

vidual countries alone but for the world and posterity?

After the defeat of Japan when the world can settle down to the ways of peace, the men and women who have fought for freedom can form, if they have the desire, the most powerful force in shaping the post-war life. Millions of servicemen and war workers have made substantial sacrifices in the service of their countries. Most have learned to place new values on various aspects of life. Most have learned a greater degree of tolerance, and understanding and gained a broader outlook than they had known in peace-time life. Most have learned to see the other man's point of view whether in domestic or international politics and economics. If they do not allow themselves to slip back into old ruts, they will continue in the post-war world to view more clearly the difficulties that confront the person across the street, across the border, across the sea—as the case may be. They must remain clear-eyed and clear-headed if they are to build well in the years ahead. No one can or should allow the other fellow to do the job of making the world a satisfactory place in which to live. Not all can be leaders. But it is not the leaders alone who can bring about the life man should lead. They are there to carry out the wishes of the people, to act at the dictates of the combined wisdom of the people.

Vast problems face the world. There is a continent to be rebuilt, millions of semi-starved people to be fed. There

are territorial disputes, racial hatreds, and trade problems to be overcome. A common understanding on political beliefs and ideologies has to be reached and a new basis of friendship among the nations achieved. The four freedoms must be assured for all mankind—freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion.

There is much to be done, and every person has a duty to himself and to his fellows. He must do his share in forming the peace. He must learn to think clearly, to sift in what he reads and hears the truth from the propaganda, and to appreciate the other man's rights and opinions. The world promises to be a people's world. The tendency in recent years in politics and economics is for more power and responsibility for the people. No greater task has ever confronted the world than the shaping of a lasting peace and the establishing of international concord. It is a task not for a few but for the people as a whole. It is a task for every soldier who returns to his country with the memory of death and devastation fresh in his mind. There must not be another world war. It was said in 1918 and the people failed to fulfill the vow. That is no reason why the people should fail again. There must not be another world war. Men and women must fight for victory in peace as they have fought for victory in war. The future of the world lies in the hands of the people, in particular the hands of the soldier and the war-worker.

