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A MESSAGE TO ALL FROM MR. SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL,
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Earlier in this century, a Congressman from Texas had brief fame because, abusing his grammar, he flung at Congress the challenging question, "Where are we at?" Because of its terseness, this expression has remained an idiom of our American language.

Similarly, we can very well ask, "What's before us and what are we after?"

Victory, a conquest of the devilish spirit of our almost fiendish enemy, both in Europe and Japan, is our prime objective. In the near future, we will have eliminated the arch malefactor, the miscreant whose theories of might over all right were ready to trample on nations still clinging to principles of liberty and justice, to faith and ethics, to kindness and tolerance rather than cruelty and oppression.

For the 'nth time in history, the right will again triumph and vindicate our faiths. Next we must beat down our oriental enemy and complete the reckoning. We hope it will be soon. But when the battles are won and the two behemoths are defeated and manacled, what then?

We are all yearning for the day when you will come back, as no doubt you are yearning to return. A new world awaiting your effort must be largely created by yourself, and the new pace set by inventions contrived for war purposes and applied to peaceful ends will be largely under your own control and under your own guidance as free citizens of this vast country.

How wisely can we handle this task, and how can we all contribute to the fruition of its finest possibilities? Our Government has made plans to afford those who have ambitions the greatest opportunity for education and training for every veteran when he returns in such fields as he may elect. You will be permitted to select your vocation or your avocation, as long as they lead you to a successful and useful, in any event, a contented life.

Your ingenuity derived from past experiences and the impulses for conquering the new complexities, social as well as mechanical, will help you in solving the difficulties of our national life. It is not possible to foresee all these. The many plans that are being made are in the nature of guesswork. They estimate conditions calculated to come, but not yet certain, in ignorance of many of the impacts of the bedlam created on the fields of battle and the destruction in foreign lands.

Your own sober judgment, formulated in the fiery crucible of experience, will be welcomed in grappling with this new task of the future. Countless