

If our people generally cooperate in driving at lower speeds, it will be because they have been persuaded, at home chiefly, that such cooperation is infinitely preferable to the fulfillment of their normal youthful urge to "go places and do things" and to get there in a hurry.

In our youth we read in history books of the heroic qualities of the Spartan mother. Against this we have the patriotic attitude of our own women today, as exemplified by the widow of Brigadier General George, who, when informed of her husband's sudden death last week, declared "We have always known there was nothing we would not do for our loved Country, so I guess we can do this too."

One final way in which parents can help immensely is by being most careful not to repeat bits of information about troop movements that fight inadvertently be passed on to them by their sons. Nothing could conceivably be more tragic than to have a loving mother or father, who had given a son to the Service of his Country, cause that son's death, and possibly the death of many of his companions, by passing on information about his movements. Many people like to pass out information, but anyone who read Life Magazine last week, will remember how disturbed were some thousands of our American troops when, as they approached Australia, they heard a broadcast to the effect that a huge Armada of American forces was nearing that Continent. This broadcast, which might have been suggested by a careless remark of some parent here in America, was a direct invitation to Japanese submarines and naval and air forces, to attack that troop convoy. Fortunately, they were not attacked. It was not the fault, however, of the thoughtless person who made the broadcast, or of the other thoughtless person who revealed the information.

The whole free world was disturbed yesterday by the news from India that the people of that country did not intend to defend themselves against the Japanese invaders, but would be content to offer a spirit of non-violent non-cooperation. This seems unthinkable to us, blest as we are with so many priceless political and economic privileges.

Here in America we have a system of Government that is as close to perfection, from the individual standpoint, as any system could be. Your sons and daughters have the same opportunity to become leaders and to enjoy to the fullest every advantage the world has to offer that any American has. There is no one who can say them Nay. If they have the determination and the ability, they can attain to any heights they desire. They go and come, they work where they please and as they please. They worship as they will. No dictator or ruler of any kind can order them here or there, or forbid them to do anything that is reasonable. They can listen to radio reports from Tokyo, or Berlin, without any question of penalties. They are free as no other people in the world today, or in the world's history, ever have been free. They *are* free, they *enjoy* to the fullest all the luxuries and privileges of life, because their free American forebears thought so highly of the American system of Government that they gladly offered their lives, willingly worked and endured that America's system might be strengthened and preserved for us.