

"Man-on-the-Street", New York, New York, December 8, 1941

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Cut A1

Bronx Electrician: I am an electrician, living in the Bronx in New York City and while I felt very keenly about this whole war situation that we had no part of it, at the present time with the attack being made on the United States, I am in full accord with the action taken by the president and by the Congress of the United States. And I'll do all in my power to work toward that victory which is absolutely essential.

Cut A2

Chinese Student: I was born in China. I'm a student and a laundryman at the same time. And the Congress declared war on Japan I'm very happy about. Because Japan's always picked on the small nations and the weak ones and now that they picked on the U.S., and I don't think it take long to clean that a war bird out of Tokyo. But I received letter from China lately and they described about the condition over there that our people live on unoccupied territory so it did not affect our family much. I was happy about that too.

Interviewer: And now you think, do you think things will be better now?

Chinese Student: Well, yes. Since the U.S. declared war on Japan and it's going to give a great relief to China. And it's going to give on both sides a ???.

Cut A3

Man from Puerto Rico: I just arrived from Puerto Rico today and I was informed in the steamship [Guamo (?)] of Japan's aggression to the island of Manila, or I should say, Philippine Islands and Honolulu. All the passengers in the boat were alarmed, they were excited, and I should say they were of the opinion that this is right time to lick Japan. That is all.

Cut A4-A5 — tests, false start

Cut A6-A7



Housewife: I'm a housewife. I was born in Greece, but I'm an American citizen. I hate war. I love my freedom and independence. As you know, the Greeks were recently very independent and they love their freedom.

And that's why I'm not . . . I am for [*interviewee and interviewer talking, but words are unintelligible*] I am for the president's declaration of war.

I'm a housewife. I was born in Greece, but I'm an American citizen. I hate war, but I love my freedom and independence. As you know, the Greeks always fought for their freedom and independence and I guess that's why I feel the same way about it.