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STUART CHASE has been commissioned by the Trustees of The Twentieth Century Fund to make a series of exploratory reports on postwar problems. These are being published under the general title, "When the War Ends," and the books are appearing at intervals during 1942, 1943 and 1944. The first volume, *The Road We Are Traveling: 1914-1942*, explored basic issues and fundamental trends; the second volume, *Goals for America: A Budget of Our Needs and Resources*, made some economic recommendations for the postwar United States. This volume, the third in the series, shows how our financial system operates and how it might be used to support full employment after the war is over. Later volumes will also examine specific questions of postwar readjustment. The list of titles follows:

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*The Road We Are Traveling: 1914-1942*

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*Goals for America: A Budget of Our Needs and Resources*

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*Where's the Money Coming From?  
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*Farmer, Worker, Businessman: Their Place  
in Postwar America*

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*Tomorrow's Trade: Problems of Our Foreign Commerce*

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*Winning the Peace*

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## FOREWORD

**M**ONTHS BEFORE the United States went into the war, the Twentieth Century Fund decided to devote an increasingly large proportion of its resources to studying the problems of postwar readjustment. As a first step, the Fund retained Stuart Chase to write a series of books to give the public a stimulating and provocative picture of some of the problems which the United States will face "When the War Ends" (the title of the series). The entrance of the United States into the conflict has made these books even more timely. The first concern of everyone must be, of course, to win the war. But challenging objectives for the peace are dynamic aids to fighting morale.

The first volume of the series, *The Road We Are Traveling: 1914-1942*, was published in April 1942. It gave a moving and colorful picture of the revolutionary trends in our social and economic life which took place between the two world wars and laid down a sort of base line for a preview of the future. In the second book, *Goals for America: A Budget of Our Needs and Resources*, published in November 1942, Mr. Chase put into ringing words the demands which the American people are making for a better world after the

war, and, using over-all figures of the goods and services these call for, he argued that we now have the resources to produce them. In the present volume Mr. Chase carries the discussion one step further. He maintains that, not only shall we have the man power and plant to meet these postwar demands, but we shall be able to finance that prodigious undertaking. In those volumes still to come Mr. Chase will face other problems involved in achieving a full employment economy after the war.

This series is designed to provoke thought and to stimulate discussion. Mr. Chase has been given entire freedom of authorship. However, he has had the advantage of advice and criticism in preparing the manuscript from the Fund's Economist, J. Frederic Dewhurst, and several other authorities—for which both Mr. Chase and the Fund are grateful. But the opinions and conclusions expressed in these books are those of Mr. Chase. The Trustees and Fund staff have taken no position either for or against them.

This series of books is one of several Fund publications in the field of postwar reconstruction. In May 1943 a second edition of the directory of national agencies engaged in postwar problems research and education was published under the title, *Postwar Planning in the United States: An Organization Directory* as well as a new study and discussion manual entitled *Wartime Facts and Postwar Problems*, designed to give the general reader a sort of descriptive catalogue of the profound changes that have taken place in our economy during the war and the specific problems of the peace which are likely to result. During the next few months the Fund will also publish a volume by Lewis L. Lorwin summarizing the postwar plans of governments and leading private agencies

of all the United Nations. For publication in 1944 will be the results of a major investigation, now under way, designed to estimate, with as much precision and detail as may be possible, the needs and resources of the United States in the post-war world. This survey is being carried on by a special research staff under the direction of Dr. Dewhurst.

The Fund hopes that all these activities will contribute to a wide public understanding both of the unequalled opportunity of the postwar period and of the difficult problems it will present. The Fund is especially indebted to Mr. Chase for his challenging contribution to this end.

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