

5. Sabotage?

the war for them even when Hitler has gone down and Nazism is crushed and Japan returned to her isles again. The colored peoples know that for them the war for freedom may have to go on against the very white men at whose side they are now fighting.

In common sense, if for no other reason, the white peoples ought now to realize the truth, too—that war may not be ended for them either, when Nazism falls. They must face the question: will their colored allies then become their enemies? That they may be very terrible enemies is no idle threat. If the colored peoples fight with reservations in this present war against the Axis and if the white peoples fight with no reservations, the colored peoples will have the greater residue of strength. There may be no interval between this war and the next unless we give proof now of our sincerity.

End of Imperialism

We must realize, we citizens of the United States, and this whether Britain realizes it or not, that a world based on former principles of empire and imperial behavior is now impossible. It cannot exist. We must make clear our determination for real democracy for all peoples with mutual responsibility demanded of all to fulfill its conditions. Nor can we postpone such decision for democracy by saying, "Let's win this war first." We cannot even win this war without convincing our colored allies—who are most of our allies—that we are not fighting for ourselves as continuing superior over colored peoples. The deep patience of colored peoples is at an end. Everywhere among them there is the