

agencies for subversive purposes have been established in our midst. In preparing for our defense against what may come, we are compelled to take notice that in this regard it is a condition—a dangerous condition—and no longer a question or theory that confronts us.

The enemy, as planned and directed from abroad, is already to the extent of many thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, within our gates. The difficulties in dealing with these agencies are many, but the necessity is great. They work in great secrecy, and with an ingenuity which at times is almost incredible. They frequently ensnare and mislead some of our own people who are fundamentally honest and patriotic. Then again, the nature of our institutions and the liberality of our laws, will frequently be found to afford these very enemies a protection they do not deserve. Way and means, however, must be found, whereby these nests of disunion and disloyalty may be discovered and stamped out.

Unless this is done, these agencies will undermine the morale of great portions of our people, delay the production of the instrumentalities necessary for our defense; and be constantly conniving at our betrayal and destruction.

The question to be determined in America, is whether we can sufficiently organize and discipline ourselves to meet the efficiency and brute force of the Dictator-Nations, without impairing our system of government, or losing our essential liberties. We all know that the answer to that question must be in the affirmative, and we are confident that it will be. Whatever sacrifices are necessary will be made, whatever cost is required will be met, and whatever temporary adjustments prove helpful will be carried out. We of this generation will keep faith with our forefathers. We will preserve the Nation they founded, and we will pass on to our descendents the same democratic form of government, and the same individual liberty and freedom which always have been and, God willing, always will be the heritage of the American people.