

The whole purpose of the nationwide effort today is to perpetuate the very democratic institutions, under which labor has been given such widespread recognition. This democratic form of government will continue to accord labor its just rights. On the other hand, unless our democratic institutions are perpetuated, labor will be the greatest sufferer by being reduced to the lowly position occupied by toilers in the totalitarian states.

No more important question is before the American public today than that which concerns the avoidance of strikes and stoppage of work. A solution has to be found, and it is to be expected that the patriotic and sincere representatives of American labor will manifest a helpful desire to bring about a working arrangement, to the end that our production may not be curtailed. Labor must also assist in the expulsion from its ranks of subversive elements. In this period of "all-out" defense preparedness, the control of American labor should not be allowed to rest in the hands of foreigners, whose allegiance is to another government than our own. On the other hand, if these agitators happen to be of American citizenship, although disloyal to our Country, a way must be found to curb their efforts and to punish their treasonable activities.

We have seen expressed many times of late opinions of competent industrialists connected with production management in Washington, who warn that even the present production program, if realized completely, will not suffice for our protection. Certainly if this be true, we need to have available every ounce of our man-power and we cannot allow our national labor potential to be dissipated in unworthy attempts to exact financial advantages, or by subversive undercover efforts to sabotage production.

We hear much today and we will hear more, of the importance of morale in our fighting forces. Most significantly, the power and influence of religion toward building and sustaining morale is being recognized by War Department authorities, who have instituted a program for building chapels in all camps for the members of all faiths. This is a gratifying and heartening acceptance of the fact that everything begins and ends with God, and that without Him there can be no sustaining moral element.

The picture facing the young people who are stepping forth from colleges and universities today, while it has its darker aspects, in some respects is infinitely better than that which was presented just a few years ago. Today there is the soul-satisfying realization for every man that there is work to be done, and that his help is needed vitally, whether or not his path of duty leads to the defense forces for safeguarding American Democracy. There was never a time when the active, intelligent efforts of young men were needed more than they are today.

Industry has need for skilled workers of every kind, and particularly there is a dearth of men who are capable of leadership and management. You young men, with the very splendid attainments that are yours because of your years at Georgetown, are better equipped than most of those who are entering life today. Not only have you scientific and factual information of surpassing excellence but your intellects have been trained, your ideals have been shaped under an educational system second to none. So highly have you been favored