

April 7, 1943

[Opening 2nd War Loan Drive]

FDR Speech File

1458

EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS
OF THE
P R E S I D E N T
ON THE PORTICO OUTSIDE HIS OFFICE
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
SECOND WAR LOAN DRIVE
APRIL 7, 1943, 11.15 AM, EWT

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MORGENTHAU: On the 12th of April, the Treasury Department is offering the people of America the opportunity to lend their support to our fighting men in the great spring offensives by subscribing 13 billion dollars to our Second War Loan.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Secretary, this is just a small cross-section of the White House staff, but we are like a great many other American houses throughout the country, most of us have got some member of the family in the fighting forces of the United States. And we back home are trying to do our bit too. We subscribe.

If I might paraphrase the slogan of this new Drive to maintain the war and turn out more things for our troops at the front -- the slogan is for us: They gave their lives. We lend our money.

(when the President made a re-run for the newsreels, he said, "They give their lives. We lend our money.")

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

This is a 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.