

casts; that all Americans must pay respect to officers and men in German uniforms, and make way for them in public places; and similar regulations without end?

It can't happen here, some say. We say it can happen here. It has happened in other countries, to other peoples who felt just as secure in the possession of their Democratic freedoms as you do. Any who feel that it isn't necessary to get "all stirred up" about this war, had better read some books about what has happened in Central Europe, how many thousands have been executed and, even now, how many hundreds of thousands are starving to death in Belgium and Greece because Germans have "requisitioned" their food supplies.

If there still are any considerable number of our people who aren't greatly disturbed over the threat America faces, then, indeed, we are in more serious danger than events to date would disclose. For this is a situation in which every last ounce of our National effort must be concentrated if we are to escape the fate of other conquered nations. Because America is the greatest Nation in the world is no assurance that we will overcome the concentrated war efforts of our apanese and German enemies. Potential resources mean nothing; the only important thing is how well we can utilize these resources, how great the supplies of vital war materials that can be amassed, quickly, and transported promptly to the areas where vital battles are being, or will be, fought.

We started too late to think about these things to give us any time for loitering now. When Japan took Hong Kong, and Singapore, Java and Burma, she not only deprived the United Nations of great national wealth and strategic bases. By her conquests, she laid upon us the definite necessity of winning back all or at least the most important of these strategic points and bases before we can be in a position to launch the all-out attack upon Japan herself that will be a necessary prelude to the attainment of final Victory.

Being a peace-loving people, America failed to heed the obvious signs of enemy preparation. We are to a point now, however, where we redouble every effort to overcome delays of the past. If our gallant American forebears, if the Marylanders of 300 years ago, could risk their lives and their fortunes and endure untold hardships in the pursuit of an ideal, certainly we, who have known the fruition of that ideal, who have drunk deeply of the advantages of American Democracy, can do no less than give our all to its preservation.

We won't fail now, because there is too much at stake. America never has known defeat in war, and it never will! Slow to start, by God's grace America will quickly gain the momentum necessary to out-produce and to out-fight all the forces our dictator foes can rally against us.

Maryland will do its part to save America and its free institutions for those to come after this generation. In so doing, our people shall be to all the world a means of redemption from the enslavement of despots everywhere.