

## The Political Mill

England's Experience in Moral Rearmament  
Contains Lesson in National Unity for U. S.

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Moral rearmament has ceased to be a mere figure of speech in England. The gallantry of the British people, in the face of the most severe bombings ever directed against any nation, is more than sufficient testimony. With moral rearmament has come national unity.

The story of this achievement is told in 10 short tales by Daphne du Maurier, author of "Rebecca," put together in one little volume, of which more than 600,000 have been distributed in England. The first American edition was published here yesterday.

These are the stories of ordinary folk, the miner, the shopkeeper, the charwoman, the physician, the typist, the women who are behind every man who goes down to the sea in ships, and every man who has his place in the army. They tell of forgetfulness of self and selfish interests, of a rebirth of moral strength and character which, if it persist, should help to make a better world when armed conflict is over.

Miss du Maurier has gone back 300 years for the title of her book, to the days of John Bunyan and of civil war in England itself, when Bunyan wrote:

"Who would true valor see  
Let him come hither,  
One here will constant be  
Come wind, come weather—."



### Has Message for Americans

And so "Come Wind, Come Weather" is the appropriate name selected. Speaking of the book, Miss du Maurier said: "In the winter (of 1940) I wondered what I could do in the way of war service. This book is the result." It has been used to help build the very morale of which it speaks. It has spread the word of courage and selflessness. It has, distinctly, its message for the people of America today, who are not at war but who are engaged in a great effort for national defense and for whom the lesson of sacrifice is just beginning. Indeed, Miss du Maurier has included "A Word to America" in this new edition.

In this foreword, Miss du Maurier, pointing to the horror of air attack, with its numerous dead, its homeless victims and its orphans, says: "In spite of these things we are standing firm. The spirit of the British people is rising triumphant, the old lazy, go-as-you-please, every-man-for-himself attitude is becoming a thing of the past, and from this testing time of tribulation we shall arise \* \* \* We believe that side by side with this war in Europe we are fighting another battle. The battle against human selfishness. When that battle has been won, we can look with confidence to the future and to a new world order, founded not on rivalry and greed, not on national interests alone, but on unity, co-operation and unselfishness. You men and women of America may never be involved in the war in Europe, but the battle against human selfishness is one that cannot pass you by. \* \* \* In your country there are many replicas of the men and women in this little book. You will find them among the pioneers of the New America you are going to build—."

These stories—true stories—which Miss du Maurier has written down are not of the battle front. They are the struggles which take place behind the lines, in the hearts of men and women. Upon the outcome of those struggles depends the integrity of the home front. If the home front crumbles, it matters little in the end, what happens on the battle line.

### Answers Make for National Unity

Miss du Maurier says: "We cannot all be soldiers. We cannot all keep watch upon the seas, or fight to freedom in the skies. Many of us are very ordinary men and women, timid of heart, selfish of interest, clinging to habits and customs that are not easy to throw away. Other people are to blame, we say. 'The government has got us into this—! Those Allies have let us down.' \* \* \*



Yet think a moment of the real cause of failure, in war or in peace. Is it not always, in every walk of life, amongst the rich and the poor, because we put 'self' first?"

These stories of the British men and women back of the lines point up and give the answer to the questions of many American men and women who today are asking what part they may play in bringing

strength to this country. These answers make for national unity and for national morale, through the increased morale of the individual. They give the answers to employers and workers alike. As Miss du Maurier points out, "A house divided against itself cannot stand"—which the world was told 2,000 years ago.

Today there is a need for unity in America. The demand for moral rearmament is being made in all parts of the country. It has been voiced by many leaders in all walks of life—from President Roosevelt down the list. Miss du Maurier expresses her thanks to all the workers for moral rearmament, and especially to Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman. What they are doing up and down the country—she was referring particularly to England—in helping men and women to solve their problems and prepare for what lies ahead, Miss du Maurier says, will be of national importance in days to come.