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SECURITY VIA WAR BONDS

The purchase of a War Bond does not establish the patriotism of any citizen of Duplin County but failure to participate in the Fifth War Bond Drive, when financially able to buy a bond, certainly suggests a lack of loyalty.

It would not be essentially wrong for the nation to insist that the owners of capital make a direct contribution to the cost of the war, especially when we know that capital reserves of all kinds would become worthless in the event that our enemies triumph. A man worth \$1,000,000 stands to lose ten times as much as a man worth \$100,000 in the unlikely event of our defeat.

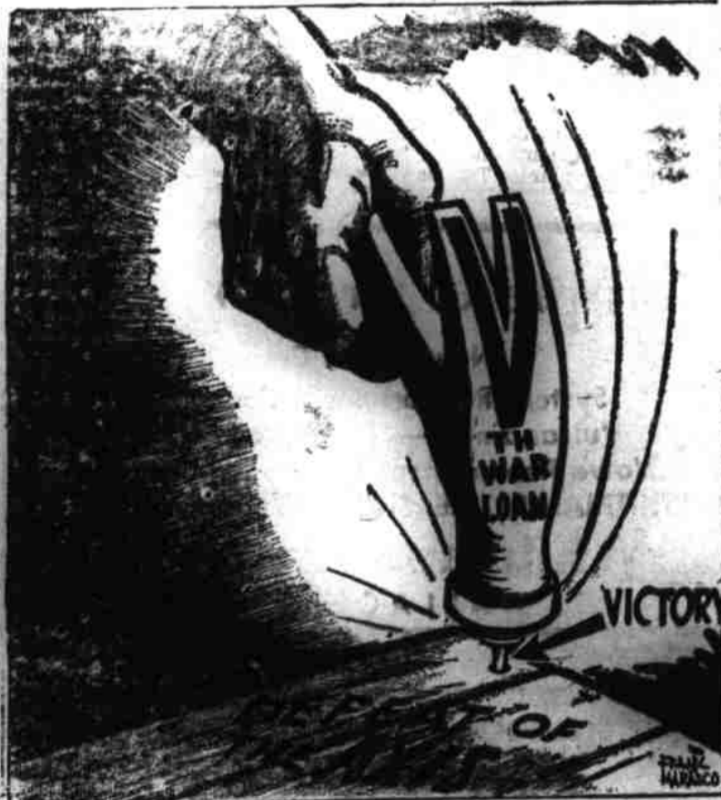
The government, however, does not ask its people, whether capitalists or wage-earners, to give any part of their protected property. Instead, it seeks a loan, promising to pay reasonable interest for all money that is borrowed. To permit us to guarantee the safety of our stake in American capitalism, without exacting a toll, represents a distinct bargain to those who possess anything.

Nations have financed wars by the process of confiscation, either of the goods of an enemy people or of their own nationals. Germany has ruthlessly exploited conquered peoples in order to secure necessary materials and the Nazi regime has been high-handed in regard to its own citizens.

The Russians have managed to wage a remarkable war without stupendous borrowings. It would be possible for the United States to seize any property necessary to war-making and to confiscate plants and capital in order to successfully defend this country.

The fact that the nation seeks to borrow from its people and assumes the tremendous burden of interest that inevitably follows is substantial insurance for the continued existence of our capitalistic system.

V DAY DRIVE TO VICTORY



By Frank Marasco—Milwaukee Sentinel

Fishing's a Merale Builder, too!

Willie Wells was always fond of fishing. Now he writes from somewhere overseas...

"There's a song the fellows sing, goes 'Praise the Lord, we ain't a-goin' fishin'—and I guess it's so. But you know, dad, sometimes I sure wish I were back fishing for trout in Edward's Creek again."

And I guess that's the way all our soldiers feel. They're fighting a war—and they mean to fight it to a finish—till they can come home to the little pleasures that they've missed so much—the sweet feel of a trout rod...

much—the sweet feel of a trout rod... a pleasant glass of beer with friends... the smell of Mom's fresh baking from the kitchen...

From where I sit, we folks at home have an important obligation—to keep intact the little things that they look forward to... from the trout rod waiting in the corner to the beer that's cooling in the ice box. Don't you agree?

Joe Marsh

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THE WORLD HAS NEVER WITNESSED WAR MAKING TO EQUAL PRESENT EFFORT OF THE U. S.

BY HUGO S. SIMES. The sweep and scope of the wars in which this nation is engaged represent the most stupendous martial enterprise in the history of the world. Not only have we thrown immense forces against Germany but we are pushing a relentless offensive against Japan.

The statement does not convey the full magnitude of our effort which began with miraculous production, was furthered by long lines of transport over distant seas and now culminates in decisive punches, delivered many thousands of miles from their continental origin.

Sober Calculation Presents the Accomplishment of Seemingly Impossible Tasks. What has been done in the production of war material has not been equalled in the world before. No nation has ever mastered the difficulties of distance by such marvels of transportation and the construction of base facilities. We doubt if any other country has exceeded us in the mobilization and training of fighting men.

This splendid record, however, is not enough to win the war. It must be topped off by fighting skill, requiring intelligence and courage on the part of the soldiers, sailors and airmen. Everywhere our fighting men have demonstrated they have what it takes and, consequently, everywhere, the war goes well with our side.

Germany To Be Crushed. While the capture of Cherbourg represents only a phase of our preparation for a more vigorous application of force against Germany, now a besieged nation, utterly surrounded by powerful combatant forces.

Long Battle-Front Nearly 10,000 Miles Which Germany Must Hold or Suffer Defeat. It is the line is already crumbling in Italy, in the Balkans, in Russia and, now, even in France. While Germany has exerted her full strength in combat the United Nations are just beginning to bring up their reserves.

At bay on land, helpless at sea and battered unmercifully from the air the "master race" bitterly fights to delay its inevitable doom. Hitler and his associates know that the stage is being set for the largest and most powerful attack ever delivered against one country. It will come from three sides, and possibly from all four, and from the skies as well. Facing this peril, the Reich, blockaded at sea, cannot secure vitally needed raw materials to carry on.

The United States is carrying on a powerful offensive in the distant waters of the Pacific, where Japan, like Germany, finds her front gradually contracting and threatening to strangle her as it gets nearer her very throat.

The Attack upon Japan, 1800 miles from Tokyo, demonstrates the striking power of our fleet. Capture of the island air-bases our B-29 bombers with an opportunity, in time, to deliver multiplied bomb loads upon Japanese industries.

Back of the present position of our Navy in its war against Japan is a long oceanic line of supply, over which men and supplies have been pouring many months. As islands were captured construction crews created necessary fleet facilities, so that ships and aircraft could operate against the enemy. At home new warships were rushed to completion and today, the Pacific is rapidly becoming under American control.

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Washington Digest. Wallace Visit Improves Sino-American Relations. Chinese Officials Build Hopes on Vice President's Trip; True Economic Plight of Country Known Only Recently.

By BAUKHAGE, News Analyst and Commentator. WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Ever since the day when America as a nation was just a little over eight years old, and the first Yankee merchantman, flying the brand new stars and stripes, was welcomed in Canton harbor, the story of Chinese-American relations has been the story of a long and beautiful friendship.

Recently, however, there has been considerable concern among the friends of China in Washington over the growing strain in those relations which seemed gradually to be reaching a dangerous tension after seven years of war in which China has looked vainly to America for the aid that was not forthcoming.

Now, two things have happened which have considerably eased the strain, and these two nations who need each other so much and between whom such a reservoir of good will, as Wilkie called it, has been built up, are both breathing easier.

One thing is the turn of the tide of battle in Burma for which much of the credit may be given to "Uncle Joe" Stilwell as leader of the Chinese-American forces. The other is the visit of Vice President Wallace to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Today, Chinese officials are building high hopes on that visit. They believe that when the vice president returns, he will be able to stimulate an understanding in America of what they consider China's greatest affliction—economic chaos.

Nobody claims that China's troubles are limited to her economic situation. Some observers would put even the war, which is bad enough, second to political disintegration which has only been prevented from outbreak by an iron hand. But the thing that the Chinese government thinks would do the most good right now is consumer goods: medical supplies and essential chemicals first; then probably clothing next and on down the line, including all the things one needs to carry on civilized existence in its simplest way.

The Chinese don't quite agree with the way we use inflation to describe their internal situation although printing press money has been put into circulation to the tune of millions of dollars and that Chinese financial resources have been scraped to the bone.

The True Story. One Chinese official said to me: "If only we could get a bare 2,000 tons of goods a month from the outside, to be sold at prices controlled by the government, it would make all the difference in the world. Twenty big cargo planes making regular trips would be enough to carry it."

"You can buy a bottle of aspirin for 50 cents in this country," he went on. "When we can get any aspirin in China, a single tablet costs that much. But the price is not so important. If we could get aspirin, (that is just an example) even if we had to set a price of, say five cents a tablet, it would serve our purpose. We are willing to stabilize prices, even if they must be at a high level, but we cannot stop inflation unless we have the consumer goods to sell."

For a long time, the seriousness of China's financial situation has been known; the hardships the white collar class, the professional people's suffering; the lack of food and shoes and cartridges (to say nothing of artillery) for the army; but it is only recently that detailed stories have been widely printed and open discussion has taken place here.

There were two reasons for the brake on revealing to America internal conditions in China. In the first place, the Chinese did not wish their situation to be any more widely known than necessary, and for that reason, Chungking clamped down a wall of censorship on all news originating there.

In the second place, Americans familiar with the facts—and this applies to many writers as well as America's government officials friendly in China—did not wish to be in the position of perhaps damaging the morale of a loyal ally and certainly offending her government by

BRIEFS: A large number of Dutchmen are living and training with American marines in camps throughout the United States. These men are undergoing the same training given the American marines and wear the American uniform but with the Royal Netherlands insignia on collar and cap. India has the largest volunteer army in the world—2,000,000 men.