EXHIBITION 119: War Comes to the People, a story written with the lens (Dec. 10, 1940 - Jan. 5, 1941)

COMES TO THE PEOPLE — by Therese Bonney

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INSTALLATION LIST

Epilogue #1 — by Archibald MacLeish

Group #2 - In August at the Great Maneuvers

Group #3 - I stood beside a woman of the people

Group #4 - Watched the Troops go by

Group #5 - And saw what she saw — Those who were to give their lives.

THERE WAS PEACE IN A LAND

Group #1

The President and his wife sat contentedly in their home in Helsinki

The Prime Minister governed his country wisely

The archbishop watched over his flock

FINLAND

Group #2

Sibelius lived in his Ivory tower at Jarvenpaa

Group #3 A

Artists worked in their studios

Factories prospered

Trade thrived

Industries developed

B

The Farmer sat at his hearth in the Ladoga country

The lassies milked their cows on the rich countryside

Miners worked day and night

Group #4

Athletes trained for the Olympics

Group #5

Market places hummed in village and town

The last surviving Kalevala bard sang of the heroes of old

Group #6

The farmers tilled their soil on the edge of the forest

Group #7

Children went back to classes

On Saturday the Sauna

Group #8

The folk danced at Seussari

Group #9

Peace

Contentment

Well Being

Group #10

Women wove beautiful textiles

Boys took their girls to parties
And the Farmer's wives all over the land put up their jam for winter.

SUDDENLY

War is declared in Europe - A Finnish extra announces it parliament meets to discuss neutrality

And a people pray for peace in the great church

AND THEN

Ready in the forests of Karelia
Waiting in the University Halls
Heroes on the shelf

Unknown soldier comes to life
Professors without classes
Home fires replaced
New Lessons for old

Refugees in the shadow of Christ
Voice of youth replaced by stretchers
"And there was light" but in air raid shelters

The teachers place is taken
Pleasure turns to pain
Men like these await the call

While the public finds peace more and more difficult

SOON AFTER

Professors in uniform
Lottas at first aid classes
Girl scouts helping
Youngsters too

For the soldiers' families
Red Cross busy
Automobiles converted into ambulances
Gas masks for the children

Clerks knit
Sentinels at their posts
Officers in their tents
They watch for the first enemy planes
Group #19 D ✓ Women in white at their task
✓ Doctors serve
✓ Day and night
✓ To a man the country is ready

Group #20 ✓ The men march to the east

Group #21 ✓ Refugees to the west

FROM DAY TO DAY

Group #22 A ✓ The president at his desk
✓ In the trenches
✓ Chief of staff studies Polish campaign
✓ Prepares his own

B ✓ Laki at home
✓ A soldier
✓ Sibelius' daughter an actress
✓ In a new role - bandages for the wounded

Group #23 ✓ Changing the guard at midday
✓ Mobilization in the night

Group #24 A ✓ Smorgasbord food aplenty
✓ Porridge soldier's fare
✓ Field of Karelia in August
✓ Tank obstructors in December

B ✓ Polytechnic students back to class
✓ Their school in ruins first day of war
✓ Coffee, miner's respite
✓ Soldier's delight-

C ✓ Happy crowds
✓ Serious groups
✓ First to return from Moscow, the delegate to his minister
✓ Last meeting of the peace cabinet, the opening of war

Group #25 ✓ Constitution of Finland, 1919
✓ First enemy trust over the country, 1939

Group #26 ✓ Lunch hour in a factory
✓ A few months later in a hospital

Group #27 ✓ The old rock
✓ Free from their homes-
✓ Horses plough the fields
✓ They are mobilized
✓ Harvesting in the sunshine
✓ For the soldier's beds
RAFFIE IN AUGUST

Group #28
- Traffic in August
- Traffic in December

Group #29
- The Peasant ponders
- Soldiers determined

Group #30
- A cuisine de luxe
- Refugees soup
- Happy children troop to class
- Refugees wait for food

Group #31
- The farmer takes his milk to the cooperative
- The soldier to the regiment
- Olympic games
- To air raid shelters

Group #32
- Neutrality
- Hotel's grand piano becomes first aid table
- Happy art students
- Their bit for defense

Group #33
- Women and children pray
- The first bombs fall

THE CHRISTMAS

Group #34
- Church and sleigh bells ring out over the land
- Peace on earth to men of good will
- In the shadow of the star of Bethlehem
- They praise God in the highest

Group #35
- Joy in the supreme sacrifice
- Carols of the season
- Back from Karelia far from home

Group #36
- Packing up eager to return to the front
- And yet one day was like another

THE LENGTH AND BREATH OF THE LAND

Group #37
- Gates opened on disaster and there is bombing everywhere
- Grim reminders of the menace
- Time to save so little
- Such precious memories
- Errands of mercy never accomplished
- Temples burn

Group #38
- Ships sunk in the harbors
- Women and children civilian victims
- Rooms unsafe the dying lie in corridors

Group #39
- 1940.4623.21
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| Group #36 (cont'd) | ✓ Even the wounded are carried to shelters  
| | ✓ The old  
| | ✓ The young  
| | ✓ So many homeless  

| Group #39 | ✓ Yet they all face the morrow with indomitable courage  

| AND HELP | ✓ Hoover delegates confer with the Prime minister  
| ✓ American Red Cross brings aid  
| ✓ Swedish volunteers cross the gulf  
| ✓ Salvationists do great work  

| | ✓ English author does her bit  
| ✓ Danish officer volunteers  
| ✓ French nurse to a more urgent task  
| ✓ A Portuguese aviator answers the call  

| THERE WAS A PEACE | ✓ A gallant soldier  
| ✓ To his men  
| ✓ A President  
| ✓ To his people  

| | ✓ The news on the street  
| ✓ Correspondents stunned, file the story  
| ✓ Flags at half staff; a country mourns  

| Group #42 | ✓ The reason - an army exhausted  

| Group #43 | ✓ The price - 450,000 homeless  

| AND IN ANOTHER COUNTRY - BELGIUM | ✓ A Sunday in May near Brussels  
| ✓ Women gossip  
| ✓ Children play  
| ✓ Cocktail hour  
| ✓ Aviators quartered in chateaux  
| ✓ Grown-ups talk neutrality  

| AND ANOTHER - FRANCE | ✓ War seemed so far away  

| Group #46 | ✓ And almost phoney  

| Group #45 | ✓
Group #47  
- Soldiers worked in the field
- Returned home on leave
- Children played as men dug trenches
- Suddenly May 10th - communications disrupted
- Transportation paralyzed

Group #48  
- In many a village and town

Group #49  
- Only an hour to leave

Group #50  
- Hordes of refugees in camions
- On trains
- On the roads as far as the eye could see

Group #51  
- Three wars 1870-1914-1940
- In their Sunday best they traveled afar

Group #52  
- So many days with so little food

Group #53  
- They gathered before the churches
- Huddled before the stations
- Took refuge in barns

Group #54  
- Abandoned baby carriages and wheelbarrows
- Searched in vain for loved ones lost on the roads
- Tried to communicate with each other

Group #55  
- They slept...in garages
- Under carts
- Anywhere

Group #56  
- Fainted
- From time to time

Group #57  
- Tried to save what they loved: a clock
- A dog
- Her doll

Group #58 A  
- So many wanted to help: nurses
- Guns
- Scouts

B  
- There was so little one could do
- Only a few men
- Such a long trip
- And so bewildering
- Babies born on the roadside
- Meals cooked in the fields

C  
- Just once in a while someone broke down
- Thousands of tots lost
- Danger everywhere

Group #59  
- Impossible to fight back
Group #60
- Planes overhead
- The bomb fell
- They tried to help each other
- And the old gave the example

Group #61
- To the young to trudge on

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