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## UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION

### TO THE GOLFERS OF AMERICA:

In our enthusiasm to be patriotic, or in a state of suspense caused by gasoline rationing, some of us have been tempted to give up golf.

As to gasoline and golf, the situation is not clear. Frankly, the USGA has no rabbits to pull out of the hat. We can only await developments.

But as to patriotism and golf, our Government has a war-time program of encouraging us to be in shape. Paul V. McNutt has said: "The importance of Physical Fitness in this great emergency cannot be overemphasized, but the objective of our program cannot be realized unless every individual in each community is made conscious of the value of physical well-being."

Golf chimes in with this. You know what a tonic golf can be. And golf stands for sportsmanship, fair play.

Health and high morale are not luxuries. If it is patriotic to be fit physically, mentally and spiritually, it is patriotic to play golf, **as long as we help and not hinder the war effort.**

So let's keep golf going at our home courses, even though we'll have to sacrifice

niceties and some of our comforts and service.

Probably you'll want to play golf after the war. But will there be a course to play on? By supporting your Club now, you'll help to insure its continuance. If you give it up now, you may be doing a disservice and may have to pay more dearly later, in many ways. If your Club folds up, there are still taxes on its property to pay; and if these are not paid, the property may be sold for taxes. In view of the building restrictions, golf property has no ready market where it could realize anything approaching its value in peacetime—so why sacrifice it?

The USGA commends this to your attention. This is a non-profit organization, composed of your Club and hundreds of others. We officers serve just for love of the game; we aren't paid and, in fact, we pay our own expenses. We have no axe to grind. Our interest is in the best interest of the Nation and golf's continued contribution to it.

You supported your Club in the normally "good" times. Now, please, "keep 'em swinging!"

GEORGE W. BLOSSOM, JR.  
President.

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### Purdue's Two-Day Short Course Begins February 15

FIFTH annual two-day short course for greenkeepers will be held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., from 1 p. m Feb. 15 through Feb. 16. Indiana Greenkeepers Assn. is sponsoring the course in cooperation with the university. A fee of \$2.50 covers all costs of the conference.

Included on the program are talks by Dr. Geo. D. Scarseth and Prof. Glen Lehker on soils and fertilizers; Prof. G. O. Mott on grasses and fairways; and O. C. Lee, botanist and Carl Brezloff, greenkeeper, on general maintenance problems. A dinner meeting has been scheduled for the evening of Feb. 15, at which Herb Graffis, editor of GOLFDOM, will be speaker.

For additional information on this two-day conference, write M. L. Clevett, Purdue Field House, West Lafayette, Ind.

Signals Mixed.—An Associated Press sports column written by Hugh Fullerton, jr., says "members of the Mid-At-

lantic Greenkeepers' Assn. recently were urged to "coax members" to turn golf "courses into huge gardens." Several newspapers headed the column to the effect "Urge Links Be War Gardens." This was jumping to the wrong conclusion. What the Mid-Atlantic greenkeepers did consider was not a switch of entire course areas but operation of Victory Gardens by members on the clubs' unused acreage, with members and course maintenance labor both tending the Victory plots.

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Harlow's Sons in Service.—Bob Harlow, formerly Hagen's manager and PGA tournament bureau mgr., and now Associated Press sports radio chief at New York has three good reasons for watching the war news closely. For some time all his boys have been with the armed forces. His son Harrington, a lieutenant, is with a bomber crew in the south Pacific; another son, Robert E., jr., whose paintings have been hung at foremost art shows, is in air force training in North Carolina; and his stepson, Eldon, is with a signal corps outfit.