

course that has been visited upon so many countries to be a permanent visitation upon the whole world. America as leader among the free nations of the world, has a responsibility that she cannot shirk, and that no true American would ever wish to shirk.

We are in this war because as decent, God-fearing people, we wish to preserve those individual rights which our Constitution proclaimed to be God-given. WE ARE IN THIS WAR TO WIN because only through complete, mashing Victory by the United Nations can freedom and justice and humanity be restored to the millions and millions of suffering peoples throughout the world, and preserved for our children and for future generations. And the women of America, be it said to their everlasting credit, have answered the call nobly, and are standing shoulder to shoulder with the men of America in the fight for freedom.

The recurring annual celebrations of Business and Professional Women's Week undoubtedly have had a cumulative effect in a wakening the women of America to their opportunities in business and in the professions. Now that the purposes of this movement have been realized in such striking fashion, and women are engaged in every field of American life far beyond any hope or expectation the sponsors of this week ever could have had in mind, the question might well be asked: "What now? Where do we go from here?"

Progress always brings with it new problems, and women's progress in these crucial war years will raise many perplexing questions, upon the solution of which will depend the continued security of the active place in our National life which women now hold.

The business and Profession Women of America have assumed the leadership in the past. More important than ever is it now that they justify this claim to leadership by supplying a thoughtful, workable to insure the integration in industry and in all the various fields of National and community life of the great numbers of women who now for the first time, find themselves actively engaged in gainful occupations. Under such leadership, and with such a program, the Women of America can look with confidence to a future whose possibilities have no limitations.