

February 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Carter:

The following was sent to me on Lincoln's
Birthday:

"Abraham Lincoln said:

"Prosperity is the fruit of labor; prosperity
is desirable; is a positive good in the world.
That some should be rich shows that others may
become rich, and hence is just encouragement
to industry and enterprise....."

"Let not him who is homeless pull down the
house of another, but let him labor diligently
to build one for himself, thus by example
assuring that his own shall be safe from
violence.....I take it that it is best for
all to leave each man free to acquire
property as fast as he can. Some will get
wealthy. I don't believe in a law to prevent
a man from getting rich; it would do more
harm than good."

VICTOR EMANUEL

