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It goes without saying that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation isn't admired by all Americans. For reasons satisfactory to themselves, there are those who hate and would like to see him removed from office, one way or another.

"America is not a sick society," says Hoover. "Let's stop condemning our whole populace for the sins of a few. Let us stop this nonsense of self-reproach and self-ridicule and throw off the guilt complex which threatens to envelop our country. When we face adversities and tragedies, let us do so with resolute confidence, avoid panic, and reserve judgement until all the facts are known."

He reminds us that "Historically, Americans are doers, not worriers. No country has ever done, or is doing, more for its own underprivileged citizens, and for the unfortunate people of the world than the United States. Our record speaks for itself.

"We have no reason to be ashamed, indeed, we have much to be proud of. This is not to say that our society is infallible and has no problems. We do make mistakes, and we do have many great problems. But they are not insurmountable if we do not despair."

Continuing, Hoover says, "Some of our difficulty today arises from the fact that too much attention is given to various dissident elements which have a lot of noisy energy but little purpose. Many of them are complaining about conditions which they helped to create. Now they want our whole society to plead guilty to mass ineptness. This is ridiculous.

"A noted columnist, commenting recently on the guilty complex sweeping our country, said: I am tired of the hangdog American...a guy who lives in the greatest country on earth and feels he has to apologize for his own existence.....The hangdog American is in danger of losing the fierce independence and self-pride of his pioneering ancestors. He is not only capitulating to his carping critics--he is becoming his own worst critic by doubting or distrusting his own obvious virtues; courage, ingenuity, loyalty, generosity, idealism. That is the worst thing that can happen to any man--to lose faith in himself."

Agreeing with the columnist the FBI director says, "To me, this makes sense. Courage, ability, and pride are hallmarks of success in any endeavor. A defeatist attitude is seldom associated with a winner or a leader. America is a world leader in the cause of justice, liberty and the dignity of man. We have no reason to act or think as losers or second-rate citizens.

"It is time for Americans to shed their apologetic demeanor and stop belittling themselves. The hard-working, tax-paying, law-abiding people of this country are responsible for its growth and development. They provide the strength and resources which move our country forward. They aspire to the goals, principles, and ideals which are meaningful to all people. It is wrong to malign and

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