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BONDS INSURE NATION'S WEALTH

Calling for unabated war bond purchases, Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, declares that the speed of our advances in the European and Pacific war theaters has imposed a heavy strain upon reserves of certain vital supplies. He warns that unless some production deficiencies are wiped out, the tempo of our Pacific operations will be slowed down.

The Admiral was speaking on the occasion of the inauguration of a national drive to sell \$14,000,000,000 worth of war bonds. He admitted that the war is "well ahead" of last year's expectations, but pointed out that accelerated operations have created new production problems for the Navy. He expressed confidence that the progress that has been made will not sap the nation's determination to carry on with every means that can be mustered.

No American, who is able to understand what is taking place in Europe and in the Pacific can fail to appreciate the magnitude of the war effort in which this nation is engaged. Only the military and naval experts, cognizant of the demands of modern warfare, can estimate the enormous amount of material required to conduct successful offensive operations. Ordinary Americans, however, ought to be able to understand and appreciate the policy of our war leaders, who seek, without equivocation, to save lives by the lavish use of material and ammunition.

We would not attempt to convince our readers that a failure to buy a war bond will mean the lack of guns, planes, tanks or ammunition. On the contrary, we are firmly convinced that the Government will make it certain that our fighting men have what they need to do their job. We would say, however, without fear of contradiction, that a nation at war must have unlimited financial support from its people if it is to continue to make a supreme, beligerent effort.

A Government of a country, like a private citizen, must pay for what it buys. Obviously, there is a possibility that a modern government, facing a tremendous war, might run out of cash. This would be true of the United States, like other nations, if it were not for the loyal support of the people who, with the Government, have determined that our fighting men shall not suffer because of a lack of weapons and supplies.

It is worth noting that the nation does not attempt to make people at home pay for the protection that fighting men give to their property. No general levy upon wealth is under consideration, although, obviously, the greater the individual's wealth, the greater is the protection enjoyed and the greater the benefits that will accrue from a successful war.

Certainly, if either Germany or Japan conquers the United States, the wealth of the nation will be confiscated and, in plain language, this means the wealth of individuals.

The United States asks its people to lend their money at a fair rate of interest. Under the Selective Service Law, men are drafted from peace-time lives, trained in the art of warfare and compelled to risk their lives in defense of the nation and its people. To finance the war, however, the Government does not draft capital. It only asks that those who are able, lend some of their money, to be repaid with interest. Compared to lives lost, the capital loaned to the Government is nothing.

We urge all readers to make a prompt response to the Sixth War Loan appeal. The word must go out to the world that this nation is in earnest in its wars, that its people are supporting their fighting men

and that every American who risks his life in battle has been given all that money can buy to strengthen him in combat.

UNSELFISH LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL

Speaking in a neighboring state, Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, Vice-President of the Brookings Institute, urged the people "who have accumulated a tremendous backlog of war-time savings" to use it as capital to expand the businesses in their states after the war.

This is good advice and very timely in view of the fact that, under the impetus of war, abundant capital exists in most states to finance needed business expansion.

Accumulated savings, however, are not the only assets that a state needs to expand its businesses. There is required, in addition, the leadership of unselfish and far-seeing men, willing to make some contribution to the growth and progress of their commonwealth.

We do not think that there can be any argument as to the fact that tremendous savings have been accumulated by the people of most American states. Just how this financial asset should be used is a problem but we are quite safe in predicting that the state which exhibits the most unselfish leadership will be the state to make the greatest industrial progress in the United States in the next decade.

Dr. Nourse predicts that goods to be produced after the war will provide the basis for the highest standard of living in history. He asserts that the aim of the industrialists should be to produce goods to be sold at the lowest price possible, while, at the same time, providing the highest possible number of jobs. He plainly suggests that manufacturers and industrialists, if they want to retain current prosperity, should make it their first business to see that goods are sold as cheaply as possible, to increase demands, and that full employment provide the diversified income that makes a market for manufactured goods.

CHRISTMAS SEALS NEEDED

Christmas Seal time is here again. This heartwarming practice of buying cheery little seals to help combat tuberculosis, began just 40 years ago and has since become a worldwide tradition. The Christmas Seals are sold in 46 countries. This year, as usual, they make their appearance. In a war-torn world they are reassuring reminders that we live in a civilized world after all and humanity has a streak of goodness in it will not be put down.

This year, as never before, the Christmas Seals are needed. Tuberculosis is on the increase. The steady progress of medical science in the treatment of the disease has not been sufficient to stem the debilitating inroads of war. Our crowded war production centers, overwork and nervous exhaustion have been an open invitation to tuberculosis. The great tragedy is that too many don't realize it when the unwelcome guest has found its way into their homes.

Yes, the Christmas Seal has new significance this year. It is one means by which all of us can take part in the fight against the renewed threat of man's ancient enemy—the white plague.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND GET TOGETHER

Back of the friendly meeting between Prime Minister Winston Churchill and General Charles de Gaulle, which took place recently in Paris, is the undoubted desire of both leaders to reestablish the intimate relationship that existed between these countries prior to the Second World War.

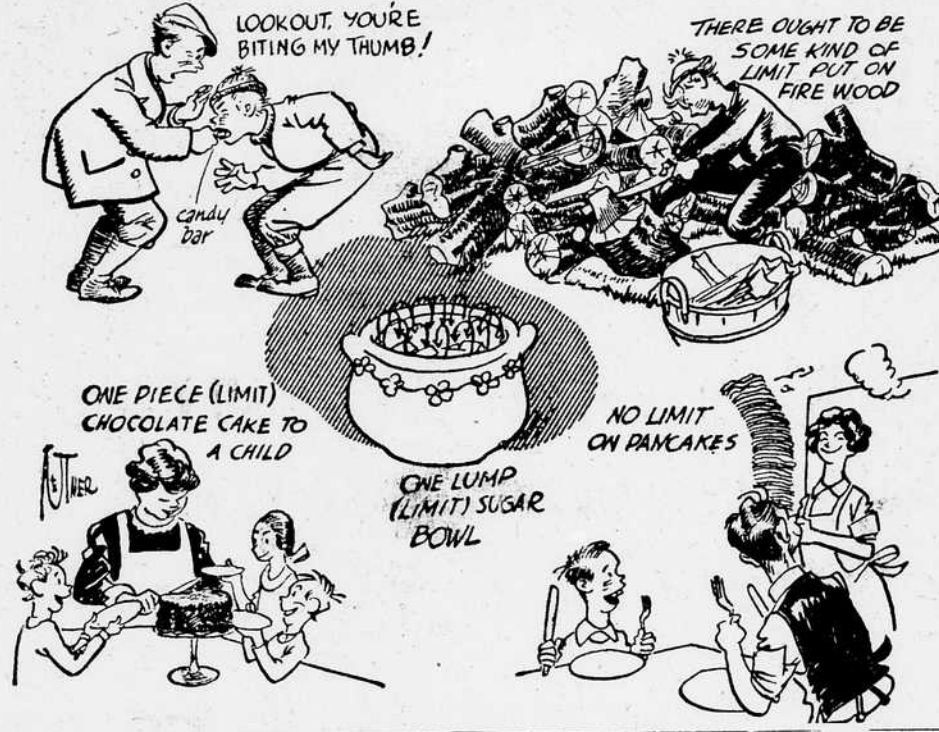
It does not take much intelligence for the British or the French to understand that, alone, neither is sufficiently strong to withstand a re-armed and re-vitalized Germany. The pressure of German militarism forced the English and the French together and it may be assumed that the same peril will accomplish the same result in future years.

This is the logic behind the determination of both leaders to create a powerful and well-equipped French army, together with an adequate air force and a substantial navy. The power of the French people is necessary to maintain the balanced defense of the two Western powers against the mass of Teutons that has been organized into the Germany Reich.

The Great British leader, speaking to the French people, stressed the necessity for unity above all else. He urged France to take her place among the other great powers in order to defeat Germany but also to "help protect us from a repetition of German aggression."

The war will not end for front-line fighters until it ends; no home-front optimism reduces the peril that soldiers face in battle zones.

Rationing At Home



STATE URGENTLY IN NEED OF MORE DOCTORS AND MORE HOSPITALS

One of the most important matters facing the next General Assembly is the Governor's proposed State-Wide Program of Hospital and Medical Care for ALL the people of our State.

Professional men, labor, farm, and medical leaders all agree that this movement for good health will be just as important to the public as our previous movements for good roads and good schools.

The major questions are how it will be worked out and financed. Our county and town have a vital stake in these matters, and our readers need to be informed, so they may make their wishes known to their Legislators.

With this purpose, The Progress is inaugurating this series of short articles on the major phases of the plan by various State authorities.

The following is by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer and Secretary of the Governor's Commission on Hospital and Medical Care.

The citizen's first and most natural questions are: What is the need for this proposed State-wide program of hospital and medical care? And what will it mean to you and me and to the general public?

All right, let's begin right at home and look at your own case first.

Suppose your child is lying critically ill. If you have the money and you live close to a good doctor, hospital, and drug store, that is fine. Millions of our people are not so fortunate, and you may be in the same boat some day.

Now suppose you live in one of our 34 counties without a single hospital bed? Or your doctor has gone off to war? Or you are temporarily out of a job and funds? How would you feel then?

These are neither occasional nor scattered examples. They are stark realities every day to thousands of good Tar Heel citizens.

The plain truth of the matter is that North Carolina is desperately in need of more doctors, more hospitals, and more insurance.

We like to think of our State as 1st in tobacco, 1st in cotton mills, 3rd in federal taxes, 11th in population, or always right up at the top.

But how many of our citizens realize that we rank exactly 45th among the states in number of doctors and 42nd in number of hospitals per 1,000 people. No wonder we are 41st in maternal and 39th in infant deaths!

The accepted formula is that there should be one doctor for each 1,000 people. But North Carolina has 1 doctor for each 1,554. Rural North Carolina has 1 doctor for each 3,613. And the colored race has one doctor for each 6,916!

The distribution of physicians is also poor. Many rural people live from 10 to 20 miles from a doctor. Fifty-five per cent of the state is more than five miles from a physician.

Again, the minimum approved standard is 4 hospital beds per 1,000 people. The figures for the white race are 1.59 in the East and 2.43 in the West. Those for the colored are .92 and 2.38. And 34 counties in the state do not have a single hos-

pital bed!

Our hospital savings and insurance plans, despite their recent growth, still cover only 12 or 14 per cent of our people, and there is an urgent need to extend some such prepayment plan to the masses, and particularly the farmers.

Other pressing needs which will be taken up later include: A 4-year State Medical School and Hospital; new regional and added county hospitals; rural clinics and health centers; extensions of school and public health work.

Yes, the needs are clear and undisputed. The next topic is what is this State's proposed plan or solution, and that will come in next week's article.

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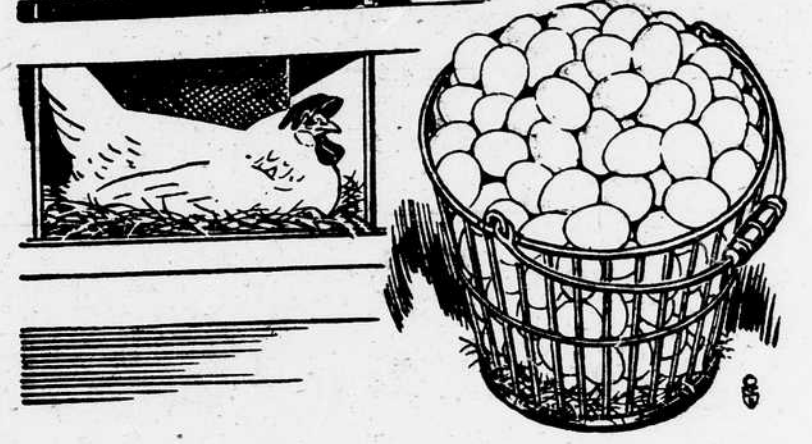
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ember, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of November, 1944.

MRS. JEMINA M. NORWOOD,
Administratrix of the Estate of Charles L. Norwood, deceased.



IT'S OUR ARMY..
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Back up the Boys! BUY ANOTHER BOND IN THE 6th WAR LOAN!

It's not over, over there—not by a long shot!

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