
The Fourth Liberty Loan.

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The fourth Liberty bond "drive" starts today.

As several times before, I again advise members of our party and the readers of *The Milwaukee Leader* to buy all the Liberty bonds they can afford. They must buy them, not because the Socialists or the readers of *The Leader* endorse this war, or any other war — but because the government has the power to tax the citizens of this country for manpower and money. And I consider the various Liberty loans a tax put upon the people which they must pay.

Socialists and the readers of *The Leader* generally can not any more escape the Liberty loan tax than they can escape taxes which they pay whenever they buy a pair of shoes or a pound of meat.

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As a matter of fact, I would prefer to see the cost of the war paid by direct taxation instead of paying it by making debts. Issuing bonds means making debts. However, the "powers that be" have declared it otherwise. And it would be foolish and contrary to Socialist tactics to try and resist them in any other way than through the ballot.

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Therefore, I say again. Do whatever you can in that respect. Buy Liberty bonds to the best of your ability.

Express your independent opinion, however, at the ballot box, Nov. 5 — by voting the Socialist ticket, which represents the only party today that is against all wars, except revolutionary wars, wars of emancipation, and wars to repel actual invasion.

Until then, buy Liberty bonds if you can possibly do so.

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