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Introduction

Four-Minute Men was a volunteer organization created by the U.S. Committee on Public Information and endorsed by President Woodrow Wilson during World War I. Orators delivered brief speeches on specified topics to “ready-made” audiences in theaters and other venues. The propaganda campaign served to solicit support for the war. L.L. [Loyal Lovejoy] Leonard of St. Louis was the State Director for Missouri. The collection includes national and state materials.

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