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Hats Off! The Flag Is Passing By

STOP HITLER NOW!

WE AMERICANS have naturally wished to keep out of this war—to take no steps which might lead us in. But—

We now know that every step the French and British fall back brings war and world revolution closer to US—our country, our institutions, our homes, our hopes for peace.

Hitler is striking with all the terrible force at his command. His is a desperate gamble, and the stakes are nothing less than domination of the whole human race.

If Hitler wins in Europe—if the strength of the British and French armies and navies is forever broken—the United States will find itself alone in a barbaric world—a world ruled by Nazis, with “spheres of influence” assigned to their totalitarian allies. However

different the dictatorships may be, racially, they all agree on one primary objective: “Democracy must be wiped from the face of the earth.”

The world will be placed on a permanent war footing. Our country will have to pile armaments upon armaments to maintain even the illusion of security. We shall have no other business, no other aim in life, but primitive self-defense. We shall exist only under martial law—or the law of the jungle. Our economic structure will have to be adjusted to that of our gangster competitors. We shall have to change ourselves from easy-going individuals into a “dynamic race.”

“Government of the people, by the people, for the people”—if Hitler wins this will be the discarded ideal of a decayed civilization.

Is this “Alarmism”? Then so is the challenging scream of an air-raid siren, warning civilians that death is coming from the skies. We have ample cause for deepest alarm. It should impel us, not to hysteria, but to resolute action.

It is obvious that there is no immediate danger of direct invasion of the United States. Hitler doesn't strike directly when he doesn't have to. He edges up on his major victims, approaching through the territory of small and defenseless neighbors.

We have twenty-one neighbors in this hemisphere, in addition to the colonial possessions of Britain, France, Holland and Denmark. We must not forget that however wide the Atlantic and Pacific oceans may be, the Canadian and Mexican borders are no barriers to invasion.

The Monroe Doctrine is not an automatic safety catch, securing the entrance to our hemisphere from all intruders. We have to enforce it—all the way from Greenland and Alaska to Cape Horn. Furthermore, we have to guard night and day against the manifold enemies from within. We can not ignore the fact that Trojan horses are grazing in all the fertile fields of North and South America.

The Western Hemisphere contains the richest territory for exploitation on earth today. And the international gangsters want it. They have already started the process of taking it. For many years the agents of the Nazis have been effectively at work in

Latin America, gaining ground by persuasion, bribery, intimidation. They have been fighting a trade war and a political war; and what we have lately seen in Norway and Holland and Belgium proves to us that these agents are ready to fight a military war when the orders come through from home.

“Divide—and conquer!” has been the Nazi watchword in the insidious invasion of all countries. The preliminary work of division has been carried on here with devastating success.

We can and should and will devote ourselves to a vast program of defense. But we must not try to fool ourselves into thinking that security can be bought. It will be achieved only by unity of purpose

among ourselves, by the spirit of sacrifice that we can summon from our own hearts and minds. Overwhelming destiny will not be stopped “with the help of God and a few Marines”.

This is a job for *all* of us! It will take years for us to build the necessary machines and to train the men who will run them. Will the Nazis considerately wait until we are ready to fight them?

Anyone who argues that they will wait is either an imbecile or a traitor.

How long shall *we* wait before making it known to Hitler and the masters of all the slave states that we are vitally concerned in the outcome of this war—that we would

consider a victory for them an unmitigated calamity for civilization?

Whatever our feelings about the tragic mistakes of statesmanship in England and France we know now that the free people of those nations are willing to fight with inspiring heroism to defend their freedom. We know now that such men will die rather than surrender. But the stoutest hearts can not survive forever in the face of superior numbers and infinitely superior weapons.

There is nothing shameful in our desire to stay out of war, to save our youth from the dive bombers and the flame throwing tanks in the unutterable hell of modern warfare.

But is there not an evidence of suicidal insanity in our failure to help those who now stand between us and the creators of this hell?

WE CAN HELP—IF WE WILL ACT NOW
—before it is forever too late.

We can help by sending planes, guns, munitions, food. We can help to end the fear that American boys will fight and die another Flanders, closer to home.

The members of our government are your servants. In an emergency as serious as this, they require the expression of your will. They must know that the American people are not afraid to cast off the hypocritical mask of neutrality, which deceives no one, including ourselves.

Send a postcard, a letter, or a telegram, at once—to the President of the United States, to your Senators and your Congressmen—urging that the *real* defense of our country must begin NOW—with aid to the Allies!

The United States of America is still the most powerful nation on earth—and the United States of America is YOU!

THE FIFTH COLUMN

is led in this as in other countries by Nazis and Communists and their fellow travellers who are well trained in the dissemination of poisonous propaganda. Their object is to destroy national unity, to keep the United States in a state of confusion over all world issues so that we will be weak and helpless when our time comes. All Americans should beware the prevailing Nazi-Communist propaganda which attempts to capitalize our desire for peace by opposing all our moves toward national defense—sabotaging all aid to the Allies—preaching that Hitler has already won and we must meekly appease him.

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA BY AIDING THE ALLIES

(Composed of representative Americans from all sections. Sub-committees are already in existence in eighty-five cities and towns.)

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Memorial Day Address of Commander Burman

We approach Memorial Day of 1940 with heavy hearts. Where once we honored our American dead with a joyous sorrow which felt that they had not died in vain, that democracy reborn after the Armistice was growing and that with its development would come greater liberty, greater happiness for all men—this year Memorial Day will find many who feel that America sacrificed her youth uselessly and needlessly. Despotism once again is on the march and man's freedom and security and religious faith are menaced as perhaps never before in history. The very graves of our American dead in France are being ploughed up by the shells of those who took their lives 22 years ago.

But they are mistaken who feel disillusionment in the sneers of the aggressor at those American boys who died to make the world safe for democracy. Hysteria and panic are the first effect of the totalitarian onslaught;—indeed, hysteria and panic are the first objectives of all anti-democratic movements. When we sit back and view the situation calmly and dispassionately, many of us see a different picture. The world today is essentially no more unsafe for democracy than it was in 1917. Freedom was under attack then as it is today in a greater degree, and although the aggressor may be superior for the moment in planes and bombs, it is the defenders who hold what was proven in 1918 to be a more vital superiority,—a superiority in ideals and in liberty, and also in resources. Man's memory is often poor; the picture was dark indeed in those days, perhaps even darker than it is today, and many Americans who remember the first World War as we do, are confident that the forces which respect God and religion and the rights of man will be victorious over the standardized robots of godless destruction.

But let us look at our own domestic picture. America is as much opposed to going to war today as it was a year ago, but negative isolationism has changed to the positive spirit of national preparedness. This is a healthy indication. By it the people of this nation are demonstrating that no matter what temporary damage may be done to liberty and democracy abroad, we are determined to preserve and strengthen our ideals of liberty and justice and to disperse every attack against these ideals here. The spirit of preparedness has come upon us suddenly in the last two weeks and it is important for all Americans to realize that if our objectives are to be attained, if America is to be kept secure against attack, this country must be prepared not only in armaments but in morale as well. Military preparedness is the job of the President, of the Congress, of admirals, generals and technicians, but moral prepared-

ness, the strengthening of our intangible American ideals and institutions,—that is the job,—indeed the patriotic duty, of every American in every walk of life.

The basis of this vital moral preparedness lies in America's democratic unity,—the unity on common ground of every American group, of every origin and creed. Just as Americans of Catholic, Protestant

working together are more effective than two million Americans at war with each other at the behest of Trojan horse disunity. It is true that the past several months have witnessed a violent revulsion of public opinion against those individuals and groups who would undermine our liberties by means of group hatred—specifically, by means of anti-Semitism as a smokescreen to conceal their real anti-American purposes. The demagogue is not a popular figure in America just now.

We must keep it that way. For we have seen country after country in Europe fall before the aggressor, not primarily because of military inferiority but rather because of popular disunity and betrayal from within.

No, those American dead whom we honor today and will honor again this Thursday will not have died in vain if we, all the American people, their successors in this new kind of total war,—if we keep morally prepared and make this country unsafe for totalitarian aggression, whether it be against the body or against the spirit.

That is the real significance of our Memorial service now and of national Memorial Day this year. It must be driven home to every American throughout our daily life. The President has called for 50,000 planes, but we who know the methods of the aggressor tell you that 50,000 planes are weak indeed unless they are backed by the common will to freedom, cooperation and internal friendship of 130,000,000 Americans.

Above all, let us avoid hysterical witch-hunting—for this too aids the aggressor by creating confusion. Let us keep calm, and with faith in God and our democracy, we may feel confident that soon the future of liberty will have been assured. Meanwhile, our duty is not so much to ourselves as to our neighbors and to America!

From the President
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

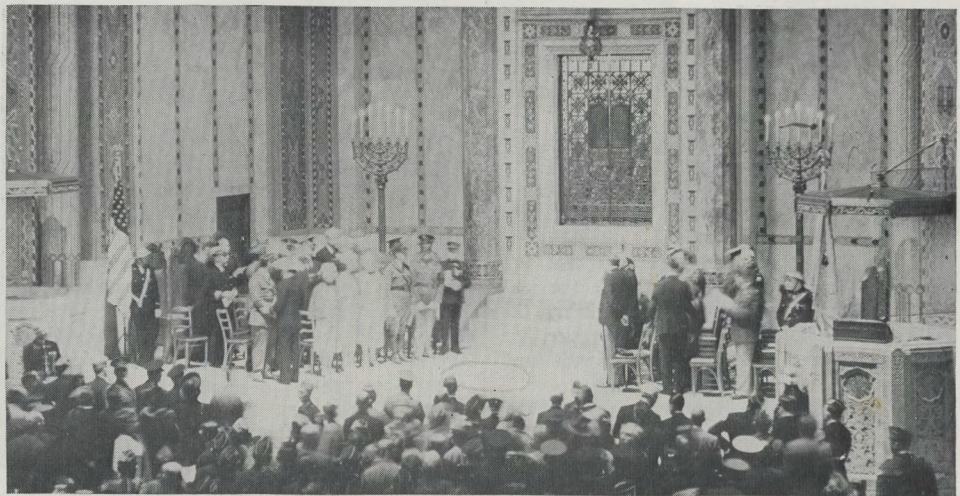
Dear Mr. Fredman:

My hearty greetings to all who participate in your solemn, commemorative exercises. In honoring the valor of those who have come to their country's defense in time of war, we should ever be mindful of our duties as citizens in time of peace. For the liberties we have won by force of arms can be maintained only by eternal vigilance.

Very sincerely yours,
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and Jewish faiths fought in Flanders, not for Catholic, Protestant or Jewish liberties but rather for the preservation of *American* liberties, so too these religious groups today must work together for democratic unity on the basis of moral preparedness. Our unity must be impervious to the methods of hate breeding, Trojan horse elements. Two Americans



Inside of Temple Emanuel on occasion of J.W.V.'s 45th National Memorial Services