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One Nation, Indivisible!



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Mobile, Los Angeles, Beaumont, Detroit. These are the place names for defeat, as Tunisia, Munda, Sicily are names for victory.

We saw it happen here as it had happened in Hamburg, in Vienna, the Sudetenland and France. Fear stalked our streets and neighbors cowered in their homes. We heard the hideous laughter and the crack of clubs. When our dead were buried, the sickness of our shame lived on.

We saw it happen here and we remembered many things. Salem witch hunts and Elija Lovejoy, the fiery crosses burning on the hill, Scottsboro and East St. Louis. Remembering, we thought we saw a pattern. And some said, this is the pattern of America, this is not Hitler—this is US.

And in Berlin, Hitler was glad.

"It will be a simple matter for me to produce unrest and revolts in the U.S. so that these gentry will have their hands full with their own affairs. We have no use for them in Europe."—Adolph Hitler.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

"... recent outbreaks of violence in widely scattered parts of the country endanger our national unity and comfort our enemies. . . . I have asked the heads of several Government agencies, including the Attorney General, to give special attention to the problem."

VICE-PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE

"We cannot fight to crush Nazi brutality abroad and condone race riots at home. Those who fan the fires of racial clashes for the purpose of making political capital here at home are taking the first step toward Nazism."

WENDELL L. WILLKIE

"Our whole purpose today is, with our allies, to defeat fascism. But all the forces of fascism are not with our enemies...

"The desire to deprive some of our citizens of their rights—economic, civic or political, has the same basic motivation as actuates the fascist mind when it seeks to dominate whole people and whole nations."

LIFT UP YOUR HEAD, AMERICA! THAT WASN'T YOU, THAT STORM-TROOP MOB IN MOBILE, LOS ANGELES, BEAUMONT, DETROIT.

They lie who tell you America is the Jim-Crow car, the lynch rope and the Klan riding, the poll-tax, the signs that say GENTILES ONLY and MEXICANS AND NEGROES KEEP OUT. They lie who say anti-Semitism and race riots are American, like a baseball game.

AMERICA IS ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

America is the long road from 1776 to unconditional surrender. It's all the fighters for freedom along the way—George Washington, Crispus Attucks, Haym Solomon, Abe Lincoln, Colin Kelly, Dorie Miller, Meyer Levin.

That wasn't you, America, that evil thing that shamed your cities.

That was the enemy within your gates.

In 1776 it was he who whispered that the rabble at Valley Forge was more to be feared than the despot king. You called him Tory, then, and struck him down.

He was here again in Lincoln's time, saying: better that this nation perish from the earth than that the slaves go free. You called him Copperhead and beat him back.

Always in the hours of your greatest peril he has been here. And always, though he is strong, you have proved stronger.

He could not stay Washington at the Delaware, nor stop the Union Army at Gettysburg.

Shall he now hold you back from storming Fortress Europe?

The times that try men's souls have come again. The long road leads back to slavery. Or forward to the Century of the Common Man.

Which way for you?

One by one the nations divided against themselves have fallen like ripe plums to Hitler.

America, one nation indivisible, in your union is your strength.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY AND CALL HIM BY HIS NAME — BY HIS NAME HE SHALL BE CALLED TO JUSTICE:

Gerald L. K. Smith • Westbrook Pegler • Martin Dies • Charles Coughlin • John Rankin!

Call the 33 seditionists, indicted but not yet brought to trial. Call the Ku Klux Klan, the National Workers League, the Christian Front, the Black Legion, the defeatist press...

He is your enemy who keeps the Negro worker from producing to the limit, or who interrupts the flow of coal

and tanks and planes and guns to the battle front. He is your enemy who would divide the people from their Commander-in-Chief, the nation from its Allies. He who sows fear and hate between Negro and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant—he is your enemy.