

## Morale

The United States is united once again. Except for definitely subversive elements all races, creeds, and political groups are whole heartedly behind the Army, the Navy, and the Government. Since a play whose first act is too good, this, while gratifying, is dangerous unless ~~the~~ statesmanship is evidenced in military quarters. ~~from the outset~~. Not since the inception of Selective Service has such an opportunity to build Americanism presented itself and failure to capitalize in this instance may prove the beginning of the end of this country.

(1) An information service of some character for soldiers - appeals to keep calm and not repeat gossip - tell them of the difficulty in getting accurate news and call on them to enforce among themselves tolerance and fair mindedness.

(2) Increase leaves of soldiers, particularly those who have been on long maneuver duty, and tell them they may have to return at anytime. Be sure not to recall people from these leaves unless there is something specific and out of the ordinary for them to do. Nothing is harder than doing nothing, or what appears to be nothing unless adequately explained.

(3) Keep things simple and direct. Try to inspire confidence, now lacking within and without both Army & Navy, that Red tape will be minimized and actions achieved. In my judgment the American people can be made effectively militant if leadership of this character is forthcoming, if not we will have a lot of trouble within as well as without. ~~Of course we will win the war but the cost~~ Too good a beginning has ruined many a play and in this case is something to seriously watch.

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