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All Men Are Created Equal . . . Endowed By Their Creator With Certain Inalienable Rights . . . Among These Are Life, Liberty, And The Pursuit of Happiness.

DAMN THE TORPEDOES, FULL STEAM AHEAD!

"I have not yet begun to fight." John Paul Jones was a Patriot. In those days, if you dishonored your name, you dishonored your family. John Paul and other patriots of his day were loyal to all of the institutions they represented.

Admiral Farragut fought for what he believed was right. His name went down in history, and with it, his battle cry, "Damn the torpedoes! full steam ahead."

How many people do you know today, that would volunteer to fight for their God, their country, their company, and their family? If we can believe what we read in the newspapers, there aren't many "patriots" left in this country—We know better!

In recent issues of NEWS & VIEWS, we have seen many examples of A & E people and their families who are fighting to protect our freedoms. If you talk to any member of the American Legion or the VFW, you will know that there is still a strong spark of patriotism in this country. So why do we so often speak or act without thinking of the liberties and freedoms that are at stake?

Will Communism devour us simply because Communists are forced to work together toward a common goal? Because we are not forced to "conform," we use our freedom without regard for the other man's welfare or his feelings.

Many people today are not even loyal to their families. Many of us preach disobedience, hatred, distrust, anarchy, and "don't work any harder than you have to." At the same time, we say our children must obey, we want to be loved, the landlord should trust us until payday, the government should build better roads and better schools, and "the company should give me more."

There is nothing wrong with wanting your rights. That's what John Paul Jones was fighting for. Those rights have to be earned by each of us carrying our responsibilities.

Our profit-sharing plan is a good example. Our stockholders have approved a plan to let us put 7% of consolidated net income into our profit-sharing accounts, as outlined at the top of page six in our PENSION AND PROFIT-SHARING booklet. Since they have given us this "right" to participate in the profits, the amount of money that goes into our profit-sharing accounts depends upon how responsible we are in controlling waste, producing quality, and working together for the benefit of all.

If somehow we could start a new A & E spirit; if every one of us would look for ways to help the person next to us, instead of saying "that's not my job"; if somehow we could all learn to understand each other better and work together toward our common goal; we would all end up with more money in our pockets, greater benefits, and many happy customers and friends.

Our battle cry too, would be "Damn the Torpedoes, full steam ahead."

Bob Neff

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