

I'D RATHER BE RIGHT. One of the most telling lines in George M. Cohan's current Broadway success occurs near the beginning of the play when the "President" buys ice-cream pies for a young couple he has met in Central Park. As he enters the amount in his "budget" book the young man asks to see it, and reads aloud: "50 million dollars for battleships; 25 cents for ice-cream!"

PROGRAM TOWARD PEACE AND SECURITY - as told in the headlines:

First day: "England to Spend \$400,000,000 on Armaments in Coming Year."
 Second day: "Italy to Build Two Battleships."
 Third day: "President to Ask for 37 War Vessels."
 Fourth day: "Russia Plans Naval Expansion."
 Fifth day: "Britain's Objective, 1250 Planes in '38."

Battleships are admittedly not weapons of defense; Secretary Ickes has testified that shipbuilding brings the smallest returns in unemployment relief. Congressman Hancock told us he thought we should not enter another Naval race. Did he vote against the new Naval appropriation? You ask him!

TO YOU WHO DON'T WANT WAR. Do you favor giving the President a "blank check" to take this country into war? We came close to the danger line the other day when the U.S.S. Panay was sunk by the Japanese. Only the determined effort of the people can keep us out of war. They are the ones who must counteract the propaganda of the war propagandists. There is no possible way for the peace movement to get and spend the money that is being spent on the other side; the devotion of the people to peace must be depended upon.

WE TAKE A BOW. Our birthday party was a great success; the room at the Museum was most attractive; the cake was good, both to see and to eat; the program combined entertainment with information (it was too long, but we promise to guard against this next time); and our friends were very generous with their congratulations and gifts. In order that those of you who could not attend the party may have an opportunity to share in it, we are enclosing a copy of our new folder. We invite you to read it carefully. Then if you want such a program continued, use the envelope for your gift or pledge. "The postman stops at our door!"

PEACE SCHOOL OR INSTITUTE. It has been proposed by a number of people interested in a better understanding of peace problems that during March the Council conduct a peace school or institute. If you would be interested, please check and return the enclosed card (a penny stamp will bring it) so that we may know whether the demand will justify the effort. Competent leaders are assured. Enrollment limited to ten in each group. Registration fee \$1.00 for two courses.

RADIO. Shifts in station programs at WSYR have changed the SPC period from 4:05 Fridays to 3:00 on Thursdays. Hear Mr. Paxman and tell WSYR that you listened. ... The time of the nationwide broadcasts on World Economic Cooperation, sponsored by the NPC, has been changed to alternate Saturdays - 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Watch for it.

THE PEACE AMENDMENT. Present Administration Leaders (including Messrs. Roosevelt, Hull, Garner, Farley, and Cummings) unanimously approved the War Referendum Plan in 1924. Their platform declared: "Those who must furnish the blood and bear the burdens imposed by war should, whenever possible, be consulted before this supreme sacrifice is required of them."

Editorial Comments:

"If anything has been demonstrated by governmental policy in recent weeks, climaxed by the Administration's fight against the war referendum measure, it is the need for democratic control over foreign relations. Too much power is vested in the President, and neither Congress nor the people have any effective check on the Executive."

"Defeat of the motion to vote on the Ludlow resolution in the House of Representatives safeguards the President's power to employ the threat of war in the conduct of our foreign affairs; but the manner of its defeat and the nature of the vote give striking evidence of the strength of peace sentiment in the country. The count was 209 to 188; thus a shift of eleven votes would have changed the result."

"This narrow vote in the House . . . is a solemn warning. The nation at large is anxious and disquieted over the direction in which the President is taking it in its international relations. If the vote on the Ludlow amendment teaches Mr. Roosevelt this, it will have served a good purpose."

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FOR YOUR READING

BOOK OF THE DAY. The best book available
on questions of American foreign policy,
the most timely of all timely books,
Stephen and Joan Raushenbush's "THE FINAL CHOICE".

WAR IN CHINA. Should the United States:

- 1 - Cooperate with other nations to stop aggression?
- 2 - Invoke the Neutrality Act?
- 3 - Continue to defend our national interests?

A new Headline Book, just off the F.P.A. press, 25 cents
Read and discuss America's policy toward "WAR IN CHINA"!

AMERICA CONTRADICTS HERSELF

ON ARMAMENTSPRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

- 1923-It is the consensus of opinion of military and naval men on both sides of the Pacific that Japan could not invade the United States and maintain an army here.
- 1934-The peoples of many countries are being taxed to the point of poverty and starvation in order to enable governments to engage in a mad armaments race, which, if permitted to continue, may well result in war. This (is a) grave menace to the peace of the world.
- 1938-As Commander-in-Chief, it is my duty . (to ask) a flat 20% increase in Naval construction (\$800,000,000); for the Army, \$17,000,000 besides its regular appropriation.

STATE AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS:

- 1936-The peoples of the world would be far wiser if they expended more of their hard-earned money in organizing the forces of peace and fewer of the present five billion dollars in educating and training their military forces. (Secretary Hull)
- 1938-In my opinion all of the ships . provided for in the proposed naval program are needed for national defense of the United States and its possessions. (Hull)
- 1938-The existing Navy is adequate to defend the Alaska-Hawaii-Panama triangle and the Pacific Coast against any conceivable attack, says Admiral Leahy. BUT the Admiral has been quoted in Washington as saying that our fleet would need to be at least three times the size of Japan's for an effective campaign in Asiatic waters.

ON WAR REFERENDUM

- 1924-Those who must furnish the blood and bear the burdens imposed by war should, whenever possible, be consulted before this supreme sacrifice is required of them. (Democratic National Platform)
- 1938-The same individuals (Roosevelt, Hull, Farley) who unanimously adopted that plank claim that a war referendum would be "unwise", "impractical", and "not in accord with representative government".

ON JAPAN

- 1898-After an artificially stimulated "revolution" supported by American forces, the government of Hawaii was overthrown and the Islands were "voluntarily annexed" by the United States.
- 1931-After an artificially stimulated "revolution" supported by Japanese forces, the government of Manchuria was overthrown and the territory was "voluntarily annexed" by the Empire. What's the difference? To what extent can we reasonably expect the Japanese (who are thoroughly informed of these facts) to be impressed by the high moral tone of our present attitude?
- 1937-We send our diplomats to Brussels to condemn Japan as the aggressor in an undeclared war in China. At the same time we continue to supply Japan with the materials for that aggression.
- 1938-On January 12 there sailed out of Delaware harbor, with the knowledge and consent of the State Department, a ship, flying the Nazi flag, bound for Japan, loaded with 20,000 Pennsylvania-made aerial bombs. At the same time, Mr. Hull was writing a letter explaining that dropping bombs on Chinese civilians - or American gunboats - is ghastly inhumanity. True. BUT Mr. Hull deliberately refuses to apply the neutrality law which would have prevented the bomb shipment.

IT IS ALL VERY MYSTERIOUS

Captain R. E. Ingersoll, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Navy, has just returned from a conference with the British Admiralty in London, and yet Secretary Hull, Senator Pittman, and Admiral Leahy continue roundly to deny that we are even considering plans for any sort of cooperation with the British Navy. Just a pleasant little vacation trip for the Captain, perhaps!

AMERICA CONTRADICTS HERSELF

"This is the truth about President Roosevelt: In his economic program, he has been fifty years ahead of his time. In his foreign policy he is still a member of Wilson's war cabinet, following the old road that led Wilson into War." -- P. A. W.

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PEACE INSTITUTE

Five Thursday Evenings in March - 1010 Hills Building - at Seven-Thirty O'Clock

The following schedule has been arranged:

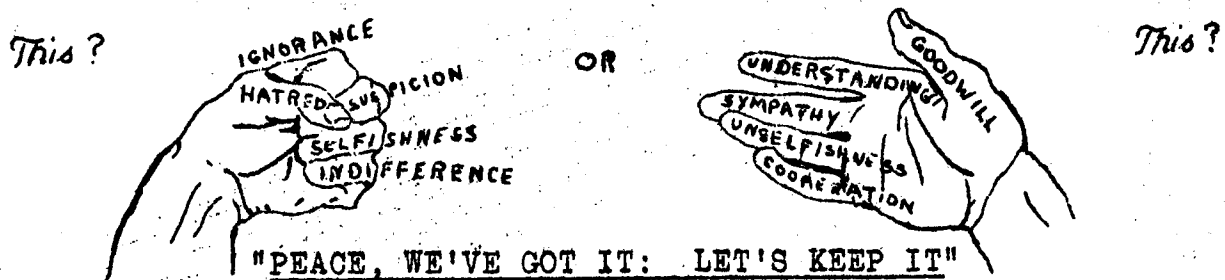
- March 3 - CLASH IN THE PACIFIC Dr. Egbert Hayes, Hendricks Chapel Staff
March 10 - PEACEFUL CHANGE: The Alternative to War Dr. Edna L. Acheson, Park Church Staff
March 17 - NEUTRALITY Mrs. Dorothy Hommel, Women's International League
March 24 - EUROPE IN TURMOIL . . . Professor C. Grove Haines, School of Citizenship
March 31 - TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR . . Norman J. Whitney, Syracuse Peace Council

REGISTRATION FEE, One Dollar SEND IN YOUR ENROLLMENT NOW

WHAT TO DO

We have a number of new, attractive, and authoritative leaflets on current issues. Ask for them. Send us the names and addresses of 5, 10, 20 people you know who would read these - and send us the stamps for mailing to them!

Sit down and write four letters: one to each of your two Senators, one to your Congressman, one to the editor of your newspaper, telling each one you want this nation kept out of another foreign war - and asking him exactly what he is doing to oppose the push toward war. Ask him to oppose the super Navy because it is not needed to defend America, and the Conscription Bill (May HR 9391) because it would destroy our democracy. Do this NOW!



"PEACE, WE'VE GOT IT: LET'S KEEP IT"

is the motto of the National Youth Peace Campaign being conducted by the Junior High School of Kent, Washington. We're making it our motto, too.

SPREAD THE NEWS. The KEEP-AMERICA-OUT-OF-WAR committee has issued the first number of a new magazine: WAR - WHAT FOR. Distinguished contributors include Dr. Charles A. Beard, John T. Flynn, John Haynes Holmes, F. J. Libby, Major-General Rivers, and many others. Fully illustrated with telling pictures and cartoons. Postpaid, ten cents. Send for a copy; share it with a friend.

SPEAKING BOLDLY: "We express the opinion of the National Council of Methodist Youth through the committee, Mr. President, when we say: If you lead us into war in the Far East, we will not support your administration in that war. IT WILL NOT BE OUR WAR, we cannot fight it." -- An Open Letter to the President

SAVE THE DATE!

PEACE PLAY TOURNAMENT. Finals in the Peace Play Contest, which has been going on among youth groups this winter under the able direction of Mrs. Walter T. Smith, will be presented in the Social Hall of the Temple Society of Concord, University and Madison (Madison Street entrance), on Monday evening, April 11, at 8:00 o'clock. Prizes of \$15 will be awarded. **YOU ARE INVITED!**

THE CONFERENCE ON WORLD ECONOMIC COOPERATION in Washington last week was a positive, constructive effort to get at the root causes of our problem in which ALL the major peace organizations of the country were united under the direction of the National Peace Conference. Discussions centered upon the report of a committee of distinguished experts in the field of economics. Our Council was represented at the Conference. A report will be presented on April 25. If you are interested, let us know. **YOU ARE INVITED!**

KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR. Your opportunity to "count one" in the on-going movement to protect American youth from war will come on May 3, when Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester will address a public meeting of the Council. Watch for further announcement and plan now to participate. **YOU ARE INVITED!**

LETTERS DO COUNT

"I know that the Government is susceptible to the will of the people. This is our hope. Let's use it before it is too late." -- Rabbi Edward Israel

"Push the letter writing! We are beginning to make a dent on Congress." -- Frederick J. Libby

"Opposition increasing and having effect on doubtful Congressmen." -- Syracuse Peace Council Observer in House Galleries, March 16, 1938

CONGRESSMAN HANCOCK voted against the Super-Navy Bill! **LETTERS DO COUNT!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. The fight now goes to the Senate. Let Senators R. F. Wagner and R. S. Copeland hear from you. And watch out for the May Bill. It's not dead yet!

Our ANTI WAR WORKERS' LEAGUE is doing fine work. Have you joined?

This issue is becoming more intense as to whether or not the President shall have almost unimpeded power to threaten the use of armed force in the Orient, --- and of course if some one calls his bluff, to force us into war.

WARNING: Be alert for war scares, warship manoeuvres, troop movements, propaganda - radio, press, screen - about "sanctity of treaties" and "Democracies standing together." (Meaning US and Great Britain vs Japan!) The Panay incident was a flop. The American people refused to get excited. But there will be other incidents played up to the limit. Don't let them upset you. The Administration is in earnest, and while it does not want war, neither did Woodrow Wilson.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

The most scientific gauge of people's attitudes on public questions is the poll taken frequently by the Institute of Public Opinion. Here are the figures on five questions affecting our foreign policy as recorded within the last six months:

LUDLOW RESOLUTION Question: "In order to declare war should Congress be required to obtain the approval of the people by means of a national vote?" Vote: in October 1937, Yes, 73%; No, 27%.

NEUTRALITY Question: "Which plan for keeping out of war do you have more faith in: having Congress pass stricter neutrality laws; or leaving the job up to the President?" Vote: in October 1937, For Stricter Neutrality, 69%; For Discretionary Neutrality, 31%.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CHINA Question: "Which policy should the government follow with regard to American citizens in China: (1) warn them to leave and withdraw our soldiers and naval forces; or (2) continue to maintain the present armed forces in China for their protection?" Vote: in January 1938, For Withdrawal, 70%; Against Withdrawal, 30%.

WAR LOANS TO EITHER CHINA OR JAPAN Vote: Against, 95%; For, 5%.

SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO CHINA Question: "Do you think the United States should allow shipment of arms or ammunition from this country to China?" Vote: in February 1938, Against Shipment, 64%; For Shipment, 36%.

In comment on this last poll, Doctor Gallup says, "An overwhelming public desire for neutrality is shown in the results. More than six out of every ten voters say arms shipment should not be allowed."

An examination of these polls indicates that since September 1936 public opinion in America has opposed the foreign policy of the President by votes ranging from 64% to 95%. THE PRESIDENT DEFILES THIS PUBLIC OPINION AT EVERY POINT !

IT WOULD HELP US GREATLY TO KNOW WHAT OUR READERS THINK.
DO YOU CARE ENOUGH TO CHECK YOUR VOTES ON THESE QUESTIONS,
AND RETURN THE SHEET TO US AT ONCE? COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS WELCOME!

KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR!

THE WAR DRUMS ARE BEGINNING TO ROLL; the familiar war propaganda beats upon our ears; preparations are being made once more to shed the blood of our youth abroad "to make the world safe for democracy."

OUR PEOPLE DEMAND PEACE - but public opinion alone won't keep us out of war. Even the sun's rays can't burn a hole in a piece of tissue paper unless they are focused. Public opinion must be focused - on Washington. TODAY IS NOT TOO LATE TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR.

How To Do It

Here are three clear and definite things that you can do for peace NOW!

PERSONALLY - Write your Representatives regularly. This month, concentrate on the Super-Navy Bill. The present Naval Bill would put a tax of \$43.24 on each family in the United States, according to Congressman Koppleman (D. Conn.), and it is generally agreed that it is designed not for defense but for aggressive warfare abroad. Do you want to pay that price for that purpose? The fight is now on in the Senate. Write both Senators Royal S. Copeland and Robert F. Wagner, Washington, D. C., today.

LOCALLY - The program for the Spring Meeting of the Syracuse Peace Council, to be held Tuesday evening, May 3, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Park Central Church, provides for public participation, following the message of Dr. Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester. It will be a "meeting of minds" when, together, the citizens of Syracuse, including aggressive youth, will have an opportunity for self-expression on the great issues as we face our national responsibility to KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR. Doctor Bernstein is the Vice-Chairman of the National Council for the Prevention of War, and no more challenging voice is being heard today than his. See that your friends know about this important meeting of the Council. Come! Bring others! Count one for peace! (AWWs, take note: This is not "just another meeting" but a significant opportunity to help organize public opinion against war in Syracuse.)

NATIONALLY - "All the signs show that we are again in 1916. If it is not to become 1917, we must act without delay," says the Call to a great NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS to be held in Washington, May 28-29-30. The Call is signed by more than fifty distinguished citizens representing widely varied sections of American life. The Syracuse Peace Council is cooperating and is represented on the National Committee of One Thousand. You can help: Go yourself; Get an organization of which you are a member to send a delegate; Give money (however little) to make it possible to send some one else. Ask us for information.

Remember: OPPORTUNITY MEANS RESPONSIBILITY!

Peace Council broadcast program now on Thursdays from 4:20 to 4:30 p.m., WSYR.

Dear friend,
April 28, 1938
Did you ever stop to think how closely Mother's Day (May 8) follows the anniversary of our entrance into the first world war? How many mother's sons that you know today were born to be "killed in action" tomorrow?
A national peace leader writes me, "Remember, there is no hope for world peace other than on the basis of peace education and organization that is done in local communities... After all they have the real key to the situation." A nineteen year old student writes: "I wonder if I'll have to go back to Europe with a gun on my shoulder and a lust to kill in my heart... if I'll meet those same fellows with whom I've laughed and played, with a curse of hell on my lips..."
We are trying to meet these challenges. We need help. What we do depends on what you do! Use the envelope. Give something for peace. And please believe me
Very sincerely yours,
Norman Whitney

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A MESSAGE TO WOMEN
Humanity is at the eve of still more ghastly wars, where millions of young lives and all the hopes for the future will be squandered irrevocably. If women do not use their last bit of energy to combat the disaster which is approaching, may the blood of their sons be on their heads! They will have been accomplices to a murder, which they had too little energy to prevent. Nothing will ever excuse those people who remain passive, who wait resigned or indifferent, in face of the Greatest Crime. — Romain Rolland



WE RECOMMEND FOR YOUR SUMMER READING -

AND SO TO WAR, by Hubert Herring. A fast-moving setting forth of the "deadly parallels" 1917-37, by which the Director of the Congregational Council for Social Action shows how "Roosevelt has gone farther toward war in six months than Wilson did in two years." He concludes: "The one hope is that an energized citizenry, awakened to the peril, may demand of Congress a swift stay of the present trend." \$2.00

MUST WE GO TO WAR, one of the best books Kirby Page has written. Inexpensive. Indifference and unintelligence equal a vote for war. Read this book today. \$1.00

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING FOR PEACE

If one hundred people read each of these books this summer, there would be a profound change in the peace-thinking of Syracuse next winter. Order either or both from the S.P.C. Beg, borrow, or buy one of these books!



UNLESS

WE
KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR!

WAR - WHAT FOR

A splendidly illustrated, authoritatively written, 32-page magazine. Buy it! Read it! Sell it! Spread the word. Send a dime for a sample; a dollar for a dozen.

THE FALSE ISSUE

A RED HERRING

They say that we are hung between two poles: "collective action" or "isolation". Collective action means to "gang up" with Communist Russia and Imperial Britain (now in league with Fascist Italy!) to put more pressure on the already desperate "have-not" nations. This is the road to war. Isolation is the nineteenth century method of irresponsible nationalist imperialism. The end is the same, the name different. Hobson's choice! "Collective action" is a drive toward war; "Isolation" is a drift toward war. But these are not the only alternatives. There is the Middle Way: non-participation in war and the war system; economic cooperation for peaceful change to remove the causes of war. This is our way. Will you join us?

THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN

Memorial Day this year is to be given genuine peace emphasis throughout the nation by: (1) A NATIONAL PEACE PREACHING MISSION on Sunday, May 29. Fourteen ministers in this area have accepted our invitation to cooperate. Is your minister one? (2) A NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS in Washington to dramatize and focus the will of the American people for peace. The Syracuse Peace Council will be represented.

BATTLESHIPS OR HOUSES ??

Admiral Leahy estimates the cost of one battleship at \$70,000,000. That sum would provide decent housing for over 14,000 families - and pay for itself! A battleship - the Super-Navy Bill calls for three - yields us nothing but fear of involvement in foreign wars and brings no return on the investment. Decent housing for our citizens or floating fortresses in the far Pacific: Which do you think is a stronger safeguard of democracy? ANTI-WAR WORKERS! Be not weary in well-doing! THERE IS STILL TIME TO STOP THE SUPER-NAVY. Before money is authorized by Congress, WRITE Senators Copeland and Wagner, and President Roosevelt AGAIN!

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

We are devoted to the task of keeping America out of war. But that is not enough. In the end we must keep war out of the world. As an international organization linking like-minded women in practically every country of the world, the W. I. L. is especially equipped to educate public opinion everywhere to the principles upon which the new world order must be founded. If you can help, send your contribution to Mrs. Emily L. Eaton, 332 Ostrom Avenue. One dollar will bring you a year's subscription to FELLOWSHIP, one of the best peace monthlies in the country. The Syracuse Peace Council is glad to cooperate.

CHILD FEEDING MISSION IN SPAIN

Mr. Dan West, of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke in Syracuse recently of the work being done on both sides in Spain for the relief of suffering caused by the war. "The children of Spain", he said, "are cold and hungry, dirty and diseased." THEY ARE THE FUTURE. The importance of this non-partisan, non-political work not only for these innocent victims but to the cause of international good-will and reconciliation can scarcely be over-estimated. The Peace Council office is glad to receive articles of wearable clothing, soap, and canned milk to forward to the Friends Service Committee. Ten cents will feed a child a day; soap is a luxury, and a can of milk might save a child's life. "Suffer little children . . . "

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PEACE DAY IN SYRACUSE

May 3 was Peace Day in Syracuse. In the afternoon fifty people, most of them teachers, ministers, and community leaders, met for supper and a forum discussion on WORLD ECONOMIC COOPERATION. A superintendent of schools, representing education; a C. I. O. organizer, representing labor; the Director of European Operations for the Carrier Corporation of America, speaking for business; and a college professor who spoke from the point of view of the consumer, led a panel discussion based on a report of the Washington Conference on this theme.

In the evening, an audience five or six times as large listened to an address by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester on the theme: KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR. Resolutions against the Super-Navy Bill and endorsing the KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR Campaign were passed. The audience also had an opportunity to express itself in the question period and in a poll of opinion on current issues which resulted as follows:

Eighty-five per cent voted in favor of applying our neutrality law in the Far Eastern situation, and 87% thought American war ships should not be kept in war zones; 96% were opposed to protecting American foreign investments with armed force, and 98.4% believed that American citizens should remain in danger areas only at their own risk; 70% would favor a peace-time embargo on arms to foreign nations, believing that it is not common sense to arm others either for their own destruction or against ourselves; 85% favored a national referendum before a declaration of war; 87% were opposed to the Super-Navy Bill; 80% are opposed to the May Bill for Industrial Mobilization; and 90% favored active participation in a program of world economic cooperation for the removal of the causes of war by processes of peaceful change.

ECHOES from the first NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS
May 28-30, Washington, D. C.

The significance of the Congress was in the representative character of the delegates (there were 1226 officially accredited representatives of organizations: Labor, Farm, Church, Peace, Youth, Women); in the unanimity and determination of purpose that marked all the proceedings; in the fact that for the first time organized labor (343 delegates) joined in a most impressive way in a national peace program.

The dramatic highlight of the Congress was the Dedication Ceremony at the TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER at which 1200 persons highly resolved "that these dead shall not have died in vain." Senator Capper (Kansas) presided; Congressman Bigelow (Ohio) spoke. And a young man in "The Unknown Soldier Speaks to the Nations" challenged:

"Because you would not think, we had to die."

SENTENCE SUMMARIES

Stephen Raushenbush (Investigator for the Nye Munitions Inquiry): "You can't take the profit out of war; therefore, to save democracy, you must prevent war and keep out of war."

Philip S. Bernstein (Educational Chairman, Central Conference of American Rabbis): "Perhaps the one unique thing I can say is this: As a Jew, I wince physically and spiritually at every new evidence of fascist aggression. But as a pacifist, I know that you cannot destroy Fascism by force. Therefore, keep out of war while there is still a chance."

Norman Thomas (National Leader of the Socialist Party, speaking on Civil Liberties): "I am thankful with all my heart that I am an American, but I am ashamed of our boastfulness when I view our own conditions. What do they worse than we? Our greatest contribution toward making the world safe for democracy would be to set our own house in order."

Sherwood Eddy (Internationally known traveler, author, lecturer): "I could cooperate for non-violent change on two conditions: that the democracies should unite and unite on a democratic basis. This they cannot and will not do. The next war will not be Democracy vs. Fascism but between two rival imperialisms."

S. de la Selva (Guest from Nicaragua, speaking on the Good Neighbor Policy): "Keep America out of war, for if war comes the Good Neighbor Policy will go out the window."

Dr. John A. Lapp (Prominent Catholic layman; labor arbitrator, National Chairman of the Congress): Called the Congress to order and presided at its sessions with a gavel made from wood of the childhood home of Jane Addams, founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Hubert C. Herring (Director of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational-Christian Churches): "The world is headed for hell, with all flags flying. Only an alert and active public opinion can save us."

Homer Martin (President, United Automobile Workers of America): "The defense of democracy begins at home. It is not 'foreign devils' but some of our own native variety that we need to fear. The wall against war must be built out of pay checks and dinner pails."

Norman Thomas (Introduced by Doctor Lapp as: "That great American institution, the one and only, Norman Thomas!"): "Roosevelt's war will not cure what Wilson's war did so much to cause."

Snedley Butler (Major General USA, Retired): "When the flags begin to wave and the bands begin to play, we have government by sound, not sound government."

Chairman Lapp (In adjourning the Conference): "In a life-time of conferences, I have never seen its equal. But its significance is that it is a beginning; its success will depend on taking it home to the 'grass roots' of the country."

Will you help us "take it home"?

READ OUR SIX POINT PROGRAM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET,
AND THEN DECIDE WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR.
Tell us you are with us!

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THE SIX POINT MINIMUM PROGRAM

1. The immediate removal of American ships and marines from belligerent zones and the evacuation of American nationals who, if they stay, stay at their own risk; opposition to every expression of American imperialism.
2. No increase in the Army and Navy budget; work toward reduction of the present excessive military machine.
3. The democratic right of American citizens to vote on a declaration of war.
4. Abandonment of all existing plans for industrial mobilization and defeat of all new plans for universal conscription and regimentation; thus warning our militarists that the American people will not tolerate American participation in war abroad and war dictatorship at home.
5. No alliance or joint action with any nation or group of nations for war, or which is likely to lead to war, declared or undeclared, under any name or pretext.
6. At home, concentration on the struggle against injustice, unemployment, bad housing and poverty, and determination by means of that struggle to seek our prosperity rather than to find it in war trade; abroad, increasing solidarity with the people of all nations in the struggle to abolish economic injustice and colonial oppression, and to remove the causes of dictatorial militarism.

WE'LL BE WITH YOU AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER!
Will You Be With Us?

ARE YOU?

Our last word to you in June was: "We'll be with you again in September! Will you be with us?"

OUR FALL PROGRAM BEGAN --

with an Educational Exhibit at the State Fair. The feature attraction was the Puppet Show presented three times each day; sometimes to crowds of several hundred. But there were poster and literature displays, and intelligent, informed attendants to answer questions. Over two thousand citizens signed a petition to Congress favoring the War Referendum Amendment. The total number of contacts made by the booth was estimated at 4600.

On September 23-24 we were host to the Second Conference of New York State Peace Workers. Thirty-five reservations represented fourteen communities from New York City to Niagara Falls. W.I.L., N.P.C., M.C.P.W. and A.F.S.C. all sent representatives who took part in the program. Dr. Walter VanKirk, Director of N.P.C., spoke at the public dinner sponsored by the Council of Churches on Friday night. His subject: "The American Peace Movement in Time of Crisis". The luncheon speaker on Saturday noon was Paul Harris, Jr., Director of Peace Action Service. Other sessions were devoted to panel discussions of ways and means for carrying on peace programs and to a business meeting at which proposals looking toward a State organization were discussed. In both the addresses and the discussions there was a strong feeling that we must "carry on" in the face of difficulties and dangers; that our primary task is to keep the issues clear in our thinking and to build a public opinion that will support measures to KEEP AMERICA OUT. And this, not from a selfish isolationist motive, but because only so can we preserve democracy; only so can we best serve the cause of world peace.

OUR PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE --

to promote World Economic Cooperation and Methods of Peaceful Change as the only sound basis of World Peace;

to support the War Referendum Bill and Neutrality -- not as panaceas, but as means -- to KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR;

to believe that the strengthening of our own democratic institutions, the defense of our civil liberties, the increase of our economic security are our best defense against war. (For more information on above, send ten cents, stamps or coins.)

THIS MONTH --

we focus attention on the political campaign. In just five weeks we shall elect a new Congress.

Have you stopped to realize that the men and women we send to that Congress will certainly have to vote on questions that will help to determine the issue of peace or war? That they may have to vote on the direct question of sending your sons and brothers to war?

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR PEACE:

Ask every candidate for Congress one or more of these questions:

1. Will he vote to let the people vote Yes or No on foreign war?
2. Will he work and vote to strengthen the Neutrality Law which was passed to protect this country against foreign war?
3. If he has to vote on a foreign war, will he vote "No"?

This is not a partisan political effort; no party lines are involved; it is a strategy for public education. Carried on on a national scale it can have a profound effect but IT DEPENDS ON YOU. (If you do not know who the candidates are, call us or your newspaper.)

Our radio program begins its third year under the direction of Mr. U. S. Paxman on Friday afternoon, October 7, 4:45-5:00 WFBL. LISTEN!

War scares encircle the world hourly. What must we do to keep the peace message alive? There will be differences of opinion as the issues of the Central European crisis are debated, but there can be no difference of opinion about this:

AMERICA MUST KEEP HER HEAD. AMERICANS MUST THINK STRAIGHT.

Not actions based on emotional prejudices (easy!), but decisions formed from a clear understanding of the causes and effects (very hard!) will protect us from folly. "Force produces no solution for the future good of humanity," said the President to Benes and Hitler. It is just as true for US. America wants peace! Americans do not want war! Then, support

A NO-WAR POLICY FOR AMERICA

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS: Thank you for your fine response to our appeal in the September LETTER. Of course our distribution is sharply reduced, but for the first time the LETTER is going to a wholly "paid-up" list. We regret this, but we have explained the necessity that compels such drastic action. We hope some of our friends will miss us. Many of you sent in additional names with your own. That's a good idea! There is still room for more!

POLITICAL NOTES: Written to your Congressional candidates yet? We have; and had replies from only one: James M. Mead (Senator, Democratic Party), of Buffalo. But we have let them know that we think peace is important and what we believe are some of the issues. There is still time for you to do that before election.

Seven young men and women and their pastor called on Congressman Hancock last week. They had a grand time - and came away enthusiastically impressed with the importance of what they had done. And they had met a real live Congressman! Why not let us arrange a party for you before November the 7th?

WE NEED: A new roller for our faithful old mimeograph machine. \$3.50 will buy it. Who wants to make this particular gift to the peace movement?

To get rid of ten books of "Keep-America-Out-of-War Stamps". Will you take one and sell the stamps for us? They are particularly appropriate to use on your letters from now until Armistice Day. They come in denominations of from five to fifty cents.

WELCOME: To the new Meadville (Pennsylvania) Peace News. We'd like to quote half of it if we had space enough.

PROGRAM: Instead, we submit for your serious consideration a

PROGRAM FOR THE UNITED STATES BASED ON THE RECENT CRISIS

By Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary, N.C.P.W.

1. To keep America out of war - the only possible starting point for our future international cooperation:
 - a. Mandatory keep-America-out of war or "neutrality" bill, stopping gaps in present legislation.
 - b. Constitutional amendment requiring a popular referendum before foreign wars can be waged.
 - c. All-time embargo on the export of munitions.
2. To remove the economic causes of war:
 - a. Mutually advantageous trade agreements with all nations, including Germany, Italy, Japan, and Russia.
 - b. Use of our huge gold and silver reserves to strengthen the financial status of all nations and facilitate world trade.
3. To remove the intolerable menace and waste of increasing armaments:
 - a. Legislation restricting the use of our navy to defense of the United States from invasion.
 - b. Governmental pressure for the universal abolition of weapons of aggression and appropriate limitation of the weapons of defense.
4. To defend democracy:
 - a. Make it better and show its superiority to other systems.
 - b. Remove the economic causes of fascism and communism, such as bad housing, unemployment and desperate poverty, transforming our war boom progressively into a peace boom.
5. To provide for future settlement of all our disputes by pacific means:
 - a. Perfect the Pan-American system of treaties.
 - b. Strengthen our participation in the International Labor Organization.
 - c. Join the World Court.
 - d. Substitute for the present international anarchy a universal League of Nations dedicated, not to the maintenance of the status quo but to the promotion of justice; with sanctions in an optional clause, to be signed by those that want to enforce them; a League completely equipped, like the Pan-American system of treaties, to settle peacefully by conference, conciliation or arbitration, all disputes that may arise.
 - e. Establish an independent World Grievance Commission, representing farm, labor and business, as well as governments, to listen to dissatisfied nations or minorities and propose solutions before their grievances become acute.

(Study it carefully. Write us what you think about it.
Ask questions. Bring it up for discussion in groups.)

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IN REPLY

In reply to our pre-election letters, Congressman Hancock sent us a very carefully thought out statement of his position. He called attention to his vote against "the construction of two new battleships", his opposition to the May bill--"designed to conscript everything and everybody in time of war". He does not favor the Ludlow resolution, thinking it "impracticable and dangerous". He says that the "sentiment of the country against war" is based "not only upon humanitarian grounds" but "because most intelligent people believe that if this country were involved in war the result would be a radical and permanent change in our form of government which might very well lead to the end of democratic institutions." This is one of the best reasons we have seen for our campaign to Keep America Out of War. Thank you, Mr. Hancock -- and thank you, too, for recognizing the "sincerity and patriotic purpose" of our letters. One other sentence deserves quotation: ". . . I have not the slightest intention of voting for any war . . . as a result of any conditions now existing or as a result of anything that it is possible for me to see or imagine." We can continue to rely on Mr. Hancock's courteous attention to our point of view.

WE BUILT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE

In spite of repeated rulings of the State Department that export of American arms and airplane equipment to Germany are in direct violation of treaty rights, the United States furnished airplane engines for almost one-seventh of the German military aviation forces in 1938. We are also JAPAN'S ALLY. . . In July, Japan got airplane parts and other war materials costing \$1,125,492.65; China, materials worth only \$164,698.13. In view of these facts, What Price Rearmament? What For Rearmament? We agree with the Washington Post: "The nations will have more in their hands when they put less into their arms."

WRITE THE PRESIDENT THIS WEEK

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!

It is reported that there are 136 anti-Semitic organizations now functioning IN THIS COUNTRY. We are properly shocked and horrified at what is happening to Jews in Germany. Are you sure that "It Can't Happen Here"? One thing you can do to prevent it is to join the American Civil Liberties Union. We are glad to quote a recent letter from its chairman: "The rights of all minorities, however unpopular or insignificant, must be protected if democracy is to survive." . . . The Syracuse Peace Council has always advocated "watchful maintenance of the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, press, and assembly." Here's a chance to show that we mean it. The ACLU is the one national non-partisan agency defending civil liberties. One dollar does it - through this office.

AFTER MUNICH -- WHAT?

To Remove War Causes, the U. S. Should in collaboration with other governments, call a worldwide disarmament and economic conference; clearly define its military and naval policy as one of defense from invasion only; seek trade agreements with all nations;

consider ways of using gold reserve to strengthen position of all nations.

To Keep the U. S. Out of War Appointment of a "general staff", under the State Department, to make plans for keeping this country at peace if war occurs elsewhere. Consultation with Western Hemisphere nations for this purpose and with other powers, such as Oslo group, already united in neutrality plans.

Bringing foreign policy more closely under democratic control by (a) strengthening present mandatory neutrality, (b) adoption of the referendum on foreign wars, (c) adoption of an all-time embargo on export of arms.

To Defend Democracy Education urging citizens to accept their responsibilities for safeguarding civil liberties, removing conditions tending to produce communism or fascism, such as unemployment, poor housing, lack of health protection, unfair taxes; and the conservation of natural resources for the benefit of all the people.

ALERT THINKERS!

As a part of the Council's "continuing program of community education," its Forum Committee will sponsor, during January and February, another League for Industrial Democracy lecture-discussion series. Following are the subjects and speakers: Democracy in Crisis (Dr. Jesse Holmes); The Middle Class and Organized Labor (Dr. Joel Seidman); Homes for America - A First Line of Defense (Rev. John Paul Jones); Problems of the New Mexico (Frederico Bach); World Trends Toward Democracy and Dictatorship (Ludwig Lore); Democracy and Social Planning (Norman Thomas). As one of the active cooperators in the Council's program, YOU CAN HELP in this educational program. Detailed information on request.

THANK YOU!

Our very cordial thanks to Mr. Walter T. Smith who so promptly supplied the new mimeograph roller requested last month. We are enjoying its use.

GET READY All signs point to foreign policy as the most important issue in for the the new Congress. It will be the most important session in recent 76th CONGRESS! years.

H Y S T E R I A - is the only word to describe the attitude of mind which the Administration is deliberately working up in support of its super-super-
armament program. The threat from Germany; the threat to South America; the threat of Japan. . . We are being frightened into seeing a spy on every street corner and a "Hun" behind every headline! . . . But hysteria is no sound guide for foreign policy; this is a time for clear thinking.

- 1 - The real motivations of the armaments program are: Political (the setback to the New Deal in November) and Economic (the serious lag in "recovery" by heavy industry).
- 2 - There is available abundant testimony of experts to prove that increased Armaments are not needed for national defense.
- 3 - Our real dangers are from: Propaganda (radio, screen, press); Threats to Civil Liberties (freedom of speech and assembly); and the First Steps Toward Economic Fascism (militarism of industry).

REQUIRED READING - **THE 22-BILLION-DOLLAR TOUCH**, in the December Scribner's, reveals the inside technique of the Liberty Loan drives and warns of what we may expect next time. Written by an ex-officer in the A.E.F. An excellent antidote for propoganda; well illustrated.

- **THE DEFENSE OF AMERICA**, in the December Harper's, by a former Major in the Military Intelligence Reserve, U.S.A., points out "the middle way" for those who would defend their country without destroying it. Warns that we should not and need not ever engage again in foreign war. Asks, "Why should we go to war to defend freedom if we must begin by destroying it with our own hands?"

- **ENGLAND MOVES TOWARD FASCISM**, in the January Harper's, by Eliot Janeway, points out the economic road to fascism which Germany has traveled, England is traveling, and we seem bent on beginning to travel with the "educational orders" now being placed with key industries by the War Department.

OPPORTUNITY - In January, Jeannette Rankin, first Congresswoman in the U.S., now head of the Legislative Department, National Council for the Prevention of War, will visit Syracuse. She will be guest of honor and speaker at our Birthday Party. Watch for the date; come and bring your friends. A rare opportunity to discuss legislative questions affecting foreign policy with an expert.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION! Write to Washington once a week. When Senator Nye spoke at the University last week, he urged citizens constantly to keep their views before Congress and the Administration. He testified to the importance and effectiveness of such action. Here are suggestions for January:

1939	JANUARY	1939
1	Write the President and your Congressman and tell them you want public funds spent for constructive and not war purposes.	
8	Write the President and ask him who is going to be able to invade the Western Hemisphere NOW?	
15	Write the President and ask how an army and navy will stop such trade competition.	
22	Write your Senators and Congressman that you want to stay out of foreign wars and that you do not want to give the President the power to choose sides in a foreign war.	
29	If you want to have a chance to vote on going to war on foreign soil, when we are not attacked or actually threatened with attack, write your Congressman and ask him to support the Ludlow war referendum.	

PACIFIST "STUPIDITY" - A Footnote

WOODROW WILSON, 1917: "What I am opposed to is not the feeling of the pacifists, but their stupidity. I want peace, but I know how to get it, and they do not. . . There is but one response possible for us. Force, force without stint or limit, force which shall make right the law of the world. . ."

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, 1939: "Resort to force in the Great War failed to bring tranquility. Victory and defeat were alike sterile. That lesson the world should have learned."

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