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[Defense Savings Campaign]

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RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE SAVINGS CAMPAIGN
APRIL 30, 1941

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In the larger sense, this first Defense Bond and
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In the few words which I am speaking to my fellow countrymen tonight, I desire above all else to emphasize the thought that in just such measure as we support our government will it be strong, effective and safe.

Defenses that were adequate ten years ago are today a broken reed. New machines in the air, on the land and on the sea have created a revolution in the conduct of offensive war and defensive war.

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At this time we add another call -- a frank and
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With jobs more plentiful and wages higher, slight
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Fellow Americans, I ask you to demonstrate again your faith in America by joining me in investing in the new Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. *I know you will do it!*

Franklin Roosevelt

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FOR THE NEWSREELS

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It is national and homey at the same time. For example, I am buying not one stamp but twenty stamps to go into little books for each of my ten grandchildren. And the first Defense Savings Bond is being made out in the name of Mrs. Roosevelt as beneficiary.

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For a great many people are appreciating our blessings the more when they realize what blessings so many other millions of people have lost this Spring and last Spring -- so many millions of people who hoped and prayed and even assumed -- taking it for granted that fate would let them live on as they had always lived.

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Fellow Americans, I ask you to demonstrate again your faith in America by joining me in investing in the new Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

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Draft of Remarks of the President in connection with the opening of the Defense Savings Campaign, to be broadcast from the White House over a nationwide radio hookup at 9:40 P.M., E.S.T., April 30, 1941.

SECRETARY MORGENTHAU, POSTMASTER GENERAL WALKER, AMERICANS EVERYWHERE:

One thought is uppermost in my mind as I make grateful acknowledgement of this dual honor. It is that in reserving the first Defense Savings Bond and the first Defense Postal Savings Stamp in the name of the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General have given emphasis to the national character of the Defense Savings Campaign.

A These Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps are part of a concerted, united effort in support of national defense and continental solidarity.
In this effort, it is fitting that the President in his purchases should be the symbol of the determination of all the people to save and sacrifice in defense of democracy.

In the larger sense, this first Defense Bond and the first Defense Stamp reserved to the President, constitute tangible evidence of partnership — a partnership between all of the people and their government — entered into to safeguard and to perpetuate all those precious freedoms which government guarantees. In this time of national peril what we all must realize is that the United States Government is ^{all other countries} ~~all the way across the country and back~~ you and I and the ~~next door~~ ^{from}. It is one great partnership.

This evening we are giving thought to the financial structure of our partnership. We are engaged in an all-out effort to perpetuate democracy in the New World by aiding embattled democracy in the Old World. We all are partners in the defense of democracy. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from winter in the North to summer in the South, America is in full beauty of glorious Springtime. And we have eyes to see the beauty of our country this Spring as we never saw it in any Spring before. In order to appreciate the blessings that are ours we have only to glance at the Old World where war, pestilence and famine make misery the portion of innocent people.

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Now speaking
In the few words which I ~~shall speak~~ to my fellow countrymen
tonight I desire above all else to emphasize the thought of ~~partnership~~
~~with our government~~ In just such measure as we support ~~the~~ government
will it be strong, effective and ~~impenetrable~~. *That the*
~~the~~ *will*

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Fellow Americans, ~~will~~ you demonstrate again your faith in
America by joining me ~~tomorrow~~ in investing in the new Defense Savings
Bonds and Stamps! (1)

Grandchildren of children

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
Broadcast from the White House
In Connection with the Defense Savings Campaign
April 30, 1941, 9:40 P.M., E.S.T.

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It is national and it is homey at the same time. For example, I am buying not one stamp but (twenty) ten stamps each to go into a little book(s) for each of my ten grandchildren. And the first (Defense) Savings Bond is being made out in the name of Mrs. Roosevelt as beneficiary.

It is fitting that the President in his purchases should be (the) a symbol -- a sort of a symbol -- of the determination of all the people to save and sacrifice in defense of democracy.

In (the) a larger sense, this first Defense Bond and these first Defense Stamps (reserved) sold to the President, constitute tangible evidence of a partnership -- a partnership between all of the people and their Government -- entered into to safeguard and (to) perpetuate all of those precious freedoms which government guarantees. In this time of national peril what we all must realize is that the United States Government is you and I and all

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This is transcript made by the White House stenographer from his shorthand notes taken at the time the speech was made. Underlining indicates words extemporaneously added to the previously prepared reading copy text. Words in parentheses are words that were omitted when the speech was delivered, though they appear in the previously prepared reading copy text.

... and the authority when I am here you will receive copies of documents and

... documents omitted ought not addressed at this at this reason each list to each
... document and to whom and in what order should I send it and has been
... message saying when I should communicate any two you want not to be rendered not

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the other families next door all the way across the country and back again. It is one great partnership.

This evening we are giving special thought to the financial structure of our partnership. We know that we are engaged in an all-out effort to perpetuate democracy in the New World by helping it to be safe and by aiding embattled democracy in the Old World and everywhere else. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, America (is in) today at this time of the year happens to be in the full beauty of glorious springtime. And we have eyes to see the beauty of our country this spring as we never saw it in any spring before, in the memory of most of us.

For a great many people are appreciating our blessings all the more when they realize what blessings so many other millions of people have lost this spring and last spring -- so many millions of people who hoped and prayed and even assumed -- (taking) even took it for granted that fate -- some kind fate -- would let them live on as they had always lived.

In the few words (which) that I am speaking to my fellow countrymen tonight, I desire above all else to emphasize the thought that in just such measure as we support our Government will (it) our Government be strong and effective and safe.

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And so at this time we add another call -- a frank and clear appeal for financial support to pay for our arming, and to pay for the American existence of later generations.

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CAUTION: The following address of the President, to be broadcast from the White House in connection with the Defense Savings Campaign must be held in confidence until released.

NOTE: Release to editions of all newspapers appearing on the streets not earlier than 9:40 P.M., E.S.T., April 30, 1941. The same release of the text of the address also applies to radio announcers and news commentators.

CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO PREVENT PREMATURE PUBLICATION.

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

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