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Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 1941.

Our country has become, along with Great Britain, the last outpost of civilization. All that mankind has cherished of human freedom and dignity now depends upon the strength and the power of resistance, physical and spiritual, of these two peoples.

Every agency in our country which contributes towards the building up of morale, towards loyalty to the classic ideals of mankind, and faith in the ultimate triumph of that way of life which was proclaimed both by Judaism and Christianity, is a citadel and bulwark at this time. Especially those agencies which reach the youth of our nation and which mold their character and their aspirations.

It is the youth in so many countries of the Old World which have been so sadly misled and exploited by cunning and ruthless adventurers who incited them to hate, intolerance and militancy. Our youth must be differently led if they are to be saved and if our country is not to go the way of darkness and destruction. Among the most helpful, efficient and dependable agencies which work for the physical and moral health of our youth, and for sound American patriotism, has been for many years, and continues to be, the Young Men's Christian Association.

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