

MAMORU MURAKAWA
PERIOD 7-8

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WAR

WAR! IT IS JUST A 3-LETTER WORD, BUT WHAT A LOT OF SORROW AND BLOOD SHED A LITTLE WORD LIKE THAT CAN HOLD.

I GUESS I DO NOT YET REALIZE WHAT A HORRIBLE THING IT IS, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT BEEN IN ANY OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN BOMBED OR INVADED. THE ONLY WAY I CAN TELL IS BY GOING TO MOVIES, AND WATCH NEWSREELS, READ THE HEADLINES, AND BY LISTENING TO THE RADIO.

I GUESS THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ~~BEHIND~~ ^{BEHIND} ME, WHO DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND ^{OR FULLY} ~~THE~~ ^{THE} MEANING OF WAR. BY THESE PEOPLE, I MEAN THE HOARDERS, THE BLACK MARKET PEOPLE, AND THE OTHERS, WHO ARE TRYING TO STOP THE WAR EFFORT. IF THESE PEOPLE, COULD ^{COOPERATE} ~~COOPERATE~~

TO THE BOMBED COUNTRIES AND BATTLE-
FRONTS, AND HEAR THE SHRIEK OF
BOMBS, THE CRIES OF THE SICK
AND THE DYING, AND SEE THE
RUINS OF WHAT WAS ONCE BEAUTIFUL
CITIES, I AM SURE THAT THEY
WILL NOT TRY TO HINDER THE WAR
EFFORT, BUT RATHER TO HELP IT
BY BUYING WAR BONDS, AND TAKING
DEFENSE JOBS.

YES, THESE PEOPLE DO NOT
YET UNDERSTAND WAR, BUT SOME-
DAY, PERHAPS THEY WILL LEARN.
LET US HOPE THAT WHEN THEY
DO LEARN, IT WILL NOT BE TOO LATE.