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### The Democratic Ideal

So modest is Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, who spoke last night at the Waldorf-Astoria before the Congress on Education for Democracy, that most Americans were unaware of his arrival in this country. Better known here by his name of Stanley Baldwin, for years Prime Minister of Great Britain, he slipped into the United States as quietly as he has lived his years of retirement in England. This is in keeping with his character. Even when in office he shunned and dreaded the limelight. Quiet, unassuming, hard-working, he welcomed the opportunity to do what he could for his country without seeking acclaim.

Earl Baldwin's remarks last night pointed from his own experience to the dangers that beset democracy in the world today. Others have dwelt on them before, but few have spoken with such authority as this British statesman. He stressed the fact that democracy cannot survive if those who live in democracies do not have faith in democracy. "We have to show the world," he warned, "that we have ideals, no less than the rulers of the totalitarian states: that our ideals are harder of accomplishment because they are far higher: they involve the co-operation of men of their own free will endeavoring to work with God Himself in the raising of mankind. In a totalitarian state the will must be surrendered, surrendered to the will of one fallible man. And no man is fitted for absolute power over the wills of his fellow men."

That states the spiritual side of the problem succinctly. In honoring Great Britain's former Prime Minister the Congress on Education for Democracy has rendered a service to democracy itself. The ideals for which Earl Baldwin has striven have been those for which all democracies must continue to strive if it is to survive and finally rout dictatorships.

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