

We are not being asked to contribute, however, but merely to loan our money, in the soundest investment in the Country, at a favorable rate of interest. If there were not a spark of patriotism in our souls, good sense alone should prompt us to buy war bonds, which are based on the soundest foundation possible, the integrity of our Government.

We have seen many discussions in the press and magazines of our Country in recent weeks regarding post-war preparations, and the kind of peace that the United Nations should impose upon a beaten Germany and Japan. In the light of what has happened in Russia and in Libya very recently, such discussions seem just a trifle premature!

Of course, plans must be considered now for the future. That always must be the case, whether in times of peace or in war. However, with the enemy advancing towards our own shores, battering at the vital Suez Canal, and threatening the oil fields of the Caucasus, our Country has plenty to think about, right at hand, with-out looking too far into the future. Right now our leaders are concerned, and rightly so, with what to do if Suez falls, and if Japan becomes firmly entrenched in the Aleutians to the extent that they may try serious raids against Alaska or our West Coast.

There are three vital war fronts in the successful promotion of which millions of our people would be required. These war fronts are military, industrial as upon still another front—that of morale.

As long as a people can preserve their faith in their ultimate destiny, as long as they refuse to be conquered, they cannot be subdued. Fortunately, American morale, recovered from the shock of Pearl Harbor, is of the highest. The love of liberty, the determination to restrain it, burns brightly today in the heart of every American.

Undoubtedly few of the millions who are fighting in secret or in exile in the conquered countries of Europe today every heard of our own immortal Patrick Henry, ever read the words which inspired us since childhood. Patrick Henry was giving voice to a basic yearning of humanity when he believed these fateful words: "Is life so dear, or Peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

In the same vein, when our Colonial ancestors fought over the imposition of a small tax, they were merely proclaiming a principle. They, and Patrick Henry, spoke the mind and purposes of all dauntless spirits of all time. They reflected the attitude of mind that inspires and unifies America today.

Throughout Europe we see how this intangible spark of freedom remains unquenched in the heart of man, no matter what drastic measures may be invoked to destroy it. Entire villages may be wiped out by brutal militarists, but the women and children who survive will never be cajoled or forced into accepting the slavery forced upon them. Whoever once has tasted the privilege of freedom will never agree to forego its blessings, will never shirk his duty of defending it, or dying for it if necessary.