

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
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YOUNG PEOPLE OF AMERICA:

The future of American aviation rests with you, the youth of America. All of us who had to do with the building of the great Army Air Forces that cleared its enemies from the sky have known for years that the domain of the air is preeminently for the young.

Never was aviation's need for healthy, alert youth made clearer than during the past war. Then the need became the need of our Country for if we were to be victorious we had to have forces in the air superior to anything the enemy could send up. The need was for superiority in planes and equipment but above all superiority in man.

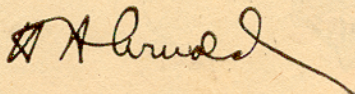
We got that superiority - in planes and equipment, and in man. From farms and from cities, from schools and from jobs came our young men and young women, to plan and build and fly and maintain the mighty air forces that brought us victory. The victory that justified the faith we all had in American youth and air power.

Now we have turned into a time of peace, which I hope will be time without end. The rewards of peace are ever greater than the rewards of war. Peacetime aviation lies ahead, promising a rich harvest of opportunity and satisfying experience for air-minded youth and providing also the training ground, the know-how and experience for time of emergency.

For her future security America needs a thriving peacetime aviation industry and a great commercial aviation. She needs intense public interest and support of aviation. She needs thinking and planning and scientific research. She needs healthy young men and women, healthy mentally, spiritually and physically. She needs all these things to support and sustain her military air forces.

Once again America expects to find her strength in her youth. She looks to you for the best pilots on earth, for the best navigators, the best radio operators, the best mechanics, the best radar experts, the best designers, the best scientists, the best of every person who helps make up the big family of the air.

America puts her faith in you. Tomorrow the air will be yours. I know you will treat your heritage wisely and well.



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