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**OUR AMERICA: BY DR. RUTH ALEXANDER**

# Our Heroic Spies

The American people should get on their knees and thank God for those heroic men who spy for us.

Anyone who pretends to be shocked that we spy, and are senselessly spied upon, is a hypocrite, a liar or a fool.

If we continue to call spying a "dirty" business and apologize for it as a profession no pure and plucky American would engage in, we will soon be unable to attract men and women of high intelligence, infinite resourcefulness and monumental courage to work for us.

Without round-the-clock investigation and surveillance of what our "friends" and enemies are up to, we would be in the soup within 24 hours.

Spying is the most ancient and honorable means of serving one's country. Ancient because it has existed since the dawn of history in one guise or another. Honorable for the precise reason that its servants are without honor in the public mind and live wholly in the shadow and strain of secrecy or die in

the gutter undefended and unclaimed by the country they serve so nobly.

The very essence of the investigation and gathering of information on the international level, sometimes called "intelligence," is secrecy.

Britain is the master of secrecy and official denial. Her agents kept the empire intact for centuries until internal socialist pressures fragmented it "in keeping with the times."

We began spying in earnest with our British-manuevered entrance into World War I. Since its continuance as World War II, we have depended for survival on the investigative information gathered by our Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is high time that we grew up and learned that spying is here to stay and that spies are our most indispensable civil servants on whom our survival depends and to whom homage should be paid.

Wreaths are laid with solemn ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. But the unknown spy is honored only in the eyes of that God in whom we trust.