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\$74,259.62 NEEDED THIS YEAR by the Mishawaka Community and War Fund to Help Salvage Life and Sustain Hope.

Our boys at the front are giving everything even life itself to make this a better world in which to live. Is it too much to ask that we at home give generously of our dollars for the same purpose?

On Monday, November 15 the Mishawaka Community and War Fund Drive will launch its annual drive with the highest quota in its history — \$74,259.62.

This year, with the Nation battling one of the greatest wars in its history, the Community and War Fund Drive is more important than ever. War at any time is grim business. Its job is to take life with guns, tanks, bombers and battleships. Our boys who are out there fighting are doing a big job, but we also have a big job to do here at home. The humanitarian busi-

ness of democratic civilians is to salvage life and sustain hope with food, clothing, medical supplies, training, moral and financial assistance.

That is where the Mishawaka Community and War Fund enters into the picture. If we are to win the peace, it is essential that we continue the gigantic job of salvaging the victims of war, starvation, dispossessions, illness and confusion. Additional funds are needed to assist not only here on the Home Front, but the Military and United Nations Front.

Local relief and social agencies need help more than ever this year. Homes have been broken up because of men departing for the service, many mothers are working in war plants with children at

home needing proper care. The agencies must assume more and more the functions of home.

On the three fronts, there are 23 appeals that must be supplied with funds if they are to continue their great work. The only way that this necessary work can be continued is through the Mishawaka Community and War Fund Drive.

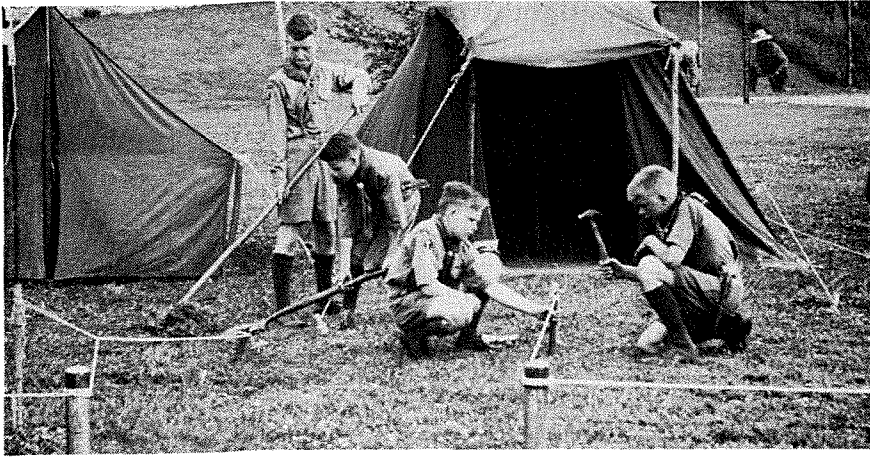
All of these funds, plus the Red Cross drive for industrial plants only, have been united into one fund so that the contributing public will not be visited every few weeks to contribute to some "worthy cause." You will be asked for 25c a week, \$1.00 a month or \$12.00 a year. AFECO has always surpassed its goal, we must not fail now.

Put yourself in these shoes....



If you were a soldier wearing the army boots pictured above, sooner or later those boots would walk you into a USO Club where you'd find warmth and laughter to relieve the homesickness. If you were a crippled child you'd need special boots made for you, medical care, physiotherapy and education. If you were a refugee or prisoner of war you'd be wearing bits of burlap pictured and you'd be hungry, weary,

But you're not a soldier, you're not a crippled child, a refugee or a prisoner of war. You're an American living and working at home in safety and health. Won't you share with others who are not so fortunate? Just a few dollars to The Mishawaka Community and War Fund will help your fellow-Americans and your Allies to the better health and better morale that must be theirs to win the war.



Young boys learn the high ideals of citizenry in the Boy Scouts. Nearly 1,000 Mishawaka boys from 9 years and up take part in year-round scouting program made possible by the Mishawaka Community and War Fund.



The Camp Fire Girls program develops character in young girls, trains for citizenship and provides wholesome recreational activities.

THE HOME FRONT

On the Home Front the war affects every American.

Home — that's the place where we hang our hats and keep our hearts; where our children grow up; where our families try to stay healthy and keep happy so they can work well, enjoy life and keep on good terms with the neighbors.

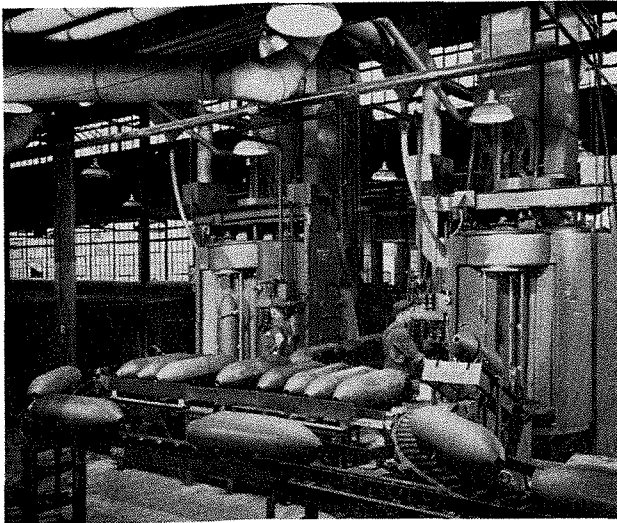
Home is threatened by a lot of ills which were hard enough to cope with in peace times, but which have doubled in difficulties since we entered the war. It is absolutely necessary that funds be raised for the maintenance of local services promoting health, welfare and recreation on the home front.

Here in Mishawaka there are six local organizations which will need help during the coming year. Take a look at the list of these organizations and the amount each will need. Their need is great for the good they contribute to Mishawaka is unlimited. Let your Heart Decide What You Can Do For Them.

THESE LOCAL AGENCIES NEED YOUR HELP

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| 1. Boy Scouts of America |\$7066.40 |
| 2. Camp Fire Girls | 4877.00 |
| 3. Salvation Army | 4280.92 |
| 4. Children's Aid Society | 3000.00 |
| 5. Anti Tuberculosis League. | 2000.00 |
| 6. St. Joseph Hospital | 2000.00 |

THE MILITARY FRONT



You helped manufacture these Wheelabrator bomb cleaning machines now installed in war plants. Now you have a chance to help the men who use the implements of war by contributing to the Mishawaka Community and War Fund.

U S O Is the "Home Away from Home" for Your Fighting Men.

In over 2400 U.S.O. clubs and centers in this country and at hemisphere bases, the USO renders, as one serviceman put it, "A Million Acts of Kindness." Primarily, it provides recreation, relaxation, welfare and spiritual aids for servicemen and women in their off-duty hours.

All this and more, the USO does. It is so important that almost half of the National War Funds' budget has been allotted to it. Your contribution is your way of helping a comrade or a relative get his share of some of the activities available at the USO.

AID TO WAR PRISONERS — IMPORTANT PART OF PROGRAM

Some 6,000,000 men are now prisoners of war in all theaters of war. The War Prisoners Aid, a member agency of the National War Fund, by supplying recreational, intellectual and spiritual material to the "barbed wire legions" are offsetting the stultifying effect of an otherwise monotonous existence in a prisoner of war camp.

WAR FUND AIDS OUR MERCHANT SEAMAN, TOO

To restore the shattered nerves and broken health of the man of the merchant marine who get supplies of war to the fighting fronts, the United Seamen's Service conducts hostels and convalescent centers at some fifty centers in the United States and abroad. Our "heroes in dungarees" rely upon your contribution.

USO is the "home away from home" for your fighting men. Your contributions help to maintain this important morale-building organization.

THE UNITED NATIONS FRONT

On the United Nations Front our friends and allies need help and need it badly. They know the horrors of war, with its starving millions, bombed homes and plagued towns. Through the War Fund assistance is given to the unoccupied areas, such as medical supplies and clothing for Russia; support of hospitals, nurseries, children's homes and mobile units, maintenance of educational and technical institutions and the training of doctors and nurses.

For occupied countries, there is provision for food and medical supplies which are sent to such countries as Poland and Yugoslavia whenever we can get safe-conduct guarantees from the Axis.

Nations, all deserving need American help. China with six years of war behind her, has 15,000,000 Chinese who are destitute. Yet China fights on and will fight on as long as we help. Other countries such as Poland, Greece and Russia know the real meaning of suffering.

A LITTLE FROM YOU DOES A LOT FOR THEM

TWO DOLLARS WILL PROVIDE:

- A daily portion of hot soup twice a day for a refugee for one month; or
- 2 pairs of bandage scissors; or
- 6 lbs. powdered milk;
- 2 sets underwear and sleeping garments for a child; or
- 2 anaesthesia masks to deaden pain during an operation; or
- 2 pairs of warm winter gloves; or
- 1 child's overcoat; or
- 1 pair of asbestos gloves for a civilian fire-fighter; or
- 1 set of man's woolen underwear; or
- Seed for new crops for two farm families.

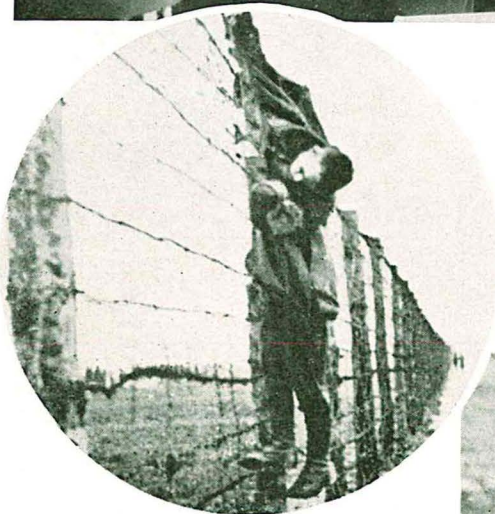
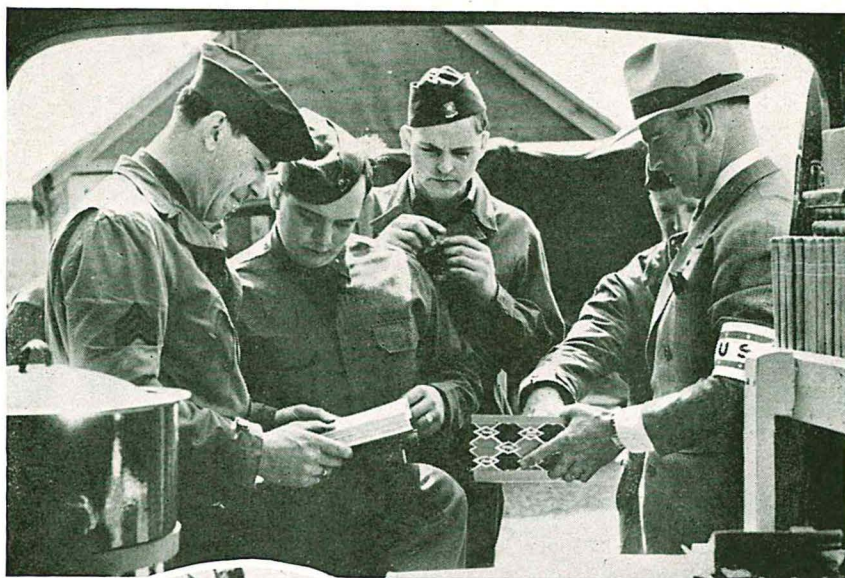
FIVE DOLLARS WILL PROVIDE:

- 1 thermos container for a mobile food kitchen; or
- Surgical equipment for 1 operation; or
- 1½ prisoner-of-war food packages; or
- 1 gross of surgeon's needles for inoculation to deaden pain.

TEN DOLLARS WILL PROVIDE:

- 1 rubber air mattress for a hospital bed; or
- 2½ days' service for one of the 316 ambulances maintained in Great Britain for transporting wounded soldiers and blitz victims.

IF YOU WERE THERE
YOU'D HELP
THROUGH YOUR GIFT
YOU ARE THERE



Not a very pretty picture, is it? This youngster wanted to live, but not under Axis rule. He died trying to escape to freedom.



These Chinese children, who struggled westward with hordes of refugees after their homes were bombed, have found sanctuary in orphanages that are maintained in part by funds from the United States.



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

To meet AFECO's quota in the combined Mishawaka Community and War Fund and Red Cross Drive, the AFECO War Chest has been organized under Labor-Management committee sponsorship.

An extensive team campaign has been organized to contact every employee. Solicitations will be started on Monday, November 15 and you will be asked for your contribution pledge sometime during the week.

AFECO must go over the top in this drive for the War Chest. To do so the minimum contribution of each employee must be at least 25c a week, \$1.00 a month or \$12.00 a year. The amount pledged can be paid in a lump sum or payroll deductions will be made as you direct in your pledge.

From the total amount collected two-thirds will be distributed to the Mishawaka Community and War Fund and the remaining one-third to the American Red Cross.

Since this one drive will cover all known requests for contributions during 1944, the amount asked from each employee is not too much for a good American to give.

71% of all money raised for the National War Fund is earmarked for distribution to the men in our armed forces through the U.S.O., the War Prisoners Aid, and the United Seaman's Service. Your loved ones, your friends, and the 168 AFECO men in the services are depending upon your aid. Let your heart decide the amount of your contributions.

More than 6,000,000 men are today in the "barbed wire legion" — prisoners of war. Your contribution helps boost their morale and helps keep them alive.



This hole in the ground was "home" for ten months for this Russian grandfather and grandson. Warm clothing, foods and medical supplies are desperately needed to rehabilitate such people.

There are children to be clothed in Russia — broken spirits to be mended in Greece — prisoners to be cheered and comforted in barbed-wire enclosures.

There are needy neighbors right here at home to be helped — many of them indirect casualties of this war.

There are torpedoed seamen to be warmed and fed on the docks.

There are wounded lying on the plains of China who need medical supplies.

You can send your money on an errand of great mercy — for war relief through the AFECO War Chest.

Add up what you gave before to each of the agencies — then double it. You cannot give too much. The need is so great.

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