

States. Now, however, that she has chosen to gamble everything in an effort to achieve her goal of supremacy in Asia, all question of doubt or indecision has been wiped from our minds. We have set our shoulders to the grim task of carrying on war that none of us wanted, and we have resolved in characteristic American fashion that, as long as this thing has to be done, we would do it in a way that will leave no question as to the outcome, no uncertainties for the years ahead.

Inspiring as this may be, however, don't let us forget its implications. Already we have been given a taste of the dislocation that must ensue in the economic structure of our Country. Already thousands of our tire and automobile workers and salesmen have been thrown out of employment. More, we know that many hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the Country are facing a similar re-adjustment, with certainty of at least temporary unemployment. We can be sure, too, that lower living standards will result, despite the rise in incomes throughout our Country. It is apparent that we, as a people, will be brought closer, far closer, to the regimentation long imposed on the peoples of Europe than we ever thought possible.

All this is part of the cost of carrying on war today. It is appalling, beyond doubt; but there can be no question in any sane person's mind as to the necessity for waging this war to the bitter end, no matter what may be the ultimate cost. The people of America, who have known the right to live in freedom and in equality, who have enjoyed the highest standard of living ever known to any people, have had plentiful occasion to observe what happens to peoples who are unfortunate enough to fall under the influence of totalitarianism. The contrast is so sharp, the difference between life under the dictators and life under a free Democracy is so vast, that every reasoning person must agree that it is infinitely better to pay a great cost now than to lose all we have at some future date.

Merely to look at stricken France, which has lost not only its material possessions, but its national soul as well, is to get an idea of what it would be like in America to suffer a similar fate. No. Cost what it will, occasion what it may in sacrifice and toil and struggle, there can never be any compromise in American minds. We are committed to an all-out war to save Democracy. We are waging a campaign for the rights of hundreds of millions of individuals the world over. We are out to crush depotism, and we will not stop short of that.

We have been gifted with the genius of our great men—our statesmen; our generals of past wars, in which we have known defeat; our inventors, who have given us the tools to build for comfort, for advancement, for industrial achievement; our skilled workers, who have created the realities of fast transportation, of instantaneous communication, of warm homes and rich harvests and all that goes with our standard of living the highest of any nation on earth.

Above all, we have had, by the grace of Heaven, our Freedom. No foreign tyrant has ever yoked us to his chariot wheels. No national dictator has ever betrayed us into political bondage. Rights and privileges that other countries