

on the lookout, not hysterically but calmly, for any manifestation of evil intent, and in the event of any such manifestation, report should be made immediately to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Baltimore.

In any undertaking colossal as that in which we now are engaged as a Nation, we must accept the fact, too, that sacrifices, indeed, great sacrifices, must be expected, and must be borne, willingly and gladly, if we are to achieve the final result we all are seeking.

For instance, the recent tire rationing established by the Federal Government, and the ban on sale of new automobiles, have hit your section particularly hard, I realize. This is unfortunate, and it doesn't help matters at all to know that what has happened to his community undoubtedly has also happened in perhaps thousands of other communities like yours throughout the Country. It must be generally agreed, however, that with our supply of crude rubber cut off almost completely, at least for the time being, and with the certainty that our armed forces will need great amounts of tires and other items in which rubber figures prominently, this drastic step was absolutely necessary, in the opinion of our Federal officials.

Malaya, one of the leading sources of our rubber supply, is under control of the enemy, at least to the point of preventing shipments to us. If Java and Sumatra in the Netherlands Indies can be defended successfully, and if the plans for expansion of synthetic rubber production announced yesterday are fulfilled, we may still find it possible to obtain rubber to supply a large portion of our needs. That, however, is to be determined in the future. In the meantime, as Good Americans, we can only accept the regulations that have been put into force, and cooperate to the best of our ability in conserving the stocks of rubber that now are available.

American industry is now gearing itself to produce war materials in such enormous quantities as never would have been even dreamt of just a few years back. In his speech of several days ago, the President asked for 185,000 planes, in '42 and '43. Last year there were only 20,000 planes produced in the United States. Where we produced only 5,000 tanks in 1941, the President now calls for 45,000 in '42 and 75,000 in '43.

During 1941 American shipyards launched the largest tonnage of any year in the last two decades, about 1,100,000 tons. For this year, the President has called for 8,000,000 tons of United States merchant marine, and next year 10,000,000 tons more.

To translate such enormous quantities into fairly understandable terms, it has been computed that, to achieve the President's demands, will require one new plane every four minutes, a new tank every seven minutes, two ships a day with production rates in guns, ammunition, torpedoes, submarines and other war equipment doubled, tripled or quadrupled.

Can this amazing goal be realized, despite the fact that lesser goals for 1941 have not been achieved? I believe they can, because the spirit of the people of America is totally different now from what it was before Pearl Harbor. Then there was still the doubt in many persons minds that Japan would have the effrontery to risk her national life in conflict with the United