron, the City Council and the Chief of Police. This was because of the ordinance recently passed requiring registration, fingerprints, etc., of all sex offenders. A request for such an ordinance was made by the district congress last April.

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