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THE INSIGNIA OF A COMMON FAITH
THAT WILL UNITE ALL AMERICANS

THE SEETHING currents of internal strife in America is gradually causing the awakening of a national conscience that holds the promise of a better day. As Americans we should readily accept our responsibilities, join in fighting for the cause of tolerant citizenship and tactfully prevail upon the intolerant fellow citizen to use his reason and combat the inflated and bolshevistic expressions of Americanism, in the same spirit that he opposes the importations of foreign brands of bolshevism. The point must be made clear that the domestic brand is of no lesser peril than the Russian brand. For that reason we should not be remiss in our vigilance to "nail" the false doctrines and keep unobstructed the road of citizenship so that a safe majority will always be able to pursue the right course. Today, as of yore, the insignia of church and religion, the faiths handed down to us through the centuries of races and nationalities, may be treasured as soul sustaining and appeasing forces in our lives. But we will only increase our love for these tokens of the inner life, if we tread the path of American citizenship, bearing no ill will toward anyone of a different belief.

Americans may hold in reverence the insignia of creed and religion, but they must recognize in common the ONE insignia above all others, the insignia of man's emancipation from serfdom to freedom, from subject to sovereign, from all bonds of autocracy to participation in the fine example of human brotherhood and fellowship that is enunciated in the principles of this republican democracy. This insignia and emblem, which represents the all-American proclamation of this greatest of all forces for human emancipation, is the STARS and STRIPES. It is the insignia of the faith of every American, who in humble appreciation for the grace of freedom worships God, according to the dictates of his conscience, at the shrine of sweet liberty.

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