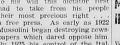
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The ison twp purpose to land the American press; but to pause with you to reflect on the right which has enabled our democ-racy to endure, and which has made our nation great and strong. Today the American peo-ple know more of what is going i on than do the people of any ether country. And they are strong in that knowledge, for they know what they are fight -ing for. A free press and a free people are an unbeatable team. "Unlike the newspapers of our enemies, which represent the view-point of the government, and of the government, alone, our free, democratic press is a two-way bridge between the people and the government, . between the community and the nation . . . interpreting one to the other for the better working of democracy. "Your hometown newspaper . . . edited with wisdom, vision and integrity is a national in-fluence. Its guidance is sought in Washington by the represent atives of your particular part of the nation . . . to keep them abreast of the developments in their section of the country, and to enable them to accurately measure the heartbeats and wishes of your community. Day by day, the newspapers unfold for us a clearer picture of the astenishing accomplishments of this democracy at war. We must read between the lines for a full realization of the part played in these accomplishments of the nate on of the country, and to enable them to finder the accomplishments of others. **Bole in War Effort** "What has freedom of the part playd in these accomplishments? "What has it done for you? Even though under a voluntary cen-toning harding that your newspa-per brings to you, today: "It has two you, newspa-

many things that your newspa-per brings to you, today: "It has given you the com-plete, and exclusive presentation of the government's rationing program, it has brought to you appeals for tire and car conser-vation, so important in our war-time operation; it has given you the complete story on all types of conservation, and the funda-mental reasons underlying the necessity for such conservation; it has told you about black markets, fat salvage, scrap sal-vage, rubber salvage, manpower, womanpower, absenteeism, nutri-tion in our wartline economy, waste paper collections, victory gardens, fire prevention, pulp-wood production, blackouts, re-cruiting for all the armed forces, defense councils, efforts to stop travel, US.O. "Your newspaper sells the boods thet nave the way to vic

wood part of the armset forcess defense councils, efforts to stop travel, US.0. "Your newspaper sells the bonds that pave the way to vic-tory. It primes the pump that produces a flow of lifegiving blood bank to brave men who have shed their own on the field of battle. It opens up every road to possible assistance to our meni-narms. It interprets the government's labor and wage, policies, its anti-inflationary policies, and the orgen the facts, figure out for ourselves what is happening, and then go ahead and win the war. Under the Axis controlled press the people get lies, are told what to believe, and then loss the war? "T is obvious that a free and intelligent press is necessary too the successful prosecution of the war effort. We, as Americans, will not stand being told what to believe, and then lose the war? it is that we are expected to do, why it is necessary, and that ev-eryone is being treated allke, we will cheerfully do whatever is asked of us. How else can a full explanation of our alms and objectives be rought before the 130,000,000 persons in this cour-try than through its-press? Succe the press has a right to criticize, to take sides, to presst the truth as they see it. But so do you and so do I. And if you

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