

the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper prize upon its goods and it would be strange, indeed, if so celestial an article as Freedom would not be highly rated."

If freedom which to the patriots of 1776 was still an ideal to be achieved, could command such a patriotic response from the men and women of that day, certainly the freedoms that we have known, that have been so integral a part of the warp and woof of our National existence these many years, demand of us every sacrifice, every hour of toil that we can possibly give.

Already many hundreds of our American citizens have made the final sacrifice, in order that you and I and millions of people in America and throughout the world may continue to breathe the free air of liberty. There is nothing that you and I could be called upon to pay, or to sacrifice, that would be too costly a price to pay for Freedom.

American citizenship, with all its unmatched privileges, is a possession of such superlative worth that its defense is a sacred trust laid upon each one of its beneficiaries. To possess it involves the sacred obligation to protect and perpetuate it. No true patriot can, or would wish to, discard this responsibility.

The defense of our rights and our homes is a duty which rests upon every citizen. Americans in every previous time of crisis have been ready to offer their wealth, even to give their very lives, to uphold the sacredness of their individual and National rights. Americans of today are no less ready to risk their all, in order to safeguard, with God's help, the valued heritage that is their American citizenship.