

# PEACE



IS NOT  
sitting down and  
not hitting the  
other man



IT IS  
getting out of your  
chair and saying  
my boy we've lots  
of common problems



let us sit down and



work them out  
together

## PEACE ACTION

Under the able leadership of our Treasurer, Mr. W.L. Smith, a committee of four visited Mr. Hancock just before he returned to Washington. Mr. Smith reported a very interesting and valuable interview. Mr. Hancock warns us against "hysteria;" "national debt increase;" and the "proposed war-time dictatorship."

We have just sent Mr. Hancock a copy of **OUR MILITARY CHAOS** in the hope that it may be helpful to him in connection with the debate on arms appropriations. Have you written him? Ask him what he thinks about the book.

## UNCENSORED

Ask for an uncensored article by Oswald Garrison Villard on the European situation. Mr. Villard has just returned from a thorough study based on exceptional opportunities.

IF WE will send you post paid one of our new books:

**THE DEADLY PARALLEL;** Grattan. How to stay neutral? A warning and a program.

**OUR MILITARY CHAOS,** Villard. A critical and authoritative analysis of our planless defense measures and expenditures.

**THE MARCH OF FACISM,** Rauchenbush. Middle class Austrians, Germans, Italians embraced facism, not endured it. Why?

"The first chapter ought to be required reading for any American who ever said he believed in democracy."

**WILL YOU** read and return it within ten days? So you can protect and equip yourself for an intelligent share in keeping America free and at peace. Is this too much or too difficult to do?

**FROM THE POST STANDARD** "Good, old Senator Norris! Those who have disagreed with his theories 100 per cent - and there are thousands of them - must applaud his stand against higher armaments expenditures. He makes the point that the money available should be used for creating employment and helping agriculture. If such huge sums as proposed are appropriated to armaments, funds available for agriculture, and unemployment will be smaller."

A very helpful leaflet on the "Cost of War" free for the asking.

**LET NOT YOUR RIGHT HAND** -- Since the President has not yet determined that a state of war exists between Russia and Finland, the neutrality law does not apply. Sales of oil to Russia are reported to be increasing rapidly. Isn't this Japan and China all over again; munitions on one hand - relief with the other?

**ACT NOW for PEACE NOW** Reliable information from Washington indicates that (a) terrific fighting is probable after March first; (b) the President will "positively welcome" our building up sentiment for neutrality mediation.

In view of all this, we must ask ourselves most sincerely: What have I done in my community? What more can I do? Dare I fail? The time is very short; - perhaps not more than six weeks.

**WHAT EVERY YOUNG MAN OUGHT TO KNOW** A remarkable interview with Ray Bridgman, former war ace and recipient of the Croix de Guerre, appeared in the New York Post for September 25th. To his son he says in part: "Better to go to prison than to go to war. If you go to prison you will at least be fighting for an ideal...."

"They must be told that there is more heroism in peace than in war."

"They must be told that all wars are useless, that this present one is unnecessary ... There never would have been any Hitler, never any invasion in Poland, if the great cheer leaders of France and England had been just men who wanted a just peace."

**TWENTY MILLION MEN ARE GOING TO BE KILLED**

if efforts for a negotiated peace through neutral mediation fail. The President would not have sent Mr. Welles to visit both neutrals and belligerents in Europe without some assurance of a friendly reception. Remember that press reports are prepared for home consumption. Note also a NNS dispatch from London reporting that substantial groups of business men are worried over the prospect of an early peace and its effect on their investments. Mr. Welles' mission is only the first step on a long hard road. We must be patient but we must also be determined. There is something effective you can do about it at once: Take heart; say Thank-you; Talk.

**HOUSES VS. BATTLESHIPS:** Before the House Naval Affairs Committee, this month, Frederick J. Libby summed up opposition of organized peace forces to the Vinson Naval Bill in three arguments:

1. Lack of established policy: What are Americans prepared to die for?
2. Curtailment of relief measures: The people want bread and jobs. Fascism thrives on hunger. The defense of Democracy begins at home.
3. Grave uncertainty as to value: Why spend 75 to 100 million dollars on one battleship if it cannot protect itself from a \$10,000 torpedo?

**PS:** In three years, 1937-1938-1939, the Navy built 36 destroyers which it now admits are top-heavy and not battle-worthy. Changes will cost the taxpayers upward of a half million dollars. What price sea-power?

**AN AMERICAN LOOKS AT EUROPE:** Dorothy Detzer, brilliant Executive Secretary of the WIL, who carries on the Jane Adams tradition for peace, returned in December from a survey-study of conditions in Europe. She will speak on "Democratic Policy in Relation to Foreign War" at a luncheon in the Small Ballroom, Hotel Syracuse, Saturday, March 16th, at 1 o'clock. Do not miss this opportunity. The office will be glad to make your reservations.

**MORNING'S MAIL:** "There are those of us . . . who see something sub-Christian in the shipment of arms, or money earmarked for arms, to Finland, to Japan, to England, or to any other nations on the face of God's earth." ~~Franklin D. Bennett, Rector, St. Pauls Episcopal Church.~~

"Americans have a stake of \$12,000,000 in the Industrial Mortgage Bank of Finland . . . 13 American corporations have branches in Finland . . . Ford of Finland paid 10% dividends in 1938 . . . 13 American investment bankers are reported (N. Y. Times 12/9) as seeking "relief" for Finland. If relief - - - why not Czechoslovakia? - - - Poland?" . . . Mrs. Ruth E. Hill, Jamesville.

We have received from Mrs. J. Paul Munson a copy of the "Plan of Work 1940," of the Department of International Relations for Peace of the WCTU. Excellent. In Onondaga County all WCTU chapters cooperate by subscribing for and reading our News-Letter monthly.

**"TWADDLE" AND THE "TROJAN HORSE":** The President may assume a "fatherly" attitude and, looking down his nose at Youth, assure them that their fear of American entanglement in foreign wars through U. S. aid to Finland is "unadulterated twaddle"; but a Youth leader has aptly characterized such aid as "the Trojan Horse of intervention."

**BOOKS BY MAIL:** For democrats: "The March of Fascism"; for defenders: "Our Military Chaos"; for politicians: "The Deadly Parallel." We repeat the offer because of the enthusiastic response last month.

**THREAT OF PREPAREDNESS:** We warn you. We are taking the issue to the country! - - if someone doesn't give us a pencil sharpener this month, taxpayers' protests to the contrary, notwithstanding . . .

**THINGS TO DO IN MARCH:** Many of you have copies of the new War Referendum petition. Please be prompt. Who else can use one?

Write two letters; one to the President on the Welles Mission (see above); one to Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, and have your views on the Naval Expansion program recorded.

T Let the bells ring! The nation is saved! A year's membership to Mr. Arthur  
H Crandall for a pencil Sharpener de luxe.  
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N The March of Time in our office is now measured by a new clock - our first -  
K the gift of our good secretary pro-tem.  
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Send a Message to Washington.

M Holly Redington has given our loan library a copy of the best-selling auto-  
A biography, DAYS OF OUR YEARS, by Pierre Van Paassen. It is a highly  
I illuminating and significant chronicle of the between-the-wars generation.  
L Free for the asking. The line forms on the right!

O World Problems 1940 - A new and up-to-date analysis by Florence Brewer  
R Boeckel of America and War, Peace Now, Trade Agreements, War Profits,  
D Referendum and Embargo. 10 leaflets, 25 cents.  
E Can Hitler Beat American Business? - John T. Flynn answers: "He can if the  
R United States enters the war in Europe." This important reprint, 10 cents.  
Mars in Civilian Disguise. - An exposure of the military purposes underlying  
D the student pilot training program. Foreword by John Dewey. 5 cents.  
E Toward a Peaceful Pacific - Douglas Horton. Helpful for those who agree with  
P Norman Thomas that our greatest danger of involvement is in Asia. 15 cents.  
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WANT NOT - WILL NOT

Leaders like Norman Thomas and Paul Harris warn us of the grave danger of over-confidence. Wanting to stay out of war will not keep us out of war.

If wishes were horses,  
The beggars might ride;  
If wanting were willing  
Men need not have died.

Very ~~Poor~~ poetry, but very sound sentiment; SEND A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON.

B N Since France and Germany went to war in September;  
A O French iron ore has been shipped (20,000 tons per day, estimated by "Iron  
C R Age") to Germany; French industrialists in Luxembourg have been shipping  
K M iron ore and steel to Germany from their mines and mills; tools and  
A machinery have been exchanged via Belgium; French and German directors serve  
L on the same banking boards in Luxembourg; along the Franco-German frontier  
T C in the Saar region, both French and German factories have been immune to  
O Y bombardment, indicating an agreement, tacit or otherwise.

In view OF THIS Did you know that two contingents of American troops were shipped - like munitions - to Russia at the urgent request of the Allies, for use under foreign command, in 1919-1920? (The Armistice was in 1918)  
What price secret diplomacy? Millions for..... defense?

Why not DO THIS Senator Nye urges that the United States:  
1. Put the arms embargo back in the Neutrality Act.  
2. Provide for a War Referendum (except in invasion.)  
3. Allow boys who would have to fight (17-21) to vote on it.  
4. Establish a pay-as-you-fight policy by war-time income taxes.

"DEMOCRACY IS A SYSTEM OF LIFE"-- Masaryk.

"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS....."

For Life and Democracy:

For Death and Taxes:

Dept of Labor,	\$28,000,000	Ordnance	\$61,000,000
Child Welfare	1,500,000*	Chemical Warfare	1,700,000
Care of Children	1,500,000*	Care of Horses	3,500,000**
Diplomacy (Europe)	80,000,000	Rearm Vessels	85,000,000

\* The same item. \*\* National Guard only. Figures by Dorothy Detzer.  
- from the U. S. Budget, as a Book for Bedside Reading \*

!! Our Speaker's Service fills, on the average, at least one engagement each week. Wouldn't you like to arrange for a speaker for your group? Why not ??

SEND A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON.

LET'S FACE 1. Over 90% of the people want to keep out of this war.  
A FEW FACTS 2. Over 90% of the people want to defeat Hitler.

This is one of our gravest dangers of involvement. We must choose wisely.

3. Over 90% of the people want to keep out of this war.
4. Only 50% of the people believe we will keep out.

Another great danger: that we yield to futility, to defeat in advance.

THERE ARE 1-2: There is pretty general agreement with the opinion brought  
ALTERNATIVES back from Europe by Oswald Garrison Villard that if the war enters an active military phase and continues for some months, the net result will be "all Europe going to pieces from economic and financial exhaustion." That means inevitably Fascism or Communism for all Western Europe.

The alternative - the only alternative - is Peace Now, by neutral mediation. Six national peace organizations unite in the following statement:

"The United States Government should stick to its job of bringing about a negotiated settlement in Europe regardless of what information Mr. Welles has brought the President. Our interests, jeopardized as they are by a conflagration that may set all our houses on fire, demand that all the influence of the most powerful neutral nation be exerted untiringly, in cooperation with other neutrals, to secure a lasting peace before it is too late. Secretary Hull has emphasized the two essential conditions underlying such a settlement -- general disarmament and improved economic opportunity for all nations. Hope for a settlement rests on the fact that both belligerents have indicated their approval of these conditions."

WE ARE COOPERATING WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS. SEND US AT ONCE A POST CARD OR LETTER ENDORSING THIS STATEMENT. WE WILL MAKE IT COUNT.

3-4: Florence Brewer Bechtel, writing from Washington, says: "There is no danger of our getting into the war before election. Whether there is danger after the election depends upon the strength of the conviction of the next Administration that the people are unalterably opposed to participation in foreign conflicts."

One way to register that "unalterable opposition" is suggested in a letter from Congressman Louis Ludlow, as follows:

"The way to make definite and real progress is to select a definite peace proposal and get back of it with enthusiasm and unity..... Together we stand a good chance of having this important peace declaration (giving the people the right to vote on foreign wars overseas) adopted in the national platforms."

WE ARE COOPERATING WITH MR. LUDLOW. SEND US AT ONCE A POST CARD OR LETTER ENDORSING THIS PROPOSAL. WE WILL MAKE IT COUNT.

K. K. K. From the beginning the Syracuse Peace Council has listed among its major policies "the safeguarding of civil liberties" as basic to peace. Now we are warned that "the Ku Klux Klan rides again." Within the past month three people have been beaten to death; ministers have been terrorized; labor threatened. You can do two things:

1. Write to O. J. Rogge, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C., urging Federal prosecution of all Klan thugs.
2. Send a special contribution for the National Defense Fund. We will acknowledge and forward it promptly.

Haven't you a friend who would like to subscribe or to whom you would like to send this monthly message? If it's good for you, it's good for others, and we need 25 more paid subscribers right now. Write the addresses on the margin of this letter; enclose stamps; we'll do the rest.

(Over)

IN APRIL It is timely to recall those April days in 1917 when a declaration of war was jammed through Congress in four days. In that war it cost \$33,700 to kill one boy. We lost 126,000 boys and gained 23,000 millionaires. What price millionaires? Shall we repeat that experience, or shall we here highly resolve that those dead shall not have died in vain? Register your resolve now; the NEWS-LATTER tells you how each month.

23 If the people of this country would buy as many stamps to eliminate war as they buy to eliminate tuberculosis, we could do as good a job as the anti-TB campaigners. War is the Great Black Plague of our social order. April is the 23rd anniversary of our entrance into World War No. 1. To help prevent our repeating that mistake send us 23¢ and use these 23 stamps to speak your message 23 times.

TWO WORDS TO THE WISE: The following quotations are from brokerage and speculators' guides: "As soon as the German offensive enters an active phase ---, then our stock and commodity markets should resume their uptrend." --- "The lack of heavy hostilities abroad and the regular appearances of the peace ghost . . . . serve to hold down expansion."

Mr. Hull's warning to Japan to stay away from the Netherlands Indies throws revealing light on Admiral Stark's clamor for a still bigger Navy. On guard! or we'll find ourselves fighting a "defensive" war in the Far Pacific. The white man's burden: Empire! Whose empire? The cat is almost out of the bag.

CORRECTION: In our table of comparative figures from the U. S. Budget last month the last item should have read:

For European Diplomacy 5 millions. To rearm vessels 85 millions.

*P.S. we have to pay for all stamps not returned.*

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308 Hills Bldg.,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Sec. 562 P. L. & R.

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5/19*

**WE ARE IN GREATER DANGER FROM HYSTERIA THAN FROM HITLER**

In a radio address on May 19th, Colonel Lindberg decried "the hysterical chatter" which is leading toward what General Johnson called two days earlier "the business of bum's-rushing a billion dollar bill through without looking at it." On May 18th J. S. Kemper, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, warned the country that entry into the European war might lead to bankruptcy and open the door to dictatorship at home. The distinguished economist and financial writer John T. Flynn declares that nothing has happened to warrant further weakening of our neutrality position. Our one major objective remains the same: America must be kept out of war.

**I HAVE NO TIME**

I have no time for World Peace groups;  
 I am a mother.  
 My days are spent with cod-liver oil and baths in  
 the sun ---  
 So my son's sturdy limbs will better adorn  
 A barbed barricade  
 Somewhere afar, years to come, slain  
 By a lad like himself.

I have no time to write Congressmen  
 Urging neutrality,  
 Indeed no! I am too busy cooking dried prunes ---  
 So the blood from his young brown chest  
 Will redder and richer run  
 Where he drops lifeless in some foreign land  
 Protecting investments.

I have no time to study why wars are;  
 I am raising a son,  
 Cleaning, polishing, ironing white rompers ---  
 Then, hypnotized by fife and drum,  
 Stabbing with madness,  
 Ripping out hearts with a bright bayonet,  
 He will slaughter his brothers.  
 I have no time!

--- Margaret Tuesdale Gibbs.  
 (Oakland Tribune - 6-9-38)

**HAVE A LETTER WRITING PARTY IN YOUR HOME THIS WEEK.**

**PREPARE FOR PEACE** The Friends Institute of International Relations for this area will be held at Muhlenberg College June 28-July 7. A most distinguished and competent faculty of authorities in their various fields will guide the discussion of "America's Task in a World at War." For a delightful holiday, with stimulating thought and enriching personal contacts at very low cost - \$27.50 covers tuition, board and room for ten days - you can't do better. Descriptive folder on request.

**THANK YOU ALL** for your splendid response to our request for letters and the sale of stamps last month. It was splendid - but there are still some stamps out.

**GLIMPSSES OF OUR TIMES.**

1. Let us NOT pray: Asked to set aside a day for general prayer throughout the United Kingdom, for the speedy end of the war, Prime Minister Chamberlain replied, "I do not think that the time has arrived." Until the Cabinet gives the word, the people will kindly refrain from stirring up the Almighty. Until the Empire has things under better control, God can just put in his time counting sparrows!! (from the New Yorker)
2. Head-line-of-the-Age: POPE'S AIR RAID SHELTER IN VATICAN NEARLY READY. (from New York Times)
3. Progress: After 2000 years of mass  
 We've got as far as poison gas! -- G. K. Chesterton.

On Sunday, June 2nd, the Council of Churches and the Syracuse Peace Council are sponsoring a conference: "America Looks Ahead." The program follows:

I. The Churches and the International Situation:

3:30 PM Registration, Jefferson Street Lobby, First Baptist Church  
4:00 PM Crisis Confronts the Church Ray Freeman Jenney  
4:45 PM Five Seminar Discussions:

1. The World Church Faces War  
Mrs. Frederic Biederstedt, Chairman Interdenominational Women's Group  
Lloyd Stamp, Student Pastor, Hendricks Chapel
2. The Churches and American Policy  
Egbert M. Hayes Student Pastor, Hendricks Chapel  
Rabbi Irwin Hyman Temple Adath Yeshurun
3. The Christian Conscience Faces Killing  
G. Shubert Frye Pastor, King Ferry, N. Y.  
M. Lesley West Syracuse Friends Meeting
4. The Church and the Victims of War  
Dr. Edna Acheson, Dir. Religious Education, Park Central Church  
Tracey K. Jones, General Secretary YMCA
5. What Shall We Do Now?  
Dr. Alfred P. Coman, District Superintendent, Methodist Church  
Harrop Freeman, Prominent Lawyer and Peace Worker, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

6:30 Buffet Supper

II. America and the International Situation:

7:30 PM "The United States and Catastrophe in Europe,"  
OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD  
A Public Forum in the Mizpah Auditorium

IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK. Better take advantage of this opportunity. Dr. Villard is an authority in the field, and Harrop Freeman is an expert on local program.

Reservations for Seminars and Supper by May 31st. Single 50¢. Groups of five \$2.00.

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## WHY CARRY THE MATTRESS DOWNSTAIRS?

In case of fire a person in panic invariably throws the mirror out the window and carries the mattress downstairs. The fact that the world is on fire has made many people panicky. Calm does not mean unconcern. Hysteria may prove more dangerous than Hitler. Let's relax, turn off the radio and think things over.

-- from Schenectady Peace Bulletin

## 1940 PEACE PLANKS FOR PARTY PLATFORMS 1940

(Drafted by National Peace Conference)

1. Keep the United States out of war.
2. Extend influence of the United States in cooperation with other neutral states in support of mediation for the procurement of a just and lasting peace.
3. Lessen economic tensions, adjust tariffs and lay the basis for world economic cooperation.
4. Strengthen the Good Neighbor Policy in our dealings with Latin American countries.
5. Work for some form of world government through which our own and other nations may achieve peace, justice and security.

We urge that you write a letter, **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**, to a Republican Convention delegate and to a Democratic Convention delegate, asking them to work for these five platform planks. Names and addresses are given below:

REPUBLICAN: Hon. Rolland B. Mavin, or Mr. William L. Hinds, Republican National Convention, Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, Penna.

DEMOCRATIC: Hon. William E. Kelley, 1709 S. Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y., or Hon. Francis L. Mc Elroy, 103 Wellington Rd., De Witt, N. Y.

## NATIONAL ANTI-WAR MOBILIZATION

On June 7th delegates from coast to coast met in Washington for the Anti-War Mobilization sponsored by six national peace groups. Syracuse sent a large delegation which bombarded the offices of Senators and Representatives, attended sessions of Congress, and heard Senator Burton K. Wheeler address

the crowded mass meeting in the evening, as well as a nation-wide radio audience.

Action taken at this gathering urged:

1. Keep Congress in session.
2. No further steps into the European war.
3. Rational, not hysterical, national defense.
4. Maintain democratic institutions and living standards.

It is later than you think - Put on the brakes now or never! If you have not already done so, write your Congressman and Senators on these points at once.

CONTRARY TO CUSTOM: Peace-News-Letter will be continued and the office will "carry on" during the summer, in order to meet the many demands now being made upon it. This is no time to quit.

## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BRITONS

May 9, 1940

"It was because the democratic governments did not carry out their undertakings that Hitler came to power.

"The undertaking to disarm, after the disarmament of Germany, was not carried out. America was ready, Germany was ready at that time, when Chancellor Bruening was head of the German government, but we refused to carry out the undertaking.

"Democracy has been attacked by Germany and swept out of Germany. That was because the democracies did not keep faith."

-- LLOYD GEORGE in the House of Commons



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Stab In The Back marked "MADE IN U.S.A."

During the first four months of 1940

Italy imported approximately 200,000 tons of scrap iron from the United States. In April alone she bought over 74,000 tons, only 2,700 tons less than Great Britain, our biggest buyer.

Monroe Doctrine a Two-Way Street

Some people are apt to forget this famous document states that:

"In the wars of the European powers relating to themselves we have never taken any part nor does it comport with our policy to do so."

AMERICAN  
DEMOCRACY  
THREATENED

Peacetime conscription  
is being seriously considered  
by Congress.

AMERICAN  
DEMOCRACY  
THREATENED

The Burke-Wadsworth Bill now is before the Military Affairs Committee for hearings. Should this bill or any similar bill pass Congress personal liberties as we Americans have known them will cease to exist. All men between 18 and 65 will be registered and await orders for duties which they will have no right to dispute. Freedom of speech, press and assembly will be things of the past. If such a bill becomes law it will bring Hitlerism - which we say we despise - to every home in the United States.

PROTECT  
CIVIL  
LIBERTIES!

Demand that your Senators and  
Congressman kill the Burke-Wadsworth Bill.  
RIGHT NOW WRITE!

PROTECT  
CIVIL  
LIBERTIES!

Youngsters read more than the funnies these days.

"Tell me, boy," asked a curious uncle of his little nephew,

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

"Alive," was the retort proper.

Over 700's Farm Forum program July 5th

Norman J. Whitney, head of the Syracuse Peace Council,

told a large radio audience that America has more to fear from hysteria at home than from Hitler abroad. An invasion by Hitler is as near to impossible as anything in the world could be, he said. More than a hundred letters and cards have come in to the Peace Council office asking for literature and praising this talk. One man wrote to us from Louisiana.

September 6-8  
at  
Lake Chautauqua,  
New York

THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

announces its 25th Annual Conference at one of  
New York State's fine vacation spots.

Such outstanding peace leaders as Mariel Lester, A. J. Muste,  
Harold Foy, John Nevin Sayre, etc., will conduct the sessions.  
Write to the Fellowship at 2929 Broadway, New York City.

The Peace Council office, 1106 Hills Bldg., is receiving clothing for the American Friends Service Committee from 2 to 5 every Monday afternoon. The Peace Council, the Syracuse Friends Meeting, the Women's International League for Peace and the Fellowship Of Reconciliation are cooperating in this work for the civilian sufferers in Europe. Gifts of garments and money will be welcome.

The New York State Fair

has again invited the Syracuse Peace Council to set up a Peace Booth at the Fair Grounds. Fair officials have assured us of their cooperation in putting on a larger and finer exhibit, possibly with the addition of movies. The booth will be in the Harriet May Mills Bldg. as it has been for the past two years.

James D. Mooney, vice president of General

Motors in charge of Overseas Operations, stated last month:

"During my recent eight months' experience in Europe, I did not find a single man, from brass hat to taxi-driver, who did not consider the present war a colossal mistake in international politics and the consequence of a long series of political and economic blunders."

GENERAL MOTORS  
ON THE WAR  
IN EUROPE

THE NEW TESTAMENT BASIS OF PACIFISM by MacGregor

has just been received from England. This important book is now available in paper binding at 50¢.

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S-U-M-M-E-R !!!! S-H-I-V-E-R-S

When the weather is unbearably hot, the best thing to do is read what income taxes Britishers have to pay. That will make anybody shiver.  
- The New Yorker

Plan In Panic

London, David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of England during the First World War, said of recent Government edicts in the British Isles:  
Aug. 3, 1940 "It is thus enacted that by a ministerial decree issued in panic the Magna Carta and the Habeas Corpus Act, time-honored bulwarks of the life and liberties of every subject, however humble he may be, can be suspended."

WEEK AFTER WEEK THE GREAT FIGHT AGAINST CONSCRIPTION GOES ON!

Puts it up to the colleges "Like bloodhounds baying on the trail, college presidents, professors, baccalaureate speakers lifted up their voices in advocacy of war or 'everything short of war'. Was there ever a more disgraceful exhibition of intellectual debauchery and spiritual depravity?" - John Haynes Holmes

Puts it up to recruiting "How any fair-minded member of Congress could say that we have given the voluntary system of enlistment for the United States Army service a fair trial, and that it has broken down, and therefore we need compulsory service is beyond my understanding." - Ex-Secretary of War Harry Woodring

Puts it up to Washington The 3rd Syracuse delegation to the nation's capitol to protest the Burke-Wadsworth bill combed Senate and House offices on August 1 looking for Senators Wagner and Mead and Representative Hancock. No one of the three could be found, but notes were left in their mail boxes. In the evening Syracuse delegates met with others in a mass meeting of more than 1,000 persons at the Raleigh Hotel. There they were addressed by Senators Wheeler, Nye and Holt, and other speakers against conscription.

Puts it up to hysteria "Alarmists who think we are wide open to attack" are according to General Parsons on active duty with the U. S. Army "merely the victims of nightmares of ignorance." Speaking at Fort Meade, Md., in early August, the General added: "If we are going to defend our own nation, a relatively small but well-trained force will be more than adequate."

Puts it up to the churches 167 clergymen announced August 11th: "We must make it clear to our fellow-citizens and in particular to conscientious objectors to war in any form that we stand ready to counsel and support in all ways within our power those who may be subjected to difficulty or persecution because they are unable to conscientiously cooperate in the operation of a conscription law."

WE PUT IT UP TO YOU!

If you don't want your liberties thrown down a rat hole,

DO YOU CARE ENOUGH???

Get Busy On A Penny Postcard To Congress.  
If you've written Senator Wagner, write Senator Mead, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. If you've written both of them, write Congressman at Large Matthew Merritt at House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Remember to visit -

Movies daily. The Peace Council Booth at the State Fair August 25 to Sept. 2  
You will find it in the Harriet May Mills Building.

Remember also the Fellowship Of Reconciliation Peace Conference  
Chautauqua, New York, Sept. 6 - 8.

- MODERN MILITARY SCIENCE -

8,000,000 will starve this winter in Belgium, says Ambassador Gudahy  
18,000,000 will starve this winter in Europe, says Herbert Hoover  
Money and goods for the hungry and homeless of the conquered continent remain dammed up in America by the British blockade, says the Associated Press  
Starvation of women and children  
(even those of your former allies)  
IS THE GRIM NECESSITY OF MILITARY STRATEGY

**CHAIN GANG DEMOCRACY**

has come to the United States with the passage of the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill.

We are now copying the methods of German, Italy and Russia.

The peace forces in America have been defeated in the most critical struggle of the past twenty years. Nevertheless, the Syracuse Peace Council does not feel its efforts to defeat this dictatorial legislation were useless or in vain. This nation now stands teetering on the edge of war, potentially a military dictatorship, on the Fascist model. But any effort to prevent passage of such a dangerous law must be considered a positive gain, whether immediately successful or not. Peace pressure changed the Conscription Bill in these ways;

1. Cut age limits in half, from 18-64 to 21-35.
2. Won limited exemptions for ministers, divinity students and religious conscientious objectors.

I am greatly alarmed at our drift toward war, and I fear that those of us who would like to keep this country out of war may soon find ourselves smothered in war hysteria."

- - - From a personal letter from O. K. Armstrong,  
Foreign Relations Committee, The American Legion, September 9, 1940

**FROM WASHINGTON** If one thing more than another indicates we are getting closer to joining in the European war, it is that those who want us to do just that are now being very frank about saying so. Sir George Paish, British economist, stopping off recently in Washington as he started a tour of the country, boasted of having had great influence in getting us into the last war and declared to a member of the United States Senate that his purpose incoming over at this time was to get us into this one as soon as possible. He expressed complete confidence that we would get in, but wanted to hurry up the process. A man in a position to know exactly what he is talking about likewise told me within the last few days that certain American groups are bringing constant and heavy pressure to bear on government officials "to rouse the country."

- - - Florence Brewer Boeckel, August 27, 1940

**THE AMERICAN DREAM** Yesterday afternoon a friend stopped me on the street. He said, "Last night I heard a call from my son's room and was amazed to find a twenty-year-old boy crying. He explained that he had been dreaming that he had just killed his first man, and woke with the tug of the bayonet in soft flesh still in his fingers."

**LIFE, LIBERTY - - -**

**WHITHER THE DREAM?**

**RETURN - HOW LONG** Some of our readers will recall a time when the President appealed to Congress to repeal our Neutrality Legislation and return to International Law. Under International Law (the Hague Convention,) the supply in any manner, by a neutral to a belligerent, of warships -- is forbidden. There is also the precedent of the "Alabama Claims" decision, and our own domestic law (1917) to prevent. Nevertheless, we have just turned over to Britain fifty vessels which, curiously enough, are "so old as to be useless to us, but so good as to mean salvation to Great Britain."

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND?**

**IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES** We are sponsoring a one-week Teaching Mission, October 1-8, in which Dr. Cecelia Sheppard will be available to church or other groups for a very nominal fee. Dr. Bernard Clausen writes to us: "She was excellently successful here."

For the immediate future we are planning a series of monthly Monday night supper meetings for the discussion of current issues; a one-day institute for the study of international affairs in December; and a week-end institute for mid-winter. Speakers already scheduled include Paul Harris, Jr. and Kirby Page.

...IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

**STATE FAIR REPORT UNLIMITED,** This year's booth at the State Fair was far and away the most successful one the Peace Council has ever put on. Demands for literature on the Conscription Bill and on the subject of Hitler's threat to the United States exceeded all estimates and exhausted our supplies again and again. HELL, the two-reel movie of what modern war means, was shown three times a day to enthusiastic audiences.

See over for an Important message from our Executive Committee.

**HEARTY THANKS** To the "Summer Committee," particularly Adelaide Webster and Albert Fowler, who carried on so ably during July and August in handling a heavy correspondence, publishing the two "extra" NEWS-LETTERS, and in setting up the State Fair booth.

**A CORDIAL WELCOME** to Alice P. Dobbins of the YWCA, who has accepted the position of Council Secretary made vacant by Elizabeth Mc Nary, who has left Syracuse.

**A STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

Constantly these days we are asked, "But what is there left for a Peace Council to do now?" To which we reply:

1. We shall maintain our unshaken purpose to help keep this country out of this war.
2. We must continue in the community our basic program of education on peace-war issues.
3. We must remain constantly alert to legislation affecting these issues in Washington.
4. We can be a center of reliable information for individuals or groups who have problems to be met.
5. We can help to guard the civil and religious liberties on which our nation was founded.
6. We shall seek to promote international good-will and understanding by sharing in the task of relief for refugees in this country and the starving millions abroad. This is a fundamental need.

At this point we shall continue to receive gifts of money and clothing for the American Friends Service Committee which has so thoroughly demonstrated the effectiveness of its method of building confidence in a world of fear.

We shall not be able to do all of any one of these things. But we do intend to stay on the job, building as wisely and as well as we can the bit of "road from war" that lies before our door. Isn't there some point at which this program is your program? Our responsibility, your opportunity. We invite you to share with us.

**HELP US AND HELP YOURSELF** Next month we shall begin the annual revision of our membership and mailing lists. To renew your membership (\$1.00 includes NEWS-LETTER) or your subscription (25¢) tear off this slip, sign name and address, enclose money, mail to:

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HEARD AT ANTI-WAR RALLY IN NEW YORK CITY

NORMAN THOMAS (Socialist Presidential Candidate) charged both President Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie with equal willingness to "gamble the lives and fortunes of 132 million people . . . Rarely have any people been so deliberately panicked into hysteria and fooled into possible wars of aggression in the name of defense as have the American people. . . . If we allow ourselves to be dragged into a war in the Far East it will be the most unnecessary, the most insane, the most terrible war the world has ever known."

RABBI SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN (of the Free Synagogue) "If we are to prevent international conflicts which will destroy civilization as we know it, we must reorganize our entire economic and political life."

DR. PHILLIPPS P. ELLIOTT (Brooklyn Presbyterian Pastor) calling for the maintenance of peace without military victory, said, "War is the antithesis of everything religion believes . . . You can have one or the other, but not both. We are vitally interested in defense . . . but we are more interested in the defense of peace."

DR. EVAN THOMAS (World War I Conscientious Objector) " . . . No event in history has made me believe that we can accomplish our ends (democracy) through the means of force . . . No Hitler could win out against non-cooperation."

PAGING ALL BRUTES! Extract from an editorial in the New York Daily News, Sept. 12, and the Washington Times-Herald:

"The Draft ought to be made as popular as possible; and it ought to be aimed at raising contingents of born brutes and young brutes. . . . For all our war forces we've got to have men who are strong, smart, young and brutal. . . . We've trained our young men differently -- made them Boy Scouts, CCC'ers etc., to whom the thought of firing a gun at another human being was abhorrent, or supposed to be. We may pay for that sometime. But there may yet be time to collect and train an army of men whose brutal instincts will be attuned to the even more brutal machines of the 20th Century War."

IN THE COMING ELECTION we must concentrate our efforts in electing an anti-war, anti-dictatorship House of Representatives. (The Senate will stay Democratic because of its big Democratic Majority now.) Question or write your Congressmen on their foreign policy stand. Ask them to pledge that they will never vote to send our men, Navy or Air Force, to fight wars in Europe or Asia. This may be your last chance to vote against United States participation in foreign wars. **ACT NOW!**

Look before you leap!

Ask before you vote!

CASKETS AND GADGETS. Commenting on the recent disclosure that the War Department has been surveying the casket industry's capacity for expansion, Major Robert A. Ginsburgh says: "When you have an army you have to figure it's going to fight some day. Fighting means casualties and casualties call for caskets. That's all there is to it. Just a simple matter of being prepared with essentials. Caskets are just like all the rest of the gadgets we use." !!!

FINGER BOWLS FOR DEFENSE. Speaking of war essentials, Congressman John Taber has told the House of Representatives that money appropriated for National Defense is being spent to buy the Navy 5,000 silver-plated finger bowls and 5,000 silver-plated trays to go with them. Why be cheapskates -- aren't we paying enough for defense to buy them sterling?

ANNOUNCING PAUL HARRIS! Guest speaker at the regular monthly supper conference of the Syracuse Peace Council, Monday, November 11th, Armistice Day.  
Subject - "Democracy and Defense"

Place: First Methodist Church, 412 S. State Street  
Time: 6:30 Supper followed by Conference.  
Cost: Supper and Conference, 65¢.

Special Conference tickets for students, 25¢. (Conference begins at 8 o'clock)

Please make reservations early by calling 2-5316

MERCHANTS OF DEATH, 1940. Among those corporations reporting profits for the first half of 1940, five have a net gain of 197.8% over the same period last year. Republic Steel tops the list with 495.3%; others are Atlantic Refining Co. 289%; Libby-Owens-Ford Glass, 94.9%; General Electric 58%; Caterpillar Tractor 51.5%. Four hundred leading corporations report gains of 58.6%. (Figures are from the Congressional Record, August 29, 1940.) On the other hand, payrolls rose only 13%, according to Department of Labor figures.

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EUROPEAN RELIEF. Millions of civilians, particularly women and children, are facing starvation and epidemics this winter. The American Friends' Service Committee is collecting food and clothing for children's homes, hospitals and feeding centers in France. You can help in this by bringing the pressure of public opinion upon our government to have the blockade lifted for food, clothing and medical supplies. The Quakers did this in World War I and in Spain, and Mr. Hoover says it can be done again. And there are other ways: Call 2-5316 for suggestions.

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NEWS FROM BRITAIN. London, August 29, 1940.  
"Never, I suppose, has the sum total of civilian courage in this country proved so great as it is today," writes Vera Brittain in her LETTER TO PEACE LOVERS. After describing the "magnificent heroism" and "superlative courage" of civilians and soldiers in the total war phase which England is now undergoing, she asks, "For what end are these great sacrifices being made? .... Our finest qualities are demanded of us in order that grief, terror and despair may be inflicted not only upon a hostile government, but upon the people who accepted it. The outcome of our nobility can only be their greater suffering, their more prolonged ordeal ... Suppose that the crusading courage ... were harnessed to the imaginative construction of friendly international relationships based on mutual sacrifice and cooperative good will? Imagine what would happen if they were dedicated to revitalizing the Church, rebuilding the slums, reinvigorating literature, music and art, reorganizing from top to bottom the economic system based on privilege and power, tackling the vexed problem of distribution, making equal education and opportunities available for all .....

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If you didn't renew your subscription last month,  
please send your 25¢ NOW.

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**THE VICIOUS CIRCLE.**

In 1936 Winston Churchill wrote as follows: "Legally we owe this debt to the United States, but logically we don't and this because America should have minded her own business and stayed out of the World War. If she had done so, the Allies would have made peace with Germany in the spring of 1917, thus saving over a million British, French, American and other lives and prevented the subsequent rise of Fascism and Nazism." . . . Yet the British Parliament appropriated \$100,000,000 to get us into the First World War . . . Senator King of Utah has introduced a bill authorizing the President to negotiate for the acquisition of certain British possessions, and for reducing Britain's war debt to the United States. This would circumvent the present Johnson Act.

RCN, Richard R. 227 Main St.	NBC Nov. '36 Community Forum '37 Lester Binner '37 Subscrip. Jan. '38 Contrib. Nov. '38 NCPW Nov. '39 Literature Nov. '39
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How does your card look?  
On this one from our files only the names have been changed. Notice the frequent indications of active interest and support. Have we heard from you this year? If not, do you want your NEWS LETTER next month?

**REVIEW OUR BOOKS.**

Plain Speaking About Latin America. Lewis Mumford, of the Library of Congress. In the November edition. An eminently valuable treatment of a most important theme.  
The Wave of the Future. Anne Morrow Lindbergh. A challenging and hopeful interpretation of our day, written with great beauty and dignity.  
War Without Violence. by Krishnalal Shridharani, a student of the Gandhian Way.  
Refugee. Tr. Clara Meiser. The moving and illuminating story of a post-war German.  
We Won't Murder. Paul G. Frauch. A Quaker gives the history and position of C.O.'s.  
HEALTHY BOOKS of the Foreign Policy Association, famed for their clear, objective and graphic statement of facts: The British Empire Under Test. The history and government of Commonwealth and Empire. Spotlight on the Americas. Covering the recent Havana Conference. Spotlight on the Balkans. Europe's powder keg - who, how and what.

A POSTAL CARD OR PHONE CALL WILL BRING YOU ANY OF THESE BOOKS FOR TEN DAYS. NO CHARGE! TRY IT!

In order to secure Kirby Page, we have moved our December meeting up to November 30th. The enclosed announcement tells the story. Make reservations now. Call 2-5316

**BEWARE OF THESE!!**

1. The William Allen White Committee propoganda. Its real object is to take the United States into war, under the slogan "all possible help short of war."
2. Such films as; The Ramparts We Watch; London Can Take It; The Bombing of London; Foreign Correspondent.
3. The sudden flood of letters in newspapers and magazines describing conditions in England and inviting our help.

**ON THE RECORD.**

"By adoption of compulsory peace time military service, the American people have reversed the philosophy of government which they have held since the nation was born."

1. It is based on the totalitarian idea that man is made for the State.
2. It makes young men serve one entire year, subject to call for ten years, and both the term of service and age limits can be extended.
3. It is not an emergency measure; the Army has been urging it since 1918.
4. The real author was a Wall Street corporation lawyer, and president of Military Training Camps of America. It was supported by American business men who are also directors in Canadian and British firms. (Reported by Senator Rush Holt.)

"Some day," a little girl in one of Carl Sandburg's poems said to her mother, "they'll give a war and nobody will come!"

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This special mailing is designed to give our readers an opportunity to participate at once in three of the 1940-41 objectives of the Peace Council.

1. To build good-will by sharing in relief.

Read the enclosed statement of the so-called "Hoover Plan," and whatever your answer, mail the reply card. A wide spread poll of opinion is desired; help us make a good showing.

2. To study problems of world relations.

An exceptional opportunity is offered by Seminar IX (page 2) of the National Christian Mission folder. Roswell Barnes has made a number of trips in Europe since the war began, and is an expert discussion leader. It is likely that space will be at a premium. Enroll early!

3. To be well informed on current trends affecting war-peace issues.

The article, "Dropping the Veil," in a recent UNCENSORED is so timely that we asked for copies for all our readers. These are furnished on condition that we recommend it to our readers. This we are glad to do.

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**A BACKWARD GLANCE:**

Cecelia Sheppard appeared before twelve church and student groups. Paul Harris, who was here on Armistice Day, was heard by 1,000 different people, in addition to his radio audience. The Kirby Page Conference was shared by 150 persons.

The Peace Council message is being heard. You who support the Council have a share in making this possible. Thank you.

**COMING EVENTS:**

Our Fifth Anniversary, a Birthday Party, Monday, January 6, 1941  
5:30 - 8:00 PM      Museum of Fine Arts,      407 James Street

Guest of Honor      - - -      Muriel Lester

We are very proud to be so "grown-up;" we are more than proud to give our friends an opportunity to meet the distinguished and beloved "Jane Addams of London."

Make reservations early if you want a place!

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