Calvin Coolidge Says:

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Oct. 25.—The law of action and reaction does not work anywhere more certainly than in our system of self-government. We get out of life exactly what we put into it. Surely the people can get out of their government only what they put into it. In a republic the people are sovereign. They can manifest their sovereignty from day to day through the avenue of public opinion. That will have some influence on their government.

But their greatest opportunity and their gravest responsibility are on election day. With a careless, indifferent, uninformed electorate a republic will deteriorate into a very bad form of government. It will fall into the hands of the incompetent and the vicious. Good government under our system depends on the ballot box.

A general election comes on November 4. All the voters should plan now to be at the polls. It is the highest patriotic duty. The great sacrifices made to establish self-government will have been in vain unless this responsibility is discharged. It is a time when the serious second thought of the people is needed. We cannot receive what we do not give. Put good government into the ballot box.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Oct. 27.—The conditions in many parts of the world ought to have a very sobering effect on the people of the United States. There are dictators in Spain, Poland and Italy. Chronic revolution has devastated China. Russia is prostrate. India is filled with unrest. Australia is in acute financial difficulties. Nearly all of South America has overturned its governments by force. Both Great Britain and Germany are feeling the pressure of heavy taxation and unemployment.

We cannot escape bearing some of this burden. We must face the fact that we are an integral part of the world. But because we are affected by the weakness of other people is no reason for discarding the system that has made us so strong. The credit of the nation and state governments never before stood so high. The national debt and taxes are being constantly reduced. We have some unemployment, but the Department of Labor estimates that 41,500,000 of our people are gainfully employed. Our banks are filled with money. We have met the test of adverse world conditions and completely demonstrated that fundamentally we are sound. We have the resources for any emergency. The thing for us to do is to stand firm.

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