- 1 Dwight Eisenhower was the Supreme Commander of the Allied Force that invaded France on D-Day in 1944, that would lead on a year later to the downfall of Hitler.
- 2 After the War, Eisenhower went on to be elected President of the United States on the 5th of November in 1952. We'll listen to some words of his (spoken in Washington 5 months after his election), and we can bear in mind his own military background:
- every warship launched,
  every rocket fired
  signifies, in the final sense,
  a theft
  from those who hunger and are not fed,
  those who are cold and are not clothed.
  This world in arms
  is not spending money alone.
  It is spending the sweat of its labourers,

3 "Every gun that is made,

4 Let us pray for the wise use of the talents of our people and of the wealth of the natural resources of our nation.

the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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For details:

http://www.matthew-james.co.uk/

Could make use of a search engine to research this topic further.

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