



keep our place in the world?

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—first among nations in national income! First in production of wheat, corn, cotton, petroleum, coal, and iron! First in communications, in motor vehicles per capita—first in many essentials to good living and prosperity.

And directly related to that position of leadership is our standard of education—for it has been shown that a country's wealth and welfare rise along with its educational standards. And countries rich in natural resources *can be poor and backward* without the benefits of education.

Yes, the United States is a leader in the field of education too—but *for how long?* Appalling conditions prevail today in many of our schools.

Many of our most brilliant teachers are working against odds—crowded classrooms, shortages of equipment and textbooks, long hours.

You, and every United States citizen, may suffer from this situation, because it cannot help affecting our national prosperity.

WHAT TO DO?

Today—make it your business to take these two steps: **1.** Check up on educational conditions in your local schools; **2.** Work with civic groups and school boards seeking to improve teachers' working and living conditions. For only by *keeping* our educational standards high can we hold our place in the world—and assure a prosperous future for our children.



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