

known; after complete enjoyment of all the developments of science and industry that have contributed to man's increased convenience in life, could Americans even think for a moment of bringing themselves to accept a condition in life that would deprive them of these privileges?

The answer comes thundering from every section of our land, just as the answer to a similar query thundered from the South in the days of James Ryder Randall, prompting him to pen those immortal lines of "Maryland, My Maryland." Rather than accept conditions that were intolerable to his soul, Randall set his heart upon paper and proclaimed in ringing tones the feeling that is prevalent in the hearts today of every true American when he wrote:

Better the fire upon thee roll
Better the blade, the shot, the bowl
Than Crucifixion of the soul
Maryland, My Maryland

America must be made so impregnable in defense that our Nation can resist successfully any attack made upon it, or upon our national integrity. It is not over-statement to assert that we are in danger from external forces. This is not the result of any overt act on the part of the United States, which has had its basis the conquest of any other country, or greed for the possession of any other land. The American people are essentially peace-loving and have desired to remain at peace, except when honor and self-respect decree otherwise.

In our determination to make America impregnable, the only way in which this will be brought about is through the united effort of our people. Just as educative completeness presupposes proper development of mind, and heart, and will, so complete preparedness means unity of action on the part of all diverse elements in the Country.

For example, the present "all-out" undertaking demands the unstinted response of industry. Production for defense supersedes production for private interests. No ulterior cause must be allowed to impede the orderly and efficient production on a full-time basis, if America is to be well equipped for any eventuality.

This consideration compels reference to labor disputes, with their aftermath of stoppages of work, resulting in the loss of man hours in production. The present emergency demands that production not be impeded by unnecessary strikes. Labor as a whole will respond to the Nation's call, I am confident, because the rank and file of organized labor must realize that the security of the Country is at stake. But recent occurrences may indicate that so called "leaders" of labor are adopting methods which are calculated to impede production. Such interference must not be countenanced.

Furthermore, if radicals, who have covertly slipped into the ranks of labor are inciting such moves for subversive purposes, they must be exposed and their efforts defeated. Although these individuals, who are un-American and disloyal to the core, have not the interest of labor at heart, they can seize the present opportunity to exploit labor by contending for concessions, which may look rosy to the working man. But analysis will show that ultimately the efforts of these subversive leaders are inimical to the cause of labor.