

war we are all virtually enlisted personnel in the total Army of the United States.

Our job is to work hard—to do the things we can do because we know how—and willingly to make every sacrifice and to offer our services wherever needed. Any other course with the enemy threatening our shores means defeat. Remember that unity and morale mean victory.

Civilian Defense workers, for instance, who patriotically give of their time as airplane spotters, or in some other field, may more than nullify their contribution to victory unless they are just as alert in other fields. Let me illustrate. To repeat and help to spread wild rumors, many of which are very destructive of morale, is to give aid and comfort to the enemy, just as surely as if one were supplying plans and specifications of defense areas.

To complain, just for the sake of complaint, about inconveniences caused by tire or automobile or sugar rationing, is the very opposite of patriotic cooperation. In general, whatever tends to make people satisfied with conditions that have been deemed necessary by the responsible officials in Washington, strengthens by so much the complete effectiveness of our war efforts.

There is no sense in trying to delude ourselves into the belief that privations suffered by other warring peoples will pass us by because we are Americans, and hence used to the best of everything. There are still people in America who believe that as American citizens they have the right to get tires if they want them or to secure all the sugar they need, or that they should be excused from other restrictions, simply because they have been accustomed to having complete freedom in such matters all their lives.

Such people don't seem to realize, what eventually they *must* be brought to realize, that our freedoms, and all the privileges that have been our birthright and our heritage here in America, are ours not by any permanent title, but only because our valiant, hard working, far-seeing ancestors won and retained them for us.

They don't seem to realize that we have been blest far beyond many other peoples. They fail to see that even while we were enjoying the fullest measure of individual liberty, many other peoples in many other countries, had less, and sometimes nothing at all, of these freedoms and privileges.

Over the past two years there has been convincing evidence on all sides throughout the world that the good things of life must be earned, and must be defended—that those nations which had not valued them enough, and have not defended them to the fullest, in many cases had lost them completely.

No one can ever say with assurances that America will not also lose its freedom and all the privileges attendant upon such freedom. Such an eventuality, of course, seems unthinkable. Nevertheless, it once seemed unthinkable to the people of France, apparently secure behind the Maginot line. To the people of America, the oceans upon which they have depended so utterly for security, have dwindled proportionately as the range and the speed of airplanes have been increased. The result today is that there is no assurance of Safety beyond *our readiness to fight*, and our capacity to produce the fighting things necessary, to a greater extent than our combined enemies can do.