

"U BEFORE V" SUPPORTED BY NOTED AUTHOR

He Writes Interestingly of
Idea Put Forward By
Imperial Wizard.

Frank Colby, author of "Take my Word for It", writing under date of December 12th, proposes that "U FOR UNITY" be adopted as the Victory symbol of the United States for the war. This will be pleasing to millions of Klanspeople who recall that the Ku Klux Klan first advanced the use of the letter "U" in connection with Victory in the war.

It was on September 10th, 1941, that the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan caused the nation to become suddenly conscious of the use of this letter. On that date the country awoke to find red, white and blue stickers everywhere with a big U Before V on them and at the top the United States flag and at the bottom in small type the post office box number of the Klan. Newspapers printed news stories telling of the Klan's program.

Even that far back, nearly three months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Ku Klux Klan leader, having long realized the necessity of a united nation to win the war, stickered and put into effect the sticker idea which swept the country and suddenly started people talking about UNITY BEFORE VICTORY.

Pleasing to Klanspeople

Now comes Mr. Colby with the suggestion that "U FOR UNITY" be adopted as a national symbol for the duration of the war. This is pleasing to the Klan and would prove most beneficial to the welfare and safety of the country as a whole.

Writing in an Ohio newspaper, Mr. Colby says:

"In proposing the adoption of "U for UNITY" as the symbol of the United States in the war that has been forced upon us by the infamous Nipponese, I do so, not with the thought of detracting from England's "V for VICTORY" campaign, but to amplify and strengthen it by emphasizing that,

As a matter of fact, the selection of "U" as the American symbol is particularly apt, for, originally, the letters "U" and "V" were considered to be one and the same. And today, surely, American UNITY will insure ultimate VICTORY.

Moreover, the word UNION and its derivatives have ever been woven into the tapestry of America's noblest traditions. On June 7, 1776, R. H. Lee of Virginia placed before the congress a resolution declaring that "these United Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states." This Declaration of Independence was adopted July 4, 1776. It ends with the words: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred Honor." And thus the United Colonies became the United States of America.

Shortly thereafter, the Continental Congress instructed President Washington to adopt a national seal, and E PLURIBUS UNUM (One Composed of Many) was the motto selected for the new Republic.

On September 17, 1787, the 12 states approved and adopted the Constitution of the United States "in order to form a more perfect UNION, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and insure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The ideal of UNITY was always uppermost in the hearts of
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America's patriots. It inspired the pen of Thomas Jefferson when he drafted the Constitution. It was Daniel Webster's guiding principle: "Our country, one constitution, one destiny." "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable." "Thank God! I—I also am an American!" It was Andrew Jackson's watchword: "Our Federal Union: it must be preserved." It welled from the anguished heart of Abraham Lincoln in the black days of the War Between the States: "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the UNION."

And now that we are at war with the forces of evil, let us adopt "U" as the symbol of our still invincible UNITY—our still indivisible ONENESS.

In the bloodstream of America flows the blood of every nation in the world. But our peoples are not divided into blocs of different nationalities, religions, and political beliefs. No; this UNITED nation stands before the world as a promise to all mankind that racial and religious hatreds are unnatural, inhuman, and manufactured by those arch criminals who have climbed to power over the ravaged bodies of the peoples they have slaughtered.



"U for UNITY" will say to the world: "Live! Hope! Pray! You shall be delivered from degradation and slavery. You shall be clothed and fed and ministered to. We Americans, your kinsmen, are UNITED for war, UNITED for victory, UNITED for world peace, UNITED that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth!"

A song for our banner! The Watchword recall

Which gave the Republic her station:

"United we stand, divided we fall!" It made and preserves us a nation. The union of lakes, the union of lands,

The union of States none can sever.

The union of hearts, the union of hands,

And the flag of our Union forever!

—George Pope Morris.

So, let's go, America! "U for UNITY." for UNITY MEANS VICTORY!