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### Whose Country, Whose War?

From the attitude taken by many people one might be led to believe that this is "my country so long as I get along alright, have plenty to eat and wear, drive a good car (or at least a car), take in the movies and the multitude of other activities I am accustomed to in civilian life, but don't bother me with bond purchases or donations for charity." Perhaps that isn't the underlying cause back of the present apathy towards the National War Fund campaign but it well could be.

Take a good look in your mirror. Study the face confronting you there and ask yourself a few questions: Am I as big a citizen as I have always believed myself to be? Am I willing to curtail some of my own pleasures and desires that the money thus used may be devoted to aiding those in distress in other lands? Am I doing all in my power to help win the war and reestablish the brotherhood of man throughout the world, or am I just a self-centered human being interested only in my own welfare? Can I help others and make myself a bigger, better citizen by denying myself of non-essentials, as well as some essentials? These and many other questions may be asked by most of us on this side of the world who, outside of war time pursuits are living to a large degree as we have always lived in a land of plenty.

A fund of \$125,000,000 is being asked to provide relief for millions of people throughout the world whose suffering has been brought about by a cruel war. They are defenseless; countless thousands of them are homeless, hungry, cold. Other thousands have suffered injuries for which many are paying with their lives because of scarcity of medical supplies and hospitalization. They are the victims of ruthless enemies whose sole purpose is to destroy the morale of those upon whom they are waging war and leave no hope for the future.

Our dollars will go far toward re-establishing that morale and that blighted hope. The people of the stricken lands are looking as ever to America to save them. If we can do this by adding a few extra dollars to our contributions we will have gone far towards eliminating the seeds of another world war in the next generation.

Remember, under the National War Fund setup there will be but two general drives for charitable funds during the year—the current drive and the anual Red Cross membership campaign. We are asked to give generously for the National War Fund, for \$125,000,000 is a lot of money even in these days of stratospheric figures.

#### **An Unequal Tax Situation**

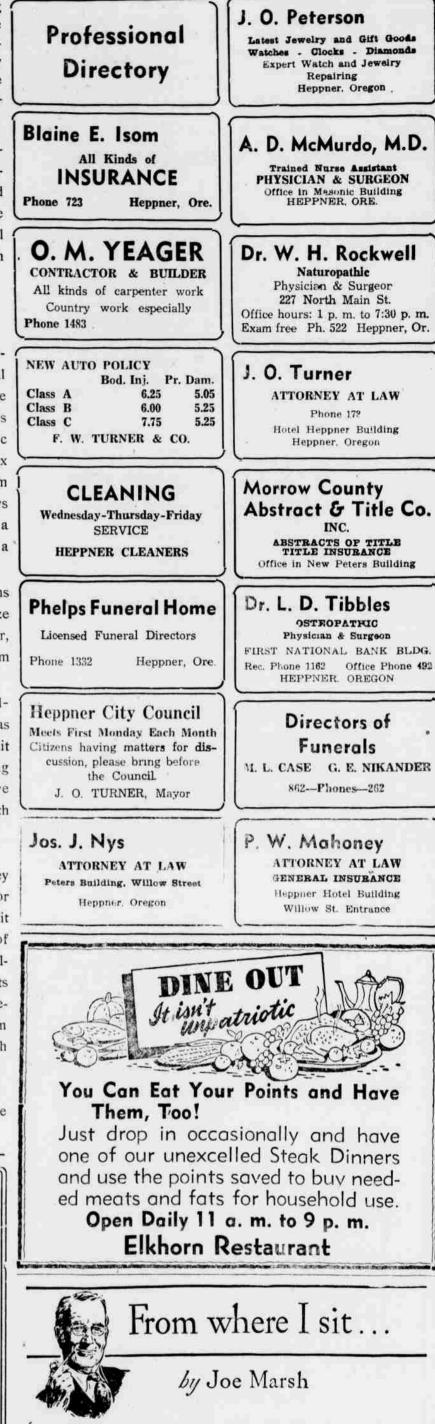
In a frenzied effort to raise much needed revenues, Congress imposed a three percent tax on all freight shipments of Oregon products to 'large eastern markets. Whether intentional or not, this has heavily penalized shippers from the Pacific coast. As an example, adding three percent tax to the regular charge for shipping livestock from La Grande to Omaha, the Oregon shipper pays three times the amount of taxes imposed on a Kansas shipper who gets the short haul and a lower rate.

Numerous Pacific coast business organizations are joining in a concerted movement to equalize the tax, which applies to apples, potatoes, sugar, lumber, wool and other Oregon suruplus farm products.

Just what Oregon and other western state delegations were doing when this nefarious bill was passed in Congress has not been revealed but it is quite evident that they will be doing something about repealing it or at least modifying it to give their respective constituents an even break with those states nearer the big markets.

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Have you saved your tin cans and are they ready for shipment? The government is calling for vast quantities of the salvaged material and it begins to look like some of it will move out of here before long. According to C.D. Conrad, salvage chairman for Morrow county, arrangements have been made with frieght lines operating between Heppner and The Dalles to haul the tin cans to that point where they will be merged with Wasco county shipments.



We can discuss the weather once more, but we still can't do anything about it.



Thousands of merchant seamen who bring convoys through find needed rest and relaxation in homes and centers operated by the United Seamen's service in cooperation with the war supplying administration in ports in two hemispheres of the world. You help these courageous men when you support the National War Fund-by giving to your community campaign.

# Ferguson Motor Co.

Ned Buxton was home on furlough last week. And you ought to see the fuss the town made over him. Seems like almost everybody wanted to give a party, or a testimonial dinner. or stage something special in the way of celebration.

Of course, Ned acted grateful. But he told me later, all he really wanted was to sit down with a few old friends, enjoy a glass beer or two, and talk about ell times again.

I guess that's how many so diers feel. They don't wan, a

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of fuss made over them, with formal celebrating and such.

What they really like are the simple pleasures—one of Mom's home-cooked meals, visiting with friends over a glass of beer—enjoying things that mean home and comfort and security.

From where I sit, our biggest job. apart from helping win the war, is making sure those things waiting for our men when they come back home for good.

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