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The Fifth Victory Loan Campaign is under way, and we are urged to buy bonds to help "Speed the Victory." "Speed the boys' return," and build up security for ourselves after the war. Of all those who buy bonds, there are very few who have all these ideas in mind . . . when there is someone very dear to us over there, the uppermost thought is may it be over soon, very soon, so he may return home safely. Others buy bonds because the government is a good investment—a sure way to increase finances—and so, why not buy war bonds?

But there is still another side to what buying war bonds can mean. There are some of us who are forced to wonder that when we "speed the victory," if that victory will end at just conquering our enemies, a peace treaty, or will we also speed victory over prejudice, race hatred and racial superiority. When we speak so gloriously of speeding the boys' return just what are we intending to speed some of the boys home to!! Will the boys of a different colour who are now fighting side by side in some of the toughest battles with their white comrades be given the same opportunity to work side by side with these same comrades on their return to civilian life?

And the security we hope to find, will not all be reckoned up in dollars and cents, but the attitude and principles we adopt. We can't hope to conquer our enemies' policies, and then continue to practice these policies under a different name. When we are busy buying our war bonds, let us insure our boys, all boys, and all the nations that are our allies, that it will be a real victory that goes much further than signing a peace treaty. We might even say—"the redemption of democracy"—that we may have a security that makes a concrete brother of all races within the nations, to all the nations, so that we all may be a factor in answering "The Soldiers' Prayer" written by a Negro corporal overseas.

Help me, O God

To search my soul

That I may know for what I fight

And, knowing—may achieve the goal,

If it be worthy in Thy sight.

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