WAR HITS SAX BASS

Pianos May Come Out as Usual While Other Instruments Wane.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 27: (AP)—The war may hit a few sour notes in musical North America but it won't spoil the rhythm.

There should be enough clarinets for the would-be Benny Goodmans and Artie Shaws and plenty of pianos for candlelight serenades and barroom harmonizing. Even the lads who like to stretch accordians can bank on plenty of material to work with.

Maybe in time those symphony orchestra athletes who roll thunder out of the big drums will have to take it easy to make the drums last longer but—

The war, shutting off import of certain musical instruments in the United States, at the same time has stimulated home manufacture of them and even helped the good neighbor policy in South America.

Pianos to Come

Various manufacturers told this story, not all gloomy:

Even war needs for metal won't have much effect on piano production—about 135,000 were turned out in the United States last year—for if the copper wire winding on the bass strings becomes unavailable soft iron wire can be substituted. It will rust but it will do, since it was in use before copper windings were thought of. Little of the material necessary in the war program is used in piano making.

Not so with brass instruments like saxaphones, trumpets, cornets and even drums. But next summer manufacture of these instruments may cease unless Uncle Sam allocates brass to the musical manufacturers. Brass figures are used in the making of accordians, but not to such a great degree. Material for the bellows—ranging from cardboard to leather—is plentiful.

Reeds and Woods

The problem in finding reeds for wind instruments was always in obtaining those that would not get soggy from saliva. The reeds raised in southern France were the best. After the war broke out there were no more reeds from France although before hostilities 12,000,000 a year were used in the United States. American manufacturers then got their reeds from Phoenix, Ariz., and began experimenting with plastics.

The grenadilla wood from which clarinets are made used to be brought in from South Africa. Now South America supplies it. The top clarinets were made in France. Now the best are made here. The French kind cannot be had.

The masterly violins were made in Germany and Czecho-Slovakia of spruce and maple woods by master-craftsmen who kept the art in their family through generations.

But the same woods are available here where the main job is finding skilled fiddle-makers. That takes time.

YOUR SHARE AS AN AVERAGE CANADIAN IN THE 1942 VICTORY LOAN

YOU MUST SAVE AND LEND MORE BECAUSE —

Canada Will Be Spending in a Year About:	Total $	Your Share $	... and Can Pay it This Way:	Total $	Your Share $
For our own war costs	2,000 millions	175.44	Taxation from all sources	1,750 millions	153.51
To aid Britain	1,000 millions	87.72	Borrowing from your savings	1,750 millions	153.51
For cost of government	500 millions	43.86			
Total	3,500 millions	307.02	Total	3,500 millions	307.02

This means you and every other man, woman and child in Canada must buy an average of $153.51 in Victory Bonds and Certificates. This is equivalent to:

30% of Canada's 1941 national income. Average income was $518 per capita. If you earned more, your responsibility to buy Victory Bonds is greater.

or

134% of the gain in national income in 1941 over 1940. Average income was $114 higher, may rise another $70 this year.

or

60% more than you loaned for war in 1941, including Victory Bonds, War Savings, etc. In 1942 you must lend more than the total you have loaned since war began.

or

$100 millions more than all of us now have on deposit in bank savings accounts; more than eight times what all of us paid last year in life insurance premiums.

But each dollar you lend has gained in fighting power:

Because of the steadily rising efficiency of Canada's war industries, costs are dropping and each dollar you lend will now buy this much more equipment than it would a year ago:



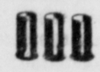
Universal Carriers
Your dollar will buy 54% more.



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Your dollar will buy 30% more.



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Your dollar will buy 33% more.



Cartridge Cases
Your dollar will buy 66% more.

What these facts mean to you as an investor and a citizen:

Your dollars will fight for Canada harder than they will work for you.

Your dollar—loaned—has gained 30% and more in its fighting power. Your dollar—spent—has lost some of its buying power. For all of us there will be fewer washing machines, refrigerators, radios and other household goods. Most of us will be able to drive only half as far as we did last year. Our dollars will still meet all our daily needs, but there is less to choose from and prices are generally higher.

The dollar you lend protects the dollar you keep.

The $153 you must lend this year, and the equal amount you will have to pay in taxes—keep Canada's accounts balanced — help prevent inflation. By lending your dollars you help keep prices down, help preserve the buying power of your remaining dollars. A price ceiling is holding down living costs. But your self-denial is the real support of that ceiling.

In the last war, dollars stored away grew in purchasing power.

While your dollar has lost some of its power to work for you, much of that power may be restored after the war. The extension of productive facilities for war may, with peace, bring lower production costs, cheaper prices to you and other consumers. Those who lent $100 in the last Victory Loan of the first Great War got $135.85 back in purchasing power when their bonds matured in 1934, plus interest over 15 years.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 27, 1917

There is talk of Prince Rupert fishery production working up to one thousand tons per day which would be about half of that of the great British fishing port of Grimsby.

The Returned Soldiers' Association, at a meeting last night, decided to request the citizens of Prince Rupert to employ British labor and not employ enemy aliens who have only within the last few years become naturalized.

President E. J. Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. advises the Prince Rupert Merchants' Association against boycotting the railway company's steamships because of alleged unfair treatment to the city.

Swedish Adults See Less Bread

Seven Ounces Per Day Is Now Limit There

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27: (AP)—The bread ration for adults in Sweden has been reduced by the Food Commission to a total of 217 grams (about seven ounces) a day, through the extension of the next bread rationing period to cover 30 instead of 28 days. The previous daily ration had been 232 grams (about seven and a half ounces). Bread coupons are now required to obtain either porridge or gruel in restaurants, but an extra ration of molasses is granted children to compensate them for having only half the bread ration.

REAL HEAVY WEIGHT

The weight of the Statue of Liberty on Beldoe's Island in New York harbor is 225 tons.

FISH KILLS CATTLE

The piranha fish of South America annually kills hundreds of cattle by attacking them as they wade into streams to drink.

Mother Mourns Airmen Three

Lady MacRobert of Dounesie, Scotland, Triply Bereaved

LONDON, Feb. 27: (AP)—Pilot Officer Sir Iain W. MacRobert, whose mother contributed $112,500 for a bomber when he was reported missing, now is presumed to have been killed in action. He was the fourth baronet and the last of three sons of Lady MacRobert of Dounesie, Scotland, who have lost their lives in the air. The Stirling bomber Lady MacRobert bought was named "MacRobert's Reply" and bears the family crest.

SUCCESSFUL BLACKOUTS

The first blackout of the Cape Peninsula, South Africa, brought all-round co-operation in all areas.

GRAND EGG-SMASHING

TENBERG, Eng., Feb. 27: (AP)—While half this Worcester town's population looked on 10,000 Canadian eggs which had gone bad before they could be distributed were destroyed here.

NO BALLS HELD NOW

Washington Society Leaders Clamp Down on Parties and Divert Effort to War.

By LUCRECE HUDGINS
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27: (AP)—The only big parties in Washington these days are the parties that no one has to go to. If you're invited you buy a ticket and then stay home. They call them phantom balls because there are no refreshments, no music and no guests. In fact, there's no ball.

Cockeyed? Not exactly. The balls are given to collect money for some relief society. If there are no overhead expenses for such things as a ball room, an orchestra and food and drink, 100 percent of the ticket money goes to relief.

And the ticket buyers are satisfied because no one in Washington today has time to go to a ball anyway.

Boiled Shirts Out

The phantom ball typifies the wartime mood of the capital's party-goers. Local society has put its formal clothing in moth balls for the duration. What entertaining is being done is in business clothes and invitations almost always end with the blessed postscript: "Come as you are and straight from work."

Society matrons who used to meet at large bridge parties now come together in small groups to discuss Red Cross and civilian defence work over tea cups. One hostess recently held such a party in her garage. A neighbor auto shop worker gave the ladies a lesson in motor mechanics.

The official days at home which the wives of cabinet member formerly held once a week have been cancelled entirely. Embassies which used to give parties for 1500 guests have slashed their lists to 200 and are satisfied if 100 show up.

Dutch treat dinners in crowded restaurants are taking the place of the huge feasts once held in private banqueting rooms. "Lavishness" is a word society reporters have forgotten how to spell and "small group of intimate friends" is the phrase most often used to describe guest lists.

One newspaper man who has been attending Washington social functions for 15 years said: "The biggest change I notice in wartime parties is that in the old days when you were invited anywhere for cocktails you not only got all the drinks you wanted but you could count on getting your dinner at the hors d'oeuvre table. Now when you go anywhere for cocktails you get just that—a cocktail and, if you're lucky a couple of paper thin cheese sandwiches."

Representatives of refugee governments are persistent partygoers. The society pages are flooded with foreign names while the club pages carry the names of Washington cave dwellers who are busy carrying on their work for defence.

Wedding parties have been the hardest hit by the war. A local minister announced that since the start of the war he had officiated at 32 small informal weddings (where the bride and bridegroom wore street clothes) and only three formal weddings. "In the old days," he said, the ratio was two to one the other way."

Gas Ration In Africa

Four Hundred Miles Travelling Per Month Is Limit.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 27: (AP)—Gasoline rationing in South Africa started on the basis of 400 miles travelling a month. The amount of the ration in individual cases is determined by the weight of the vehicle. Motorists who consider that business interests entitle them to a greater mileage may apply for a supplementary ration.

The scheme applies for the present to motor cars and motorcycles only, but the issue of gasoline for lorries and other vehicles will be controlled.

"This step," Hon. R. Stuttaford, minister of commerce and industries stated in an interview, "has become necessary in the interests of the country as a whole, and has been dictated by the exceptional and unsettled world conditions which recently have become aggravated as a result of the entry of Japan into the war."

Kitkatla Infant Died Last Week

Funeral of Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ridley Took Place on Sunday

KITKATLA, Feb. 27: — The funeral of the two-and-a-half months' old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ridley took place on Sunday with Rev. B. Shearman, Anglican missionary, officiating. The child had died on Friday last.

FOR LONDON RAIDS

LONDON, Feb. 27: (AP)—A Ministry of Home Security order requires that four gallons of water and a stirrup pump for use during air raids be kept in all houses, flats and apartments.

IN JAIL 365 TIMES

BELFAST, Feb. 27: (AP)—A woman is the best known "boarder" at Armagh jail. Convicted for the 365th time, she is serving a month for being drunk and disorderly.

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