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WAR AND PEACE
Colonel Aubrey Hurren and Comrades on Furlough

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

We have one hundred and thirty million people under one government here in this land. We have the greatest natural resources of any country in the world. We have the greatest body of intellectual and productive resources of any country in the world. Measured by any of the known laws of Physics or Psychology, of Politics, of Dynamics, or of Destiny, we can decide this war. It might cost us a million lives or more to decide the war in favor of the English-speaking peoples of this planet. Is it worth the cost? Is it important enough for the world destiny that America, greatest English-speaking people upon the globe, should have this war and pay the cost of ending it?

Is there to be a world-nation or confederation? Will the genius of the English-speaking people best furnish the leading direction toward such a destiny? As we talk and talk and palaver about Defense, are we all trying to deceive each other and all of us failing in the attempt?

For each of us citizens of America there should be a decision upon these questions. Mine was made long ago. It was made by inheritance, by education, by experience in the hard school of life, by the aspirations I have learned and practiced. My mind is ready for America to act and decide this war.

— *Addison E. Sheldon*, in an address delivered November 28, 1940.