

ment. It has endeavored to make old-age secure against want. It has sought parity for the farmer. It has curtailed monopolies whose activities were directed toward mulcting the people, by a control of essential commodities.

This record has been unrolled before our eyes in recent years. And it has been accomplished without hurt to any legitimate business. The great majority have benefited. The greatest good for the largest number has been accomplished, and that is the test of our brand and quality of government.

It is our duty, as citizens, to make certain that our Nation always remains one in which life is worthwhile for all our people. I believe we have done and are doing just that. Consequently, I am certain that the morale of America—one of the two vital elements in our defense—is good—that it will stand any strain that this emergency may place on it.

Now that our President has spoken, proclaiming an Unlimited National Emergency, our duty is plain. There is no time now for quibbling, no place for those who would impede our efforts for all "all-out" national preparedness.

National Unity must be the watchword of the day. All of us must realize that the security of America is at stake—that not only our rights and privileges as freemen are threatened, but our homes, our very lives as well.

Our Commander-in-Chief has outlined the Nation's policy, has told us the steps that are being taken, that will be taken, to insure the safety of our land. Every American will rally to his support, will follow where he leads. Every American will be prepared to do, to sacrifice, whatever may be required, to the end that this stronghold of the world's democracy may be preserved, and that man's dignity as an individual, with his God-given rights, may be maintained at least here in America, to serve as a beacon of hope to mankind in temporarily less-fortunate lands.

Just so long as the people of America, from the humblest to those in high position, continue to give evidence that they consider Americanism a living thing, rather than a bloodless ideal; just so long will there continue to flourish that spirit which has made America what it is today and which, as long as it survives, will keep the privileges and the liberties of America intact for all who come after us.

I offer my heartfelt felicitations to those who originated the idea of B. & O. Employees' Cumberland Day; to all who have participated in the arrangements for it, and to all those who by their presence today exemplified their approval of the relationship existing between the employees, the railroad and the City of Cumberland.

Here is Americanism in its truest form. May we ever guard our devotion to the ideals that make such gatherings as these possible. May history never say of this generation that we failed to guard the most priceless possession that any nation ever had—our American Liberty!