

This flag represents the government and political institutions of the most splendid Republic ever builded by the genius and statemanship of man. It is based upon a noble concept of the rights of the individual—that government rests upon and is created to serve the individual—that in his personal responsibility lies its weakness or its strength.

These colors are emblematic of the Constitution of the United States and its distribution and separation of governmental power. Every American knows that the Constitution is a great barrier between his liberty and tyranny.

Americans should remember that its covenants have preserved for them and for posterity that which was wrested by turbulent barons from an unwilling king. Through its lines is woven the brave spirit of a Parliament that dared defy the Crown. It throbs with the spirit of that ringing declaration that circled the globe and thrilled the world. In its stately stanzas they may catch the drum beat and hear the tramp of Continentl armies, and majestically moving through its pages are the statemanship of Madison and Franklin and other patriot fathers, and the calm courage and lofty patriotism of Washington.

That is the America our fathers gave us. This is our America, we are determined that it shall remain our America. If it is to remain our America we, and we alone, can preserve it and protect it and hand it down to our sons, stronger and nobler for our having lived and served and sacrificed. Every citizen of the Republic has a task and a duty to preserve it—civilian and soldier alike. Individual right, individual privilege, carries with it individual responsibility.

This is our America, our Democracy, ours to govern, ours to advance, ours to perfect and protect, and ours to make more glorious. Every American has a solemn and lofty duty laid upon him, a duty commensurate with his ability, his resources, and his intellect. We must stamp out and extirpate communism and all other foreign "isms" and subversive influences which seek to undermine things American. We shall tolerate neither the "fifth column," nor the espionage, nor sabotage of foreign agents, nor the treachery of any domestic influence or group.

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The United States and its people are devoted to the ideals of peace. We want not war. Our people have never drawn the sword except with reluctance and to vindicate the violation of sacred rights. We want to lead our own life and attain our national destiny without foreign aggression or involvement. This Nation entertains no imperial ambitions. We covet neither territory nor riches of any other land. But this Nation does not propose to be the victim of foreign aggression or conquest. We do not want a foot of foreign territory, not a mile of any country under the sun, but by the same token, we shall not give up a single inch of American territory to any aggressor on the face of the earth. We do not propose to dictate to any other people or nation on the globe its form of government or political institutions. On the other hand, we do propose to maintain our own system and to lead our own way of life.

Today the world is staggered by a terrible picture of blood and horror. The clouds that hang above one of the fairest regions on earth are charged with