

A black and white photograph of the Statue of Liberty's head and torch, with the New York City skyline and the harbor in the background. The statue's arm is raised, holding a torch with a flame. The background shows the dense cityscape of New York City, including the Empire State Building, and the water of the harbor with a small boat visible.

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A century ago, it was an actor who assassinated Abraham Lincoln. It is a credit to the profession that now, in this rousing address, another actor dedicates himself not to the destruction but to the *building* of a leader whose honesty and integrity are of Lincolnian stature.

Born in Tampico, Illinois, Ronald Reagan worked his way through Eureka College, making ends meet by waiting tables, washing dishes and teaching swimming. He played Varsity football for three years. He was Captain of the swimming team. During Summer vacations, he worked as a lifeguard, saving the lives of more than 75 persons in the process.

Graduating with a degree in Economics and Sociology, Ron embarked on a career as a sports broadcaster. Many will recall his colorful accounts of "Big 10" and Notre Dame grid games, as well as his play-by-play accounts of baseball games for The Chicago White Sox and Cubs.

It was while covering the Spring training of the Cubs on Catalina Island that Ronnie was "discovered" by the movies. A screen test led to a one-year contract with Warner Brothers. That contract lasted for 15 years, with starring roles in "Brother Rat," "Knut Rockne, All

American" (in which he portrayed the immortal George Gipp) "Kings Row," "Voice Of The Turtle," "The Hasty Heart" and "The Winning Team," in which Ron enacted the principal role of Grover Cleveland Alexander.

Ron is married to actress Nancy Davis. They have a daughter, Patti, and a son, Ronald Prescott. One of the family's most cherished honors is Ron's selection as "Father Of The Year" by The National Fathers Day Committee in 1957.

An actor can achieve no more admirable honor than the faith and confidence of his fellow performers. Ron was elected President of The Screen Actors Guild in 1947 and served through 1952. He was drafted for an unprecedented sixth term as President of the union in 1959.

It would be difficult to locate a home Ronald Reagan has not visited during his eight years as host, program supervisor and frequently as the star on TV's "General Electric Theatre."

All who listen to this speech will be impressed by the logic, the awareness, and the deep concern of an aroused American named Ronald Reagan.

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