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February 11th, 1861: Abraham Lincoln visits Indianapolis

The newly elected president, while on his way to the White House, stopped in Indianapolis to meet and speak to his supporters. Currently in the middle of the secession crisis which would soon turn into civil war, the Indiana raised statesman said to an attentive crowd, "Not with presidents, not with office-seekers, but with you, is the question, 'Shall the Union and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generation?"

This would be Lincoln's last visit to the state of his youth until four years later, when his funeral procession stopped in the capital for mourners to pay their respect to the fallen leader.

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