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WAR DEFENSE BONDS

A state wide campaign is being carried on to stimulate the purchase of War Defense Bonds.

Reports being received show that the lawyers of the state are responding largely in support of the government program for the sale of United States War Defense Bonds.

Your president exhorts every lawyer in the state to do all he possibly can to carry out the program and to urge a systematic plan to purchase Defense Bonds monthly, and to advise and encourage all office employees to do likewise.

We must devote our every effort to win this war in which we are now engaged, and to give our unstinted support to our government in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion.

DATES SELECTED FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Our executive committee has decided to hold our annual meeting at Grand Forks on September 24th and 25th. Thus our meeting will follow that of the American Bar Association which will be held at Detroit, Michigan, August 25th to 28th.

These dates were selected as our members think a meeting in July or August is inadvisable,—because it's too hot in July and August; because some of our members will be on vacation; because those at home want

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to relax in the said months; because the attendance is better at a September meeting; because our delegate to the American Bar Association meeting can give us a report thereof right off the pan; and lastly because a September meeting at Grand Forks will give the law students at the University an opportunity to attend the sessions.

H. A. BRONSON,
President.

WAR AND THE ASSOCIATION

The existence of war will influence the affairs of every American organization as well as of every American citizen. The North Dakota State Bar Association is no exception.

That the normal activities of the Association might in some way be interfered with was clearly foreseen.

The first duty of the Association will be to support, by every means in its power, the war effort of the nation, regardless of what curtailment of other work this may entail.

More than ever before is it necessary for us to do our part in helping mold public opinion. The American people, as the events of the past three months have demonstrated, do not require that their patriotism be stimulated by exhortations. While they are united there is need for disciplined unity. It is a truism that this is a war not only of armed forces but of peoples. It is equally true that only a disciplined people can wage it successfully.

Our counsel should be against hysteria in any form. This is a time not for emotionalism but for settled determination. If there is anger let it be that anger which results in resolute action.

From now on our problems are problems of strategy. Our leaders are chosen. So long as they lead, our duty is to support their decisions.

A common characteristic of democracies is their unwillingness to make in advance cool, methodical preparations for threatened conflict, and yet, when it comes, to be over-eager for immediate successes.

Not to indulge in useless hurtful recriminations; to discourage the spread of rumors; not to be unduly depressed by initial reverses or unduly elated by temporary successes; to impose upon ourselves self-discipline; ever to maintain our grim resolution for, always to increase our efforts toward, and never to lose faith in ultimate victory. These are some of the elements of a sound public opinion which we can do much to foster.

Victory is our aim, but a victory which will realize our ideals and strengthen our traditional and constitutional form of government.

Adopted from editorial of recent issue of American Bar Association Journal.