

istrants and give them a fine program of physical training. The college should take the initiative in this, get these registrants in and build up the hollow-chested fellows of whom I have seen so many. We should give them a social chance to have some fun out of it by playing games with the others; but most of all we should correct the weakness of America before it is too late, because it is a glaring weakness.

How will you do that, you say. You may have seniors who are majoring in physical education. Put them at this task of training these outside groups, using the gymnasium when you are not using it in your regular program and the swimming pool and the fieldhouse and the other facilities. That is a great challenge. You say, "Oh, we are terribly busy in our athletic department." Well, men, in a democratic form of government, national defense shouldn't be merely the responsibility and the privilege of the boys of the nation, those boys who haven't a vote as to whether they should go to war or not. In a democracy everyone should make his sacrifice for national unity and national strength. There is your job and there is my job.

Think of it! Nearly one thousand colleges in the United States whose gymnasiums are not used all the time. Think of the tens of thousands of high schools, of the athletic plants of athletic clubs, and you have the answer to the question of physical fitness, if you have a devoted citizenry among the men who are the leaders of the athletics.

I am here this morning to appeal to you to carry the college athletic program off the campus into the community, not for Old Siwash, or whatever institution you are connected with, but for the United States of America at a time of great need.

I watched from my office in Harrisburg what happened on the 16th of October. Hitler was watching; Mussolini was watching; Stalin was watching—and they hoped that day there would be draft riots as there were at the time of the Civil War; they hoped that there would be grumbling about it as there had been on other similar occasions. There wasn't anything of that kind. A hundred and thirty million people gave the finest that they had—the youth of this country—to aid America in her defense through the medium of registration. Unity was never more needed; unity was never more shown than on that day.

But, men, today we have a much more serious problem than mere registration. You heard the President last night, and you know that war may be nearer than we think, although we still hope to avoid it. But whether that is true or not, we have an opportunity of training today the youth of America as we haven't had the opportunity in the life of