

HOLLAND, EUROPE AND THE U.S.A.

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GENERAL STOUGHTON: We are fortunate today in our Lecture of Opportunity Program to have a distinguished statesman from the Netherlands as our speaker, the Honorable Daniel J. von Balluseck. His long experience in European affairs in particular, and in the international field in general, lend great importance to his words to us this morning on the general subject of "Holland, Europe and the United States," with particular emphasis on the consequences of World War II.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance which Ambassador von Balluseck has always been to our student group that has visited the Netherlands each year in our international field program. We are very appreciative, Ambassador.

Now it's my pleasure to welcome and to present to this class the Ambassador von Balluseck.

AMBASSADOR von BALLUSECK: Gentlemen:

The subject of my talk is "Holland, Europe and the United States." There is a resemblance that dates back to the early days between Holland and the United States. We have the same outlook, I believe, on the value of the human individual and the national individual. This became clear when Holland was born and when the United States was born. There are 200 years between those two dates. We started somewhere in the 16th Century, cutting our ties with Spain and presenting a new doctrine to the world, in which we said that it was the duty of the king to serve his people, and that the people were not there to serve the king. Since