

HERE BEGINNETH /O/. With this number PNL begins its eleventh year of continuous publication and the Syracuse Peace Council starts its second decade. The outlook is dark. "Not since the Romans ran their plowshares over Carthage," to use Howard Brinton's phrase, has humanity been called on to endure such a victory as it now suffers; not since the terrible days that followed the Thirty Years War has Europe been plunged into such an awful abyss of homeless, hungry hopelessness; not since Sherman marched through Georgia to the sea have Americans been responsible for such devastating hatreds, such depths of human misery; never in human history has there been a parallel to the destruction that flew by day over Hiroshima. The world is one world of fear and hatred, of destruction and despair.

In such a world the task of the peacemaker is no easy one. It requires vision of the clearest sort, courage of the highest order, unflinching faith in the nature of the universe and the destiny of man. It requires action in some such ways as these:

1. Keep Posted. It is the first duty of the peacemaker to be intelligently informed. This requires reading and discussion of more than press and radio.
2. Be Vigilant. Preserve the widest possible area of human freedom. For us, right now, this means tireless opposition to peacetime military conscription under whatever guise it is presented.
3. Repent, Rebuild. There will not be even the beginning of peace until we have realized our fault and, in so far as that is humanly possible, rebuilt the world we have helped to destroy. This means, of course, sacrificial sharing for the relief of human misery wherever it is found.
4. Organize for Peace. We have demonstrated incomparable capacity in mobilizing our resources for war. This same capacity must now be used to organize the world for peace. No half way measures will do; nothing less than Federal World Government of all Peoples will be adequate.
5. Win Others. Peace making must become a Crusade. The people want peace but they do not realize that their desires for punishment of their enemies, privilege, in terms of living standards, power over other peoples, stand squarely in the way. And so they defeat themselves. More and more men and women of good will must be brought to understand that peace is not merely the absence of war but the re-ordering of the political, economic and cultural patterns of society.

To such a task SPC re-dedicates itself and challenges your endeavor. And there is need for haste! The atomic bomb is not more immoral than other instruments of death; its chief significance lies in the fact that it eliminates time and space as factors in our calculation. Leading scientists in England and America are warning us; Beardsley Ruml gives us not more than two to five years; Henry Smith Leiper has spoken of "the glacial leisureliness with which an atomized Christianity moves in an Atomic Age."

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST; GIVE PEACE MAKING AN A-1 PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE!

THANK YOU, Our Tenth Birthday Party was a great success. Attendance was nearly ONE AND ALL double that of last year; "presents" were correspondingly generous. Bertha Bracey's message, "Roots of Order and Disorder in Europe" was a moving one; Sylvia Biorn-Hansen played two beautiful numbers on the piano--"A good time was had by all." One friend wrote, "Last evening was more wonderful than I can express...the enclosed gift...so proud of you all...a magnificent job...happy to be a part of the occasion." Another congratulated us on a decade of service, hoped we would live to be a hundred. A wire received during the evening read: "Appreciating fine work done. Looking forward with you."

LAUGHTER OF "If the devils could laugh," said Raymond Wilson last October, "they FRIENDS would be shaking now at the magnificent irony of events." On the very day that President Truman called for Compulsory Military Training, the Indianapolis Star headlined the news that America will "de-militarize" the Japanese school system. Mr. Wilson was in Japan when military training was first introduced into the school system there. At that time the Japanese Minister of War solemnly assured the people that they were copying the "so-excellent" American system (R.O.T.C. not for military purposes but for the building of health, discipline and character!

The United Press reports determined opposition to the Truman plan; it is probable that a plan based on American Legion proposals will be considered next. The same determined opposition must continue. Georgia Harkness, distinguished leader of Methodism, whom many of our readers will recognize and all will trust, writes: "There is no ground for optimism--only vigorous action can defeat it. Letters do count. They matter so much that the bill can be defeated if (and probably only if) the congressmen's constituencies are sufficiently heard from." (See enclosed folder.)

LOOK AHEAD AT Sixth Annual Mid-Winter Institute of International Relations:
COMING EVENTS RUSSIA'S ROLE IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER, discussed under the leadership of a distinguished faculty of experts; auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. We are preparing for the biggest and best ever. Save the Date-- Onondaga Hotel, Syracuse, February 15-17.

LOOK HOMEWARDS Peacemakers need to remember that peace is indivisible; that war has roots in economic conflict; that the struggle over the distribution of wealth at home is part of the whole world struggle. They cannot be indifferent, therefore, to the labor-capital conflict now going on. These facts, reported by the Securities and Exchange Commission are pertinent to our thinking: Current assets of American corporations on June 30 stood at \$99,300,000,000; up from the 1939 figures of \$54,600,000,000. Current liabilities only increased from 30 billion to 51 billion; which being interpreted, means that the net working capital of our corporations has doubled during the war. Quite evidently the cost of the war was not shared on an ability-to-pay basis despite all the pious promises; obviously the tears now being shed for the "poor" corporations in their struggle with "greedy" labor are at least partly of the crocodile variety.

Incidentally, President Truman has given his approval to the Permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee Bill. It will probably be voted on before the end of this month. If you wish to support it, write Sen. Alben Barkley, Sen. Wallace White, Congressman Joseph Martin.

CHAOS and OLD NIGHT AGAIN "After the First World War the conscience of the West became convinced that the destruction of the high hopes of lasting peace for which men had died resulted in large measure, first, from an unjust and implacable peace treaty, and second, from an unintelligent and brutal treatment which left great masses of the German people--especially the young--without hope or opportunity. Today the Allies are not simply repeating the mistakes of Versailles; they are compounding them. They are now, in their occupation policies, producing a greater despair and a greater chaos in the heart of Europe than followed the last war." Or, as LIFE has indicated: We are losing the peace much faster than we won the war.

This is the fruit of enforcement of the vindictive Potsdam Pact, which is largely a "made in America" product. Mr. Morgenthau fathered it; Mr. Roosevelt sponsored it. We are responsible. General Eisenhower has declared that it will not work; Mr. Bevin admits it was an error; the Federal Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Bishops have protested.

TIME reports that men in the starvation unit of c.o.'s at the University of Minnesota lost 25% of their weight on an 1800 calorie diet. "It is nonsense to think that you can starve people and make them believe in the four freedoms at the same time," declared the doctor in charge. "To talk about the will of the people when you aren't feeding them is perfect hog wash."

But official Washington is obdurate. The government believes that it has the support of the American people for this savage policy. Does it have yours? Silence gives consent.

If you care, the President of the United States lives in The White House on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. He is your representative.

WINTER HAS COME "Now," writes an American member of the Friends Ambulance Unit in London to his mother, "winter has come bringing snow and zero weather to Germany...." and goes on to tell of a half-starved couple, sleeping under thin covers in a windowless room in Berlin, who froze to death in the night.

HAVE YOU AN EXTRA WARM BLANKET OR QUILT, CLOTHING OR SHOES? WE ARE STILL COLLECTING AND SHIPPING REGULARLY THROUGH THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Another observer writes: "Frankfurt-on-Oder, a town of 45,000 inhabitants, still possesses 45 milking cows of which 30 are dry. Eberswalde has 8 milking cows for a population of 20,000. In many places newborn babies get a quarter of a liter of milk every two days. These are condemned to death. In one vicinity 41 out of 45 newborn babies died. The daily death rate in Berlin has risen from 150 to 4000."

WE ARE RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEIFER TO BE SHIPPED TO POLAND OR HOLLAND. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST PRACTICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE OF ALL FORMS OF RELIEF. AND IT CAN BE DONE NOW. WE CAN USE MONEY NOW FOR MILK, FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR AUSTRIA.

One Day's Menus in Liberated Italy

Breakfast: "Coffee" of roasted barley.

Lunch: Vegetable soup (spaghetti once a week); a fresh vegetable; fruit.

Dinner: Vegetable soup, salad, bread.

WE ARE SENDING MONTHLY PACKAGES OF FOOD TO ITALY, FINLAND, FRANCE. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, AND HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM BECOME AS SOUNDING BRASS, OR A TINKLING CYMBAL.

Notice the new room numbers (415-16) in our address

FREEDOM FROM FEAR "I AM A FRIGHTENED MAN," writes Dr. Harold C. Urey, professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago and worker on the federal atomic energy project since 1941. His article in Collier's (1-5-46) begins: "I write this to frighten you I hear people talking about the possible use of the atomic bomb in war.

"As a scientist, I TELL YOU THERE MUST NEVER BE ANOTHER WAR."

Fear will never end war, but if you agree with Dr. Urey's conclusion, will you do three things:

Read carefully Senator Taylor's proposal (enclosed). These reprints are not easy reading but this one is worth your attention if you care about war.

Read Harlan Smith's message, written especially for PNL, on the opposite page.

If you wish, sign and return the enclosed card to us promptly.

AMBITION In so doing, you may be helping the eight year old London boy who 1,945 years after Christ and in the first year of the Atomic Age was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. Said London's child: "Alive."

ADAGE A teacher who fought in the last war and whose sons fought in this one told his class in a passionate voice: "Count that day lost in which you do nothing to further the cause of world peace!"

ACTION Here is something you can do now. Register for and promote attendance at our Institute of International Relations February 15-17. You have had one program. Ask for more. Give them to your friends.

LEND-LEASE! Among recent contributions to SPQ, one of particular interest was a few packages of high quality paper and an ink pad from the newly liquidated Army Air Base. Thank you.

DOROTHY THOMPSON SAYS: "By agreeing, in the name of 'reparations' and 'industrial disarmament,' to a four-way loot in countries already devastated beyond imagination, they initiated in the name of peace a new scorched-earth policy; set adrift the last remnants of order; betrayed the hopes and prayers of all Christendom, and sowed the seeds of anarchy, nihilism, and despair.

"All this was done while the United States had the mightiest Army, Navy, and Air Force the world had ever seen--and the atomic bomb on the verge of perfection.

"Let us, then, face the reality. Universal military training is not for the enforcement of peace. It is asked because there is no peace--in our consciences, our minds, our hearts, our policies, our societies. It is asked in the frantic hope that the great nations, estimating each other's terrifying power and maneuvering against each other over the moans of the real peace lovers--the suffering, sacrificing, believing, hoping, and broken-hearted people of the world--will fear to attack each other, lest the result be mutual annihilation.

"This is our peace, for which the youngest and noblest died."

PAINLESS CONSCRIPTION? Hearings on the May Bill were not resumed as scheduled by the House Military Affairs Committee. The bill, as it stands, is probably dead. However, the American Legion has had its "painless plan" introduced as an amendment to the original May Bill. The Legion plan calls for only 4 months of basic training, but this must be followed by 8 months or its equivalent in either the regular armed forces, the National Guard, the ROTC, or as a conscript trainee in industry or college. In other words, the plan calls for at least one year of forced military training.

This new bill has all the principal faults of the former one plus a much greater threat to militarize education and to create a military caste in which those 8% to 10% who can afford to go to college would be officers.

The Legion wined and dined about half the members of Congress at the Statler on January 25, in order to work up support for its bill. Your Representative for Syracuse and vicinity, Mr. Hancock, is reported as being still undecided. 'Nuff said.

NEW CLOTHING DEPOT OPENS! The response to our appeals for clothing and shoes has been so generous that it overtaxes the facilities of our office and elevator service. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND OURS and through the kindness of Mr. Emil Evertz we are opening a New Clothing Depot at 722 North Salina Street. This will make both deliveries and shipments much easier. Small hand packages at the office if necessary, but all others at 722 North Salina, please.

We are now shipping about 500 lbs. per month. Since it is estimated that one ton will clothe 700 persons, this means that 175 needy are helped each month by your efforts. We thank you heartily and rely on your continued--even extended help. The AFSC clothing program is not a sporadic effort but a continuing program through established channels. It is distributed efficiently, with loving concern, and without discrimination of any kind.

The pit of human misery is bottomless--help us to outgrow our new quarters, too! Has some on a car or pick-up that could be used to collect parcels from people who do not have transportation?

\$64 QUESTION Mr. Anthony Eden (who helped set up the UNO at San Francisco, speaking in the House of Commons: "Has not the United Nations Organization with its insistence on unimpaired national sovereignty, already been made anachronistic by the atomic bomb?"

Foreign Minister Bevin (the next day): "Yes." "And the British Government is ready to merge its sovereignty in a new world sovereignty based on a direct vote of the peoples of the world."

If the British Government means what Mr. Bevin said there is hope.

SPECIAL Now, as the UNO holds its first meetings, is a good time to take stock of
TO PNL all our peace efforts. Should we merely continue to advocate the same policies as those for which we worked during the 20 years before World War II?

Why did we succeed so little then? Do we need to strike out in new directions now?

Reflections on these matters has led some of us to conclude that those who desire to establish a durable peace on earth must place their emphasis upon the achievement of a genuine world government, a government which can guarantee that security from attack which nations are unable to achieve by their own military power. World government has long been a subject for dreamers about the distant future; but even they little realized that the atomic age was to come so soon. The sort of world government that is needed is one quite analogous to the United States government, in that it should be a federal government of delegated and limited powers. It could guarantee security to all peoples because it would permit no nation to manufacture atomic bombs or to maintain military establishments with which it could threaten its neighbors. Nothing short of such a government can prevent another world war.

Despite the UNO, nations still retain their sovereign right to enforce their own will against each other. So although everyone hopes the UNO may be able to prevent war, as long as it remains in its present form no nation is able to place complete faith in its ability to do so. At the same time that it commits itself to uphold the UNO, the U.S. plans, therefore, to keep strategic bases across the Pacific, to maintain larger military forces than before the war, and to checkmate likely opponents in the struggle for diplomatic influence in Europe and the Far East. This struggle for power, carried on by each nation, will lead inevitably to war, as it has already lead to a serious deterioration of international relations. The alternatives are world government, or total preparation for a war of world domination.

But can world government be achieved? The conservatives, who would let present trends carry us into another war before they would change their thinking to embrace world government, can point out many things that will make world government difficult, as good government at any level is difficult. But it is often conceded today that the biggest problem is getting people to see the need of it.

It is significant that we have reached the point where a Senator has introduced a resolution calling for the U.S. to seek the establishment of a genuine world government. A copy of that resolution, and of the interesting speech with which Senator Taylor introduced it, is enclosed. You will notice that in talking with some of his constituents about world government, Senator Taylor found that each one approved the idea but didn't think anyone else would. The fact is that the atomic bomb has jarred more people out of old mental ruts than is generally imagined, and when we give our statesmen enough concrete evidence of that fact, we will have helped release the biggest brake on our progress toward world government and peace. -- Harlan Smith

What can a mere individual do? To begin with, sign and return to the Peace Council the enclosed CALL FOR ACTION card. For those who want to study the whole question more, or who want "literature" to arouse the interest of others, materials may be secured from a number of national organizations whose purpose is to work for the establishment of a world government. Ask us.

Before World War II peace workers were warning America that if another war were allowed to engulf the world it would destroy western civilization. That war was allowed and did engulf the world. Did it destroy our civilization? In his book "Out of Darkness" written during the war, John Haynes Holmes says yes, and sees hope for a new civilization slowly growing out of small scattered groups of devoted individuals such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation has built up which will live on through the dark ages ahead. Kenneth Patchen in his poem "What is the beautiful?" echoes Holmes' statement in these lines:

I believe that we are going into the darkness now;
 Hundreds of years will pass before the light
 Shines over the world of all men ...
 And I am blinded by its splendor.

NO SECRET AGREEMENTS??? Russia agreed to enter the war against Japan only after getting Roosevelt and Churchill to agree that 1) the Kuriles be handed over to Russia 2) the Mongolian People's Republic be preserved as an "independent state" and 3) Russia's former rights in the Far East which were "violated by the treacherous attack of Japan in 1904 be restored." This last concession included in turn a host of others. During the war before last Russia was exposing secret treaties of the Allies. Russia is not alone in favoring only those secret treaties from which she draws advantage. This is a common pattern for all the Powers--great and small.

SPY SCARE "It would appear that Russia has been spying on Canada," reports The New Yorker. "If Americans and Canadians grow indignant at Russia for stealing atomic information, they are being innocent beyond belief. If the United States is not at this moment spying on fifty or sixty other nations, to find out what is going on inside their borders, then it is not only innocent, it is derelict. The United Nations Organization, which in its present form is a league of dis-united nations whose problems are on the table and whose spies are behind the arras, is our last chance to substitute order for disorder, government for anarchy, knowledge for espionage. We better make it good. Remember, an intelligence service is, in fact, a stupidity service; if we were really intelligent, we wouldn't be willing to stake our children's lives on our country's spies."

MAGNIFICENT DISSENT Justices Murphy and Rutledge took issue with the majority of the Supreme Court in the case of General Yamashita, sentenced to hang as a war criminal. They said Yamashita "was rushed to trial under an improper charge, given insufficient time to prepare a defense... and summarily sentenced to be hanged. In all this needless and unseemly haste there was no serious attempt to prove or to charge that he committed a recognized violation of the laws of the war."

"The immutable rights of the individual," the Murphy dissent continues, "belong not alone to the members of those nations that excel on the battle field. They belong to every person in the world, victor or vanquished, whatever may be his race, color or beliefs."

HIGH TIME TO REPENT Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam presiding, the Federal Council of Churches heard the report of a commission headed by a Yale professor of theology. The report recommended that the United States Government rebuild the devastated cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It said of the attack on these cities: "The moral cost was too high. We have sinned grievously against the laws of God and against the people of Japan - we are compelled to judge our chosen course inexcusable."

THE WHITE PROBLEM "Why the white man chose the 'skin test' for superiority, no one quite knows," says Lillian Smith in a provocative pamphlet, The White Christian and His Conscience. She then goes on to suggest the following novel hypothesis.

"The more profound reasons we barely perceive. We know the white man--certainly the white Nordic--has a deeprooted need to feel superior to others. We know he has an emotional insecurity, a fear of personal relationships, that have contributed to an urgent sense of sin. We know that our family life has often bred hate-love feelings that make for insecurity, for ambivalence in parent-child relationships. Some of us believe this deep-seated conflict may have driven the white Nordic into a regressive worship of his own image, into a group-narcism, into a 'self-love', an infantile desire to be first; that all these factors together: economic insecurity, historical accidents, a sense of sin springing from certain Puritan concepts, and a feeling that he has betrayed the Christianity he professes, have combined to plunge him into a way of life that is like quicksand. This is a field that needs further study by psychiatrists and anthropologists, for there are things about the white man we need to know."

"ONE WAR IS ENOUGH" From an article by this title in the February Atlantic Monthly, we quote two pungent paragraphs. The editors comment that Edgar Jones, the author, has had "forty months of war duty".

"We Americans have the dangerous tendency in our international thinking to take a holier-than-thou attitude toward other nations. We consider ourselves to be more noble and decent than other peoples, and consequently in a better position to decide what is right and wrong in the world. What kind of war do civilians suppose we fought, anyway? We shot prisoners in cold blood, wiped out hospitals, strafed life-boats, killed or mistreated enemy civilians, finished off the enemy wounded, tossed the dying into a hole with the dead, and in the Pacific boiled the flesh off enemy skulls to make table ornaments for sweethearts, or carved their bones into letter openers. We topped off our saturation bombing and burning of enemy civilians by dropping atomic bombs on two nearly defenseless cities, thereby setting an all-time record for instantaneous mass slaughter.

"Peter Bowman summed up our victory to date in Beach Red when he wrote, 'Battle doesn't determine who is right. Only who is left.' We destroyed fascists, not fascism; men, not ideas. Our triumphs did not serve as evidence that democracy is best for the world, any more than Russian victories proved that communism is an ideal system for all mankind. Only through our peacetime efforts to abolish war and bring a larger measure of freedom and security to all peoples can we reveal to others that we are any better than our defeated opponents."

INCONSISTENT? Wartime political prisoners including conscientious objectors have been freed in occupied Germany and Japan. At present we have in our federal prisons more than 3,000 men charged with Selective Service violation. These include, besides Jehovah's Witnesses and pacifist absolutists, Puerto Rican nationalists who were imprisoned because of their refusal to recognize the sovereignty of the United States; Hopi Indians, whose long-standing tradition of peace led them to refuse military service; Negro-Americans who found it impossible for them to serve in a Jim Crow army.

INFANTRY OUTMODED Brig. General H. C. Holdridge (Ret.) who was a recent visitor to Syracuse under the auspices of the local Committee Against Peacetime Conscription, served in the army for thirty years. Undoubtedly he is a military authority. In his presentation here he made a strong point of one of the best arguments we have seen against peacetime conscription. It is this: In view of atomic bombs, rockets, radar and jet propulsion, what kind of training will 18-year-old boys be given in twelve months or less? In other words, the General pointed out that the "reactionary" army mind still thinks in terms of the outmoded infantry training consisting of combat team training involving large groups of men, field maneuvers and rifle use. Such training has no relevance whatever to revolutionized warfare.

STARVATION--- RUMOR OR FACT? "Hungry but not Starving" was the way one Syracuse newspaper in February optimistically head-lined the plight of the people of Europe. Less optimistic were reports in the London-Economist, the Christian Century, and from Quaker and Red Cross observers (see quotes on "Babies" and "Refugees" on the enclosed sheet). All informants admit that individual cases of starvation have occurred. Whether 'mass starvation' has taken place is a matter of semantics, not facts. Those who deny it--as Mrs. Roosevelt in My Day--admit that the mortality rate has increased tremendously. Whether the statistic tables speak in terms of starvation or in terms of tuberculosis (one in five have TB in Warsaw) and infant mortality (has increased from 16 to 40 per cent in Budapest), the only solution is more food --NOW.

In the light of some of the recent grousing which accompanied America's change-over from snow-white to cream-colored bread, the following quotation from the Feb. 1 edition of a liberal English weekly may be interesting: "The average American consumption of meat is up from 125 lb. in the pre-war years to 165 lb. Evidently, the USA fought for a fifth freedom for Europe--the freedom to starve."

By the way, the Syracuse Peace Council has just shipped from its new clothing depot, 722 N. Salina St., 1700 lbs. of clothing for European need. Let the good work go on.

ROAD TO WHERE? "CAN A PLANNED WORLD BE FREE?" will be the title of the next Peace Council Book-of-the-Month Forum at the Y.W.C.A. The date of this meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 18, to avoid conflicting with Good Friday. The books to be reviewed are "Road to Serfdom" by Frederick Hayek and "Road to Reaction" by Herman Finer. The reviewers will be Harvey Peck, Professor of Economics at Syracuse University and Coleman Cheney, Professor at Skidmore and 1942 gubernatorial candidate of the Socialist Party.

A 60¢ supper at 6:00 p.m. will precede the dinner. Please phone reservations for the supper (2-5316) before noon Tuesday, April 16th.

NOTE ON BIKINI ATOLL Bikini Islanders are being moved from their native soil in preparation for Chain Reaction Day. The story of their eviction reveals that they are an unusual bunch - they lived in peace and didn't murder one another. Such people, unnecessarily lazy, are out of luck on this up-and-coming planet, and it is not surprising that they have to move on.

REVERSE EDITORS What would be appearing in the American Press this spring if Japan were the nation conducting the A-bomb experiments in the Marshalls?

THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE A man from Mars would never suspect from reading dispatches from Iran and Manchuria, India and Indonesia, London and Moscow, Washington, D.C., and Fulton, Mo., that the late war we waged and won had been advertised as a war for freedom and decency, a war against brutality, militarism, imperialism, racism, fascism, and worldwide inequality. For almost everywhere the shadows of unrest and insecurity are lengthening, the hopes for peace and cooperation are fading.

TO ABOLISH 500 leaders of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America agreed in their March convention that reduction of armaments and abolition of conscription should be sought at the United Nations General Assembly.

Philip LaFollette, veteran of two world wars and former governor of Wisconsin, before the House Military Affairs Committee urged the use of American leadership "to lead all nations to outlaw universal military service." This position was seconded by Brig. Gen. Ralph Imnell and Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge (Ret.), a West Pointer with 30 years of military service.

TO CONTINUE Militarist hysteria gripped Congress. Senator Tom Connally, UNO delegate, urged top priority for "an adequate Army, a superior Navy, and a superlative Air Force."

DOES GOD DRAW LOTS? What any feeding program will have to face at this late day after starvation has been allowed a good long start is illustrated by a story reprinted in the Congressional Record by Dr. Lawrence Meyer who had returned from an investigation of conditions in the American zone in Germany. "In Frankfurt at a children's hospital," wrote Dr. Meyer, "there have been set aside 25 out of 100 children. These will be fed and kept alive. It is better to feed 25 enough to keep them alive and let 75 starve now than to feed the 100 for a short while and let them all starve."

OUR GERMAN HARVEST-- HUNGER AND HATE The Potsdam Agreement, writes Harry Paxton Howard, was a policy of revenge as senseless and savage as Hitler's policy against the Jews. Under it he says Germany has been turned into a vast concentration camp. Under the dominant Allies more Germans have already died than died at the hands of the Nazis. "Our American imitators of Hitler have outdone the Beast of Berlin himself. More Germans have been killed by Morgenthau's plan than German Jews by Hitler's plan." Starvation has resulted from the aim of the Agreement to lower German living standards.

BREAD and PEACE Special from London sources: The "New Statesman" forecasts the starvation of 60 million people in the next six months. The real meaning of the new ration in Germany is revealed in a letter in "The Times":---- "The cut to 1,014 calories means that the daily diet will amount to a couple of slices of bread smeared with margarine, a spoonful of porridge, and a couple of potatoes." "The Observer" warns that unless relief is sent, a further reduction to 700 calories - less than was allowed in the Belsen concentration camp - will almost certainly come in April. This important paper then goes on to urge strictly rationed Britishers "to accept the temporary and not very serious hardship of consuming less grain." It urges this in the name of both the humanitarian and political considerations on which peace depends. To fail would be "to stand guilty of a callous inhumanity."

It is not easy for an American to hear such appeals in London without remembering the American diet. Remember: you can now do something for peace at each meal: **EAT ONE LESS SLICE OF BREAD.** Your action will affect the world wheat supply.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION We thought our readers might be interested in the direct results to date on the pleas to help Europe's cold and starving which have appeared in the PNL. We are gratified that this office and the Clothing Depot at 722 N. Salina St. have been able to act as channels for your concern to the following extent:

- 47 individual boxes (most of them 11 lb. food packages) have been sent through this office to families in Europe.
- \$260 has been received either to be used for such boxes or to be sent to the American Friends Service Committee for their relief activities.
- 4276 lbs. of clothing were received at our Clothing Depot and sent on to the A.F.S.C. for shipment overseas, between November 15th and March 15th.
- 17 of you have written for names of European families to send packages to directly.

The Quakers are now carrying on relief work in Austria, China, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, India, Italy and Poland. In all countries except Germany and Japan the situation, though bad, seems to be improving; therefore, PNL's emphasis on the plight of the ex-enemy countries, which are excluded from UNRRA and whose citizens cannot yet even receive parcel post from America.

WORDS General MacArthur suggested a fortnight ago that all nations renounce their sovereign right to wage war. President Truman on Army Day advised a teenage news conference that young people prepare themselves for the days ahead by studying the Sermon on the Mount.

ACTIONS Civilian and career diplomats have been replaced by military men as ambassadors to Russia, China, Panama and Belgium. A Major General is functioning as an Assistant Secretary of State. A Presidential advisory council of "elder statesmen" is to be set up to be drawn from leading retired generals and admirals. Atom bombs continue to be produced 24-hours a day. Military control of atomic energy and a policy of peacetime conscription (through extension of the draft) appear imminent unless opponents can convince their Congressmen that there is a better way.

SCIENTIST QUOTES SCRIPTURE Atomic Scientist Harold Urey warned America two months ago that "There can be no secret, there can be no defense, and there must be world control." Recently Dr. Harold Condon, Director of the Nat'l Bureau of Standards, underlined the first part of Prof. Urey's warning by quoting to 40 young scientific talent award winners the 17th verse of the 8th chapter of Luke: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest, neither anything hid, that shall not be made known and come abroad."

GRASS ROOTS From a letter received from a young married couple who are among our subscribers:

".....In this hectic world we are as confused and bewildered as the next one but we're studying, arriving at some decisions, stating our convictions and acting as nearly as we can in the way that we think best. We feel very strongly that the only way necessary changes will take place in our social order is through such a method as William James describes:

"I am done with great things and big things, great institutions and big successes, and I am for those tiny invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many soft rootlets or like the capillary oozing of water, yet which if you give them time, will rend the hardest monument of man's pride."

ADVANCE NOTICE On Tuesday evening, May 14, Vera Brittain, well-known British author, will speak in Syracuse under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee and the Syracuse Peace Council. S A V E T H E D A T E.

BOOK END The ANATOMY OF PEACE by Emery Reves.

"We urge Americans to read this book, to think about its conclusions, to discuss it with friends, privately and publicly. In the new reality of atomic warfare the ideas of the book are of immediate urgent necessity, unless civilization is determined on suicide." So wrote Justice Roberts; Senators Fulbright, Pepper and Thomas; Albert Einstein, Thomas Mann and others. We join them and will gladly supply the book, either from our free loan library or at cost, \$2.00. It is brief, easy to read and will help your thinking about the ways to peace.

IF WE COULD SEE If the American people could see the faces of the victims of our post-war (Potsdam) policies in Europe, they would demand, not only relief but a change of policy. To help you translate the statistics of homeless hunger into flesh and blood individuals, here is a section of a letter written by an A.F.S.C. relief worker in March. It is an account of a trip from Paris to Vienna.

"Arthur stopped to pick up a young woman with a heavy load - soon there was another one - rather well dressed - trudging along carrying a heavy load. He left her for me to pick up. Within the next hour we picked up about 25 people - Arthur had half and I had the other half. We stopped for dinner and to check the clutch pedal which was cutting up again. We had some of our emergency rations left which we shared with the group. All of them were from Vienna and had come out the day before to trade some of their possessions to the farmers for potatoes, bread and turnips. The woman who rode in the cab with me told me that all people in Vienna did that - and those that didn't went under. I asked her why she didn't ride the train. She answered that the trains left Linz at 11:30 A.M. and arrived at Vienna at two the next morning and that those that rode the train lost their baggage during the night. The Russian soldiers took everything away from them. I asked her what she would have done if I hadn't picked her up. If night had caught her on the road she would have hidden in the ditch, she said. To my question of why she couldn't have found shelter with some farm family along the way she answered that farmers lock their doors at 7:00 and admit no one after dark. The woman who rode with Arthur has a mother in a concentration camp, she was driven from her farm by the Czechs and started out as a refugee with a wagon and team. The Russians took her team from her and the American soldiers robbed her of her jewels. The jewels the Americans took were of more worth than either the farm or the wagon and team. Well, we figured that we had a load so we stopped picking up people after a while, but the later it got in the day the harder people along the way begged to be picked up. In one of the towns we had to stop for a light, traffic jam, or something - don't remember exactly why - and things got out of control then. People rushed to our trucks and climbed aboard. I had to discourage a few who were hanging on to the side because of the danger in letting them ride there. We were unable to count them but I can safely say that there were at least 50 people riding in our trucks. And this way we arrived in Vienna. I end with the words of the French waitress who served us in a hotel along the way, 'Poor France, Poor Germany, Poor War.' "

WE MUST MAKE UP OUR MINDS Now read the enclosed leaflet by the Director of the British Peace Council for an understanding of the political consequences of an Allied policy for which we have a full measure of responsibility.

Then

Lift your telephone and reserve places for our Spring Conference with VERA BRITAIN to discuss "The Recovery of Europe" with one of the half-dozen ablest British speakers in this field. (If you have another copy of the enclosed poster, please pass this one on.)

P.O.W. "The American delivery of German prisoners to the French and British for forced labor already is being cited by the Russians as justification for them to retain German army captives for as long as they are able to work. The bartering of captured enemy soldiers by the victors throws the world back to the Dark Ages," according to an official of the International Red Cross quoted in the Chicago Tribune recently. Russia has enslaved hundreds of thousands of prisoners of war; reports of French treatment of P.O.W.s rival those of Nazi concentration camps; England plans to keep 200,000 for labor. We are not keeping P.O.W.s, merely turning them over to others to be stripped of their clothing and put to forced labor under conditions that violate the Geneva convention.

DEFEAT THE DRAFT That permanent conscription is the real issue in draft extension was revealed by a telegram sent to supporters of compulsory military training throughout the nation by the Citizens' Committee for Military Training of Young Men, Inc., whose headquarters are on Wall Street in New York City. The telegram reads:

"It is the considered opinion of this executive committee that there will be no chance of favorable action by the Congress on a Universal Military Training Bill if the draft is not extended. Will you ask as many people as possible to wire or telephone their Senators while at home during the Easter recess urging extension of the present Selective Service Act for 12 months without crippling amendments."

This makes our job clear enough. **ACT ACCORDINGLY!**

NOTES from the I.F.O.R. Conference
(Stockholm - March)

Three main themes occupied the attention of the Council:

1. The Challenge: We must ^{face} facts realistically, it is wrong to dissimulate. We are witnessing the fall of Western Christian civilization; Russia, the new world power, is outside that tradition; the peace movement has broken down; youth is disillusioned and discouraged; there is no real drive for peace in the Church. Conscientious objection is primary and fundamental but it is not enough; we must also build a federal frame-work in which peace will be possible. Retreat into the desert may come, but we must not seek it; we are responsible as citizens as long as democracy has meaning. Monastic retirement (tempting as it is) might save soul and body, or body at least, but to contract out of modern industrial civilization is to condemn millions to death. The scientist in charge of British atomic research was quoted as saying, "I give mankind ten years in which either to establish permanent peace or destroy himself."

2. The State: The villain everywhere is the national state. The United Nations are not united; their military victory has not ended the totalitarian conception of the state but vastly increased it; the totalitarian theory is that the citizen exists for the state, not the state for the citizen. Against this theory the Christian doctrine of man as the child of God is the only possible defence. If this is not true, Hitler was right. The Church, by sanctioning conscription and mass murder has forfeited much of her right to protect man against the state. How can the world accept the Christian doctrine of man when the Church has abandoned it? There are two aspects of the problem: The nation state and the individual. In this area the state admits it exceeds its authority by allowing for the conscience that will not abdicate. All our liberties have been won by conscientious objection; the Church has failed in obedience to the gospel, some day it will be grateful for our steadfast minority; meantime we must live here and now "in the kingdom." The other aspect is the nation state in international relations. In this field our problem is national sovereignty. U.N.O. met, set up all the machinery, and went home in a chorus of self-congratulation, having solved the problem of the atomic bomb by not talking about it! Churchill has despaired of U.N.O. and accepted the line-up for World War Three. Truly, whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. We must federate or perish.

3. The Church: September 1939 drew the issue and pointed up the question of our relation to an institutional church bound up with the support of a community; reactionary and irrelevant. Unless a transformation that will enable the church to speak and act radically in terms of present social realities occurs soon, the church has no future. There is not only the problem of economic dependence on the status quo, there is the problem of language. This arises both from the sentiment attached to the past and from the scientific mindedness of today. Ninety per cent of our ablest youth reject Christ, though often nearer to Him in heart than we, because we are unable to read strange new meaning into old words, and because they are too genuine to use words dishonestly. Pacifism compels us to another view of human nature than that offered by traditional theology. This other view must be restated.

In the third century the church abandoned its responsibility to redeem the world and, to save its own soul, retired into a desert preoccupation with sex, the miraculous, an allegorical interpretation of Scripture, and the future life. This fact has been conditioned by 1,600 years of history. The natural and the supernatural are not identical but they belong together as physics and metaphysics belong together. Christian philosophy concentrated on a great metaphysics but accepted a wholly false physics. What could men do but break away from a church which denied the facts of their own observation? A great period ended; physics took the throne; and now modern science is prostituted because it is united with a rotten metaphysics. Now we are seeing that age end and we are arrived at the tragic Atomic Era. The greatest discovery since the discovery of fire has been perverted to evil uses by the two great Christian democracies. For that crime we shall pay in blood for generations yet unborn.

HEROISM OF PEACE A reader calls our attention to the following paragraph as pertinent to our present thinking about compulsory military training:

"The cause of peace is not the cause of cowardice. If peace is sought to be defended or preserved for the safety of the luxurious and timid it is a sham, and the peace will be base. War is better, and the peace will be broken. If peace is to be maintained it must be by brave men who have come up to the same height as the hero, namely, the will to carry their life in their hand and stake it at any instant for their principle, but who have gone one step beyond the hero and will not seek another man's life--men who have, by their intellectual insight or else by their moral elevation, attained such a perception of their own, intrinsic worth that they do not think property or their own body a sufficient good to be saved by such dereliction of principle as treating a man like a sheep."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

VIA WESTERN UNION "Our world faces crisis as yet unperceived by those possessing power to make great decisions for good or evil. The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophe. We scientists who released this immense power have overwhelming responsibility in this world life and death struggle to harness atom for benefit of mankind and not for humanity's destruction....beg you to support our efforts to bring realization to America that mankind's destiny is being decided today now this moment....let the people know that new type of thinking essential if mankind is to survive and move toward higher levels.... We ask your help in this fateful moment as sign that we scientists do not stand alone." -- Albert Einstein

APPALLING FACT "The most appalling fact in American history," says Ely Culbertson, "is that our politicians drifted planlessly through 1945 and are still drifting, playing the old game of power politics which can mean only that millions of Americans may be buried in the rubble of their own cities in a few years from now." "I wish," he says, "that I could inscribe this awful truth with letters of fire in the heart of every American: We are losing the atomic peace. Never before in history has there been such a suicidal waste of time and power by a great state in the face of such obvious and implacable dangers."

TWO WAYS President Truman, Chicago, April 6: "We must remain strong because only so long as we remain strong can we insure peace in the world. Peace has to be built on power for good. Justice and good will and good deeds are not enough. (Our underlining.) We cannot on one day proclaim our intention to prevent unjust aggression and tyranny in the world, and on the next day call for the immediate scrapping of our military might..."

"We must remain strong in order to retain our leadership and, with all our resources, exercise that leadership on behalf of a world of peace and harmony among all nations and all peoples."

General MacArthur, Tokyo, April 4: "...recognizes one further step in the evolution of mankind, under which nations would develop, for mutual protection against war, yet a higher law of international, social and political morality. Whether the world is yet ready for so forward a step in the relations between nations, or whether another and totally destructive war--a war involving almost mass extermination--must first be waged, is the great issue which now confronts all peoples.

"There can be no doubt that both the progress and survival of civilization is dependent upon the timely recognition of the imperative need for some such forward step; is dependent upon the realization by all nations of the utter futility of force as an arbiter of international issues; is dependent upon elimination from international relations of the suspicion, distrust and hatred which inevitably result from power threats, boundary violations, secret maneuvering and violence to public morality; is dependent upon a world leadership which does not lack the moral courage to implement the will of the masses who abhor war and upon whom falls the main weight of war's frightful carnage; and, finally, is dependent upon the development of a world order which will permit a nation such as Japan safely to entrust its national integrity to just such a higher law to which all peoples on earth shall render themselves subservient. Therein lies the road to lasting peace."

"STRENGTH" IN ARMS? - - - - "THE UTTER FUTILITY OF FORCE"?

You can't have it both ways, Mr. American. Better make up your mind!

And for help in making up your mind we know no better place than the New York State Institute at Keuka August 1-10. If you know some one who could and should attend, but who needs help, there are some scholarship funds available. If you already have one of the enclosed folders, mail this one to a friend.

PLEASE! Have any of our readers saved old copies of this NEWS-LETTER? The Historical Library at Swarthmore College has asked for a complete file for the Jane Addams Memorial Collection. Numbers 36, 37 and 38 (June, September and October, 1939) are missing from our file and we need extra copies of any available back numbers up to 1941.

Can you help? Mail to us. Thank you!

ATOMIC AUGUST ANNIVERSARY August 1945 was widely hailed as the beginning of Year One of the Atomic Age. August 1946 will be its first anniversary. The report on **ATOMIC WARFARE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** published this year by the Federal Council of Churches is an important document for all men and women of religious faith.--And you can play an important part in making it known.--
 Send us one dollar for ten copies; Distribute nine of them among your friends; Invite your friends to a picnic or a coffee-hour to talk it over.

It was the "Christian Democracies of the West" that burst the atom bomb upon an unsuspecting world; Can the Church Renounce War --- Now?

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA There is great enthusiasm for the AFSC Institutes of International Relations on the West Coast this summer. If ours in New York is as good,--and of course we think it will be better, you'll miss a lot by not being there-- August 1-10. I'll see you in Keuka! Cordially, Norman Whitney

MUST WE FIGHT RUSSIA? Consider the causes of friction between Russia and the United States, the possible results of such friction in terms of a third world war, then look over the suggested remedies on the enclosed leaflet.

PEACE COMES TO GERMANY Two dispatches from Germany on the same day a few weeks ago - one splashed on all the front pages and the other buried when not actually suppressed - threw revealing light on what has become one of the major scandals of the "peace," our occupation policy in Germany. The first dispatch officially confirmed for the first time the miserable state of morale and the collapse of discipline among American GI's in Germany. General McNarney reported that drunkenness, venereal diseases, infractions of discipline, participation in black market activities, and a complaining attitude were increasing beyond anything hitherto experienced. He ordered a tightening of discipline, more drill, and swifter punishment for offenders.

These are only surface palliatives as evidenced by the second dispatch from Germany on the same day - the one that was all but suppressed. General Lucius D. Clay called newsmen to his headquarters and **BEGGED THEM TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THE PRESENT OCCUPATION POLICY MUST BE REVERSED IF THE PRESENT MESS IS TO BE CLEARED UP.**

The Potsdam settlement, based on the insane premise that a peaceful, democratic Germany would be assured by dividing the Reich into four watertight compartments, each administered by a different conqueror, has now collapsed. GI's with ordinary common sense can see with their own eyes what a criminal folly they are called upon to enforce. For instance, the British zone of occupation is rich in coal, but the coal can't be produced because there isn't enough food to keep the miners fit enough to work. The Russian zone has an enormous food potential but can't get farm machinery. The American zone is "stagnant," to use General Clay's word, because there isn't any coal to fuel industry - and so it goes through Germany.

The result has been a deepening frustration among the Germans - especially among the democratic, anti-Nazi forces - which in turn has spread to the occupation forces. If Gen. McNarney is interested in improving "morale," he had best begin with the basic causes.

POW's "The American delivery of German prisoners to the French and British for forced labor already is being cited by the Russians as justification for them to retain German army captives for as long as they are able to work. The bartering of captured enemy soldiers by the victors throws the work back to the Dark Ages." So reads a statement by an official of the International Red Cross recently quoted in the Chicago Tribune. Russia has enslaved hundreds of thousands of prisoners of war; England plans to keep 200,000 for forced labor; reports of French treatment of POW's rival those of the bitterest days of the Nazi concentration camps. United States is not keeping any for herself but is turning them over to the other "conquerors" to be stripped of their clothing and put to forced labor under conditions that violate almost every provision of the Geneva Convention.

WHAT ARE THE WILD WAVES SAYING? "Dear Sirs: Your bulletin of February 8, 1946 has reached me belatedly, and I was very much interested in its content. "I have just returned from San Francisco, California where I served with the WAVES. During my 21 months of service, I have had the opportunity to meet many people - not only Americans, but Russians, Dutchmen, Englishmen and Chinese. I am convinced from talking with these people, with constantly associating with them in the work I was doing, that they want, like us, only a fair chance to pursue their lives normally, and that they have as much (or more) cause to hate war as we do.

"They realize as well as we do what the horrors and disastrous results of another war, aided by the atomic bomb, would be. That is why I believe that drastic and hasty amendments to the United Nations Charter must be made. These nations, unless completely blind, can see the path down which we have started - one that will lead to utter ruin of all nations-, and will listen to this desperate plea of Senator Taylor's for a World Republic.

"Please notify me if there is anything I can do to assist in this cause. I should like to hear more about what you are doing. Sincerely,"

Enclosure
 "Must We Fight Russia?"
 Pub. by AFSC, 1407 15th St. S.E., Wash. D.C.
 AFSC Peace Epistle, 7 days June, 1946.
 Letter from Mary Allison here
 220 Parsons Drive, Syracuse
 March 13, 1946 (SPE folder)

REUNION The many friends of Bayard Rustin in this area will be glad to know that
IN KEUKA he has been added to the faculty and will be at Keuka throughout the
Institute. Welcome home Bayard! We hope you'll be singing for us again!

THE MARCH "In Germany the situation is so bad that six ships of 10,000 tons each
OF FAMINE would be required every day for six months in order to supply the popu-
lation with enough food to ward off still more wholesale starvation..."
(2000 tons a month is now allowed.)

"Victims of Hitler's concentration camps were slowly reduced to starvation on a
diet of 1500 calories a day, but people in Vienna are receiving today only 760 calori-
es," so reported Dr. Robert Boehringer, Director of the Joint Relief Commission for
the International Red Cross.

German prisoners of war at Fort Custer, Michigan, have donated over \$10,000 to be
used by the International Red Cross. The money, given voluntarily, was saved by the
prisoners out of the 80¢ daily wage to be used specifically for families of concen-
tration camp victims, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

The National Council of British Women adopted a resolution recently expressing
their willingness to accept any necessary cuts in already skimpy rations to feed the
hungry millions of Europe...

An American observer with UNRRA in China reports seeing thousands of common graves
in Hunan Province with signs reading: "These people died in the Great Famine of 1946."

The Chinese Food minister reports that 14 to 15 million Chinese are starving to
death, with 150 million undernourished.

Famine in India and in Indo-China is just as bad. In contrast, the U.S. fed its
farm animals 100,000,000 more bushels of wheat than usual in the past year, and
Americans average almost 3400 calories a day...

The voluntary rationing proposed by the President is so inadequate as to be almost
irrelevant. What is needed is a greatly increased program of "set-asides" of essen-
tial foods and materials at the source, but this is election year, and Congress is
wary. America is playing politics with starvation.

WANT TO HELP STARVING MILLIONS ABROAD? Here are a few suggestions:

1. IF YOU'RE A HOUSEWIFE

Never throw a piece of bread or a tea-
spoonful of fat away.
Make sure the garbage consists only of
bones, eggshells and the unedible parts
of fruits and vegetables.
Don't overeat. Never over-serve a guest.
Don't fry meats, poultry, fish. Bake,
boil or stew them.
Use fresh fruit for dessert, not pastries.
Serve homemade salad dressing, vinegar or
lemon juice, not rich salad dressing.
Use meat drippings to flavor vegetables,
dressings, sauces.
Serve open-faced sandwiches. Or better
still, serve a vegetable salad, such as
potato or bean, in its place.
Give each person only one small slice of
bread at a meal.
Cut out dry cereals as much as possible.
Use potatoes (a fine breakfast dish) and
oatmeal.

2. IF YOU'RE A MAN

: Don't overeat.
: Eat all they serve you at a restaurant.
: Stay away from pastries. Order fruit
: instead.
: Plant a vegetable garden.
: Be a one-man information bureau. Spread
: the word around that the world food
: situation is critical.

3. EVERYBODY--

: Cut down on waste. The department of
: agriculture estimates that one slice
: of bread in every loaf is wasted. This
: alone would give 2,500,000 people in
: Europe three-fourths of a pound of bread
: a day.
: Remember that people are starving, that
: many will die unless help comes soon.
: And remember that that help can only
: come from you.

The suggestions come from government food officials questioned on
what the individual can do to help in the areas where every day is just
another day of hunger.

--from The Post-Standard

Remember our food and clothing depot at 722 North Salina. Share something
every month by bringing or sending us a package every month. But saving is not
enough. Write Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, Washington, D. C. that
you want America to share more fully, immediately, by larger set-asides of essential
food supplies at the source or by rationing of needed items.

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Miss Dorothy Townsend

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Sun. Post-Standard April 21, '46

SPECIAL TO PNL For our first Atomic Anniversary number we are glad to present messages from members of the faculty of the AFSC Institute at Keuka, August 1 - 10.

EDDY ASIRVATHAM SPEAKS: It is barely a year since World War II was over; and already we are making the necessary psychological preparations for World War III. The only two countries which are in a position to provoke such a war now or in the near future are the U.S.A. and Soviet Russia. The responsibility, therefore, of maintaining the peace of the world rests specially on these two nations.

If the U.S.A. is sincere in her desire to maintain peace, she must take the lead in surrendering her armed forces, the atomic bomb, and other weapons of warfare to an effective international body which has the confidence of all the people of the world. Secondly, she must actively help the process of the withering away of imperialism everywhere by refusing to lend gold, troops or ammunitions to empire-builders and empire-maintainers. Furthermore, she should set herself resolutely against the temptation to launch upon an economic imperialism in the economically backward countries of the world. Even now, if American hands were clean and were not dripping with Iranian oil, she could play the role of a neutral arbiter.

America should take the lead in harnessing science to the promotion of the peace and prosperity of the world. Science made the West. Science today is beginning to unmake the West. And if the West does not wake up immediately and realize the nature of the destructive weapons with which she is playing, it is only a question of time when she will destroy herself thoroughly and, in so doing, destroy many others besides herself, even as Samson did of old. But the purposes of God must be fulfilled. He will raise other people and other leaders to fill the vacuum created. They will be the meek of the world who may come from the mud huts of India and the "bee-hives" of Africa. They will inherit the earth, but not its gold and silver, its trade and commerce, its oil and rubber, its cartels and combines; they will inherit the heritage of God in building a reign of justice and righteousness, of peace and brotherhood, of fraternity and equality.

JEROME DAVIS SPEAKS: The best way to prove that we can trust Russia is by doing so.

We should immediately outlaw the atomic bomb and declare that any country using it is the enemy of all mankind. We must increase our contacts and peaceful business relationships with Russia. Deal with the Soviet Union, work with her, settle international problems as they arise on a basis of give and take. If this involves some risk it is far less than the alternative of war. We must stand for the right as we see it but we must recognize Russia's right to the same freedom. We must go further and recognize that our interpretation of conditions across the seas may be and probably often is warped and biased. Let us actually practice Lincoln's precept, "With malice toward none and charity to all." Then let us go forward in mutual friendship. "We have nothing to fear except fear itself." Faith always inspires faith and cooperative effort is the only security against war.

MAYNARD KRUEGER: Solving the problems of war, race and depression requires political action. Each of these problems is political. It is a problem of public policy. Large political problems cannot be solved by small political techniques. Signing petitions and writing letters are weak techniques. Writing a letter to a bad Congressman is a poor substitute for electing a good one. We need a new mass-based political party carrying our answer to the problems of war, depression and race. The next depression will produce the mass base. We may have three or four years to get organizationally ready for it.

MILTON MAYER SPEAKS: Peace is not only indivisible; it is also inseparable from justice. No pacifist, no peace worker, no war resister is in fact any of these things unless he is working at the root evil of war, injustice. None of us, I insist, needs to be told what social injustice, political injustice, or economic injustice is. I insist, further, that educated Americans who ask, "But just what do you mean by justice?" are not serious. How to achieve this or that kind of justice--its specifications, its details, its application to this or that time or place or circumstance--is difficult. But it is not difficult to know that injustice occurs when some people are paid for doing no work while others are unable to support their families by working; or when some people are allowed to vote while others, because of their color or economic condition, are not; or when some people are admitted to neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, and churches, while others, because of their race or religion or national origin, are excluded. The first anniversary of the great American injustice--the dropping of the atomic bomb on a defenseless people whose government was trying to surrender--might well remind us that we, as a nation, can not in conscience ask for peace or in fact get it until we, as individuals, are ready to give justice.

A. J. MUSTE SPEAKS: There is an ambiguity which affects nearly all discussions about the abolition or prevention of war. What people--people in all countries--mean is that they do not want others to make war against them any more. Now war, on the receiving end, has become terrible. Dr. Oppenheimer, who was in charge at Los Alamos when the atomic bomb was perfected, says that it is a fair estimate that forty million people might be killed in an atomic raid on the United States in one night. That ought to be enough to convince sane people that war must be abolished. But if war is so terrible on the receiving end, surely it is much more horrible and evil on the sending end--for the United States, e.g., to destroy 40 million human beings in some other country. I have come to doubt that we shall in fact

get rid of war unless nations--and in particular the United States--decide not to commit the sin of making war any more--not ever for any reason.

It is the failure to face and settle that issue which makes many movements and projects ambiguous. For the most part, I fear, the people who advocate world government have it in the back of their minds that if world government should not be achieved and the United States were to be "attacked" by an "aggressor" nation, then the United States would "of course" have to defend itself and in an atomic age with atomic weapons. It follows, for these people, that the United States must keep up its armaments including an arsenal of atomic weapons. This in turn means that Russia maintains its weapons and seeks to improve upon them, and that means an armament race. But in these circumstances the reality which will determine the course of events is the armament race. World government remains in the realm of words, and the words serve as a smoke-screen for the reality which will lead to atomic war.

Even from the practical point of view, then, it seems to me we have to make up our minds first whether we are done with making war. Only if we answer that question by a clean-cut No, can we go on to work for world government with some hope of success. From the ethical and religious standpoint it is at least equally clear that "the fear of the Lord" leading us to renounce the sin of war-making, not the fear of having atomic bombs dropped on us, is the beginning of wisdom and the road to salvation.

BAYARD RUSTIN SPEAKS: There is a great deal of discussion of what can be done to "control the atom bomb." The bomb can not be controlled. Unless we clearly face the fact that the bomb is the logical result of the dependence on violence in the solution of conflict, a third world war will come and the atom bomb will be used again. To control the bomb we must reject violence.

At this point in history national states will not and can not reject violence. On the contrary, the ruling hierarchies will make little genuine effort to discover peaceful means and solutions because they know the citizenry can be depended upon to fight in a showdown.

Violence must be rejected by individual citizens. And when a substantial number of men within any state become organized conscientious objectors, perhaps they can convince the people to resist with non-violence. Such a state will not release the atom bomb because war as we know it will have been rejected. And the atom bomb will be controlled, in the only sense moral men finally can control it.--, by refusing to throw it even in the face of failure of our non-violent resistance.

HANS SIMON SPEAKS Generally speaking, there are three main sources for the difficulties existing between the US and the Soviet Union.

The first the two countries share. The positions of power both nations gained during the war were the result of efforts to defeat the common enemy. We as well as the Russians got where we are by marching our armies against Germany and Japan. Now these armies are facing each other - in Germany, Austria and Korea - and the pattern which made sense while the fighting was under way seems strange, unfamiliar and difficult to relate to a new situation.

The second we have in common with the Russians though it is different for each country. It is the conflict between traditional notions and political realities. The Soviets returned officially to the old concepts of world revolution, of capitalist encirclement and its threat to the socialist fatherland. We, on the other hand, returned to the ideals of western political democracy, to the magical effects of voting and the wonders to be expected from education, without realising that all these work only within an established and accepted system.

The third is the result of the basic difference in attitude which stems from the antithetical character of the two societies. The whole tradition of their revolution makes the Russian spokesmen dogmatic, inflexible and selfrighteous. The US is now primarily interested in the social and political status quo. Therefore it is sensitive to and even afraid of radicalism. Its willingness to compromise on principles rather than on positions affecting its power appears to the Russians as inconsistent and possibly insincere.

It is not possible to say how much hope for cooperation there is under these circumstances. However one can point out that in the UN Charter the Russians accepted a form which is essentially Western and primarily Anglo-Saxon, and that they are trying to meet the difficulties of working within it.

American Russian relations may well improve by loss of emphasis. We can hasten such an improvement if we stop shaping our policies for or against, or because of the Russians, simply because we cannot do so with them. It may be well to worry less about what the Russians ought to do, and more about what the US can do. There is an American foreign policy which is right, just and wise, regardless of how the Russian leaders feel about it. Such a policy ought to use more imaginatively and more generously the large margin of security which the US still enjoys. Of all nations ours can best afford to act according to principles of fairness, even at the risk of rebukes and disappointments. Certainly it is too early to say that they don't work. Let us try them first.

SEPTEMBER IS STAMP MONTH! How many times have we greeted a new program season with these words, and how many times have you responded with a sheet or a book of stamps? Well, we still do our business with the government on a strictly cash basis and every new PNL subscription or SPC membership received this month is so much gain on next month's work. THANK YOU, we knew you would!

BRITISH OBSERVATION on BIKINI TESTS "These contaminated ships became radio-active stoves and would have burned all living things aboard them with invisible and painless but deadly radiation."

"The more we learn about the atom-bomb the more fearful an instrument of indiscriminate destruction it appears to be. The American Evaluation Commission report on Bikini says that the tests 'strongly indicate that future wars employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change the present standards of civilization.' The second phrase is almost pathetic in its vagueness. The war that ended a year ago changed the standards of civilization of 1939; and the first world-war changed the standards of civilization in 1914--both very much for the worse. It hardly needs a cynic to deny that there are any standards of civilization at all today. There certainly will not be after a war fought with atomic bombs."

CAN WE SAVE THE ATOMIC PEACE?

A CALL On July 16, 1945 The Atomic Age was born in New Mexico. A year of fateful indecision has passed--a year in which governments of the world have failed to act on the question of the survival of humanity.

In splitting the atom we have split the world, and at this late date we remain faced with the simple alternative of world peace or world destruction.

This is a choice which must be made by the people. For only through full knowledge and understanding on their part can genuine security be established.

To promote that "full knowledge and understanding" The Syracuse Peace Council announces its Fall Forum Series of four lectures to be given at 8 p.m. in the YWCA Auditorium, East Onondaga Street.

- October 5 (Sat.)-- L. B. BORST: FACING AN ATOMIC WORLD
Physicist, Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- October 25 (Fri.)-- RHYS DAVIES: A BRITISHER LOOKS AT AMERICA
British Labour Party- member of Parliament
- November 15 (Fri.)--MARTIN HALL: MUST WE FIGHT RUSSIA?
formerly a journalist in Germany, widely travelled in Soviet Union
- December 7 (Sat.)-- WILFRED WELLOCK: DECAY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION
leading English Quaker, journalist and economist

We are proud of this offering and confident that it brings you a highly significant and most unusual opportunity. Send in your orders for tickets at once: For the Series \$3.00; Single admissions \$1.00, tax included. Students: \$2.50 and 75¢.

SHADES OF THE MAYFLOWER! Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

(Inscription on Statue of Liberty)

On August 21, 18 "tempest-tossed" Estonian refugees "yearning to be free" after two and a half months at sea in a 38 foot sloop, were refused permission to land at Miami, Florida because there was "not a valid immigration permit in the lot." Said their leader: "We had hoped we could stay; I believe we could have been good Americans. I don't know where we'll go...." Instead, "the land of the free and the home of the brave" is protected from invasion by 18 homeless seekers after liberty.

One is tempted to speculate on the validity of the Pilgrims' permits or on the changes time brings. Perhaps it is enough to suggest that the lamp needs trimming.

Repeat performance: same scene, new cast, September 9, 1946.

TWO-A-DAY One of the goals for our Tenth Anniversary Year was One Thousand paid subscriptions to PNL. In spite of some excellent help, we haven't got there yet. But there's still time. We'll be glad to credit some of those stamps toward a subscription (25¢) for one of your friends. 60 new names a month and we'll reach our goal by Christmas. One church group sends PNL to each discharged man or woman as a welcome home. What an idea-- for you!

THE BEAM IN THINE OWN EYE

"The people who are saying hard things about Soviet policy would gain a better understanding of the situation if they would put the shoe on the other foot.

IF THE SOVIET UNION:

1. Possessed the secret of the atomic bomb and
2. were doing its best to keep it from us, meanwhile
3. building up a stockpile of the bombs,
4. maintaining an army larger than ever before in its history, and
5. a navy larger than all the other navies of the world combined,
6. proposing to continue the wartime draft and
7. introducing universal compulsory military training in time of so-called peace--and
8. allowing her army and navy officers to talk openly of attacking us before we should have time to recover from our war effort and perhaps learn to make our own atomic bombs,
9. carrying on a press and radio campaign to foment suspicion and hostility toward us,
10. seizing and holding military bases along both our frontiers (Iceland, Greenland, the islands of the Pacific),
11. sending a naval expedition into northern waters for special training in Arctic warfare,
12. maintaining armed forces at our very gates (United States Marines, planes and ships in Manchuria, United States troops and anti-Soviet armies in India, Germany, Italy, and Greece)--and
13. proposing for 1947--two years after the war--a military budget greater than that of any other country, with a higher percentage of expenditure for military purposes than was made by Germany or Japan when they were actively preparing for war, and
14. if the Greek Catholic Church were offering to lead a holy war against us, and
15. if Marshal Stalin officially sponsored a public ceremony at which a former Prime Minister who had twice tried to overthrow our Government and our economic system was highly honored and in his address urged an alliance between our two most powerful rivals--

What would they think of Generalissimo Truman and Foreign Commissar Byrnes if they did not work night and day to see that the United States had friendly governments in every capital from Canada to Argentina, and if they did not move heaven and earth to discover the secret of the atomic bomb?

Let us try to see ourselves as others see us--and this does not mean only the U.S.S.R. -- SCOTT NEARING" --Reprint from THE CALL, April 15, 1946

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY Said Admiral William F. Halsey of the recent flaunting of U.S. Naval strength in the Mediterranean: "It's nobody's damn business where we go. We will go anywhere we please."

So we will -- and that road leads to war.

INCREDIBLE OPTIMIST "Nobody is going to fight another great war for at least another decade or so." --N.Y. Herald-Tribune, 8-22-46
How about a nice little one? an atomic quickie?

INCURABLE REALIST "August 14, 1946 One year after and here we stand not one step advanced." --One of our readers.

Well, let's get going! ORDER YOUR FORUM TICKETS NOW!

BOOK END: AND ANOTHER THING-- Howard Spring, widely known English journalist and author (My Son! My Son!), veteran of two world wars, shares honestly his intimate search after the reality of religious truth and arrives at some illuminating conclusions about peace and war. Beautifully written; a delight to read. Should be read by every church member and by every clergyman in particular. Free from our loan library or postpaid for \$2.50.

NO HONOR Today we stand, cynical and resigned, without peace and without honor.
NO PEACE We stand helpless in the face of ever mounting disaster to recover control of our own destiny. In a world where we exercise predominant power, civilization is sliding toward the abyss because we refuse to stop it. And we refuse because we have renounced the principles we once acknowledged as supreme. We are morally bankrupt. We have turned our backs on the spiritual heritage of Western civilization, which is centered in respect for human personality. The people lack conviction, and so they neither repudiate leaders committed to the cult of shameless Machiavellianism nor consent to follow them. And so we drift leaderless toward disaster.
 --The Christian Century.

THE AFFAIR WALLACE Communist, appeaser, isolationist, imperialist: are among the milder terms hurled at Mr. Henry Agard Wallace these days. To the extent that the controversy promotes discussion of what would be a constructive policy for peace, it is good. Norman Thomas, who is sharply critical of much that Mr. Wallace said, writes: "We welcome his powerful voice in pointing out the folly of preventive war, great armaments, and the dangers of an Anglo-American imperialism." Sumner Welles, not likely to be regarded as a 'fellow-traveller,' deplored the dismissal of Wallace and broadcast: he "represented a progressive and moral force.... no one who ever knew him could ever question his courage or his complete integrity.... that objective (an understanding with Russia) represents the most urgent requirement of our foreign policy today.... (without it) there can be no certainty of world peace...."

BULL "It's nobody's damn business where we go," said Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey. "We will go anywhere we please." And Representative Trimble (Ark.) wisely introduced a Congressional resolution providing for setting up a government if an atomic bomb lands on Washington!

Unless you propose to adopt a policy described by the line "serene, I fold my hands and wait," you'd better hurry up and renew your membership in SPC. Read our new announcement, enclosed; use the postage paid envelope, provided; do your bit to strengthen the peace program in America by strengthening it in Syracuse.

SPECIAL OFFER: Because its interest and value have been proven by the response of subscribers to Peace Service for New York State, the Executive Committee has decided to offer the monthly legislative analysis prepared in Washington by Raymond Wilson of the Friends' Committee on National Legislation to all members whose contribution is \$3.00 or more. Sample on request.

"As long as you live, there may never be a more important year than the one ahead," writes one of our contemporaries. We believe you will be better equipped to understand the momentous issues that confront us if you take advantage of these Peace Council opportunities; we believe you will be better satisfied with your own role as a citizen and as a peace-maker if you make yourself a part of the Peace Council and its program.

CUCKOO! One of our friends writes, after a trip to Poland: "And this was May 1946. In the office of UNRRA's Mission to Poland in Warsaw there was a cable saying that the ten millionth ton of supplies had been loaded for the starving peoples of Europe and Asia. People are hungry not only for food but for a normal, happy life. The future to them is black and the present is a struggle for survival. Russia, Great Britain, the United States.... How soon would there be another war? How long would it last? Where would it be fought? What would be left when it was over? The small flowers grew between the bricks and the bones and the bird sang, 'Cuckoo, cuckoo.'"

Will you leave it at that? Or will you join us now in a determined effort for peace and freedom?

WELL BEGUN Our first forum meeting was a real success. One hundred people heard IS..... a challenging message and shared a vigorous discussion. Rhys Davies is next! He is a dynamic Welshman. You don't want to miss him. October 25. Single admissions \$1.00. For the remaining three lectures \$2.25. Mail or phone. The P N L subscription list is growing. One reader has promised 50 new names this month. It's your turn next! We need 130 more.

PUZZLE? PROBLEM? or PROMISE? Palestine has long presented one of the most baffling of international problems. Here at last is a suggested solution that cuts across and beneath all political wrangling and seeks peace through economic means. The proposal is for a Jordan Valley Authority (cf. TVA) which would "make good the promise of the Promised Land, release the Arabian Fellah from the grip of feudalism; continue the remarkable achievements of the Jewish settlers; lift the entire Near East from its present desolate condition to a dignified place in a free world." In a word, remove political fears by providing economic security. The plan is advanced by Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk of N. C., one of America's outstanding soil conservationists who has made an extended study of Palestine. In comment on it McAlister Coleman writes: "Here is a categorical alternative to war, which, if it were backed up by the democracies with anything like the vigor they showed in waging war" might well settle the "insoluble" Palestine problem and serve as a model for larger matters.

INVITATION On Tuesday evening, October 15, Dr. Ralph Sockman, minister of Christ Church in New York City, will speak at an open meeting in First Methodist Church. Dr. Sockman has just returned from a visit to Russia and we shall be eager to share any insights he may have gained there. S.P.C. members are cordially invited by Bishop Ledden.

THE SHERIFF SAID IT "Men of good will working together are the soundest underwriters of the American way of life," wrote the Sheriff of Larimer Co., Colorado to the Fort Collins CPS Camp, thanking them for services rendered. The Sheriff was right; that's why we invite you to join us.

"EXPELLEES" This is a new word for an ugly fact as old as the Babylonian Exiles. We have just received a report from the American Friends Service Committee on the more than 12 million displaced persons in central Europe as the result of the Potsdam and related agreements: "The thoughtful people of Germany who are trying to create a democracy are faced with conditions which are favorable only for fascism. The American people should be informed that by the expulsion of German minorities two basic evils are being supported in their name: (1) this racial transfer is an acceptance of the very theory of blood and race unification against which a costly war has just been fought; (2) a dangerous precedent is involved in sanctioning this expulsion, for the boundary changes now being written into the peace treaties could result in similar minority expulsions of millions of Europeans. Peace is not secured by intensifying pride in nationalism nor by fostering the belief of the incompatibility of diverse cultures."

FASHION SHOW Grossbeek, only a few miles from the German border, was one of the Dutch farm villages completely obliterated by the war; only one house remained, undamaged. Recently a letter, written in English, came from the "Secr.-directeur" in response to a gift of clothing from AFSC. Quite possibly some "lady-clothing" from you was among the lot.

"You will imagine what a great joy it was to us, when we unpacked and registered the enormous shipment of clothing. But especially the fitting and choicing by the ladies (it was for the greater part lady-clothing) was an amusing show. It had not happened since years that they could choice. They dived into the dresses and admired each other, so that it seemed to be a fashion show. I must confess that it was not a give in to vanity, but a real softening of need."

This is only one of many such messages. They make their own eloquent appeal. Let the October first snow storm remind us that the cold comes down early in the cold north of Finland and Norway; in the windowless, floorless wooden sheds outside Vienna in which ragged, desperate homeless thousands huddle; in the mud dugouts and roofless cellars of Poland----- We have so much!

ELECTION IS COMING Not too much can be expected from a Congress elected blindly. The voting record shows that Mr. Hancock voted "yea" on eight measures supporting conscription; Senators Mead and Wagner voted "nay" on two proposals affecting labor; on all others "yea." It is time voters made enquiries of candidates in the coming elections and made their own views known.

The Congressional elections are approaching. Less than two months after the elections, a new Congress will convene. The American Legion has already served notice that they will press for immediate action on peacetime conscription. Their preliminary canvass of Congress reveals a disposition toward enactment of compulsory military training. The apparent worsening of relations with Russia will be used as an excuse for permanent conscription.

However, vigorous action now will help prevent consideration of conscription by the new Congress.

Most Congressmen who are up for election as well as the new candidates are at home campaigning. Individuals or delegations can call or phone them about their attitude on peacetime conscription.

JOIN SPC! William James' oft-repeated statement is utterly true: not the assurance of success, but the mere chance of success--even one in a thousand--is enough to nerve the wills of men for the most strenuous endeavor.

NOVEMBER This month we revise our membership and mailing lists. And it looks like we should lose a lot of you in the process. Do you really want us to do that? What was the matter with the postpaid envelope we sent you last month? No use keeping it; you can't use it for anything else, and if you're trying to save an expense you can stick on your own postage stamp! But get them back - we open each one with a thrill of pleasurable excitement - and we need the assurance of your confidence and cooperation Obey that impulse! Eventually, why not now?

SIGNS OF THE TIMES Under the heading, "America's 5-year Plan for War," the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of September 9, 1946, carried the following article by Steffan Andrews, Washington, D. C.: "Without fanfare or official pronouncements, the U.S. is quietly launching a five-year preparedness and industrial mobilization plan for war. The aim is to prepare the country for an emergency, to offset any threat of sudden attack. The plans are such top-drawer secrets, Army men say the public will get the news only piece-meal. Here are some focal points: War orders will be stepped up in key plants. Rockets will get top ordnance-testing priority. Stockpiling will get under way in all critical materials." The President is reported to have appointed an inner circle of trusted advisors, made up of high ranking army, navy and air officers to serve as "elder statesmen for national defense."

A cablegram from the chief of the Paris Bureau of the Associated Press, in September, declared that the Peace Conference "appears now to be headed for failure and people in Paris, both foreigners and French, both those who know and those who feel, are more profoundly depressed today than at any time since the last gun was fired in Europe. They feel that world War III already is in sight." Veteran journalist Villard calls this "one of the most terrible dispatches I have ever read."

So it is. But the most terrible thing will be a negative response from the American people. We can sit down helplessly, groan over the prospect, and say there is nothing we can do about it. Or we can stand up on our hind legs like citizens of a democracy and demand that our government, Administration--State Department--Congress, provide leadership and chart courses for peace.

You don't know what those courses are? Why don't you attend Peace Council forums; read peace-oriented literature, organize discussion groups, and if you haven't renewed your membership in SPC, do that! All together we might learn.

BARGAIN By the way, speaking of lists, who is going to help us get the last 100 names for PNL? Fred Schwender sent 130; others have sent as many more. Aren't there 20 others who will take advantage of our special fall subscription offer 5 for \$1.00? The new readers are already beginning to express their appreciation. Let's finish the job!

A SECOND CHANCE Opportunity, they say, knocks only once, but Russia has a second time - challenged the nations to disarm. And in spite of the fact that our best thinking in all areas (Gen. Geo. C. Kenney, U.S. Army Air Force; Norman Thomas, Socialist; A. J. Muste, pacifist) assures us that national disarmament is absolutely essential to international peace, we greet Molotov's proposal with suspicion, and hostility. It is called 'shrewd,' 'tough.' Of course there are objections and difficulties in the way but these should be measured not against an ideal situation but against an atomic certainty. If Russia is bluffing, why not call her bluff? It could be done easily. Or is it possible that we are not really so "peace loving" when it comes to the showdown? Look magazine in 1938 characterized Germany, Italy and Japan as warlike because they spent more than half their national budgets for war. In 1946 Mr. Wallace called President Truman's attention to the fact that 80% of our national budget goes for war expenditures. Other estimates say 90%.

A Congregational professor of Christian ethics at the Pacific School of Religion declares: "So long as any nation--and I mean any nation--reserves the right to wage war, declared or undeclared, the atomic war is a practical certainty."

Norman Corwin, winner of the Wilkie "One World" Award, back from a 37,000 mile journey through 17 countries says: the people's will to peace is unmistakable; the Russians not only are "desirous of peace, but are resentful and critical of war talk." Would you personally like to get behind the "iron-curtain" and tell the Russian people in language they can understand how you feel about it? You can!

Russia has FOUR MILLION war orphans. \$21.50 will buy a complete outfit of clothing for a boy (\$21 for a girl!) which can be sent with a friendly message sewn to each garment, free of charge, on Soviet ships. Shall the Peace Council outfit a boy or a girl--or both? You answer.

OPPORTUNITY Must We Fight Russia? Are there any questions to which you are more eager to know the answer? Hear Martin Hall, Friday, November 15, 8 P.M., Y. W. C. A. Forum tickets, or single admissions \$ 1.00.

WE? We'll keep our Pacific Islands, boasts the editorial column of your good morning newspaper with patriotic fervor. "The young men of this country took island after island in the Pacific with their blood and sweat and tears--and we're going to hold on to them." Who are we? Not many of us editors, I expect. "We" will be the blood and sweat and tears of more young men of the next or, more likely, this generation. How about it?

NOT PUBLICIZED A confidential register of public opinion, reflecting the subjects and attitudes of letters to the President, is kept and circulated within executive departments of the government. It is not publicized, but it is very much a reality.

IF We are grateful to Bishop Ledden for making it possible for many of us to hear Dr. Ralph Sockman insist that the Stewardship of National Power requires: strong minds to know the truth; great hearts to understand people; true faith in something greater than ourselves; ready hands to enlist in service. "If we can keep our heads for five years, war will not be inevitable. Russia's iron curtain is not the only one. The people behind the headlines know (as we do not) what war is, and they want none of it."

MORE ABOUT WALLACE We have only three comments to make on this: (1) The letter to the President in defense of his stand is better reasoned than the Madison Square Garden speech and does not suggest so much of the two-world idea, while pointing out the necessity of a give-and-take, for instance in the argument over atomic control; (2) Henry Wallace is essentially a "religious man"--that this was widely recognized at the time and used as an excuse for what some people considered muddle-headedness is a reflection either on the state of religion in this country or the state of political thought; (3) The argument between Baruch and Wallace comes down to whether or not we should destroy our existing stockpile of bombs. Baruch calls this one-sided disarmament. On the other hand, his plan, while good in its major outlines, calls on Russia to reveal all its mineral deposits and accept all American ideas, every step of the way, without the United States giving up anything until the very end.

THE OUTLOOK "The outlook in Europe and Asia for the winter and coming year is tragic. Anticipated improvement in conditions has not materialized. "Despite bumper crops, millions still face famine in Asia; thousands in Europe are living in caves, shacks or dugouts carved from the ruins of their homes. Millions know the hardship of life without fuel." --Clarence Pickett, Exec. Secretary, A.F.S.C. This is not the road to peace; it is the most stupid policy possible as the history of 1917-1919-1939 proves. We know it, but it is so much easier to spend some one else's blood and sweat and tears than to share our food. And there is a real sense in which these are alternatives.

GOOD NEIGHBORS Meanwhile Canadians, who are still rationed, have voluntarily contributed more than ONE MILLION meat coupons for relief. Recently they shipped one cargo of 800,000 pounds of canned meat to Poland.

CONSCRIPTION OUTLOOK The draft holiday is almost certainly an election maneuver. The intimation of the War Department, in announcing the holiday, that Selective Service might never be renewed is viewed skeptically in most peace circles, especially in the light of reliable reports that the War Department is planning for the coming session of Congress not only a campaign for universal military training of six months, but also draft extension after March 31, 1947. The six months training period is in reality still a year's program, with the second six months to be spent in the National Guard, the R.O.T.C., Enlisted Reserves, or other options. Calculated to train 726,000 men a year, the annual cost of the program is estimated at 2 billion dollars.

REFUGEES Ten months have passed since President Truman issued his directive to speeding the entrance of displaced persons into this country. Less than 5,000 such persons have actually been admitted although the quotas for Central Europe amount to 39,000. The tragedy of all this is that the quotas are non-cumulative not only from year to year, but from month to month. Every month that passes without 3900 people coming in under this program means that many people are left to stagnate in camps and European hunger. Until further legislation is possible one might inquire of the State Department: (1) Since no change in the law is required, why should not quotas be cumulative from month to month? (2) If there is a shortage of quota for the Polish displaced persons, why is the quota of 6,000 for them unfilled? (3) Why have efforts to fulfill the President's orders been so ineffective over ten months' time?

DEC. SEVEN "We've had very enthusiastic reports on Wellock. It seems that people are enjoying him everywhere and that he himself is enthusiastic You'll have a good time with him, I am sure. K.N." Such are the reports of Wilfred Wellock's reception in other cities. He brings our Forum Series to a close on Saturday, December 7. You can safely invite your friends and neighbors. You cannot safely ignore this opportunity for a serious examination of the predicament of modern society. Hazard Hall, Y.W.C.A., 8 p.m.

THANKS--- Let's compare our holiday experience with that pictured in the following GIVING--- eye-witness report: "Last week Helga Holbek visited Sleighton Farm School for girls. Many of the girls were sewing on their own clothes. One little group, however, under the direction of a Swedish woman, Mrs. Jacobson, was making white flannelette baby jackets for the AFSC. When the girls learned that Helga had come from France, had seen the babies who received some of the clothing, their faces lighted up. Here was a link between what they were doing and the unknown destination of their work. Helga explained that often mothers brought their babies wrapped in newspaper, so imagine what it means to receive a little warm, soft jacket. The Sleighton Farm girls could.

"This week Helga has visited several sewing groups... The women asked many questions and one could tell immediately that the French scene, formerly vague, remote and merely a place on a map for most of them, had become real. They said it was the first time they had met some one from the field who could describe in detail the distribution of the clothing. Helga's description of going to the camp at Gurs, mud more than ankle deep, four layers of beds in a dark room, the cold, the wind, the sand, the despair, and then the joy because there were some clothes for a family of children, a suit for a man who immediately felt his dignity restored by having decent clothes, - brought reality into the roomful of the AFSC sewing women. And for one who lives closely to the source of reports, mimeographed sheets, returning AFSC staff, it brought a new meaning also. Here one felt was the very essence of what the AFSC exists to do, in its efforts to light a candle rather than to curse the darkness."

SPC is happy to be the collection agency in Syracuse for AFSC. Inquiries and contributions to 415 Wilson Bldg., clothing to 722 N. Salina St. At this season it is good to recall again the wisdom: "Not what we give but what we share."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Two items: 1. We still have not quite reached the final 100 mark in PNL subscriptions and the special offer of 5 for \$1.00 will hold good this month. Last year a number of readers found that News-Letter subscriptions made good Christmas greetings. Why not you? Let's finish the job right! 2. Our announcement of a way to send a friendly greeting behind "the iron curtain" with an outfit of clothing for a Russian boy or girl met a ready response from one European refugee here. "Both a boy and a girl," he said. But we haven't enough for either yet. Select your item from the following list, and send us the price; write your own brief message; we will forward it.

| Outfit for Boy | | | Outfit for Girl | | |
|----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Underwear | 2 sets | \$ 2.80 | Underwear | 2 sets | \$ 2.80 |
| Stockings | 2 prs. | 1.20 | Stockings | 2 prs. | 1.20 |
| Sweater | 1 | 2.00 | Sweater | 1 | 2.00 |
| Trousers | 1 pr. | 3.25 | Skirt | 1 | 2.75 |
| Overcoat | 1 | 8.00 | Overcoat | 1 | 8.00 |
| Shoes | 1 pr. | 1.50 | Shoes | 1 pr. | 1.50 |
| Rubbers | 1 pr. | .85 | Rubbers | 1 pr. | .85 |
| Mittens | 1 pr. | .65 | Mittens | 1 pr. | .65 |
| Cap | 1 | 1.25 | Cap | 1 | 1.25 |
| \$21.50 | | | \$21.00 | | |

EASTWARD the Course of EMPIRE Our attention is so largely Europe-centered these days that we do not give enough attention to equally important developments in the Far East. Many of you will recognize Theodore D. Walser as a Presbyterian missionary who lived twenty-five years in Japan. In a recent thoughtful and very careful study, he says: "We have got to make up our minds whether we want revenge on Japan or peace in Asia. We cannot have both, as former President Hoover reminded us." After a thorough search of the available evidence Dr. Walser concludes that our dominant objective in Japan is revenge. He reports the little known fact that six American members of the defense council withdrew from the "war criminals" trials because their continuation would be "a reflection on American justice" and urged a congressional investigation. A representative of a New York textile trade journal, after a trip to Japan, reported that "the destruction of the Japanese cotton industry has exceeded even my fondest hopes." (Read that quotation again!) Food riots, smuggling, theft, increasing tensions between conquerors and conquered, breakdown in G.I. morale ("housebreaking, assaults on women, drunkenness, thievery, and malicious beatings of Japanese"), starvation, vermin and hopeless confusion in transportation-- these are heart breaking evidences of economic chaos and national despair.

They are not a foundation for peace. Having seen the ghastly consequences of the Potsdam Pact in Germany, must we go on to the same bitter end in Japan?

Esther Rhoads (AFSC representative in Japan) writes: "Tokyo is 75% destroyed by bombing.... It is claimed that 80% of the homes in Osaka were burned (a city of

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3,000,000). Kobe was much the same....The children's wards in the hospitals are tragic--many nameless abandoned babies in the last few weeks, --others in terrible condition, lying listlessly on none-too-fresh bedding, being fed gruel of rice and potato (no milk)... The resignation of a half-starved child is awful..."

But what would you do? readers and friends often ask us. It is a fair question. And we try to suggest alternatives. In his lecture last month, Martin Hall outlined a policy toward Russia that most of his audience applauded. In their brilliant analysis of the Chinese Civil War and American policy, THUNDER OUT OF CHINA, two representatives of Time-Life-Fortune in China throughout the war, insist that we cannot pursue the 1945 policy which led to direct intervention of our marines in the Chinese civil war in unconditional support of Chiang K'ai-shek. Such a policy may lead to a partition of China - North and South - in Russian and American Zones; neither would be free, friction would grow, and eventually explode in war. Or this policy might lead to the total victory of Chiang K'ai-shek and a dictatorship which the authors describe as "a historical monstrosity" and, like Japan formerly, a menace to the whole world.

A second and equally impossible policy would be isolationist, leaving all China to Communist control. Because of the bitter enmity we have earned from the Chinese Communist Party this would mean living in a state of constant armed watchfulness.

"The only practical policy for us to pursue is a third: the encouragement of a multi-party government in China that will be a vehicle for the changes the land needs. It means that many men of the Kuomintang whom we now regard as friends must be dropped; it means that to re-establish our nonpartisan status, American intervention must cease and American troops must be withdrawn. The encouragement of such a multi-party government depends above all on a prior understanding between the Soviet Union and the United States of America. We hold the key. So long as any party in China feels that there may be an appeal to a partisan court outside China that will judge in its favor, the really constructive forces of the nation will be hamstrung.

"We must come to an agreement with Russia either by direct negotiation or by a conference that includes, along with us, the two great parties of China. First we must make clear to the Russians that what we want is a China in which the friends of Russia will have as large and free a voice as the friends of America, that a union of the two parties is as much our object as theirs. Second, we must try to have Russia join us in a negative agreement-- that if civil war goes on in China despite our most sincere efforts to end it, then a cordon of immunization will be maintained by all the world; if civil war continues, Russia and we ourselves must pull out lock, stock, and barrel from China-- our troops, our equipment, our financial aid."

But this would be only a first step. The second is unstinted, unsparring use of American economic strength for the physical and social reconstruction of China, on the condition that it be used by a government in which all parties, Kuomintang, Communist and Democrats participate. China cannot rebuild without our help. Such an arrangement is not impossible if the first step is taken.

But suppose we cannot get Russian agreement?

"We must match the dynamic of Russian foreign policy with an equally vigorous dynamic of our own. Our program cannot be the type of program we have pursued in the past or the type of program we are pursuing in Eastern Europe or the Near East at the present moment. We cannot defend democracy by defending it where democracy does not exist. We cannot defend a system of oppression, feudalism, and corruption anywhere in the world and tell people we are doing so in defense of their democratic rights. No peasant, be he Chinese, Iranian, or Indian, will believe that the system that makes him a bondsman to hunger is democratic or free.

"We ourselves must become the sponsors of revolution. Our policy must offer the masses of Asia the same things that Russian revolution promises them-- bread and equality in their daily life."

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At last month's Forum, Martin Hall enthusiastically recommended the Foreign Policy Association's Headline Book, Russia, - Menace or Promise? by Vera Dean. Mrs. Dean's brilliant work in the interpretation of foreign affairs is well known. In addition to advance orders we still have some copies of this title on hand. 25¢ each.

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