

Many of the people of the United States today are living under a false sense of security. But thousands, yes, millions of people in certain European countries also slept upon the same thought, only to awaken and find themselves in slavery. There is no security unless we win this war.

To every citizen we throw down the gauge of true Americanism. We cannot accept our Country's gifts without shouldering its responsibilities, without pledging ourselves to carry on and to sustain at whatever cost may be entailed the heritage of freedom and liberty that has been entrusted to our care.

Today, in face of the dangers that threaten our Country from without, and with full knowledge of the forces seeking to weaken us from within, I contend that now as never before it is the duty of every American citizen to redouble his efforts for the sake of the liberties he enjoys, and to discharge even more fully the responsibilities which his citizenship entails.

With such devotion to Country and such unity of purpose, America cannot lose. Our flag has never suffered defeat, but gallant and patriotic citizens are needed to carry it through the storm which now surrounds it. That it will be carried victoriously is our absolute belief. When victory is achieved we then will have greater reason to value our citizenship. Then and now, the greatest possession to which any human being can point will be the citizen's proud declaration that

"I AM AN AMERICAN!"