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THE ROAD TO NATIONAL ONENESS  
THE PREVENTION OF CIVIC DECAY

THOSE AMERICANS who see symptoms of the nation's impending decay, have neither read nor studied the history of the world. National decay results not from greed and power alone, but vastly more from the people's apathy and indifference. A country whose citizens are inquiring why conditions exist is far from the brink of obliteration. A national conscience has been born. The cry is heard on every side that America must be made safe for her people and her perpetuation. In order to move safely toward the more concretely national objective, the first step is to make America **WHOLE**—in other words, fit into her very life every human being properly admitted who is subject to assimilation and eligible to citizenship. A people divided in language is necessarily divided in thought and action, in aspirations and purposes. Men may walk the same streets, trade at the same stores, work side by side, without acquiring the same national outlook, ideals and interests. Until they can speak a common language they remain divided. If this is considered by the majority of intelligent Americans the only effective method of attaining **NATIONAL ONENESS**, then we are now wasting energy and chiefly marking time.

Never before were the citizens of this land so greatly in need of unobstructed vision. If America is to attain her objective as a national structure, the ground must be leveled and the fences taken down. The solid walls of the sides and the rear must be fitted with windows—large and clear, to provide an unobstructed view for simultaneous observation on all sides, enabling corrective action against conceit, self-delusion, suspicion, jealousy, hate. An opening in the roof of the structure will give the eye spiritual vision and attune the soul to its creative genesis. Thus would we be nearing the desired goal: Unity among the people of America.

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