

proach on home defense as well. In the week since Pearl Harbor, unlimited thought and attention have been given to the adequate defense of our coastline, the cities and the homes of our citizens. And properly so. Requests have been made by citizens, which if granted, would require untold quantities of material and equipment.

Now, with the experience of these sixty days behind us, we must appreciate that, necessary as it is to protect our cities and home and edifices, there is today infinitely greater need for concentrating equipment and guns at the seat of warfare itself, particularly in the Far East.

Who has not thrilled to the recurring reports of the heroic defense of the Philippines, under that great warrior and patriot the courageous and able General Douglas MacArthur? In future days, it is safe to predict, MacArthur's name will be added to the long list of famous American military leaders, for surely he exemplifies the finest military traditions of America. His name will go down in history because his carefully planned defense of the Island of Luzon has proven him a master of strategy.

His needs in the matter of armament are immediate and pressing. To answer his needs our home front cannot be supplied at once with all basic materials and supplies. Our people must face the fact that our boys on the battle-front must be furnished weapons and ammunition. Anxious as we are to insure that our cities and our homes are protected, it would be a crime against patriotism, against the memory of those who have fallen to date in this war, to allow General MacArthur and his valiant men in Bataan to go down to destruction because we took, for our protection, the things he needed so terribly.

Not that we must not take every precaution towards warding off bombing and other hostile attacks from our heavily populated cities and vital defense areas. Nevertheless, in the situation in which we now find ourselves with regard to materials, anti-aircraft and other heavy guns, as well as in fighting and bombing planes, we must realize that those things will be infinitely more effective right now in the Philippines, or Hawaii, or Burma, or helping to hold Singapore as a basis for future operations against Japan. In the cause upon which we all are embarked, we must gladly forgo them, if it is so decreed by the military leaders, so that they may be sent where they can achieve the greatest results.

When Axis submarines are sinking American ships off our Maryland Coast, as happened within the past few days, it gives us food for serious thought. Here is the war being brought to our very door-steps, so to speak. With hostile raiders that close, it is entirely possible that cities along the coast may be subjected to shelling. Whatever may come, however, must be accepted with courage, and without whimpering. Everything that can be done, with the materials at hand, will be done to guard our people in every way.

"Remember Pearl Harbor" seems destined to go down through the ages as an American battle cry. It will take its place in the lexicon of embattled nations along with other famous slogans—"Remember the Maine"—"Give Me