

chin up," no matter how rough the going may become, no matter how many and terrible the reverses that may be suffered. Morale is an intangible thing, but it can be measured, it can be built up and preserved. It isn't something the Government can do for us, however, but something that we must all do for the Nation.

We are beginning, and *only beginning*, to feel the effects of the impact of war upon our daily lives. Tire rationing, automobile and food rationing, any other steps of this nature that may develop, can have a determining influence, favorable or unfavorable, upon the national morale. If we face such privations like good soldiers, we will help to build and sustain national morale. Our people must accept the fact that the Government has first claim upon rubber or sugar or anything else that enters into our daily lives, just as it must have first claim upon our services in any way that they may be utilized.

Any one who succeeds in getting or even attempts to secure, tires to which he isn't entitled by vital defense necessity, isn't helping to build morale, isn't being a loyal American. Any one who hoards food-stuffs, helps to upset the economic structure and fails utterly to show the spirit of cooperation that America must have now above all times in her existence.

The man or woman who listens to or helps to spread wild rumors is unwittingly aiding the Axis cause. Persons who would needlessly stir up racial differences with aliens in our midst likewise add to his Country's difficulties, instead of helping to solve them.

Among the thousands of enemy aliens who will be called upon to be certified in Maryland during the month of February, undoubtedly will be found some who are trying, or who may try in the future, to interfere with our National effort for defense. If for any good reason you suspect any aliens of subversive intentions, it is your duty as American citizens to bring the matter to the attention of the FBI. But above all, let us avoid the hysteria of a general alien man-hunt.

Let us keep in mind, in anything that affects or could affect the priceless unity of purpose that now grips America, that our duty is to help and not obstruct. Let us keep the word *Morale* definitely in our minds. As good Americans let us resolve to do nothing that would in any way detract from the main National effort.

As we finish our second month of participation in this most wide-spread of all wars, it is encouraging to the utmost to note that developments since Pearl Harbor are confirming the belief which we've never lost—namely, that once America hits its stride, once its fighting men get into action, we will begin to gain those victories which eventually will culminate in the utter dispersion of all the Axis forces. In years to come children in the schools of Free America will read with pride how Americans of today overcame the appalling handicap of unpreparedness, to win against odds that now look overwhelming.

In those future days, we may be sure, there will be another name added in the history books to the long list of famous American Generals. Side by side with Washington and Grant and Lee and Pershing, will be the name of that