

W.A.W.C.D.A.A.A. GHOST DANCE.

"It was not supposed to be known, but President Roosevelt intervened personally to keep his old friend William Allen White as head of the C.D.A.A.A."

From the Post-Standard, 1-7-41

"In two of our chapters, New York and Washington, we have a bunch of war-mongers - - - I just can't remain at the head of an organization which is being used by these chapters to ghost-dance for war," wrote W.A.W. to John Temple Groves II of the Birmingham Age Herald.

WAVE OF THE FUTURE

Is Anne Lindbergh right when she compares the present world events to the French Revolution? Are Germany, Italy and Russia "riding the wave of the future?" Are the evils in the dictatorship governments fundamental or are they "merely the scum on this wave?" On the basis of a realistic study of present trends, what does the future hold for the world? Is world government possible? -- These are the questions which we are asking our leaders and experts to help us grapple with at Syracuse beginning Friday evening and continuing until about three o'clock Sunday Afternoon, (Feb. 14-16)

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Basic to our program and fundamental to all constructive peace work is understanding of world problems. The educational program of the A.F.S.C. carried on through Summer Institutes from coast to coast is nationally known and respected. Mid-Winter Institutes are an extension of this program. We are very proud of the privilege of being host to the first one to be held in New York. We invite your careful attention to the enclosed folder and urge you to attend as many sessions as possible. The quality of the faculty speaks for itself.

MARCHING AS TO WAR

The President's "Lend-Lease-Give" bill gives him more power than Wilson had; than Churchill has. It is not a defense measure; it is a totalitarian measure. Under it the President would have the right to sell, lease, exchange, lend, give or otherwise procure any defense article for any government - - It circumvents both the Johnson Act and the Neutrality Bill. By it the most precious right of a Democracy - - the right to decide the war issue - - is sacrificed to the one man method of dictatorship.

S T E P S

Fireside Chat

T O

W A R

Lend-Lease-Give Bill

The number of this bill is 1776. In the "spirit of '76" - independence - we advise you to write immediately to Senators Robert Wagner and James Mead; Hon. Clarence Hancock. Do not reproach yourself that you did not exercise your citizenship while there was yet time.

"THE NEXT NINETY DAYS WILL DECIDE," writes Frederick Libby from Washington - - - "Yes, write your Congressman," says Rep. Bruce Barton. Of twelve issues that have brought heavy mail in recent years, nine were voted in accordance with the overwhelming mail demand - - - "The work of organizations like yours is most important at this time. In my opinion, if we could have branch organizations like yours in every city and town in this country, we could keep out of war. You and others like you are doing a great service to our country." - - Senator David Walsh of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, to KAOW, with which we cooperate.

For years we have maintained a special list of ANTI-WAR-WORKERS. Now it must be completely revised and brought up to date for active service. We must not waste a penny on the dis-interested, but to all who wish to cooperate we promise a prompt service of information on legislative issues and action needed. Use the telephone or a postal card to say: "Enroll me as an A.W.W. for the duration." Obey that impulse!! Do it now!!

If you want to do anything, here are three practical suggestions:

1. Write letters immediately.
2. Enroll at once as an A.W.W.
3. Talk and get others to write.

SEQUENCE!

Washington, Dec. 20th: Employees of the Department of Commerce gathered today to sing Christmas Carols. In order, they sang: Hark, the Herald Angels; O Come All Ye Faithful; Over There.

GOING UP

Cost to Kill One Man:

In Caesar's Gallic Wars,	\$	.75
In Napoleon's Campaigns		3,000.00
In our Civil War		5,000.00
In World War I		21,000.00
Current Rate		50,000.00

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GOING DOWN

"Thank God we live in America of the free-born, where the power is in the rightful hands of the Lord, instead of those of fanatical, political leaders!" -- closing paragraph of an essay written by a high-school student for a current patriotic contest.

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COME, FIFTY MILLION MEN AND WOMEN!

By Sarah Cleghorn

Whether or not we believe in war --  
Whatever we think of the reasons why --  
One thing none of us bargained for --  
That legions of children starve and die!

Yet now, as our crops come rolling home,  
What is this that the war lords say?  
"Starving the helpless is tactics of war;  
AMERICA, KEEP YOUR FOOD AWAY!"

Shall we take orders like to these,  
And help make Europe's childhood die?  
Or all we fold of the Western world,  
With our mighty harvests, ask them WHY?

And boldly call on the lords of war  
To help our ships for the starving through?  
ASK YOUR CHILDREN AT SUPPER TONIGHT,  
Mothers and fathers, which to do.

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FROM WASHINGTON "I hope that you will tell the women in the Syracuse Peace Council for me that the women can prevent our sending men to Europe, but they must work now and work fast, and always keep in mind that the only way to keep us out of war is to express their opinion."

-- Jeanette Rankin, Member of Congress

"You do not have to defeat the Bill in order to have a profound influence on the policy of our Government in retarding the progress towards war."

-- Frederick J. Libby, N.C.P.W.

"The tide is turning. Mail is 2-1 against the Lend-Lease Bill." - Senator Wheeler

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\* YOU ARE NOT HELPLESS. EXPRESS YOUR OPINION. \*
\* The bill has not passed the Senate yet. \*
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OUR QUESTION BOX The Schenectady Peace Service Bulletin raises these pertinent questions: Is our economic system becoming so geared into the European war that peace would be unwelcome? Is our increasing prosperity based largely upon the hope of continuing war?

2/12/41

From a recent letter in the Post-Standard: "The U. S. is not mad at Russia any more. We have lifted our 'moral' embargo. We are going to start selling them planes and other munitions. Why?" We ask: Where will supplies to Russia go? Against whom will they be used?

The Porter Sargent Bulletin #97 says: The Chief of Staff, General Marshall, has testified that "our army costs twenty times as much in proportion to its size" as the German army. True, there is higher pay, but much of this expense "is due to poor management and inefficiency." We want to know why.

4 1/2 million identification tags to be "worn over the breast or as near as possible," have been ordered by the U. S. Government for use in K. I. A. Killed in Action. Short of War?

~~WE ARE~~ ~~GOING ON~~ ~~We were~~ represented at the Peace Workers Conference in Washington on February 21st by five people. Martha-Anne Keen says:

"Representatives from sixteen states and many national organizations met with Frederick Libby, Norman Thomas, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Dorothy Detzer and John Flynn to evaluate our past efforts and to make plans for carrying on 'for the duration.' From every area came news of increasing activities and a growing public sentiment against the current war measures. Despite the fact that we felt ourselves to be a drop of sanity in a sea of hysteria, the feeling seems unanimous that we are going on -- using each new issue as a means of voicing our determination that the United States throw her weight into the international scene for peace, and must aid democracy throughout the world by making it work at home."

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE From an advertisement in the NEW YORK TIMES, by a group of A. E. F. veterans:

"There's no politics in the suffering of children. Babies need not pay for war with their lives -- ." The veterans urge cooperation with "that hard-working, God-fearing American outfit, the Good Quakers - already at work over in France. 'Hurry, please, and thanks, buddy.'" Our office is a collection center for the American Friends Service Committee.

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\* Have you read the "Lend-Lease" Bill itself? Ask us for \*
\* a copy. You'll be surprised. We have yet to hear a \*
\* person who has actually read the Bill express approval. \*
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COMING The State-wide Mid-Winter Institute of International Relations, to which we were host this month, was a real success. An enthusiastic letter from Utica reads: " - many others are having a variety of speakers, but none can compare with the educational value of your Institute."

Our readers will be glad to know that the American Friends Service Committee will bring a full-length Institute to New York State this summer. We shall cooperate. Detailed program later.

TO  
READERS

In November we reported the widely quoted statement of Winston Churchill on war debts. It excited much comment here, as elsewhere.

In fairness to our readers we add: Mr. Churchill is reported to have made the statement in August, 1936. He is reported to have repudiated it in August, 1939. The case is now in the New York Supreme Court, with denials and counter-denials. A full account appears in Scribner's COMMENTATOR for February, page 25. It is on file in our office.

Whatever may in the end prove to be the truth in that controversy, the Congressional Record for October 18, 1939, prints a quotation from page 378 of Mr. Churchill's book "The Aftermath," which challenges American thought now:

"The influence of mighty, detached and well-meaning America upon the European settlement was a precious agency of hope. It was largely squandered in sterile conflicts and half-instructed and half-pursued interferences."

TO  
MEMBERS

At its February meeting, the Executive Committee voted that, in view of the splendid series of meetings offered in recent months, and the crowded schedule of the Lenten Season, our next regular meeting be

held after Easter.

COMPLETE

Now on exhibition at the Vatican is the model of a combination church and air raid shelter, built of cement with a V-shaped roof, camouflaged, complete with altar, pews, first aid equipment.

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"A government which goes knight-erranting out of sympathy for foreign nations is like a trustee who subscribes to charities out of the property he has undertaken to administer."

- - ALEXANDER HAMILTON

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MR. PRESIDENT "It (the administration) is conceding, almost openly, that the United States cannot give to Great Britain the degree of assistance required .. and deny .. that war can be a consequence."  
- - Arthur Krock, in NEW YORK TIMES, 2/27/41

Passage of the Lend-Lease Bill has not ended our struggle to keep our country out of foreign wars. Indeed, in the new situation there may be one advantage. Instead of being confused with the "Aid-to-Britain" appeal, the issue is now single and clear; and the responsibility is now centered on one man. We shall know to what and to whom to direct our efforts.

It has been suggested that organizations like ours should now disband. On the contrary, we have an increased obligation; to arouse and give voice to the overwhelming (85% on March 10th) desire of the American people to stay out of war.

The President has pledged himself to the people repeatedly to keep out of war. For example, in the Boston speech: "American fathers and mothers, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

Mr. President, we expect you to keep that promise!

OUR PUZZLE DEPT.	Profits	1939	1940	%
cc 3/19/41 383	U. S. Steel (largest)	\$41,000,000	\$102,000,000	148%
	Crucible Steel	2,800,000	6,230,000	122%
	Otis Steel (smallest)	214,000	717,000	234%
	Steel totals (almost double)	\$126,375,000	\$251,871,000	

Preliminary report, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, shows dividends up 14% in 1940 above 1939. National income as a whole increased 6%.

Econ. note p. 4 march 1941

Why does labor strike in war time?

Why is pro-war sentiment loudest in the Industrial East?

REQUIRED READING We knew what we were doing!

On September 19, 1934, Dr. Schacht, German Finance Minister, admitted to the American Ambassador that - contrary to existing treaties - in the previous January and February alone, Germany bought from American airplane manufacturers one million dollars worth of high class war flying machinery and paid in gold!

READ AMBASSADOR DODD'S DIARY, page 166.

How did the common man in France accept the war? Why did France fall? What of the future?

"However dark the immediate future, all is not lost. The world does not stand or fall with the trample of armed hosts and the thunder of bombing planes. Not what man does but how he does it is decisive. I believe . . ."

Read at least the three added chapters in the new edition of Pierre Van Paassen's DAYS OF OUR YEARS.

What happens to the pacifist spirit in war time? to the thinking of a pacifist under fire? What of the future? You will find the answer on page 220 of the war journal of one of Britain's distinguished writers, Vera Brittain: ENGLAND'S HOUR.

Any one of these books will be sent you post paid from our loan library. Requests filled in order in which they are received.

GOOD NEIGHBOR Canada demands and gets cash for everything England buys. Canadian business is worried about the effects of our Lend-Lease-Give Bill. Naturally!

The Treaty of Panama promised consultation on matters of hemisphere neutrality and defense. Latin-American ambassadors have protested the Lend-Lease Bill as a violation. Naturally!

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**IT IS HAPPENING HERE** "The threat to democracy . . . Its greatest danger comes through gradual invasion of constitutional rights with the acquiescence of an inert people; through failure to discern that constitutional government cannot survive where the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are not safeguarded even to those citizens with whose political and social views the majority may not agree." - Governor Herbert H. Lehman, March 30, 1938

A number of bills, threatening to our Civil Liberties, are now before the State Legislature. If you are interested in this essential part of a peace program, we can furnish you the information of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Anti-Semitism is the first and simplest tactic in Hitler's war against us. If the Christian churches fail to destroy the virus of anti-Semitism in the United States, then Christianity will be destroyed.

- - from SOCIAL ACTION of the Congregational-Christian Churches

**LET'S NOT** Vice-President Wallace (Jan. 25, 1941) reminds the 200% Americans who curse Hitler and the Nazis that they helped make Hitler. "Let's not repeat the errors of 1917," he writes.

**FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY** Recently Britain turned down the proposal to give the American plan for feeding the starving peoples of European democracies a limited trial in Belgium. The German government accepted unequivocally their part of the plan. On March 15th the National Executive Committee of the American Legion recommended "that the President and the Secretary of State use all possible means" in support of the plan.

**AID** Those of our readers who know Devere Allen, or who are aware of our indebtedness to NO-FRONTIER NEWS SERVICE, may wish to contribute something to the relief of faithful correspondents of NNS now stranded in occupied Europe or Africa. Such gifts will be promptly forwarded.

**NEXT** John T. Flynn, National Chairman of the Keep America Out of War Congress, announces the immediate launching of a vigorous campaign for an advisory referendum on war or peace. Members of both the Senate and the House are discussing the possibilities. If enough of you will let us know your opinions, we will make them known to their respective chambers. A petition will be sent.

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY AT HOME** National Share Croppers Week, this month, calls our attention to A WASTED LAND and A WASTED PEOPLE. These Americans are our own refugees; whatever affects their welfare and their liberties affects ours. We are cooperating in collecting gifts. "Mony a mickle makes a mickle."

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**YOU CAN HELP** The peace movement has always been strong on program production, weak on distribution. Our paid subscription list shows a healthy growth, but we can serve more. If this NEWS LETTER is worth your reading, it is worth others'. Send us the names of friends to whom you would like sample copies sent. We will not embarrass you or them with follow-up calls.

HEAR THE BEST - ON THE AIR!

Norman Thomas - Station WNY, Rochester  
12:10 AM, 10 PM Sundays  
or Station WABC,  
10:15 PM, Fridays

Time letter

CHINS UP AMERICANS	April 19, 1775	-	Paul Revere
	April 19, 1861	-	Fort Sumter
	April 19, 1898	-	San Juan Hill
	c. April 19, 1917	-	Woodrow Wilson
	" ", 1941	-	All Aid to _____?

Anti War News 3/22/41 ONCE A DEMOCRAT

"The American who seeks by force to reform Europe is a maniac." - - Thomas Jefferson

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THANKS, DOROTHY "This war is not popular in the United States. Making America an 'arsenal for democracy' is not really popular. If the Administration avoids facing that fact it is going to make the mistake of its life." - - Dorothy Thompson

WIL leaflet

QUOTABLE QUOTES "I have said this before but I shall say it again and again. Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars." F. D. R.

"A convoy by any other name - patrol, for example - is just as deadly." - Shakespeare

"British pressure on the President is increasing daily." - F. J. Libby, 4/24/41

"It is not enough to write once ... several letters each week ... Such letters have more influence than most people realize." - - Col. Charles Lindbergh, 3/29/41

"Have you ever thought what a world we could make if we put into peace endeavors the energy, self-sacrifice and cooperation we use in the wastefulness of war?" - - General Sir Archibald Percy Wavell, in North Africa. - - LIFE, 2/17/41

KAOW

AMERICANS MUST ACT		Drums beat, flags fly, men march, If the United States is to stay off the battlefields of Europe, Asia and Africa, . . . Days count!	
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The second NATIONAL ANTI-WAR CONGRESS will be held in Washington over the Memorial Day weekend. Theme: Make Democracy Work. Program: Senator Wheeler, Rabbi Sidney Goldstein, Mrs. Robert Taft. Call us for detailed program. If you can go, or help others to go, let us know early how we can help you. Syracuse must have a good representation.

KAOW

83 OUT OF 100 83% of the American people are against war. Why, then, do we fear war? Why, then, do we yield to defeat in advance. Read the enclosed leaflet carefully; then act promptly.

R.F.S.C.

TOWARDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING "Democracy and Religion Face World Revolution" will be the theme of the first New York State Institute of International Relations, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee at Cornell University, August - 10, 1941. On the faculty: Devere Allen, Bernard Clausen, Taraknath Das, E. S. De Lozada, George F. Eliot, Norman Thomas, Senator La Follette, and others. Total cost, \$27.50. At least two half scholarships will be offered by the Syracuse Peace Council. Apply to the Executive Committee giving full information. Early registrations encourage others! Full program on request.

Anti War news 3/22/41 PREPAREDNESS FOR PROFIT

The War Department has announced that it will build a million dollar plant for the manufacture of gas masks for civilians at Fostoria, Ohio.

Anti War news 3/22/41 CASKETS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Remember those government orders for caskets announced not long ago? One of the biggest contributors to the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies is a director of the National Casket Company.

C.C. 4/19/41 8.465 BOMBS BURSTING IN TULSA

Recently, only to make a point of dramatic contrast, we quoted a news item referring to bomb shelters in the Vatican. To round out the picture we now call attention to the (ironic) announcement of the minister of a Methodist Church in Oklahoma of the "admirable protection" the people of the parish have beneath the Norman tower of their stone church.

**CANDID CONFERENCE**

In a recent press conference in New York Lord Halifax admitted; that Britain will not lose even if American aid is delayed; that Britain is fighting to maintain the status quo within both England and the Empire; that Wilson's "Fourteen Points" would not now be an acceptable basis for peace. See New York Times, 3/27/41

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**BATTLE OVER BEEF**

We are "good neighbors;" we want to prevent the economic domination of South America by Germany, but we won't buy Argentine canned beef for the Navy at 19¢ per pound, even though the domestic price for the same grade is 33¢, and American packers are not much interested. More money in hamburgers and hot dogs; You can't eat your cake (or beef) and have it.

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**IF YOUR CHILD WERE STARVING**

Women and children are starving; war epidemics are starting; food, money, ships, organizations are ready - you can help break the chain without helping Hitler. Ask us how, or write us your opinion. It will count. Rose Wilder Lane says, "I think the lives of these people should be saved because . . . if England and America . . . callously watch them die . . . whoever among them lives through the horrors of famine will hate England and America with an undying hatred."

FOR

**FROM CONCEPTION TO CONSCRIPTION**

Mothers know how stupid is the government which puts one value on munitions and a different, lesser value on the brain and laughter of their sons. Read April Scribner's COMMENTATOR, p.33

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**HUMOR**

Washington, D. C., April 22nd: Report here is that a German Armistice Commission has reached the French island of Martinique.

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Bulletin 101  
Apr. 23, 1941

**THANKS**

for the many new names sent in for sample copies of the News Letter. We have a lot of new subscribers in consequence.

**REMEMBER**

Norman Thomas "on the air" - Station WSAY - 1240 KC - Rochester every Sunday at 10 PM, or WEN - New York - 1050 KC - 10:15 AM Sunday.

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P E A C E N E W S L E T T E R

Number 55

May 22, 1941

"IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH" -- Isa. 30:15

**CARRY ON** The President's speech scheduled for May 14 was postponed until May 27 because "neither the occasion nor the time was deemed appropriate". They were inappropriate because of the great pressure from the country against convoys and against war; and because the Latin-American Nations (of the Pan-American Union) are not willing to associate themselves with the President in a belligerent attitude. This is a real victory for us. The thing to do with a victory is to follow it up. Watch for the President's speech. Be ready to reply promptly and vigorously.

Senator Knox says: "We have committed ourselves to this world struggle." But all indications are that anti-war sentiment is definitely increasing and Washington reports that the Administration is disturbed by the "apathy" of the people toward war.

"Nothing will bring America in on our side quicker than some blood spilled in Europe", says Winston Churchill in his book, THE WORLD CRISIS. Is this why the proposal to allow recruiting of Americans for England's army?

"Available information here indicates that letters to the President and Congress protesting against further involvement in the war may be extremely effective within the coming two weeks", writes P. C. French, from National Press Bldg., Washington, D. C.

"We are now at the point where the decisive battle must take place. If we lose now, all that we have done will be lost. I am so deeply convinced that the salvation of everything we hold dear hangs in the balance, that I have abandoned all my own work and am giving my whole time to this anti-war work. We are not yet in .... We can keep out .... if we act now." John T. Flynn

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

**S.O.S.** Observe Memorial Day in the spirit of Lincoln, "that these dead shall not have died in vain", by sending the President an S.O.S. (Save Our Sons) post card:  
NO CONVOYS      NO DOUGH-BOYS      NO WAR

**OFFER- TUINITY** Because we believe a better understanding of world problems to be a basic need, and because of our great confidence in the education program of the American Friends Service Committee, we are proud of our relation to the Institute announced on the enclosed folder. Please read it carefully and do one or more of these things: send in your own enrollment early; see that your church, school or club sends a delegate; ask for more of these programs to give to friends. At least two partial scholarships will be available from the Peace Council. Since printing, Governor (not Senator, as we mistakenly said last month) Phil LaFollette has been added to the list of evening speakers. *Red 5/2/41*

**O.P.M.** An OPM (Office of Production Management) official explains: "There will be no 'all out effort' in the production of armament until the people are acutely conscious of the fact that we are preparing not for defense, but to go to war, if necessary, with every atom of our strength."

**24 - 7** One of the most significant recent developments is the fact that the Press Relations section of the Naval Intelligence in the Navy Department has been placed on the 24 hr., 7 day basis. Explanation: "the possibility of armed engagements of U. S. naval vessels on the high seas at any time."

**INTER-NATION-AL** British-owned Rio Tinto mines in Spain ship copper to Germany to make bombs to kill Englishmen. Chickens come home to roost.

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AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES

"If we are forced into a war against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of our people, we will have proved democracy such a failure at home that there will be little use of fighting for it abroad." Charles A. Lindberg

"Some people argue that we should go to war to save our foreign trade. Do they realize . . . that the cost of a year of war would equal the value of thirty years of foreign trade?" Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

"A conference has to be called sooner or later. Let any reasonable man ask himself whether the result would not be better for the world now than after four years of 'Nothing but slaughter, nothing but killing'?" Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede.

"War is one of the first necessities of civilization. War in a righteous cause lifts men above the sordid and selfish things of life, and discloses in them those Divine attributes which the Maker gave when He created man in His own image." Who said that? Hitler? No. Mussolini? No. --An American Major General; Name on request. See Fooduch sermon and letter T 5/8/41

"Our acts must be guided by one single hard-headed thought--keeping America out of this war." President Roosevelt to Congress, September 21, 1939.  
O.K., Mr. President. We are with you!

**BOOK** Two new books are available in our loan library, LORD LOTHIAN vs DEPARTMENT LORD LOTHIAN. The discrepancy between the real views of the last Ambassador and his official position is clearly set forth in this little book of quotations 1934-1939. WE HAVE A FUTURE. Norman Thomas at his best. Clear and courageous thinking; critical and understanding analysis. A new Princeton book, the gift of a generous friend. Thank you!

**SUMMER SERVICE** Fortunately, last summer we were able to continue the Letter through July and August. This summer - in spite of the intense need - we have not been able to arrange for this service. The office will be closed during the two months but all letters and telephone calls will be promptly answered.

**WELCOME** James Vail, Quaker Commissioner recently sent as emissary to British and German Governments by AFSC, will report on conditions in Western Europe. Fine Arts Museum, James St., Saturday evening, May 24, 8 o'clock.

**WEATHER REPORT** A leading business news publications states that its reports from various parts of the country indicate a definite shift of public sentiment toward the anti-war side. This is also confirmed by the letters being received by Congressmen and Senators. The anti-war sentiment is particularly strong in the middle western states. Because of this, Lord Halifax has planned a speaking tour of that section of the country in behalf of the British cause.

"The President says the only thing we need to fear is fear itself.

Our greatest fear is that the people will fear to speak".

Mrs. Robert A. Taft

**BUNDLES** The enclosed messages are now being used in more than 10,000 communities across the U.S. Washington mail is filled with them. The sponsoring committee says the reaction everywhere is excellent.

**PEACE RUMORS** Talk of peace persists in spite of denials. For example, Senator Tom Connally (D. Texas) was quoted in the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS of May 22: "I believe there is some talk going on. I first thought Rudolf Hess was fleeing a blood purge when he parachuted to Scotland, but now I think he is on a peace mission. As far as we are concerned, if England keeps her independence and her navy, that is all we can ask. It is their war, after all, and we can't dictate just how they are going to draw all the lines in Europe".

This statement is important because the Senator is not only an ardent supporter of the President's foreign policy but an important Administration "wheel horse".

**WE AGREE** In his recent message the Pope declared that the war had reached a pitch of mutual atrocity that is irreconcilable with any Christian conception of "a just war".

**A FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY** A popular slogan of the First World War was "Freedom of the Seas". Nowhere we are told, is freedom of the seas mentioned in any of the treaties concluding that conflict. Now Mr. Roosevelt says that "all freedom" depends on freedom of the seas. Mr. Wilson agrees! But on Oct. 29, 1918, Clemenceau and Lloyd George refused to accept the doctrine even at the possible cost of American aid. Freedom of the seas, when? for whom? where? The seas are no freer than their narrowest passages. Look at your map.

**COME TO CORNELL** Registrations for the Cornell Institute August 1-10 have passed the quarter-mile mark. Help us by sending in your reservation at once. If you are planning a vacation, you can't find a better bargain.

**SLOGAN FOR SLOGAN** WE THE PEOPLE, DON'T WANT WAR!

Since the May LETTER four events, each highly significant to us have occurred:

I. The President's Speech We quote the following as "guest editorials":

"You heard the President's speech. The tone in which it was delivered gave it a more belligerent air than the text justifies. Now that you have read it and studied its implications in the calm light of the morning, you should realize that, except for the proclamation of a national emergency, it has not taken us closer to war than we were before. What does a "national emergency" do to us?

"You will observe that its main controls concern production and transportation and the activities of aliens. But before any of these powers may be taken over by the President, he must issue an individual proclamation covering each new control.

"We believe our Constitutional rights of free speech and assembly as individuals and organizations remain unimpaired. It will be our fault if we surrender any democratic rights. Our keynote should be the President's own sentence: 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.'" Frederick J. Libby, N.C.P.W.

"The declaration of an unlimited emergency by our President must impress all of us with the size and the length of the task that lies ahead of peacemakers not only in the United States, but throughout the world. Just as war is the most overwhelming tragedy of our time, so the task of building a peaceful world is our most challenging task.

Perhaps the most significant fact that all of us ought to ponder these days is that, although the world seems topsy-turvy, it is actually governed by law and order. It is its very law-abiding qualities that are confounding us now. The law of the harvest is in operation and we are appalled by the harvest we are reaping. Let us remember that just as we are now reaping "wild oats" from those we have sowed; so we are just as certain to reap "oats of good will and peace" if we sow that kind of seed."

E. A. Schaal, A.F.S.C.

II. The National Anti-War Congress in Washington over the Memorial Day week-end was of heightened significance because it came hard on the heels of the President's speech and proclamation. 600 delegates representing more than 150 communities in 31 states, including the Pacific Coast, registered. Your Peace Council was represented by three delegates including our newly elected Vice-Chairman, Herbert Ellinwood. The mass meeting on Friday evening drew an enthusiastic crowd of 3000. The receipts of the meeting totaled \$1500, a genuine evidence of determination. Round table sessions were over crowded and were described as more basic and penetrating than at any previous gathering. There was a note of confidence throughout the Congress. Oswald Garrison Villard traced the history of our efforts to date; John T. Flynn declared that the high noon of the drive to get us in has passed. "The little people of America" listened to a special re-broadcast of President Roosevelt's pledges "I hate war", "I shall say it again and again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars", and resolved to hold him to those words. The Congress closed with a memorial service conducted by Jeanette Rankin and addressed by Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, who said, "We can make democracy work here; we can bring about justice and security here; we can show them how. That's the way to win this war."

III. Our Annual Business Meeting, on May 26, with twice as many members present as last year, was the best ever. There were three high points: (1) Gene Bartlett's report of the Churchmen's Campaign for Peace Meeting in Chicago, with its assurance of support from peace minded ministers (there are more than forty ministers in this area who have promised cooperation); (2) the account of the splendid achievements of the Rochester Citizens No-War Committee, given by its able Executive Secretary, Mrs. Georgia Bevilacqua, was a direct challenge to our best efforts in Syracuse; (3) Announcement in the Chairman's annual report that the NEWS LETTER would be discontinued during July and August almost broke up the meeting as members began bringing dollar bills to the table. This wholly spontaneous offering together with offers of volunteer help have assured the LETTER for the summer months.

IV. The Nye Mass Meeting in the Mirpah Auditorium on June 4 brought out a splendid audience of 1100 and a collection more than sufficient to pay the costs. The hard work of a large committee under the effective leadership of Tracey Jones deserves great credit for the success of this meeting. The senator was interviewed by Vadeboncoeur on Station WSYR before the meeting, and the entire address was broadcast by Station WOLP.

Senator Nye made effective use of quotations from British and American statesmen to prove the insincerity of the slogans under which the present war is being "sold" to the public; he warned us against yielding to the "hysteria of hate and fear" whipped up by propaganda devices, which has brought us peace time military conscription and threatens us with economic collapse and involvement in a foreign war; he pointed out that our foreign trade does not begin to equal the billions now being "lease-loaned" to Britain and would not be worth the loss of one American boy; he urged us to continue our letters and messages to the President, "No Convoys, No Dough-boys, No War".

131 men and women pledged their support of a Citizens No-War Committee  
to

STOP THIS MADNESS NOW

OCTOBER  
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"To every man, woman and child in the nation I say this -- your President and your Secretary of State are following the road to peace. We are arming ourselves not for any foreign war. We are arming ourselves not for any purpose of conquest or intervention in foreign disputes. I repeat again that I stand on the platform of our party: 'We will not participate in foreign wars and will not send our Army, naval, or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside of the Americas, except in case of attack.'" --- President Roosevelt at Philadelphia.

JULY  
1941

Mr. Roosevelt said that he was defending the United States when he ordered the occupation of Iceland by our naval forces, because by this move he was forestalling German occupation of the island. However, when questioned by newspapermen, he could cite no threat to Iceland on Germany's part and he seemed to overlook the fact that Iceland was already held by a very formidable force. Senator Taft charges that the President has exceeded his constitutional authority and that with Iceland as a fait accompli he can occupy Ireland, Scotland, or Norway.

AT THIS  
VERY  
MOMENT

Engineers and foremen are in Northern Ireland where a U.S. Base is being constructed. George A. Fuller Co., New York contractors, and Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corp., dredgers, have the contract for the building of the base. The Fuller Co. is controlled by Merritt-Chapman; Merritt-Chapman is controlled by J. P. Morgan and Co.

IMPEACHMENT  
OF  
SECRETARIES  
KNOX AND  
STIMSON  
ASKED FOR.

The National Council for Prevention of War is calling for the removal of the Secretary of the Navy Knox because "he has repeatedly intimated that the American Navy should and would start shooting without reference to a declaration of war by Congress. In so doing he shows himself out of touch with American Public opinion, which every poll shows to be from 70 to 80 per cent opposed to our participation in this war. Worse still, he has advocated unconstitutional action and apparently gave the orders which led to the dropping of depth bombs without declaration of war." The depth bombs, he admitted at a closed session of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee on July 11, were dropped over what the commanders of an American destroyer believed to be a German submarine.

Secretary of War Stimson was quoted in Washington dispatches of July 12 as having "informed Congressional leaders that, regardless of legislative hindrances, if the time comes when U.S. security requires that troops be dispatched outside the western hemisphere, they will be sent first and Congress informed of the action later." Because of this "public flouting of the laws of the country", his impeachment is being demanded.

The National Council feels that the "essential thing is that we take the offensive in order to stop the President's confronting us constantly with accomplished facts closer and closer to war".

"NO A.E.F.", General Marshall's appeal for lengthened service on the part of our conscripted army is as one with his request for 3,000,000 men who can be sent "anywhere in the world". Without the lengthened term of service there can be no A.E.F. There is no proposal that could be more hateful to the American people. Oswald Garrison Villard, Honorary Chairman of the Keep America Out of War Congress, says: "General Marshall should be asked to show what possible need there is for three millions of men when, as everybody knows, there are not transports enough in all the merchant fleets of the world to move a million men and their supplies. He should be asked just where these men are expected to fight -- whether in Russia for our new ally, Mr. Stanlin, or in India, under General Wavell, or elsewhere."

SPEAKING OF

RUSSIA . . . "The interesting dilemma raised by the German-Russian war," says Frederick Libby of the National Council for Prevention of War, "seems to have been solved by Prime Minister Churchill and our government on the superficial basis of 'he who fights Hitler, whatever else he may be, for this moment is my friend'. Those who a year ago cheered on the brave little Finns must now rationalize their position so they can stand with Russia against these same little Finns, This predicament, of course, also holds for the other Baltic states, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. We are witnessing, to an unprecedented degree, the total depravity and hypocrisy of the whole war system. France, who was an ally, is now an enemy. Russia, who was an enemy, is now an ally. C'est la guerre!"

**MERRY CHRISTMAS 1942** A Kentucky peace worker is sending out his Christmas cards now, using the message "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 1942! If you want them, you had better start thinking and DO SOMETHING NOW!"

**STILL TIME FOR CORNELL** Registrations for the Cornell Institute August 1-10 are still coming in, the American Friends Service Committee reports. It promises to be a splendid session. As the world puzzle increases, we need more and more the calm, analytical opinion of experts. They will be there and we hope you will be, too.

**A LETTER FROM FRANCE** "...Adjure the American people for us not to re-enter the war, because this would be an extension of our unhappiness and of yours also."

**AND FROM ENGLAND** "'The evil thing' to be overcome in the minds of many of us is definitely the corrupt form of society existing in Britain and America which permits 80 per cent of the wealth of the community to fall into the hands of less than 10 per cent of the people, most of whom have no real patriotism".

**A SYRACUSE C.O. WRITES FROM CAMP** From Civilian Public Service Camp at Petersham, Mass. come these lines: "The whole thing is very -well-Christian -- everyone wants to help, they are all very friendly and they want to work and find things out. It really is a wonderful thing -- if the morale stays at its present pitch, it will be hard to leave in a year's time". "...the community is a tiny, functioning democracy -- and that's something."

**OUR GRATITUDE** To Miss Jeens and to Miss Schwemmer of the Gloversville Y.W.C.A. go our sincerest thanks for the mimeographing of this issue of the News Letter. It is upon good friends like these that we depend for the smooth-running of the Council.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO DEPARTMENT** Write to the President, first of all, and then to your Senators and to your Representative. You have done that, you say? Do it again - and again. We offer a wide variety of things to ask for: that the President hold to his campaign promises; that Secretaries Knox and Stimson be impeached; that conscription ~~service shall not be extended; that we shall have no A.S.F.~~; that a hearing be held on a war referendum; that there shall be no more bases outside the Western hemisphere; that House Resolution 245 and Senate Resolution 124 which urge the Secretary of State to seek a formula whereby the starving peoples of the small European democracies may be saved be passed. Mail is being more carefully counted and considered than ever before.

**AND FURTHER** The Keep America Out of War Congress proposes a "Citizen's Mandate for Immediate Peace as a means of strengthening public faith in the possibilities of an early peace and to voice the deep longing of the American people for an end to the tragic and destructive conflict across the seas." Would you sign it? If you would, please send us your name and we will forward it to the Keep America Out of War Congress where it will be added to the National Roster.

#### CITIZEN'S MANDATE FOR IMMEDIATE PEACE

**WHEREAS**, We as citizens of the United States of America are unalterably opposed to American entrance into war; and

**WHEREAS**, As human beings, we believe that everything possible should be done to stop the destruction of human values and the slaughter of men, women, and children which this war entails;

**THEREFORE**, We urge the President of the United States to use those vast powers, which he possesses as the elected representative of the American people, to intercede for the immediate achievement of a just peace.

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JULY 10, 1940

"That we are opposed to war is known not only to every American but to every government in the world. We will not use our arms in a war of aggression; we will not send our men to take part in European wars."  
President Roosevelt to Congress.

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The passage of the draft extension bill by such a narrow squeak is in reality a serious defeat for the Administration forces. If there had not been so much pressure brought to bear upon the Congressmen, the bill would certainly have been lost by a very substantial majority. Obviously Congress is not convinced that our national interest is imperiled, nor is Congress taking heart from Churchill's military alliance with Stalin. In fact that coup d'etat has strengthened the opposition to our involvement in war on the side of Communist Russia, particularly among Catholics. The slim margin of passage of this bill further means that a great many of the draftees who are being kept in the army for another two and a half years are worried about their future, since jobs cannot be held for them now and if now the President presses for the third proposal - that of sending the boys anywhere in the world - it would be defeated unless he has taken us into the war past retreat. And that would be dangerous with the nation so overwhelmingly opposed to involvement and in general unprepared for war.

RUB-A-DUB-DUB-

"Uncensored" has this to say about Mr. Churchill's and Mr. Roosevelt's meeting at sea: "The Joint Declaration by Roosevelt and Churchill is neither a Magna Carta nor a Declaration of Independence. It has not and apparently is not going to fire the imagination of men who would be free. As social documents go, the eight points fall into the category in which the platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties belong. Its joints are exposed. It was constructed to please the most and offend the fewest among the conglomeration of forces threatened by the Axis."

"FOOLS' GOLD"

While the ordinary citizen worries about taxes and is asked to make all sorts of sacrifices for national defense, the government allows so-called "commission" men to reap juicy fees for their part in landing defense contracts for manufacturers who have no access to official Washington. So says the "New York Times" of August 10, 1941. The Times points out quite aptly that this procedure runs up the cost of national defense and correspondingly increases taxes; and then this journal draws a parallel between such an agent and Sir Basil Zaharoff, munitions maker of World War I. Did someone say something about taking the profits out of war? Indeed he did, at Chautaugua, August 14, 1936: "Nevertheless, if war should break out again in another continent let us not blink the fact that we would find in this country thousands of Americans who, seeking immediate riches - fools' gold - would attempt to break down or evade our neutrality. . . . To resist the clamor of that greed, if war should come, would require the unswerving support of all Americans who love peace. If we face the choice of profits or peace, the Nation will answer - must answer - 'we choose peace!' -- President Roosevelt.

WE POINT WITH  
PRIDE

The first New York State Institute of International Relations sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee at Cornell University during the first ten days of August was an unqualified success. 140 delegates - not counting those who attended single sessions when the attendance rose as high as 600 - were registered. Every part of the state was represented; Syracuse sent 9 registered delegates and 14 others attended one or more sessions.

The weather was unparelled; the accommodations were superb; the delegates were superior! For ten days they faced squarely the problems of international relations from points of view ranging from military intervention to religious pacifism; from the history of diplomacy to the science of race relations. If education of the individual means anything, there ought to be some influence felt on the thinking of at least 60 different communities during the coming months.

To all those who directly or indirectly helped make this success possible:  
**THANK YOU!** To all those who wanted to come and couldn't, begin to plan now for the Mid-Winter Institute to be held on a week-end probably in February in Syracuse; and for the Second Summer Institute in 1942.

#### FAITH WORKS

Those of you who have faith in the "irresistible power of constructive good will" to change human relations may wish to know of two needs that are opportunities: The English Quakers need large quantities of bedding for use in their shelters for war victims. Howard and Gertrude Kershner, American Friends Service Committee Directors in France, urge more underwear for children up to 14 years of age. Such clothing must be new. We will be glad to receive your gifts at this office and forward them in quantities to the American Friends Service Committee.

#### LABOR DAY

The labor union movement, like political democracy, has its imperfections; yet it is the major expression of the democratic principle in industry. In many industries the men and women who work with their hands have become a great organic movement, involved directly in the worldwide struggle for the preservation and growth of democracy. In countries where liberty and equality prevail as ideals of human relations, there the labor movement is strong. Where democracy has been discarded, as in the totalitarian states, there the independent labor union movement has disappeared. Democracy, by the very law of its nature, must extend into industrial and economic as well as political relations. Industrial civilization must either extend more democratic control to those who produce and to those who consume economic goods and services, or it must center total power in a political state. There seems to be no other alternative.

---Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

#### FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is meeting in annual conference at Lakeside, Ohio, September 5 - 7. By going a little farther west western members and friends will have more of an opportunity to attend. Stanley Jones, Muriel Lester, A. J. Muste, Douglas Steere, and Norman Thomas will speak. Make reservations early with Irene Ford, 2929 Broadway, New York City.

#### OUR GRATITUDE AGAIN

Miss Mabelle Jeens and Miss Mildred Schwenmer are proving that they are good friends of the Peace Council; for the second time they are mimeographing the Peace News Letter. Thank you again!

#### WHY NOT WAGE PEACE?

"Our immediate defense against dictatorship is not airplanes or warships. It is our own system of State Legislatures and the Federal Congress. . . . We are being propagandized and hustled into thinking that speed is more important than direction. . . . To preserve our system it must be kept functioning boldly. To insure this keep on urging boldly immediate favorable action on those measures that strike deepest at the root of today's problems.

First in scope and far-reachingness stand the Tamerowicz Resolution to create a Joint congressional Peace Commission to initiate, jointly with other non-belligerents, mediation in the war now, and to lay sound, democratic groundwork on which to create a world federation and government. Hitler claims international union as his aim. We know that his union would be created and maintained by force and fear. . . . Why is our Congress loathe to pass this Resolution that would launch a mighty peace offensive today, when tomorrow our opportunity may be gone, and that asserts our universal desire for a union of a vastly different kind - a voluntary union of the peoples of Europe, or of the world, by consent, founded on a freely discussed and concluded basis of federation, or league, of peoples?" -- "Four Lights", published by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Write your Congressmen and ask them to support the Tamerowicz Resolution.

#### HI-HO OFF TO THE FAIR

Come to the Peace Council's Booth at the New York State Fair, August 24 - September 1. It is located in the Harriet May Mills Building. A poll of public opinion on the question of intervention in the war is to be taken by means of a voting machine.



**SEPTEMBER MEANS STAMPS**

The first need in the office as we swing into full time action again is postage stamps; literally thousands of them. An easy thing to do, but a great help: **SEND STAMPS IN SEPTEMBER.**

**GUNS OR BUTTER**

On August 8, Leon Henderson, head of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, told the House Banking and Currency Committee that unemployment would be increased by about 2,000,000, an increase which he described as 25%. He added that workers in non-strategic (that is, non-defense) jobs would take sharp losses in real wages. Last week, Leo M. Cherne of the Research Institute of America declared that the Office of Production Management has prepared a secret list of forty industries that must eventually be closed down. Defense gets the preference; non-defense can go hungry. --Anti-War News Service.

**SHOULD WE?**

Without promotion, publicity or prominent position of any kind, the voting machine at our exhibit at the State Fair polled approximately 1000 votes on the question, "Should the U. S. go into the War?" The vote was 82% NO; 18% YES. This is in direct line with larger sample and newspaper polls across the nation. By the way, Adelaide Webster, who was in charge of our Fair Booth, reports that it was one of the most successful in recent years. **THREE (3) CHEERS** for Mrs. Webster for "carrying on" so successfully during the summer months.

**MARCH OF MONTHS**

In June it was rumored in Washington that diplomatic relations with Germany might be severed "within a few weeks".

In July the London "New Statesman and Nation" printed a report on the state of American public opinion from the distinguished H. N. Brailsford who wrote: "I am reporting what I cannot doubt... massive reluctance to face physical participation (in the war) is the main fact that confronts the President."

In August, "Peace News" also published in London said: "It is all very well for President Roosevelt to attempt to persuade his fellow-countrymen that their vital interests, their national existence, is being imperilled by Germany's conquest of Europe; it is, in reality, an attempt to persuade them that the Atlantic does not exist. But it does exist, and it is a barrier."

In September "it is understood" in Washington that the President is disappointed at the unenthusiastic reception of his "shoot at sight" speech.

We have gained ground slightly, steadily during the summer. As critical an observer as Norman Thomas "dare to believe" that we have made headway, but adds "We dare not rest on our laurels. We must be on the alert."

**ON GUARD**

We pledge our readers that we will stand "at alert" here in our watch tower and send out prompt signals of need and opportunity. Will you be **ALERT** to receive and act? Next month, remember, is the time we begin the annual revision of our mailing list. See that your name is kept active in one of these ways: Send in a postal card saying, "I use it"; a quarter; a book of stamps; a membership.

**TO OUR MEMBERS**

At its first meeting of the season your Executive Committee adopted the following statement of policy and program for the new year. Read it carefully. Doesn't it challenge your support? It will be a great encouragement and a great help if many of you will send in your renewals (\$1.00) without waiting for a personal call.

**OUR FOUR FREEDOMS****I. Freedom from War.**

We are not in the war. We have a "mandate" from eighty per cent of the American people to stay out. We have repeated assurances from our President that we shall not go in. We must continue to oppose every step towards participation in the "shooting" war; not for any selfish nationalist reasons but because only so can we save democracy at home and serve freedom abroad. To this end we cooperate in the programs of the Keep America Out of War Congress and the National Council for the Prevention of War.

**II. Freedom from Ignorance.**

The basic need of a democracy is an intelligent and informed public opinion. The besetting danger is the uncritical and unformed mind. "A continuing program of community education" is the major emphasis of our program. This is carried on through many channels; particularly in cooperation with the Institutes of International Relations of the American Friends Service Committee.

**III. Freedom from Want.**

In a world of abundance, millions of men, women and children face death from famine and disease. "Who feeds the starving wins their devotion." To lay sounder foundations for future international friendship and good will we work with recognized agencies for relief of war victims; notably, The American Committee for Christian Refugees, The National Committee on Food for the Small Democracies, The American Friends Service Committee.

IV, Freedom from Persecution.

Fundamental to the defense of democracy is the protection of the rights of conscience and freedom of religion. We demand for others the same rights of free speech and action that we claim for ourselves. We support the efforts in this field of both the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Service Board for Religious Objectors.

OUR EIGHT POINTS

1. The Peace News Letter-- a monthly circular of current peace news, with definite practical suggestions for action. Twenty-five cents a year. Free to those who assure us of cooperation.
2. Speakers Service-- competent speakers for local and out-of-town organizations-- churches, schools, clubs, youth groups-- are furnished without charge except where travelling expense is involved. However, gifts for the support of this service are needed and cordially welcomed.
3. Public Meetings-- At least three public meetings annually-- fall, winter, spring-- bringing to the city distinguished speakers of national and often international reputation in their fields.
4. Loan Library and Literature-- a large collection of selected books and timely pamphlet literature. Free reference material for students and speakers.
5. Refugee and Relief-- business agent for the local refugee committee and collection center for contribution to Quaker relief.
6. Ministers' Peace Covenant-- fifty-five pacifist clergymen in Central New York provide invaluable support and cooperation. This office is membership headquarters and corresponding secretary for the group.
7. State Subscribers-- an extension of our program service to interested individuals across the state who may not be in touch with a local group but who wish to cooperate. An attempt is made to serve at least one such person in each Congressional District. One dollar a year.
8. Civilian Public Service-- state headquarters for the N. Y. State Board for C.P.S., cooperating with the National Board for Religious Objectors in Washington, D. C.

AN EXCELLENT  
EXAMPLE

By special permission we present the following letter.

"The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

"Sept. 12, 1941

"Dear Mr. President:

"Appreciating your reminder to your fellow citizens that we are free and fearless Americans living in a democracy, I want to express to you my profound disapproval of the policy you announced in your speech last night. If I understood you correctly, you have instructed our navy to shoot on what I regard as the European side of the Atlantic Ocean, without having sought the authorization of Congress and without giving our people opportunity to vote on the great issue that is involved.

"I have maintained up to last night that you did not intend war. You have compelled me to change my stand, to my deep regret. If a "shooting" war starts now in the Atlantic, I cannot agree with you that the whole guilt will rest on Hitler. Your occupation of Iceland seemed to me to take us unnecessarily and aggressively into the zone of the fighting, which the Neutrality Act was designed to prevent.

"The Eight Points of your Joint Declaration with Mr. Churchill I have hailed, as the little bulletin that is enclosed will indicate, as a sound and constructive starting point for a negotiated peace. They would, I believe, be the seed of future wars if dictated to a conquered Germany. But with an opponent of fairly equal power on the other side of the table to balance the bargaining and make the disarmament, the freedom of the seas, and the abandonment of imperialism equal for all nations, these Eight Points can be in truth the Magna Carta of a new world.

"It is to that end that my colleagues and I will work. I believe that the 'Divine guidance' to which you alluded is with us.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Frederick J. Libby

Executive Secretary, N.C.P.W."

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Washington, D.C. October 11, 1941 (by Western Union)

*Special!* DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAS VOTED ONLY TWO DAYS HEARINGS ON ARMED SHIP BILL EXPECTING TO RAILROAD PASSAGE THROUGH CONGRESS NEXT FRIDAY. WIRES LETTERS PERSON TO PERSON TELEPHONE CALLS SHOULD REACH CONGRESSMAN SOL BLOOM AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IMMEDIATELY PROTESTING THIS ABANDONMENT DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE AND CONTINUE MONDAY TUESDAY. FREDERICK J LIBBY

*Special!* There is no question that the Neutrality Law has been the main deterrent to the administration in its step by step progress toward war. Emasculated by a subservient congress and flouted by the President, it is still an obstacle in the path to war. Hence the demand for its repeal by those who would take us into the war. An aroused and determined public can defeat this action. The case is not hopeless nor the people helpless! Congress can be made responsive to the public will, but the mood of helpless fatalism which has followed the President's "shoot first" order must give way to a mood of determination for peace! --- Mt. Vernon Peace Council Information Letter.

## Neutrality Repeal Dangerous!

*Special!* "The neutrality law should not be repealed. The arguments against repealing it are stronger than those in favor. "If the neutrality law is repealed, it would lead to full arming of merchant ships of this country and sending these ships into combat areas. This is the chief purpose of the program for repeal. It would tremendously increase the danger of involvement of this nation."---Syracuse Post-Standard October 6, 1941.

*Special!* We may not win this time but the volume of opposition to further weakening of neutrality legislation will be closely watched and highly significant. It will greatly strengthen our hands in the coming fight against an A.S.F. We must give no basis of belief that our opposition is weakening. Act immediately. Enlist your friends. --- Executive Committee, Syracuse Peace Council.

*Special!* No well-informed person denies that the country is overwhelmingly opposed to our total involvement in this war. The steps now proposed by the President are bound to produce "incidents" -- shooting at the American flag, sinking of American ships, loss of American lives -- with the consequent inflaming of public opinion. The history of the past two years has proved conclusively the value of this (neutrality) law. Only one American ship under the American flag has been sunk -- it was carrying munitions to a belligerent -- though the war zones were infested with submarines and raiders. Only one year ago the President proudly characterized the law's provisions as "measures to keep us at peace." If you have grown tired of writing your Congressman and stopped, you will neither deserve nor win the victory over war. Watch the progress of this legislation and keep the letters going to Washington.

*Post Scripts*

Memberships and subscription renewals are coming in encouragingly, but slowly. NOW is the TIME!

If you want to help with our Armistice Day program, telephone Joyce DeLine 2-5316, and ask how.

WHAT PRICE VICTORY?

Following are some hints of "what it takes to lick Hitler" from E. S. Duffield of the Wall Street Journal:

65% of the national economy devoted to war; annual cost near 50 billions; all non-defense industries reduced to a 1935-39 level or lower; civilian economy to be maintained at sub-depression levels; an AEF of 8,000,000 men, one of every three in the age group 18-45. --- And if we do "win", what then?

For after war, and after all,  
What is it people get?  
But widows, wounds and wooden legs,  
And lots and lots of debt?

THE ONLY THING

*Country Squire in the White House*

"There is not the slightest doubt that the only thing that now prevents his (The President's) active entry on the side of the Allies is his knowledge that he cannot take the American people in yet."-- John T. Flynn, distinguished economist and writer.

A MILLION LETTERS TO WASHINGTON NOW, MAY SAVE A MILLION LIVES TOMORROW.

THE MIND OF A MAJOR

*Unnumbered 10/25/41*

Before and After (The name is Eliot!)

1938 "It (war with Japan) is impossible - while we remain strong in our own waters and the Japanese in theirs. It is impossible - while we remember that the affairs of Eastern Asia have got to be settled by the people who live there, and while the Japanese remember the same about the Western Hemisphere. It is impossible - while ordinary common sense endures on both sides of the Pacific.

1941 "The Japanese have cleverly and successfully played for time so far. Nothing could be more clear than the suicidal folly of permitting them to do so longer. The time is at hand for the elimination of Japan as an Axis partner; peaceably if Japan so wills, forcibly if needs must."

REMEMBER THE GREER!

When you read the head lines (scare lines) about submarine attacks and the sinking of helpless American vessels remember the Greer!

Although President Roosevelt in his "shoot at sight" speech on September 11 skillfully represented the episode as an act of piracy on our innocent ship, Admiral Harold R. Stark's testimony before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee reveals the facts. The Greer was cooperating with a British plane and had been following the U-boat for three hrs. and 28 min. The whole affair occurred inside a blockaded zone where all vessels were notified in advance of "danger of destruction".

*The Progressive Oct 25?, 1941*

GUEST EDITORIAL

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"By the Neutrality Act of 1935, and by other steps; We made it possible to prohibit American citizens from traveling on vessels belonging to countries at war. Was that right? We made it clear that American investors who put their money into enterprises in foreign nations could not call on American warships or soldiers to bail out their investments. Was that right?

*also The Progressive*

"We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent, and that they must stay out of war zones. Was that right?

"In all these ways, we made it clear to every American, and to every foreign nation, that we would avoid becoming entangled through some episode beyond our borders. These were measures to keep us at peace, and through all the years of war since 1935, there has been no entanglement, and there will be no entanglement."

*anti-war news service 10/22/41 and Un 10/11/41*

P.S. On Navy Day - Oct. 27, 1941 - President Roosevelt advocated revision of this same Neutrality Act to permit the arming of merchant ships and "to carry our American goods into the harbors of our friends." Was that right?

BISHOP'S CRUSADE

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"Forget the facts. Pour on the emotional stuff!" This is the new strategy of Fight for Freedom, Inc., according to His Grace, the Bishop of Southern Ohio, the Rt. Rev. Henry Wise Hobson, National Chairman.

*The Progressive 10-18-41*

TRAP SHOOTING

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Just after the President's "shoot on sight" speech, a strongly pro-war British weekly, News-Review declared that Adolf Hitler had laid a carefully baited trap for FDR. The theory is that if FDR can be lured into a war his people do not want, Japan may be persuaded to strike and aid to Russia and Britain will be drastically curtailed.

ARMS ACROSS THE SEA

Civilian Defense Director Fiorello La Guardia (The Little Flower) in a recent public address: "May I say for the benefit of some of our friends across the sea that this is punitive equipment, as well as for defense." Who said national defense tax?

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO (TRADE) MARK The British Embassy Staff in Washington has formally explained that citizens may now travel only in the interests of defense or trade. The distinguished pacifist preacher, Muriel Lester, was removed from an American vessel and "detained" in Trinidad. She may return to England, not to America, though other-minded speakers are coming freely. Evidently "the four freedoms" apply, if and when.

HE LOVES ME HE LOVES ME NOT "Only Finland, superb, may sublime Finland -- sublime in the jaws of peril, Finland shows what free men can do. The service rendered by Finland to mankind is magnificent... Every one can see how Communism robs the free soul of a nation, how it makes it abject and hungry in peace and proves it base and abominable in war... We cannot tell what the fate of Finland may be, but no more mournful spectacle could be presented to what is left of civilized mankind than that this splendid northern race should be at last worn down and reduced to servitude worse than death by the dull, brutish force of overwhelming numbers." ---Winston Churchill, February 15, 1940.

Letter from "The Progressive"

DEAR FRIEND The struggle to keep this nation out of Europe's wars is not lost! Only the gallant and determined fight of the overwhelming majority of people opposed to war has saved America thus far from being plunged all the way into the bloody mess abroad. We must not waver now in our faith and hope. The fight can still be won if we redouble our efforts to preserve peace and democracy here in the United States. For my own part, I shall carry on the battle against W-A-R with my coat off and my sleeves rolled up. You, too, can help in this cause, if you will raise your voice vigorously and courageously against war hysteria in your community.

Signed/ Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.

A MILLION LETTERS TO WASHINGTON NOW, MAY SAVE A MILLION LIVES TOMORROW

"The Herald" Lake Geneva, 10/17/41

RANK AND FILE Rebellious against the pro-war action taken at Milwaukee by delegates at the National Convention of the American Legion, members opposed to another AEF have filed papers for the incorporation of "The Legion Rank and File, Inc."

NEW AEF A popular American magazine is advertising the New AEF. Just a bit of "softening up" to prepare us to send a new AEF. Will you?

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE It is commonly assumed that we must take one of two ways out of the world's dilemma. We insist that there is another - and better - way. On October 19, former Ambassador Cudahy proposed that the President lead a "peace offensive" as the only real way to give us real prestige and power in solving world problems. Mr. Cudahy warns, "if we enter the battle lists there will be another 30 years war." At its October meeting our Executive Committee adopted and sent the following letter:

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Dear Mr. President:

As a group of free citizens under the Constitution of the United States, as well as members of that great body of Americans who wish to stay out of war, we protest against both the words and the spirit of your Navy Day speech.

We do not feel that you were speaking for us in what might be termed a "one-man declaration of war". It is our sincere belief that the noblest role our country could play would be to take the lead in finding some effective means of resolving the present conflict and heading toward a new world order in which such destructive forces could never again be loosed.

That you cannot see your opportunity, one of the greatest that history has offered to any man, to lead our people in this role, we deeply and sincerely regret.

We urge, in what may be the final hour of decision, that you do not take the steps that would precipitate our country into full participation in the war, and we assure you that any peaceful, constructive methods of extending your "four freedoms" to all people will receive our unlimited support.

Faithfully yours,

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Peace News London 7-5-41

ALL FOUR "Future world-peace depends on finding a solution which the four great nations of Germany, Russia, Britain, and America are willing permanently to accept and actively to uphold." --- from The Christian News-Letter, London, September, 1941

DO WE? The time has come for a counter-offensive for peace with a lend-lease plan that looks toward the reconstruction of Europe. --- Governments conduct wars but peoples make peace. ---David Lawrence in US News 9/12/41



**THANKSGIVING**

50,000 tons of food and medicine have been sent from Turkey to Greece with British approval and British food is being fed to 40,000 British prisoners in Germany by the German Government. No danger of diversion or "aid to Hitler" here! But in Belgium or Holland or France, of course it's different as shown by this excerpt from a Belgian diary:

July 30: "I am appalled for there is nothing left. Today is the first time my courage has flagged for I had not been prepared gradually as have been the others. I don't know how to take hold and face it."

**HERE AND THERE**

Less than two years ago President Roosevelt was telling the AIC how much he detested "the banishment of religion" from Russia. His recent attempt to explain that freedom of religion in the USSR is on practically the same basis as in the USA brought one of the heaviest protest mails in White House history. The President tried, without much success, to "explain" his "explanation", meantime, in Pennsylvania, which is in the USA, Mennonites, Amish and Dunkards are seeking to migrate to Paraguay to secure freedom of religion.

**V ?**

"An allied victory seems possible only if Soviet Russia continues to resist; in which case victory would be attributed to Stalin. The Communist International would then be able to dominate the Continent more easily than any other power." So editorialized Uncensored on October 4. Are we trying to fight Hitler for Stalin or are we going to fight Stalin after he licks Hitler, or --- you guess.

**ELEVEN'S LUNCHEONS**

At 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month 11 hostesses of the SPC each invited 11 guests to lunch and discuss various plans for "building the kind of world we want to live in" in cooperation with the World Government Day program of the National Peace Conference. A radio program arranged by the Peace Council during the hour stressed the obligation of citizens to plan "Not Armistice but Peace". First reports are enthusiastic.

**COFFEE HOUR**

Frederick J. Libby, on a between-trains stop-over in Syracuse was interviewed over Station WOLF and spoke to forty or more members of the Peace Council at a "Coffee Hour" arranged in his honor. Both events were highly successful. Mr. Libby said it was his first "coffee hour" in twenty years' experience and concluded that peace workers are still resourceful.

**COMING EVENT**

Plan now to attend the Second Mid-Winter Institute of International Relations sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee in New York State. Syracuse, February 13-15, 1942.

**WHEN WINTER COMES**

The American Friends Service Committee has again appealed for old and new clothing for distribution in England, France, Mexico, China. For suggestions and directions, ask us. We collect here,

**REQUIRED READING**

For the intelligent looking citizen!  
Must the World Destroy Itself, by Freda Utley, well known English author and lecturer on three continents, in the October Reader's Digest.  
The Road to Hitlerism by William Henry Chamberlain, foreign correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, and Our Incredible Overconfidence by Oswald Garrison Villard, both in The Christian Century, November 5.

If you would understand the mind of the man who has been called "with one possible exception, the most dangerous man, from the point of view of foreign policy, ever to occupy the White House", read the 122 pages of a little book called Country Squire in the White House. We will mail it to your door on request.

**LAST CALL**

Fortunately, we have actually been too busy during the past month to revise our mailing lists! The response to our October reminder that renewals of subscriptions or memberships are now due has been good, but still there are many of you who will not get next month's letter unless we hear from you soon. Do you really want us to drop your name? We hope not.

**PS**

Over 30,000 signatures have been secured to the Citizens Peace Petition. Have you signed?

**SAVE THIS NOTICE!**

It will save us money!

Regular monthly meeting of the Syracuse Peace Council  
 Date: Tuesday evening, November 25, 1941  
 Place: 2nd Floor YMCA, 340 Montgomery St.  
 Time: 7:45 PM. Subject: The Next Chapter

Plan now to attend. Bring an interested friend.

In extending the season's greetings most sincerely to all its subscribers, the Peace Council offers two contrasting and challenging views on the Christmas theme:

To Jesus On His Birthday

For this your mother sweated in the cold;  
For this you bled upon the bitter tree:  
A yard of tinsel ribbon bought and sold;  
A paper wreath; a day at home for me.  
The merry bells ring out; the people kneel;  
Up goes the man of God before the crowd;  
With voice of honey and with eyes of steel,  
He drones your humble gospel to the proud.  
Nobody listens. Less than the wind that blows  
Are all your words to us you died to save.  
O Prince of Peace! O Sharon's dewy Rose!  
How mute you lie within your vaulted grave.  
The stone the angels rolled away with tears  
Is back upon your mouth these thousand years.  
-- Edna St. Vincent Millay.



The Measure

Being born in a manger has come to seem romantic, along with gifts and carols. But it was not romantic, and so those who could not face reality adorned the story with wise men and angel choirs.

Jesus lived with and for the unfortunate, the outcasts, the friendless. We may adorn his name with prestige, but the measure of our unity with him is the extent to which his interests are our own.

-- Arthur E. Morgan

PEACEMAKER ---- WHAT NOW?

Momentous events have taken place since our last issue; a major objective of our effort through the years has failed; our beloved country is at war; to many of us it seems that earth's last, best hope of democracy is gone. But remember this: no single fact on which our program was built has changed; no single conviction on which our policy was based has changed. And there are yet tremendous tasks which as loyal citizens we can and must perform. Indeed, it is quite possible that no one else can or will perform them. Our responsibility is not less, but more.

The original statement of purpose of the Syracuse Peace Council in January, 1936, read, in part: "To discover and unify the peace forces of this area for their mutual strengthening and support." That statement still stands.

Our first specific objective was "a continuing program of peace education" in the community. That objective is still valid.

For America must not again win a war to lose a peace. And the bases of a just and durable peace will be established only if there is an informed public opinion to demand and support such a settlement.

We are now not free from war, but the other three freedoms of our 1941-42 statement of policy must be maintained.

We can educate for a new world order: NOT ARMISTICE BUT PEACE. And so we announce our sponsorship and support of the Institute of International Relations on the theme, "Bases for Building a New World Order", to be held in Syracuse in February. Our January number will bring you a full announcement.

We can minister to the civilian suffering caused by war. We shall continue to serve the American Committee for Christian Refugees and to collect clothing and gifts for the American Friends Service Committee. We shall strive to mitigate inter-racial hatreds and intolerance such as are bound to arise in times of national excitement.

We can guard jealously the constitutional civil and religious liberties for which America stands. They are, as always in war time, in grave danger. In large measure the extent of their limitation and their future existence will depend on the alertness and the courage with which we exercise our responsibilities as citizens.

To work out a world in which peace will be more than a breathing spell on the mad relay race to destruction, WE CARRY ON!

ANOTHER ANSWER

Most of the current discussion of the war and foreign policy assumes that our choices are limited to two: that V must stand either for Victor or Vanquished; that either we are to go "over there" and carve up Germany into a number of helpless provincial states or that Hitler will come over here and carve us up into chunks convenient to his purposes; that the world must be dominated by Germany-Italy-Japan or by America-Britain-Russia; in a word, that the capital of the world is to be Berlin or Washington.

We deny both the validity and the realism of this view. There is now, as always, Another Answer: a "cooperative commonwealth" of nations. As steps toward the realization of this third alternative we urge your careful study of the "Call to America" enclosed.