

sufficient mechanized support. If Burma falls it will not be on account of insufficient men; but rather because they have not the fighting machines for the men who are available. That has been the story behind every lost territory since the war began.

Every man sent overseas is one added to the number to be clothed, fed and equipped without adding to the potential strength of the fighting forces of the overseas allies. As I understand it, the cry from all the attacked countries is not for more men; but for more machines. Millions of Russia, China and India, to say nothing of the men of Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and France who will rise when the proper time comes, can man all the guns, tanks and planes we can give them for a long time to come. For every man we send to those countries a man on the spot must stay at home for need of the machines with which to "help finish the job."

This, as I said at the start, is not written in criticism; but is in explanation of why I cannot vote "Yes" on April 27 next.

To be the head of any government during these trying times is certainly not a "bed of roses;" and I want you to know that I am ever mindful of you and of the difficult tasks before you.

With every good wish for your health, and as full a measure of happiness as is possible during the period through which we are passing, I remain as always,

Your sincere friend,

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