

it as a means of settling international disputes. We are by nature a peace-loving nation. We have no designs upon anyone, no dangerous ambitions, no mission on earth that needs to be carried at the point of the sword. In this sense we are pacifists. So was Thomas Jefferson a pacifist when he said: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." Jefferson was not war-mongering when he wrote that sentence. He was merely stating a realistic fact. He knew, as we are forced to admit today, that there will always be enemies of liberty and that men must sometimes die so that Mankind may live and be free. For Jefferson also said: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time."

Just as men will defend their lives, so they will defend their freedom.

And so this particular Memorial Day is different from those which have gone immediately before. With the skyline flaming and the Heavens sending forth thunder, we cannot afford to be complacent. No more can we be cynical about other nations who prepared for war while declaring a will for peace. The irony of that paradox is already too clear, now that we see the ruthless attacks become the order of the day. Neutrality is not enough.

We may well ask on this occasion: "How sleep the brave?" I think they sleep hardly at all in these times when all lovers of liberty should be awake to its peril. There is a vast difference between hysteria and vigilance. If we have either reverence or gratitude for those men to whom Memorial Day is dedicated, then we owe them the pledge of preparedness. We must not wait until the barbarian's torch is at our very temple door.

Our government has told us that measures for defense are now being made, but there are measures which every man and woman can make in his own heart. He and she can steel that heart with the fortitude which is ours by the law of inheritance. Just as our forefathers bequeathed us liberty, so they also bequeathed us the courage and the vigilance which is necessary to preserve it. On Memorial Day let us remember that.

We honor today the memory of the brave patriots who gave their lives for their Country. Our respect for their memory is not lessened by the passage of time since they fought and died for an ideal in government. Rather, our respect is increased as one year follows another because these recurring anniversaries reveal more and more clearly the immeasurable contribution which they made to safeguard the greatest Country under God's sun. Appreciating, as the present generation must, to a greater degree than ever before, the priceless possessions of liberty, of equality and of democracy, our gratitude to those who preserved it is undying.

But we cannot escape the conclusion that we will be untrue descendants to such patriots if we do not employ every proper means to safeguard the principles which they bequeathed to us. Those un-American agitators who would uproot the basic and fundamental American doctrines, have no place in the Country for which those patriots died. If they do not like the American Way of living and if they are out of sympathy with American ideals and principles, they should not remain here to live under a government to which they are opposed.

If they are out of step with the columns of supporters of American institutions and yet are unwilling to give place to those more worthy than themselves, they should be expelled from the Country and required to return to the land to which they prefer to give allegiance.