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## Should Spur Everyone To Action

It was Pearl Harbor first, and now Bataan follows. Then there was Singapore, the Dutch East Indies. Burma is tottering, and India is wavering. These events within themselves are enough to stir liberty-loving people in the uttermost parts of the world to action. But those events don't seem to register on our minds, and even with the sound of guns reaching our ears just off our own coasts, we go merrily along in a most complacent manner, arguing among ourselves and waiting for someone else to take the risk and do the work.

The fall of Bataan early Thursday morning marked the end of a brilliant defense. The defenders proved their work, and while there may be misgivings for the fall of that strategic spot, those misgivings are to be silenced while everyone takes upon his own shoulders his fair share of the burden and marches forward to prevent similar recurrences in other lands and in our own, as well.

Pearl Harbor was enough to stir many to action. The events following in quick succession were enough to stir thousands of others to action. Will the fall of Bataan spur the rest of us to action? That's the big question before us just now, and only the individual can answer it.

## The Sixth Column Rides

Hitler's cohorts are riding throughout the length and breadth of this land, and the facts clearly indicate that the fifth column is being supplemented by a sixth in the out-of-way places. Only a few days ago, a traveler, posing as a full-blooded American, spilled his poison at a Williamston filling station. The listeners, no doubt, absorbed the words, or at least some doubt was created.

"I picked up a Britisher on the way down. Asked what he was doing in this country, I learned that he was over-here to teach us Americans how to fight," the Hitler cohort interestingly related. The devil-tongued monger, after recalling his slurring answer to the supposedly Britisher, loosed his wrath upon the British.

It is just another episode in the great and tragic drama being so cunningly enacted in our land today. Race prejudice is creeping out. Distrust and doubt are being fanned as a high wind fans a roaring fire in a dry forest. The sixth column moves in the loose words of well-meaning citizens. The drive is on, and it will lead to our defeat. When we hear some all-knowing soul criticize your ally, mark him down as an enemy. Ask him what he has done to help the war effort. Ask him what he is willing to do to aid the war effort. There are too many well-meaning souls roaming the country, drawing big pay, creating disunity and then babbling about an all-out war effort.

## Cushioning The Future

### Christian Science Monitor.

Reports from the farming areas indicate that American farmers are not repeating the mistakes of 1914-18. Last year the national farm income was approximately \$11,000,000,000. It is estimated that the farm income this year may exceed \$13,000,000,000.

In the last war, farmers were asked to grow wheat. Millions of acres of virgin sod were turned over in what has since become known as the Dust Bowl of the Great Plains area. The boom prices and increased income caused an inflation of land values. Farmers in certain sections of the country had a gambling orgy with land values. When the inevitable adjustment came, large numbers of farmers lost heavily.

This time farmers seem to be using better judgment. The Federal Land Bank and the Land Bank Commissioners recently reported that farmers' special and advance payments on loans amounted to \$112,683,000. This was in addition to the regular payments of \$92,393,000. In a recent four-month period, borrowers from the Farm Security Administration increased their repayments by 75.4 per cent over the same period last year.

Farmers of 1942 seem to know that when income is high, it is time to pay debts, put the house in order and save for a day when income may be less.

## Just Playing Along

All this talk about labor shortages, production records, the thinning out of youth in local communities is nothing compared with what we'll be hearing and seeing if this war continues. At the present time there are slightly more than two million men in the American Army. Another estimated million is in the Navy, and the Air Force has about half million men. Let the war continue, and there'll be some thirteen or fourteen million men in military service. Of course, all of them will not be combat troops, but they will be in uniform.

When thirteen million men move into the service, we will then realize that we were doing little more than playing around in the early stages of our war effort. We will then want to kick ourselves in the pants for not doing too much too soon rather than doing too little too late. We can then value the things we are wasting now. We will then realize that unless we are prepared for the worst we are not prepared at all.

It is hard to see loved ones go away to war. It is bad when labor shortages appear and there is so much to be done. It is trying for one to change his ways of life. But let us begrudge no effort, no precaution, no expenditure, no sacrifice whatsoever when to act and sacrifice and that alone will save for ourselves and those to follow the things that are more valuable than life itself. Let us not kid ourselves longer and whine and groan because this nation cannot handle the war without interrupting our pet plans and profit-making schemes. Let us prepare for the lightning bolt that is going to strike and strike sooner than many of us think.

## Do You Serve The Axis?

By Ruth Taylor.

Do you complain at every restriction of war? Do you resent its interference with your plans for living? Do you take time off to discuss with other disgruntled people how war is changing your entire mode of life? Do you object to sacrificing non-essentials to keep your freedom? If you do, you are serving the Axis.

Do you question every act of those in authority, forgetting that it was you who elected them to power? Do you from the security of your own front porch or corner store waste valuable time saying what should have been done by the men thousands of miles away who are fighting twenty-four hours a day and giving their lives to keep the war from your doorstep? Do you doubt the loyalty of that Ally who has fought the Axis for three long years until there is not a family even on the most secluded upland farm that has not felt the dread hand of loss? Do you question the loyalty, intelligence, ability of your own sons, and your neighbors' sons? If you do, you are serving the Axis.

Do you delay to serve your own ends first? Do you give half-hearted service? Are you sticking to your own personal task, or doing the war job you could do? Are you relying on others to protect you and dodging your civilian defense job because it is hard work? Are you skimping on full time, and not giving overtime? If you are, you are serving the Axis.

Do you stand on your rights? Do you demand preferential treatment for yourself, or your community or your group? Do you refuse to do your part in this war until you are paid to do it? Are you a "mercenary" soldier, not a "citizen-soldier"? Do you think only of yourself and your narrow circle of life instead of the nation as a whole? Do you demand the privileges of democracy and ignore its responsibilities? If you do, you are serving the Axis.

Do you discriminate against your fellow Americans? Are you a disseminator of the poison of hatred with which Hitler is trying to gas this country into confusion? Do you generalize about racial and religious groups—passing on as gospel truth the lies handed out by Herr Goebbels and his emissaries—forgetting they are not groups but individuals, neighbors with whom you have grown up, who have lived with you, suffered with you, sacrificed with you and rejoiced with you? Do you fan class hatreds with stories of greed for money and power, suspecting both Industry and Labor of treason, forgetting that they know they have just as much to lose in this war as you have? If you do, you are serving the Axis.

Now is not the time for a divided allegiance! This is our war—the war of all of us. This is the UNITED States of America. We are Americans all. Don't serve the Axis!

## Purge The Traitors

With slight changes in the methods, the purging of those traitors who would delay the war effort is in order just as Russia put its house in order. While we were riding to the devil in high gear and condemning Stalin for cleaning his house of traitors, we invited defeat within our own boundaries.

It is high time that the traitors in this country face the firing squad. Give them a fair trial, but let no man who would act to endanger the nation and the lives of others escape with a minor fine or a brief term in prison. Those who are responsible for delays, be they unionists, managers, common people, politicians or high-ranking family members, should be called to answer. But we should be careful not to condemn others until we have moved to do our own parts.

And then there is the stenographer in the front office who can't decide whether it is more patriotic to erase and save paper, or to use a clean sheet and save the eraser!—Christian Science Monitor.

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Administratrix of the Estate  
of D. R. Coaltrain,  
Hugh G. Horton, Atty. a7-6t

### NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina, Martin County.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin County made in that certain special proceeding therein pending entitled: "Elizabeth Long Rhodes and others vs. Mrs. Nannie H. Worsley, etc.", entered by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County on April 6, 1942, ordering a re-sale, the undersigned Commissioners will on Wednesday, April 22, 1942, at twelve (12) o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse Door of Martin County, Williamston, N.C., offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, subject to the confirmation of the Court, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A certain parcel or tract or lot of land lying and being in Martin County, State of North Carolina, and defined and described as follows, to-wit:

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line 60 feet in a Southwesterly course parallel with Commerce Street to a stake in J. T. Daniel's line, thence with J. T. Daniel's line 160 feet parallel with Cherry Street to a stake with Commerce Street 60 feet to a stake, the beginning, containing by estimation one-eighth (1/8) of an acre, to be the same more or less, and known as the Freddie and Alice Harrell lot.

The last and highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit ten (10%) per cent of their bid or bids at the time and before closing the sale.

This the 8th day of April, 1942.  
HUGH G. HORTON,  
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