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## The Will To Win

President Roosevelt, Donald Nelson, Leon Henderson,
Joseph Grew and others have told us recently that the
United States is falling down on its job as the arsenal of democracy.
democracy.
That fact is beyond dispute. But perhaps the time has
come to say something on behalf cf us men in the street, us mechanics and artisans and clerks and taxpayers and We are at fault, but we're not alone. We want to win,
but we do not have the aggressive will to win; and one
reason is that the men at the top do not display that will From Washington, starting with the President and Working down, we hear a lot of talk about getting tough,
and sacrificing willingly, and giving everything that we possess to beat totalitarianism. All right, we're ready to get tough. We're prepared
sacrifice without a whimper. We will give our all. Now what?
Shall we sit around some more while the politicians de-
cide whether they dare risk votes by antagonizing a few
labor middlemen who misrepresent the rank and file of
workers? Must we continue to wait until politicians weigh the
dangers of ignoring a few professional "farm spokesmen" Who is it that hangs onto the 40 -hour week complex, at
a time when the President says we are only at half pro-
duction and when Donald Nelson says we are losing the War?
Were not very good at organizing scrap drives, to keep
the steel mills going. We pay a lot of men a lot of money to do such things for us- to take the lead, tell us indidvi-
duals what to do and how to do it. Are we solely at fault because our hired men in Washingto
job of organization that is needed?
We've been careless about rubber. heard so many conflicting stories we couldn't believe any-
thing we heard. Now the Baruch committee has made official what any
good newspaper reporter could have discovered, given KTow and did say.
Must we have another Baruch committee to verify that Whe are losing the war, before Washington will go to work
and lead us to victory?
Sure. Pan us civilian laymen. Needle us to the limit. Tell us the truth, that we can't win the way we are going.
But give us leadership - courageous, self-sacrificing, non-political inspiration and direction and instruct
and we'll show the will to win.

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