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11 Eleventh Anniversary Dinner 11

11 First Presbyterian Parish House, January 14,-- 6:15 11

11 WORLD COMMUNITY FIRST 11

11 Dr. Edwin McNeil Poteat, President, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School 11

11 The Rev. Kenneth Roadarmel, Presiding 11

11 (Executive Secretary, N. Y. State Baptist Convention) 11

11 You are cordially invited to bring your friends and help us celebrate this festival. Dr. Poteat's message is sure to be significant and we 11

11 are planning for a rare treat in music. 11

11 Dinner Reservations $1.00 each. Call 2-5316 before noon Saturday. 11

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PLAN OF THIS ISSUE Early last year it became apparent that the most talked about proposal for world peace in the months ahead would be world government. To help the Peace Council in its thinking and formulation of policy, our Annual Meeting asked Dr. N. E. Bentley of Lake Erie College, formerly our Program Director, to make a study of the question and report to the Executive Committee in the fall. The Committee was so impressed by Dr. Bentley's report that it immediately asked to have a digest prepared and made available to all our readers.

The result is the enclosure with this issue of PNL. It is released in January in order that it may serve as a stimulus and background for our participation in the Mid-Winter Institute of International Relations on "Problems of World Government" to be held at the Onondaga Hotel over the week end of February 14-16. Detailed program announcements will be mailed with the next PNL early in February. Watch for them but, right now, read "World Government" and reserve the dates for its further discussion under the expert leadership provided by AFSC.

In this connection remember the STATEMENT OF POLICY adopted by the Executive Committee for our 1946-1947 program: "We accept the dictum that we must federate or perish, but we equally believe that we can federate and perish. We further hold that world government and disarmament can only be achieved together and that neither can be accomplished alone; a disarmed world or none."

This raises, as we believe it must be raised, in all realistic discussion of the political problems of world government, the question of DISARMAMENT. The first thing to be noted is that in spite of the popular notion that "we tried it once and look what happened," The U.S. Never Tried Disarmament. Senator Austin, Chief Delegate of the U.S. to U.N., commenting on the Russian proposal for reduction of armaments, helped to perpetuate this mistaken idea. He said, "After the last war we made the mistake of disarming unilaterally. We shall not repeat that mistake."

We were committed by the Versailles Treaty to disarm. Lloyd George in the House of Commons on May 9, 1940 made the situation clear. "We gave not only in the treaty itself but in a document signed by M. Clemenceau on our behalf a solemn promise that if Germany disarmed we would immediately follow her example... We refused to carry out our promise, for Germany was completely disarmed."

Not only did the U.S. not carry out its promise, but it actually increased its armaments. The facts are recorded in a review of the acts of the League of Nations and of governments relating to world disarmament.

The Naval Disarmament Conference of 1922, on which such great hopes were based, turned out to be actually an armament conference. The distinguished Salvador de Madariaga, Secretary of the L.N. Disarmament Commission, points out how an all-around reduction of absolute armaments may actually achieve an increase in relative armaments. This is what matters, and this is what happened. The fact that restrictions were placed on only two classes of ships left the door wide open on the others. In all, only 66 battleships were scrapped. Reduction of Armaments is not Disarmament. As defined by the able Post War World Council, EFFECTIVE UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT would require:

1) INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY along the lines of the Lilienthal report and Baruch proposals.
2) THE END OF COMPETITIVE ARMIES AND ARMAMENTS and the reduction of all forces to the level necessary to the preservation of internal order. The production of weapons peculiarly suitable to offensive warfare should be under control of an International Armament Authority roughly parallel to the Atomic Development Authority.
3) THE UNIVERSAL ABOLITION OF PEACETIME MILITARY CONSCRIPTION.
4) DEMILITARIZATION OF NARROW WATERWAYS used in world commerce and of island bases, routine policing to be put under international authority.

Post War World Council Bulletin #9, Oct. '46 p. 2 (Ref. file)

5) RAPID AND ORDERLY LIQUIDATION OF ALL IMPERIALISM, both of the colonial type and the sphere-of-influence type used by the Soviet Union in relation to puppet states. What has been done in the Philippines and what is being done in India and, according to recent newspaper dispatches, in Indonesia, point the way.

ME, TOO! In an address at Oxford last April, Mr. Henry C. Usborne, M.P., made it entirely clear that world government and disarmament go hand in hand and that neither can be expected without the other. In a published article, Mr. Usborne said, "Thus the goal we must work for, as our first nucleus, is a federal union which is disarmed at its inception."

More recently four U.S. senators joined with a group of labor leaders and other private citizens in an appeal to Atlee, Stalin and Truman, urging that American, British and Russian leaders fulfill declarations for world disarmament. One of the leaders of this group was Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D) Utah, of the Senate Military Committee.

If you want to be associated with this demand you can write to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, United Nations, Lake Success, Long Island. Litvinoff did it in 1922; Molotoff in 1946. Will it be John Q. Public in 1947?

Nov. 29, '46 Post-Standard

TOWN MEETING BY MAIL Elmo Roper, who does public opinion polls for Fortune and the New York Herald Tribune, found last summer that throughout the U.S. 62% of the people are consistently and emphatically in favor of American participation in federal world government. We wonder how many of our readers are of the same opinion. Won't you take the trouble to find a penny postal card, address it to us, and vote "yes" or "no" on

1. Federal World Government
2. World Wide Disarmament

and sign your name, if you will. We'd like you to share our Town Meeting by Mail; we need the benefit of your thinking.

World Don't News Aug. 1946

$42.50 WORTH OF FRIENDSHIP Two Russian war orphans, a boy and a girl, will eventually be warmer and certainly more aware of friends in America when the two outfits of clothing made possible by your response to our announcement last month are delivered. The garments will be sent on Soviet ships free of charge. AFSC reports that the response to the announcement of this opportunity from across the country is heartening evidence of the real friendliness for Russia that exists among rank and file Americans. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS:

1. I am receiving your newsletter but do not know if I'm paying my way. What is the charge? (A welcome note!) [Don Brown, Corning, N.Y.]
2. I am a school teacher and I wrote 80 notes to teachers in our school asking for clothing....I got some very nice things. (And they are greatly appreciated.
3. My pupils each contributed 15 cents with which we made up 100 small parcels containing: pencils, combs, paper dolls, suckers...to be distributed in Nürnberg. (poetic justice?)
4. My home room has a collection each week and we try to get one penny from each of the 130 pupils. We ask AFSC to use this to buy shoes for school children in Europe. (A splendid suggestion!)

Ruth Wiedeman 12-1-46 Post-Standard

The BOOK END For further reading on the subject of world government we strongly recommend two penetrating magazine articles of recent months:

1. "World Government Now" by Pelcovits in the November Harpers.
2. "World Government: Panacea or Promise?" by A. J. Muste in the November Fellowship.

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The Treasurer says:
"A thank you to every one for the birthday gifts. Please accept this instead of personal letters. We're busy." She's right; we are busy - but we are also thankful. Hope you don't mind!

Hear A. J. S. Priest, "The World Government We Want," at the Institute.

THE EDITOR SPEAKING It was three above zero this morning. I walked into our warm office, took off my heavy coat and glanced out the window at the whirling snow. Then I turned to the pile of mail on my desk. "War Department and President are pressing for peacetime conscription," said the first item. I ponder briefly on the terrible effects on our national life and character that are bound to follow such legislation; I recall the consequences of universal conscription in Europe..... The next letter bears a familiar red and black star. "Aake Ording, Executive Secretary of the Norwegian Labor Party and Chairman of the U.N. Committee on Post-UNRRA Relief has accepted our invitation to open the Mid-Winter Institute at the Onondaga Feb. 14" Good. I hope he will remind us of General Clark's warning that nothing less than $150 million rehabilitation program for Austria will prevent widespread starvation and chaos in that zone this winter.... The next letter is from Stuart Green, our "personal representative" in Vienna. It acknowledges the receipt of four packages from SPC and tells about his plans for distribution. "Would you believe that they make one can of your soup mix last for six meals!!!"

I don't care for soup mix, myself. The wind rattles the window and I glance idly at the hissing radiator before picking up the next letter. This is a foreign script. It is a letter of thanks for a food package. "Greater Hesse, 28th November 1946: Our hearts were full to overflowing for we have three children to raise on our impossibly low diet....and you simply cannot deny them just a piece of bread or a potato. So you can realize how thankful we were for your wonderful gift....Michael is 6, Stefan 3½, and Brigitte is our baby girl. She is really cute and I love her very much. May this lovely flame of love which was and is burning in all good souls cast its light over this dark night."

R. Ahrens
16 Marburg/Lahn
Rittergasse 12
U.S.A. Zone
Greater Hesse, Germany

We really must get off this month's boxes, I think. "Miss Gray," I call, "how much is our balance in the food fund?" There is a moment's pause. Then the answer: "$2.04 in the red."

I glance down at the pile of letters. "Besides, the weather is freezing and it takes them (his callers) a long time to thaw out," writes Stuart. The radiator is still singing at my side. "One can of soup mix....six meals. She is really cute; I love her very much....$2.04 in the red."

Hear Norman Thomas, "The World We Have" at the Institute.

HENRY WALLACE SAYS: (referring to Lincoln's assertion that he put the man before the dollar) "There you have the simplest definition of a liberal--one who, in case of conflict, puts human rights first and property rights second.

"Today the liberal movement is weaker than at any time since the days of Harding and Coolidge. But today the liberal movement is more needed than at any time in our history. It is needed because the reactionaries by their policies will almost certainly cause depression and finally war.

"When the U.S. (by a low tax, high tariff policy) forces its own unemployment and distressed farm prices on foreign nations, the result is eventually revolution or war.

"The U S cannot indefinitely go Right while the rest of the world is going Left, without an explosion.

"They (the progressives of many nations) fear a repetition of depression and isolationism with tariff wars, blocked exchanges, a revival of nationalism and the recreation of Central European fascist states as the old effort is made again to find a buffer against Russia."

New Republic 1/27/47 p. 22-23.

Hear Milton Mayer, "The People We Need," at the Institute.

THE INFANTRY JOURNAL SAYS: In a recent article former Assistant Secretary for War John J. McCloy reports that at the end of the war an atomic bomb a thousand times as destructive as that dropped on Hiroshima was just around the corner. For the first time he revealed that some of the most eminent scientists that worked on the bomb believe that it is possible to use hydrogen in the production of atomic energy. So once more he raises the specter of illimitable destruction through the creation of a chain reaction in the air. This should give point and urgency to the expected debate in the Security Council on whether the American plan for control of atomic power or the Russian plan for general disarmament shall come first.

C.C. 1/15/47 p. 69

We are not diplomats, of course,--just prospects for atomization--as such we are in favor of both at once! If you feel that way, too, you can tell Sec. Gen. Trgyve Lie at Lake Success, N.Y. He must have a lot on his mind these days but, even so, he might be interested.

Hear Aake Ording on "World Community Required" at the Institute.

WHO'S KIDDING WHOM? "We are living in a time when minds are being deliberately poisoned. The people want peace. But when they read the newspapers they are subtly aroused to suspicion by a continuous stream of insinuations against the country of Tolstoy. All information from Russia is carefully sifted and there is a fierce struggle for survival of the news that is 'fittest' to print in this campaign.

"War is being prepared now if it ever was. It is a psychological trick that is being practised on the American people.....opinion polls, editorials, magazine articles tell them they are getting more and more afraid of Russia, until they really are. Every evening commentators over the radio give iron-curtain lectures. War is on the air and in the air.

"The life and work of Tolstoy....has many meanings. But today, here and now, they mean only one thing--that it is up to us to have the courage to give an unequivocal answer to the question: War OR peace?"

Frederic Wertham in a review of E. J. Simmons' new life of Leo Tolstoy (Little, Brown, $5.)

New Republic 1/27/47 p. 37

Hear Eddy Asirvatham, "As It Looks from Asia" at the Institute.

COOPERATION vs. COMPETITION We are very glad to remind you of the economic "plank" in our SPC Statement of Policy for the Year by reference to an article in The Christian Century by Dr. Carl Kreider, formerly a research assistant in the Brooking Institution, now Dean of Goshen College, Ind. Dr. Kreider fears that the present Congress may revert to the economic nationalism of the twenties which most of us have come to understand as a prolific cause of World War II. He reminds us that "when goods do not cross international frontiers, armies will" and declares that "if we renounce economic internationalism, political isolationism will follow as surely as night follows day."

Therefore, he concludes, we should be alert to the dull sounding tariff discussions in Congress and strongly support reciprocal trade agreements.

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Hear Yourself talk all about it, at the Institute

CHEERS FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL A.P. 1-22-47. "The New York State Council of churches today voted 'unswerving opposition' to peacetime universal military training as 'spiritually destructive.'

"The Protestant organization adopted a resolution criticizing the proposed system as an 'obsolete' method of national defense and an acceptance of power technic.'

"The resolution described the training program as tending 'toward social harm by exalting the military point of view, by restricting freedom of conscience and initiative, by removing immature youth from the shelter of home, church and school and often exposing them to undue temptation.'"

Send orchids to Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, please.

BUT ARMY PLANS The latest pamphlet of the War Department, published January, 1947, asked that all boys be forced to take a year of military training at the age of eighteen, spending six months in military camps and an equivalent of six months in other training. The equivalent, determined partly by choice and partly by financial circumstance, permits either three years in a National Guard unit, four years in college R.O.T.C. or in a military academy, enlistment in the Regular Armed forces, or study in an approved technical school.

Conscription News #90. Jan. 23, '47.

This is why Mordecai W. Johnson and Alonzo F. Myers, after referring to "the growing military control over science" and "the rising influence of the War and Navy Departments over foreign policy" warn the "the threat of military control over education is greater today than at any time in our history."

What are you doing now?

The BOOK END Herman Hagedorn's "The Bomb that Fell on America" will stab you wide awake. Bishop Oxnam says, "I wish every citizen who loves his country and every man who loves his God might read and act on these dramatic lines." Order from us-- $1.25 postpaid.

P.S. Did you hear about the Institute at the Onondaga this month?

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CORRECT US IF WE'RE WRONG! Last October we offered to send the monthly Legislative Analysis of the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington to all SPC Members who contributed $3.00 or more. This began in January. If you are eligible but not getting the FCNL MEMO and would like it, a card to Lena Gray, this office, will bring it. We're sorry if we missed you!

GIFTS THAT GROW We have pledged 50 gardens to Finland for the summer of 1947. Each garden consists of a package of Burpee seeds that will provide beets, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, kale, onions, radishes, spinach, turnips, other vegetables and flowers for a family of five people. The cost of each is 55 cents. Do you know a child (up to 70!) Sunday School class or school group that would like to supply one or more of these? Send the money to us; we can not send seeds to individuals but your name and address will be included in the box and Quaker workers in Finland will ask the teachers who receive the boxes for distribution to acknowledge them.

CALLING ALL SEWING CIRCLES! "We need all kinds of children's underwear, baby clothes, diapers, crib sheets, little girls' dresses, blouses, etc. Any simple practical style is acceptable and children come in all sizes!" The Syracuse Friends Meeting has on hand nearly 400 yards of blue linen, Jersey tubing, and woolen and cotton material in assorted colors. SPC will be glad to serve as agent in supplying you with cloth if you can make it up reasonably soon. Write "Goldilocks" in care of this office.

"Goldilocks, Goldilocks, will you be mine?
You shall not wash dishes nor yet feed the swine!
But sit on a cushion and sew a fine seam
And feast upon strawberries, sugar and cream."

Yes, we still collect and ship good used clothing from our depot at 722 N. Salina.

HOW MUCH DO WE CARE? A Quaker representative in Berlin has written us "we are able to take care of about half the number of requests for help that come in to us; these unattended persons weigh heavily on our consciences. Can you help?" The Executive Committee has agreed to undertake a share of this responsibility in the belief that you will CARE to help. The procedure will be very simple:

1. You, your family, class, club, or other group send us $10 for a CARE package.
2. We will assign it to the next name on our waiting list, order the package, and send the name to you.

This will enable us to keep the accurate records and make the reports this responsibility requires. It also enables us to distribute the packages equitably in turn, instead of allowing them to concentrate on a few at the expense of others as has sometimes happened in the past. In other words, we shall try to make the maximum use of the resources you CARE to supply. More news of this venture next month.

Think of these men and women as standing in line outside our door--your door--and imagine yourself having to turn half of them away. Which half? Next, please!

PROTECTION OR PEACE One of our members received the following telegram the other day: "LOW TARIFFS UNDER RECIPROCAL TRADE WILL SERIOUSLY AFFECT MOST INDUSTRIES IN YOUR LOCALITY WILL LOWER PURCHASING POWER ACCORDINGLY...IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO REDUCTION OF TARIFF PLEASE WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN NOW." It was signed by an important corporation. This only points the moral to our "Little Lesson in Economics, #1" in the February PNL. More detailed communications that have reached us warn of the dangers of freer trade. The issue is being drawn clearly; Can the world exist, half stuffed and half starved? Lincoln said on another, but not unrelated issue, something about a house divided. The world is a house. Trade wars lead to atomic wars. You can't have your cake and eat it!

PICTURE SHOW During the last two weeks in March, available at this office a 16 m.m. (40 min.) black and white sound film of AFSC child feeding and relief work in Finland. No cost except transportation. Call Ray Fuller 2-5316.

TENTH TRY The statement made on our enclosure this month is the tenth attempt of the nations to get relief from the burdens and waste of armaments. We do not think it goes far enough--reduction is not dis-armament; but will even this succeed? What will our country do? More to the point, what will you do?

I WAS A STRANGER About a million war refugees are still awaiting a chance to start over again, free from the danger of political or religious torment. We ought to take our share-- 400,000 in the next three or four years has been estimated. This would require legislation and the trend in Congress appears to be toward further limiting immigration. Also, we should appropriate our share, $68,000,000, for the International Refugee Organization of UN. Will we? Will you? Say so.

"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-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

We said this on the Statue of Liberty sixty four years ago. What shall we say now? The world is waiting for our answer.

WHAT PRICE VICTORY? "It may come as a great shock to American taxpayers that, having won the war over Germany, we are now faced for some years with large expenditures for relief for these people.....

"Entirely aside from any humanitarian feeling for this mass of people, if we want peace; if we want to preserve the safety and health of our army of occupation; if we want to save the expense of even larger military forces to preserve order; if we want to reduce the size and expense of our army of occupation - I can see no other course but to meet the burdens I have here outlined." --Herbert Hoover to Harry Truman

THE BIG BRASS The following paragraphs are quoted from an article by Col. Robert S. Allen, veteran of W W I and chief of Combat Intelligence for General Patton in Europe during W W II. (New Republic 2/10/47) Speaking of the determination of the armed forces to maintain the dominant position held during the war,

"Already, the tentacles and influence of the military are potently fastened to key branches of government, industry, finance and science. Few are aware of the depth and strength of this attachment. But it is very real and all-important. And it is particularly vital that its scope and dominance be clearly understood amid all the talk of a new war....

"Scientific research in the country today is entirely dominated by the armed services....The inevitable results are a corruption of science and scientists in the universities and the further strengthening of the alliance that has always existed between the services and big business. It is a repetition in our country of the sinister tragedy that took place in Nazi Germany and that led immediately and directly to the holocaust of World War II....

"Every citizen has a personal and vital stake in that drama. For on its outcome depends in a large measure continuance of our traditional American way of life and the duration of peace in the world."

DELIVER US FROM EVIL ? "Science is the arbiter of the future. It can lead us down the road of desctruction or deliver us from evil into a veritable Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Science belongs to all the people. The people cannot allow science to be monopolized by any group, no matter how patriotic it may be. The military point of view must not be permitted to dominate science in time of peace. If we allow the present situation to continue, we shall eventually have in the United States a semi-military police state. No one will have planned it that way, but the forces now set in motion will inevitably produce that result unless the people speak through their elected representatives. The Universities and the scientists should let the people know just where they stand." (New Republic 2/3/47)

REAL REASON Eighteen months ago General Eisenhower told a House Committee: "Physical training will always have to be repeated after the war starts but takes the least time. Psychological indoctrination and moral training requires the longest time but fortunately it is never completely forgotten."

And Capt. John H. Burns has written in "The Psychologist Looks at the Army":

"The military problem, psychologically speaking, resolves itself into taking every advantage of the herd instinct to integrate the mass....It is useless to try and convince men of the value of military standards by reasoning...in fact the only way --is to indoctrinate him....Three things are fostered....one, the growth of herd consciousness; two, the development of the habit of automatic obedience; and three, the recognition and acceptance of leaders, and the belief that these leaders have herd approval behind their action." Indoctrination is the word.

This statement is of course the perfect formula for Fascism. Will you speak out again on the question of compulsory military training?

YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR Speaking of teacher's salaries (and who isn't?), "During the war, we needed aviation cadets. They had to be well trained, highly skilled students of war. So the government invested $27,000 for every year's training of each cadet. The school child, whose peacetime mission is now equally important, averages $117 a year for education."

SPRING CONFERENCES Our March meeting is something new in our program - a conference for high school students only! The theme: USSR - USA - and US! Faculty: Warren Walsh, School of Citizenship at S.U.; Bayard Rustin of F.O.R.; Clyde Miller, Propaganda Analysist, from T.C., Columbia. Fee of $2.00 includes supper. YWCA, Friday, March 21, 3:30 - 9:30 p.m. Don't you wish you could get in on this? You can, by sending a teen-ager.

And we warn you now not to miss our conference on "Atomic Warfare and the Christian Faith." Dr. Philip Morrison, nuclear physicist of Cornell, formerly Los Alamos and Hiroshima; and the Rev. A. J. Muste, of F.O.R. First Methodist Church - April 22. Detailed programs next month.

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ATTENTION PLEASE! We regard the announcements we have to make and the enclosure we are able to furnish this month as so important that for once we are reducing PNL almost to the functions of a bulletin.

Please read each announcement carefully.

Please study the alternatives in the "Letter to the President" closely.

C A R E Please help us CARE for the "Fifteen Families" now entrusted to our CARE. $10 a month from your church or class or club will supply 40,963 calories of food; or 3½ yards of all wool material, with 'findings' for a suit or coat; or two virgin wool blankets plus one pair each of soles and heels for men's and women's shoes, and sewing equipment.

Herbert Hoover has wired CARE endorsing its service as a sure and efficient way of supplementing the tragically inadequate rations now available in fourteen countries. Your Peace Council is one of the member agencies of the local CARE Committee and is cooperating in "Do you CARE Week?" April 13-19.

Send your check and get the name of your family for April now.

THE GUIDE POST

APRIL 15--8 PM--Open Meeting, N. Y. State Council of Church Women, The Mizpah. Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, considered one of the five best informed and most effective women speakers in America: THE UNITED NATIONS AND YOU.

APRIL 19--8 PM--Open Meeting, Syracuse International Government Association, Plymouth Church, A.J.G. Priest, member Executive Council, United World Federalists: STEPS TOWARD WORLD GOVERNMENT.

APRIL 22--Our Annual Spring Conference: ATOMIC WARFARE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. What more important engagement can you keep this month? What more important subject can engage your thinking? What better opportunity can you find than is offered by a scientist who saw the effect of the first atomic bomb in Hiroshima at firsthand, and by a religionist who is one of the profound interpreters of the meaning of our faith to these times?

SMALL CHANGE "One of the most sinister developments in our history is the infiltration of military men into key positions formerly reserved to civilians," says Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge (Ret.) in a recent Christian Century article. He is particularly concerned about the "financial power" and the "agencies of propaganda" in the hands of the armed forces and warns that "the pattern of militarism is already revealing itself." In one paragraph he describes our problem so exactly that we quote: "By means of newspapers, magazines, radio, motion pictures, lectures, professional public relations personnel employed for the specific purpose, and other established techniques of high-pressure salesmanship, the armed forces are being "sold" to the American people. These lobbyists and propagandists are all financed by the American taxpayer to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Groups of citizens attempting to combat this organized propaganda must solicit small change from their membership, and then frequently find that publicity channels are closed to them in a controlled press which is in sympathy with the armed forces' program."

What can you do about it? Invest some of your "small change" in Norman Thomas's pamphlet on disarmament and help spread the idea.

The BOOK END "The One Hope of Peace," says Norman Thomas, lies in Universal Disarmament under International Control. He develops this thesis in a twenty-page pamphlet published by the Post War World Council. Single copy price is 15¢ but we have bought a quantity in order to give our readers the benefit of lower prices. We can supply you 4 for 50¢ or 10 for $1.00. It is important to get this booklet widely distributed. You can help by ordering generously and early.

P. S. Watch for our new office address after May 1st. With the rising costs of living we may have to get nearer the stratosphere. Mildred DeLine is still our treasurer.

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THE BELL "THINK NOT TO ASK FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS.....

The announcement of the "Truman Doctrine" and the failure of the Moscow Conference are shocking evidences of the direction of American Foreign Policy. At the same time that it is asserted that America has accepted the "Truman Doctrine," it is admitted that 75% of the people, in at least one survey, believe that it will lead to war. Are we yielding to despair?

Now, surely, is the time for men and women who believe in or hope for another way to find each other and to inform themselves for active participation in the making of America's Foreign Policy.

Secretary Byrnes once said, "World peace depends more upon what is in the hearts than what is in our treaties." The Church Peace Union adds: "Organization can help toward the realization of the aim, and no real results can be achieved without organization, but the real task civilized man faces today is to change the hearts of the nations so that they will give up their small national interests for the greater international good which they then will all share with other nations. Public opinion can best be aroused through the aid of religion in changing the heart of the nations."

For an ideal opportunity to study the problems of American Foreign Policy under religious auspices, attend the Institute of International Relations at Colgate July 3 to 11, 1947. .....IT TOLLS FOR THEE!"

DO YOU KNOW THAT ? The United States has emerged from this war a leader in international affairs. This role gives us the obligation to lead in the solution of international problems. A major international problem today is that of Displaced Persons!

Approximately 850,000 displaced persons are now confined in barrack type camps in Germany, Austria and Italy. About 80% of these people are Christians, about 20% Jews. A bill (H.R.2910) would enable the U.S. to admit 400,000 over four years, which has been estimated to be our fair share. They have many skills needed in this country they would be carefully screened by the Federal authorities, they would be sponsored by individuals or corporations, they would mostly be housed by friends or relatives.

The bill has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Immigration. Telegrams and individual letters should be sent to the chairman, Frank Fellows; also to the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Earl Michener, and to your own Congressman, asking that the bill be favorably reported. When the bill comes up for action in the House and Senate your help will be needed again.

The Americanization League urges us to Write Now. Ask us for leaflets giving up-to-date facts.

GOOD NEIGHBORS Although MURIEL LESTER will speak in Syracuse on June 11 (announcement next month) we are glad to extend to those of our readers who can not hear her here or on that date the invitation from Ithaca: Muriel Lester will speak twice at Barnes Hall on the Cornell campus on Wednesday, May 21. Sessions at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are 50¢ and admit to both sessions.

NOTES FROM ABROAD 1. Stars and Stripes, Berlin, March 10: At a three-day conference held in the State Opera House, 2000 women delegates from all four zones, to the German Women's Congress for Peace, Dr. Anne-Marie Durand-Wever was elected president of the Democratic Women's League of Germany. Dr. Durand-Wever is a Berlin physician, graduate of the University of Chicago. She believes that the women of the world must prevent another war. Calling All Women!

2. Bob Barrus (Rochester) now with A.F.S.C. in Rome, Italy, sends a special appeal for shoes for boys of 8 to 12. We will gladly furnish Bob's address to any one who wishes to send a pair.

3. From the Viennese Press Review: The Week's Calories, April 7-13, 1947:

Consumer	Calories		
Up to three years	1,006	Heavy workers	2,805
Three to six years	1,333	Workers	2,193
Six to twelve years	1,551	Employees	1,758
Twelve on	1,546	Expectant and nursing mothers	2,507

Remember that the full ration is often not available, especially to the poor, and compare the best figures here with our accustomed 3300 or more.

We now have the names of 55 carefully selected families for whom we are requested to send help. It is very hard to refuse any of them and yet it is quite impossible to take care of them except as you make it possible. One list alone (from Innsbruck in the Austrian Tirol) includes 79 children. One family of eleven lives in four rooms; another lives in a cellar. Several have T. B. Here is a typical report:

Familie Pakfeifer-- The father works as an assistant to an upholsterer. There are four children, ages 4, 5, 6 and 12 yrs. They live in four rooms also. The mother said, "It is so hard, and we can't see that the future will bring better times." The children were tragic, weak and noticeably undernourished. But, the children of all these families looked bad. Their clothing, especially shoes, was "a bunch of patched rags."

There is no question that gifts of money are the most efficient means of giving aid. We prefer to make the assignments in order to assure more equitable distribution. However, if you can undertake to send one or more packages regularly, we can "give" you a family. Either way, we will send you the name and address of the family to whom your gift goes if you wish to correspond with them.

TAXES AND DEATH "People's Peace" of L.A. offers this analysis of the Truman Tax Dollar:

FOR WARS -Past, present and future: Interest, 13¢; Veterans' services and benefits, 19.5¢; Preparedness (Army-Navy) 30¢-- Total	62.5¢
International affairs and finance	9
Tax refunds	5
Social welfare, health and security	4
Costs of nonmilitary government agencies	4
Transportation and communication (highways, etc.)	4
Agriculture and agricultural resources	3.5
National resources (includes atomic energy work)	3
Education and research	2.5
Housing and community facilities	1.5
Commerce, finance and industry	1
Total	100¢

EVEN MILITARY LEADERS KNOW BETTER: General Omar N. Bradley, in a recent speech before the Cleveland Forum of World Affairs, said, "No nation can assure its safety by stock-piling new weapons of mass destruction or through buffer states and island bases." --From "Open Forum", ACLU

OR LOOK AT IT THIS WAY The Estimated Annual Minimum Cost Compulsory Military Training is $2,000,000,000. The General Budget of the United Nations for 1946 and 1947 (combined) is $47,130,000. Where Your Treasure Is!

QUIZ KIDS (Col. John Thomas Taylor, National Legislative Representative of the American Legion, and Frederick J. Libby in Washington.)

Q. If universal military training is to prevent war why did not Germany, Japan, Italy and France, who had it, prevent war?

A. No one has ever made the statement that U.M.T. would be an effective preventative of war. It would help us prepare for war.

Q. How would boys be mobilized if atom bombs were to drop on New York City and destroy railroad stations, yards, and trains?

A. Of course they couldn't be mobilized. They would be destroyed.

The end of the whole matter! Only it isn't. There is the still ominous threat of a major drive on peacetime conscription in this session of Congress. What have you done about it this month? The local Committee Against Peacetime Conscription needs your help. Ask us for the latest leaflets and information. Then write a letter to Readers Digest, Pleasantville, N.Y. in response to Mr. La Guardia's article favoring UMT in April. Do you know what your Congressman thinks and how he expects to vote? Ask him. It will be helpful to us all to know.

GUM UP! Special to Teachers: Gum chewing is banned in most schools. But Helen Dryer of Fullerton, Calif. grants the privilege for 5¢ an hour! The tax is collected and used for children's relief. We could use some gum-tax money to good advantage to put food in children's mouths.

And, teachers, while we have your attention, if you would like your young people to engage in friendly correspondence with young people abroad, we can help you secure addresses. English or foreign languages used. There is usually a small fee for each address secured.

P & G DEPT. Mrs. Lester Simmons, 112 East Ave., East Syracuse, (Telephone E. Syr. 537) of our Executive Committee, will be glad to have your cans of clean, used cooking fats to make soap for the American Friends Service Committee. Help promote the Saturday Night Bath Club!

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THE TREASURER SPEAKS

To all of you who have responded to our recent appeal for funds, we are most grateful. In the confusion due to moving, we have been slow in acknowledging your contributions, but receipts will go out from the office as promptly as possible.

We should like to be able to say that our financial worries are over, but definitely they are not. We believe we should tell you that the response to our appeal has not been what we hoped for; contributions are not coming in at a rate which will carry our monthly budget. During the last fiscal year, ending May 31, our expenses exceeded our income by about $700. Except for a reserve left over from previous years, we could not have met our obligations. This can not go on indefinitely. With next year's expenses looming higher than ever before, we wonder what the future holds for us.

We wish fervently that the Peace Council could function without asking for money. There are many more valuable things that ought to go into the limited space of a News Letter. But with the present widespread apathy to suffering, blindness and blundering in creating the conditions of peace, and the fatalistic expectation of a Third World War there are really only a few of us who feel the worth of an organization like the Peace Council, and consequently the financial burden is great. There is a two-fold responsibility on us--to give all that we can, and to spread the contagion of our interest in the Peace Council to other individuals, and thus widen the base of its support. (Editor's Note: see Annual Report digest for Peace Council accomplishments.)

THE ATOM AGAIN

"Western civilization, which ...attained consolidation in the Americas through our capacity for conciliating races, creeds, and ideologies, now has in the United States and in our continent not only the depositary of its highest conquests but also the bearer of the heaviest responsibility for its preservation...Such is the task of the United States and this is what America can do: THE PEOPLE THAT DISINTEGRATED THE ATOM NOW HAS THE MISSION OF INTEGRATING HUMANITY." (caps ours) So said Oswaldo Aranha, Brazilian Delegate to the U.N. Security Council, speaking at the Institute of the Council of World Affairs, Cleveland, Ohio. Dare we evade our share of America's responsibility? We can prepare ourselves to assume it at the New York Institute of International Relations at Colgate, July 3 to 11, 1947. Its Theme? "AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY--ITS DIRECTION, IMPACT, AND SIGNIFICANCE." We hope to see you in Hamilton.

BUS SCHEDULE (gentle hint)

Leave Syracuse (E S T)	Arrive Hamilton (Colgate)
7:20 a.m. (Daily)	8:51 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. only)	11:31 a.m.
4:15 p.m. (Daily except Sun. & holidays)	5:46 p.m.
6:10 p.m. (Daily)	7:41 p.m.
7:00 p.m. (Sundays and holidays)	8:31 p.m.

WAR IS PREVENTABLE

In the Atlantic Monthly for June, 1947, a marine veteran and aide to Stassen at San Francisco, Cord Meyer, Jr., sums up graphically the costs of military preparation. Said he, "By seeking safety in national armaments, the United States and Russia are creating a situation from which there is no escape but war--or surrender at the threat of war....Both the American and Russian governments must share the responsibility for this state of affairs, because.....neither of them was willing to confer sufficient power and authority on an international organization to make it a reliable instrument for the preservation of peace."

But Meyer refuses to believe that mankind is so irrational as to allow itself to be destroyed by another war. American citizens, he points out, can still make demands on their government.

Benjamin Cohen, Secretary General of the United Nations for Public Information, a man reported to have the confidence of Truman, writes, "I ask you to be patient and to be demanding, and to think that peace for the future is as much your personal responsibility as it is that of us who, working in your behalf, serve you as international civil servants in the United Nations." (underlining ours)

--Weekly Bulletin of United Nations, May 20, 1947

How many letters to congressmen have you written this month?

UMTEE STILL

The New York Times for June 8 reports that senators and congressmen alike received coolly the report of Mr. Truman's civilian Advisory Commission on Universal Training. But we do not feel encouraged enough yet to slacken our efforts. Major George Fielding Elliott says the Republicans consider acting on Universal Military Training this session of Congress because of the heavy volume of mail FOR it. Our Congressman and Speaker Joseph Martin, who has much to do with formulating Republican policy, should be told how we feel.

WHY ARE WE AFRAID?

The chief delegate of the United States to the United Nations, Warren R. Austin, said in Cambridge, Mass., on June 13, 1947, "We should never permit ourselves to be driven into inaction or despair by apparent stalemates. The United States, with half the productive power of the world, has decisive power to create the conditions of permanent peace." Well, what are we waiting for?

DISTILLED WISDOM Who is the person, which is the group or nation, with a valid feeling of security in relation to others? The answer is plain enough for all to see: the one who succeeds in living with them instead of against them. The individual who confronts other persons unarmed, who has no guards up, who gives them a sense of inclusion rather than exclusion, who makes them feel wanted and that they are persons of importance--such an individual can live without fears or anxieties, for only madness or the inevitabilities of existence would strike him down. To take this attitude is to stand in the relation of Friend to others, whoever they are. It is to recognize that down at the bottom, human beings are all in the same boat and that the fellowship of one with another is the means of forwarding the best interests common to them. --Jerome Nathanson, Feb. News Letter, Society for Ethical Culture.

SYMBOLIC SPUDS?

Oh, God! that bread should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap!

--Thomas Hood

Hunger is still rampant in Europe and Asia; even the English are suffering from malnutrition. Yet potatoes in America are destroyed to prevent their being sold at low prices in a glutted market. Reports say that the surplus of potatoes was 45 million bushels; there has been no report on the number of bushels destroyed. Good way to "create the conditions of permanent peace"!

FAINT HOPE A Policy Planning Committee has recently been established in the State Department. Headed by a widely experienced Foreign Service officer, George F. Kennan, its purpose is to lay the foundation for an over-all foreign policy program for the United States. This foundation is itself to be based on caregul study of world trends. Perhaps our foreign policy will grow up and become more responsible. Little enough to hope. May it not come too late.

PLEA FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA Mr. Thomas Lucas, 207 Grace St., has offered to pack and mail clothing to ten children in Czechoslovakia, all of them under 16 years of age. If you have anything suitable and could get it to Mr. Lucas or to us, your effort would be much appreciated.

Yes, we still collect and ship good used clothing from our depot at 722 N. Salina.

RISING COSTS AND A FREE PRESS We must raise the price of the PEACE-NEWS-LETTER to 35¢ a year, or three subscriptions for $1.00, beginning July 1, 1947. We regret our need because we agree with the findings of Pres. Hutchins' Commission on Freedom of the Press that "the few who are able to use...the press... have not provided a service adequate to the needs of ...society."

Because we express ideas not always readily available in "the press," yet worthy of consideration, we are confident that we have some value. Will you not help us to expand our circulation? Constructive criticism of our style, content, and format will be welcome; we aim to help meet the needs of society, to serve you.

OPPORTUNITY FOR TEEN AGERS Said Mildred McAfee Horton, President of Wellesley College, at the Cleveland Council's Institute: "A great many American young people have had almost no experience in thinking out their personal or national philosophy. Meanwhile, our fellow citizens in the world community are very articulate, explicit, and definite in their plan of action. We don't like the way they have achieved that definiteness by indoctrination from the top of a totalitarian government, but we owe it to our fellow citizens and to our convictions to use our free method of education to accomplish a result which can match the well-though-dictatorially-formulated opposition. If we really have the truth we ought to be able to express it ....The only cure for bigotry or falsehood is potent truth, and truth is not potent when it is fuzzy, poorly formulated, and diffuse."

This month's enclosure tells about high school institutes of international relations where teen agers can have fun, enrich their lives, and attain POTENT TRUTH. A scholarship is available for the institute at Camp Danby. Do you know a youngster who would like to go?

ON TO COLGATE In the American Scholar, Winter, 1946-'47, a professor of political science, William G. Carleton, asks the urgent question, "Are we being educated rapidly enough to deal intelligently with the world in which we are now a leader?" And he adds that "the most important race in the world today is the race between American political education and catastrophe." Colgate will help us say yes; Colgate will help us win the race. We shall be with you in Hamilton.

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THE LEAST OF THESE Feeling in our hearts an emotion closely akin to awe, we open this month's PNL with excerpts from a letter, beautiful, terrible, moving even in translation. We are grateful to Miss Ruth P. Coventry for allowing us to share it with you, even while we wish that it might also be shared with all our sleek and prosperous America and hope that you will read it to your friends.

Berlin, June 14, 1947

Dear Miss Coventry:

With unbounded joy and to my indescribable surprise I received just now your wonderful CARE package, for which I wish to express my deepest and most wholehearted thanks. As yet I have no idea how I came to receive this honor and how it is possible that such a kind person opens her heart to the great need which exists here, living as you do half a world away from here. I still hope to solve this mystery and I should be endlessly happy if you would enlighten me in this regard.

.....

.....We looked forward to spring and warmth. Now we have it and still cannot be glad because the ghost of hunger always haunts us. Our bodies are completely worn out, we are spiritually broken and we have no more courage to face the dubious future which can only bring us new disappointments and trouble. Believe me, Miss Coventry, you would be doing us great good if you would send us an ampule of poison to release us from this terrible misery. Especially for us so-called "race-refugees" life is very difficult because we get no help from any side.....

As far as our demoralized spirit and emaciated bodies permit, we are trying to start life anew.....With present-day rationing, one cannot work, to say nothing of satisfying one's hunger.....So we can no longer say that we live, rather that we simply vegetate, mostly from secretive meals at random, which must be kept unknown to one's neighbors, when one can get a piece of dry bread.

How fabulous the contents of the CARE package were to us, you can hardly imagine, and how wonderful the meals which we prepared from it--like paradise.....Our clothes are patched over and over. One can no longer call them clothes. A needle is treasured like a gem. Thus life goes from day to day, a hopeless bitter battle.....

HIROSHIMA August 6, 1947 was the second anniversary of the unforgettable bombing of Hiroshima. With our own guilt and that of our countrymen very much in mind, with the clouds of a peace-less present and fearful future casting shadows upon us, we vowed once more in our small way to do everything we could to lessen the woes and the tensions which seem daily to increase.

Even in our most pessimistic moments we perceive truth in the words of Jane Addams, of which Gladys Walser recently reminded us, "NOTHING COULD BE WORSE THAN THE FEAR THAT ONE HAD STOPPED TOO SOON AND NOT EXPENDED EVERY EFFORT THAT MIGHT HAVE HELPED THE WORLD."

WATER COLORS A friend of a friend of ours has done some watercolors, much admired by us, of scenes in Florida and New England. (There are some Nantucket scenes we particularly covet!) She has consented to sell some of them and has generously offered to give half the proceeds to the Quakers for overseas relief.

If you are interested, won't you get in touch with us. They would adorn any wall and can, moreover, be easily photographed and made into Christmas cards. We have seen some of the cards and are much impressed by their beauty, by their inexpensiveness, and by the fact that in acquiring them we are doing something to help those who need it.

MORE ON THE ARTS Oddly enough, we were disheartened to read the other day in a Syracuse newspaper the following statement: "The Chicago Symphony Opera management announces Kirsten Flagstad in her first postwar operatic appearance in this country in Chicago Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16....." We congratulate The Chicago Symphony even while we grieve not to have seen an announcement that Miss Flagstad can again be heard this fall at the Met! We hope that the Met is misjudging American audiences and that proof will be found in the middle west.

Still vivid in our memory is the first picket line we ever crossed. 'Twas in Cleveland last spring in front of a building in which Kirsten Flagstad was about to give a small and appreciative audience one of the most glorious concerts of her career. Among the signs carried by the pickets was one reading "Don't look now; your swastika is showing"! As we paid tribute to a great and generous artist, we still writhed at the discourtesy of our compatriots.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION Soon after the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations convenes on August 25th, the Committee for the Universal Recognition of Conscientious Objection to Military Service will urge that there be included in the proposed International Bill of Rights an article which reads thus: "THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO REFUSE MILITARY SERVICE IN OBEDIENCE TO CONSCIENCE SHALL BE RECOGNIZED."

If you approve and would like to affix your name to a petition to the United Nations, will you not write Abraham Kaufman, 5 Beekman St., Room 1028, New York 7, N.Y.

ABC Elementary as ABC is the fact that peace and love rarely if ever spring from discomfort, hunger or fatigue or chill. Therefore a recent report of General Lucius D. Clay comes as no surprise to us. Yet we were sorry to learn that "Germans roving the countryside in quest of food for the coming winter have fought gun battles with German police assigned to guard crops in the American zone." We are sorry that anyone has to forage for food--whether for himself or his wife or his son or his daughter or his mother or his father. Then we began to wonder: Is being sorry all we can do?

BASIC NECESSITIES The Mayor's Committee announces a city-wide clothing drive to be carried on between September 7th and 15th. We are still receiving good clean used clothing daily at 722 N. Salina St. and this summer will pick up what you have at your home if you call us. The need continues and will not lessen when the winter sets in.

Let us remind you also that CARE packages can still be sent through us, and that hunger has not ceased to reign in Europe.

NOTE OF HOPE We learned via PEACE NEWS that "Julius Meyer, head of the Jewish branch in Berlin of the Victims of Fascism, sees hope in Polish-German relations where others usually see only continuing hate."

"Recalling the relations of German and Polish victims in the Auschwitz Camp, Mr. Meyer thought a more or less complete reconciliation was possible between Poland and Germany--despite the bitterness of the present boundary issue and the uprooting of populations on both sides. 'The present Prime Minister in Warsaw, Mr. Cyankiewicz, was a member of our Resistance Committee at Auschwitz,' said Mr. Meyer. 'He fought side by side with German comrades against the Nazis and surely will not forget their comradeship.'"

When individuals work together on something greater than either in which both are interested, differences are forgotten and lasting comradeship is formed. So it is in Europe; so it is here, too, in the States. Can we not somehow use this lesson to heal friction in our own community? Do you know people whom you could draw together to sew or knit for those in need? We could furnish you with word pictures which cannot but stir their imaginations and awaken in them a sense of the value of such work.

WRONG TRACK? In his new book A Crisis of Culture, reviewed in the Christian Century for July 23, 1947, John Macmurray maintains that to try to solve the world's problems "through political and economic planning is ridiculous; and perhaps the Soviet government shows more insight than our own representatives on this point. A democratic solution can only be found at the lowest level--through the gradual formation of a common tradition and a common way of life throughout the world." If the good professor is right--and certainly he is not all wrong-- we might well spend more time on the problem of bringing about interglobal friendships involving, not missionary work, but a cultural interchange. What do you think?

AGAIN WE TREMBLE! In the FPA Bulletin for July 18, Blair Bolles quotes Senator Edward V. Robertson, Republican of Wyoming, who said of the bill creating a Secretary of National Defense, "The real intent of this bill is to create a vast new military empire, one in which ambitious men will wield greater power over the military establishment than has ever been heretofore granted to non-elected individuals, and one which will wield untrammeled power over the entire social and economic structure of the nation." Secretary Forrestal, our eyes are upon you!

HERE'S TO SHORT! We present an orchid to Representative Dewey Short, Republican of Missouri, who alone among the members of the House Armed Service Committee voted against the Universal Military Training bill. Despite his dissent, action can be readily taken when Congress reconvenes. Shall we marshal the opposition now?

The Christian Century for August 6th urges us to recall findings unanimously reported by a House subcommittee that "the war department, its personnel and civilian employees have gone beyond the limits of their proper duty of providing factual information to the people and the Congress (here concerning UMT) and have engaged in propaganda supported by taxpayers' money to influence legislation." So the war department resorts to illegal means to fasten conscription on the nation; let us see that the means fail.

CAMP DANBY We are pleased to announce that the scholarship to Camp Danby has been awarded to Ruth Wylie, of Clinton, N. Y. We congratulate her and wish her a pleasant and rewarding time. And to all of you who have helped make Ruth's scholarship possible we extend sincere thanks and also congratulations.

BOOK END This month we recommend two pamphlets hot off the presses: HOW AMERICA IS BEING MILITARIZED by Oswald Garrison Villard, 15¢, and QUAKERS AND PEACE by Ruth Freeman, 50¢. Why not stop in and get your copies tomorrow. 'Twould be a good time to see our new office if you've not already done so.

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SCHOOL DAYS

school days,
Dear old golden rule days;
Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic.

Even our limited knowledge of 'rithmetic warns us that we are going to have to do some fancy figuring if we make ends meet this fall. The Peace Council has not faced such difficult financial and program decisions in many years. You can help tremendously if you renew your subscription to PNL this month. Remember the new rate: 35¢ for one, $1.00 for three to different addresses. Or, better, you can anticipate October and send in your membership (which will include PNL) now. A sheet of 100 three-cent stamps would be one convenient way to do it and our old slogan STAMPS IN SEPTEMBER is still good.

For our Fall Conference we present

VICTOR YATES, M.P.
Birmingham, England

PROSPECTS OF WORLD PEACE

6:15 Dinner: Economic Conditions in Britain and Europe
8:00 Forum: Conflicting Ideologies--Is There a Way Out?
at May Memorial Church (472 James St.)
Friday, October 3, 1947

Dinner $1.25. Reservations before October 1. Phone 2-5316.
No admission fee. An offering will be taken at the evening session.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING The Community Campaign for Clothing under the sponsorship of the Mayor's Relief Committee will be held in Syracuse this month. We--jointly with the Syracuse Friends Meeting--are among the cooperating agencies and our Clothing Depot at 722 North Salina Street will be used as a collection and shipping center. The enclosed leaflet will tell you of the continuing need. All contributions marked for the Peace Council or for Friends will go through AFSC. NOW IS THE TIME. If warm garments are to reach Europe before cold weather sets in they must be collected now. Sorting, packing and shipping take time. Moreover, this is an excellent opportunity for our out-of-town readers to save mailing costs. Send your bundle to us this month-- Bulk shipments are cheaper.

Clothing should be clean and in good repair. We cannot ship hats or high heeled shoes. Your package should be plainly marked with your name and address.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? Givers of gardens for Finland last spring will be glad to know that their names and addresses were all sent to Finland. Of course we cannot guarantee replies but here are sentences from some of the letters that have come from school children: "Thousands of thanks.....the seeds are all in the soil.....in September we have our harvest.....we hope very deeply that there is never more any war in the world. It takes so long before all people can be happy again .....We have no own home - the war took everything. No cows, horses, lambs which I love so much. We get our food only with cards. Do you use any card for food? My name is Mike Vaananen and I am 13 years old. Sixth grade. Five of my brothers and sisters died. May the spring wind bring warm greetings from Finland to the wonderful country of America."

MOVIES Remember the Finnish film we had last spring? The SPC office has available until September 28th, inclusive, "LARA in Action" which is a 16 mm sound film, requiring 15 minutes to show. This film was given to various relief agencies in the U.S. by the Welfare Ministry of the Japanese Government who dedicated it to all the Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia for their contributions of food and clothing for Japanese orphans and war sufferers. If you would like to use this film call Ray Fuller, 2-5316.

1883 - 1947

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,"

we wrote on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty sixty four years ago. But the 80th Congress of the U.S. refused to pass the Stratton Bill to allow limited, selected immigration of Displaced Persons--the wretched, homeless victims of power politics in today's Europe. Why? Simply because not enough of us cared enough; i.e., loved our neighbor as ourselves.

SALUTE! Onondaga Consumers Co-op opened its new Super-Market on Harrison Street September 12th. Cooperatives are a direct approach to an economics for peace. SPC offers congratulations and good wishes to OCC and invites PNL readers to Co-operate!

HELP! SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, IS THE DAY FOR THE CITY-WIDE CLOTHING RELIEF DRIVE. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SORTING AND PACKING. LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP THAT DAY OR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

UMT y The Universal Military Training (conscription) Bill did not pass at the last session of Congress but it was reported out of committee favorably on next to the last day and is in position for early action in the next session. Of this War Department scheme, Senator Taft said: "Whether we become a militaristic and totalitarian country depends more on this measure than any other."

And the fate of this measure depends largely on the continuing educational activity of groups like ours. We still have a job to do!

WHY NOT? One night each week British M P's are available in their local boroughs to answer questions and work on legislative problems with their constituents. Think what that does for political education and responsible citizenship! Unless a special session of Congress is called your representative should be at home this fall. Why not invite him to your community or your home for a conference with friends and neighbors about questions of mutual concern? Or arrange for a representative group from your church, school, club or other organization to visit him?

WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE There is war in China, war in Indonesia, war in Greece,--war around the world. So highly responsible a journal as The Christian Century in its current issue says soberly: "The time has come to look out for real trouble between the United States and Russia," and supports its warning with a most realistic analysis of the present situation in "The Balkan Powder Keg." Relentlessly, thoughtful peace-lovers, sensing their individual helplessness in the power struggle and realizing the hopelessness of the struggle itself to bring "peace on earth, good will to men" are being driven back to consideration of the basic human needs on which all economics, all politics, all peace must ultimately rest.

Ingeborg Woodcock, writing from Germany in August, describes a dinner in a German restaurant: "The waiter appeared with a single dish, a brown mess.....it consisted of brown dried beans, put through a mincer. The only addition was salt; not an ounce of meat or fat of any description.....no bread or vegetables, just these minced beans cooked in water and salt."

What did you have for dinner?

Would you favor a return to rationing in this country in order to share our abundance with their need?

Have you said so, to anyone, anywhere? This is something we could do!

THANKS TO PNL READERS We are grateful to PNL readers for the interest they evinced in the water-colors we mentioned last month. We are happy to be able to say now that we have in the office for the month of September sample paintings and Christmas cards from which you can order what you want for your friends' Christmas, anniversary, or birthday gifts. Remember, half the proceeds go to Quaker relief! We are still enthusiastic!

ROOM Can any one help a Nisei teacher in the School of Journalism find shelter for his wife and small child? We are not a housing agency but we have a special concern for our Nisei friends and will be glad to pass along your suggestions. Call 2-5316. We are also much interested in helping a Negro apprentice-student to find a room where he can work for his rent--excellent references.

Stamps in September

BOOK END More than one hundred years ago a French historian, de Tocqueville, made a prophecy: "Two great peoples starting at different points, go forward toward the same ends: these are the Russians and the Americans." He goes on to point out how one relies on individual liberty and the other on the concentrated power of society and servitude. He sees that each is to hold the destinies of half the world.

Edgar Snow, distinguished and widely read foreign correspondent, sees that between them they now hold the destiny of the whole world. Whether or not Mr. Snow is an "authority" on Russia, his little book STALIN MUST HAVE PEACE is more than worthwhile reading for Americans who would do some fresh thinking on whether or not we can have peace. Mr. Snow believes we can. The first part of his book, originally published in the Saturday Evening Post, analyzes the problem and explains not only why we don't understand the Russians but why Russia needs peace. The fourth and final chapter sets forth a series of specific proposals for implementing our foreign policy toward peace.

Get this book from your library or borrow it from ours--but read it.

And remember, we have a quantity of timely material on conscription available for use in discussion groups or for distribution. Ask about it.

And don't forget: Clothes are needed in September to be worn in Europe in December.

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BATTLE OF WORDS Referring to the "gratuitous insults" of Russia and the "Vishinsky diatribe" a recent local editorial suggests that "the Soviet government has opened a full-fledged campaign of antagonism and bitterness against the U.S." and concludes: "But America knows where the whip lies and who is afraid of that whip.

"And we will not let go of it - or of our calm and patient pursual of peace."

The next day the same paper advised us to "Retaliate in kind" on the principle of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Well, that's one way of meeting the situation, of course, and it has plenty of bad precedent. But we are deeply convinced that it is not the way to peace. The difficulty is that there is truth and error on both sides, as usual. There are things about the Russian system that we rightly abhor; there are features of our system to which they as honestly object. We have taken upon ourselves the right and the responsibility to make the world safe for democracy. With equal logic the USSR undertakes to make the world safe for communism. Our policy in Latin America, the Mediterranean or the Islands of the Pacific, undoubtedly and naturally looks to Ivan Ivanovitch like encirclement. Their policy in the Baltics and the Balkans - Eastern Europe - as naturally appears to John Q. Public as aggression. And when any one of us tries to say an honest word about the other he is immediately branded with a bad word: "Communist" or "Capitalist." This is not only nonsense; it is tragic folly, for the one thing needful is the mutual understanding that breeds respect and tolerance. Above all we need the great gift to see ourselves as others see us. But fewer people are willing to do that. The alternative is inescapably World War III. Are you willing to do that?

If not, how often do you try to help, your neighbor, your newspaper editor or radio commentator to see and understand your point of view?

HARVEST TIME To begin with, we are tremendously grateful for the encouraging response to the "stamp tax" notice last month. We got close to $100 in stamps and bills and numerous encouraging messages like these: "Don't worry, you'll make both ends meet," and "We hope to be able to send some spondulix along in a few weeks. Keep up the fight, please." Splendid! And thank you all!

We won't worry, -too much; and we will keep up the fight, although there have been hours and days when we were tempted to quit. But we certainly do need that spondulix; as shown by the fact that we closed last month with a margin of $67.59. Too close for comfort!

The Executive Committee this month approved a budget of $500 per month as the minimum basis on which we could meet our current costs and maintain our program level. A Budget and Finance Committee was appointed to raise the money, and the following categories of contributions and memberships was outlined:

News-Letter subscription, 35¢ annually; 3 for	1.00	
Peace Service, annual subscription	3.00	
Regular membership, per year	2.00	
Sustaining, per month	1.00	
Contributor, per year	5.00	or more
Sponsor, per year	100.00	or more

All memberships include subscription to the Peace-News-Letter.

If we can secure 12 "sponsors", 100 "sustaining members", and 300 "regulars" we shall have half our budget. The rest will come from other contributions, subscriptions and offerings. Are you a self-starter? You can save us a lot of work and worry if you respond by mail.

During the discussion of ways and means a new member of the Committee said, "I hadn't realized the financial problem. I think we ought to make our needs more specifically known. I'm sure it would help people to realize their responsibility."

This message is an attempt to do just that, but we ought not to use the brief space of PNL too often for this kind of thing. Let's make it unnecessary, soon! October is the traditional Harvest Time; November ought to bring Thanksgiving!

SOCIAL ISSUES Having abandoned our plans for a Fall Forum Series of our own we are very glad to call your attention to the excellent series offered by The Social Issues Forum at 8:15 on six Thursday evenings at the Amalgamated Hall, 133 James Street:

October 16 - Boom or Bust - Jack Barbash, economic consultant.
" 23 - What's Ahead for Labor - McAlister Coleman, author, columnist.
" 30 - Is Militarism Our Answer to Russia? - Tucker Smith, college professor.
November 6 - Canada's C.C.F.- Agnes McPhail, Canadian M.P. and Ontario Co-op.
" 13 - Socialists Look Ahead - Norman Thomas.
" 20 - How the Vets Were Sold Out - William C. Gausmann, Washington, D.C.

Tickets are $2.40 for the series. ON SALE AT OUR OFFICE.

3 BAGS FULL We need not 3 but literally 3 times 30 of the useful little drawstring bags filled with "findings" for women who desperately try to repair or remake old garments where there is no dime store around the corner. Needles, buttons, tape, thread, darning cotton, pins, elastic, scissors and perhaps a bright bit of ribbon or other "surprise" to lend the personal touch. If you have sent in all your old clothes, try something new - and put your name and address in the bag. An excellent group project.

VICTOR YATES

Our Fall Conference was a real success in every way. The dining room was crowded, the dinner delicious, and the offering generous. Most important of all was the message. For the benefit of those who could not hear it, PNL offers a brief digest:

SING A SONG OF WARFARE

The kings are in the background issuing commands;
The queens are in the parlor where etiquette demands;
The bankers in the countinghouse are busy multiplying;
Whilst common people in the front are doing all the dying.

Britain stands in the very difficult and vulnerable position, between the conflicting ideologies of Russian Communism and American free enterprise. It's like being between the nutcrackers. Imagine our position in a war of atomic bombs! Britain is not Communist and is opposed to all forms of totalitarianism, but much as we disagree with the Russian form of government we believe a way out must be found. The prospects of World War III are too horrible to contemplate.

Confronted with a desperate economic situation at the close of the war, the people faced the necessity for change and had the courage to work for it; hence the Labour Government which has won every by-election since it came to power. It is a determined purpose of the Socialist program in Britain to provide "fair shares for all" because where hunger and want are there will be war also. Therefore, we interfere with private enterprise in the interest of public service. This we believe may be the way out and if we are successful in our experiment we should have some influence in helping others to find the way. Perhaps America might find some interest in it.

Australia and New Zealand, without being requested to do so, have initiated a rationing system in order that their food may be shared by the needy people of the world. If America should feel that she could establish some system by which she could share her great abundance we should bow in honor before her and it would give America the place of moral leadership that would enable her to use her vast power for the peace of the world.

I cannot understand the people in England who oppose interference with business but who believe in the military conscription of youth. America and Britain would be well advised to reconsider the whole question of military conscription. The world indeed cannot afford to use up its man power for military purposes in the face of such tremendous need; nor can we afford to create suspicion and deepen the fears of the world.

If Russia wanted to sweep through Europe there is nothing in the way to prevent her. We do not believe she wants to. We are not afraid of Russia. Why cannot Russia and America each live in its own way? We believe a middle way could be found for a democratic socialism in a federated Europe which would be the greatest bulwark for peace in the world.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEAS

Do you know a school that would like to "adopt" an overseas school of similar size and character? The purpose, of course, is to develop international friendships and understanding through correspondence and sharing. No fees are charged. No cash required. But shoes, soap, toilet articles, paper, pencils, books are urgent needs. The educative value to our young people of learning how other students think and live; of sharing their own abundance, and developing pen-pal friendships is very great. The American Friends Service Committee investigates and recommends the Overseas Schools. If you are interested, write us about your school - location, age and number of students, and other information. We will try to match you with a somewhat similar school.

OLD CLOTHES

Response to the Clothing Campaign was generous and boxes are still coming in so fast that we can not make a final report this month. Hundreds of people will be warmer and happier this winter because of your thoughtfulness. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SORTING AND PACKING. Call Ray Fuller 2:5316. And remember that OURS IS A CONTINUING COLLECTION. We plan to ship every month.

THE BOOK END

For this month we are rather excitedly urging you to take the trouble to look up a copy of the September '47 Harper's and read Professor Henry Commanger's article "Who Is Loyal to America?" In these days of purges, name calling, investigations and growing hysteria, a distinguished professor of history at Columbia tells us sternly that loyalty is not conformity, that it is not identifiable with a particular economic system; that it may even require hostility to the status quo, that our American tradition is one of protest and revolt, that disloyalty tests are futile, that it is stultifying to celebrate the rebels of the past while we ailence the rebels of the present. He quotes the Supreme Court, "If there is any fixed star in our Constitutional constellation it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox...in matters of opinion, or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."

Read it, and equip yourselves to meet today's threat to freedom. (Reprints available for 15¢.)

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"WE ARE HEADED TOWARD WAR

Let us face the fact frankly. The front page of every newspaper proclaims it. Leaders in our own government, in other leading countries, expect war within a few years. We are preparing for it; so is the rest of the world." --from United World Federalists.

TILL THE PEOPLE RISE

And the Lord God whispered and said to me,
"These things shall be, these things shall be,
Nor help shall come from the scarlet skies
Till the people rise.
Till the people rise, my arm is weak;
I cannot speak till the people speak.
When men are dumb, my voice is dumb--
I cannot come till my people come. . ."
. . . So God is mute and Heaven is still
While the nations kill." --Angela Morgan.

MEMBERSHIP ROUND-UP

We are enthusiastically grateful to all of you who, in response to our broad "hints" in September and October, have sent in your renewals. They leave no doubt in our minds about your loyalty and appreciation. But this is not a preliminary "hint"; this is the real thing! On November 11--as usual--we begin the annual revision of our membership and mailing lists. Economy demands that we be thorough about it. Will your name be there?

Before you answer, please read the following paragraphs from an address by Dr. William G. Carr, Associate Secretary of the National Education Association of America:

"We have been warned on excellent authority that the war, if it comes, may leave as its ultimate aftermath entire continents silent and empty, 'from sea to shining sea.'

"Then, to be sure, will come peace on earth. The alabaster cities, what is left of them, will gleam undimmed by human tears and unseen by human eyes. The amber waves of grain will be selfsown and reaped only by the birds and the rodents. And the earth, at peace at last, will be inherited by the wild animals and perhaps by a few remote savages who lack the dubious benefits of modern civilization...

"What will the new radio be worth after it has sounded the first and last warnings of an attack with atomic or bacterial weapons and then stuttered into silence? What will the new automobile be worth when all the fuel stations go up in one roaring inferno?

"I know what you are thinking, 'He is trying to scare us.' You are right. I am trying to scare you. I want you to mobilize.....

"Wage the peace, I say!.....

"But waging peace is so difficult! You may have to give up your game of bridge to attend the foreign affairs committee. You may have to read a difficult book on international relations when you would prefer to go to the movies. You may have to buy bread for the starving when you would rather buy roses for yourself....

"I promise no audible trumpets for those who will wage the peace. There will be no citations, no service ribbons, no flags, no snappy salutes, no brass bands, no glamour, no uniforms, and often no thanks. I promise only an uphill contest and even resentment. But the struggle for peace will go on nevertheless. The doing of the job, the greatest job on earth, will be reward enough. The recruiting office is open. The term of enlistment is for life."

The office is open - 331 University Building.

SPECIAL SESSION

The Congress will convene on November 17. It is fashionable to offer "programs." Being simple people, ours has three simple planks:

1. Lend-Lease for Peace. Generous aid to the cold and hungry everywhere in the world: with rationing of necessary items, wage and price controls as needed. And without political strings!

2. Stratton Bill for the admission of Displaced Persons to the United States.

3. Universal Military Training. Unconditional defeat.
16 million is the reported bill of expenditure of USA for UN; but we are being urged to spend 1-3/4 billion for military training (Hanson Baldwin says it will cost nearer 3 billion.) Where the heart is there will your treasure....; or is it the other way around? Senator Ives and Congressman Taber were elected on an economy platform. Is this it?

HENRY WALLACE, LINCOLN AUDITORIUM, DECEMBER 10, 8 P.M.

TICKETS 60¢ and up, ONONDAGA MUSIC STORE, 119 W. JEFFERSON ST.

FOR CHILDREN TO DO

In response to several enquiries, we expect soon to have suggestions for Thanksgiving and Christmas projects and a Christmas play or pageant for those who want them. The Garden project will be continued -- this year to three countries, -Japan, Poland, Finland. Contributions for your garden should reach us before Christmas.

DID HITLER WIN? Hitler's boast that even if the Nazis lost, Nazism would win because we would have become impregnated with their ideas begins to look like more than an idle vaunt.

For example, Bruce Bliven, opening a series of articles on anti-Semitic prejudice and propaganda in the U.S. says, "Although Hitler lost the war, his theories of 'Jewish inferiority' are gaining new adherents among Americans every month." "It is, nevertheless, exactly and literally true that anti-Semites in this country today reveal the same mental characteristics exhibited by those who constituted the spearhead of fascism in Germany and Italy....anti-Semitism is only one aspect, and in this country at this time, not even the most important, of the vicious doctrine of racial-religious hostility. The burden the Negro is forced to bear is heavier...."

And on another front, civil liberty, the Anti-Communist Campaign now being waged so loudly and patriotically has a reminiscent flavor to those who remember the ways by which Mussolini and Hitler rose to power. William Walton likens the Committee on Un-American Activities, in its flagrant disregard of American respect for the privacy of citizens and traditions of evidence, to a Kangaroo Court and says, "It is closer to the People's Court of Hitler Germany than anything we have seen in our time. This is what is cold and frightening and evil about it all." A telephone conversation between Attorney Bartley C. Crum, Roman Catholic and Republican, and Producer David Selznick is reported:

> Crum: "Dave, this is just like the early Hitler days in Germany. Do you know what a man equivalent to you in the movie industry is in Germany today?"
> Selznick: "No, what is he?"
> Crum: "A bar of soap."

Hats Off! therefore to Little, Brown and Company and other publishing houses who refuse to be intimidated by threats of investigation and who promise to continue to publish books containing dissenting and liberal ideas. The New Yorker's "Talk of the Town," as usual, strikes the right note: (11-1-47) "Our procedure so far has been to examine the manuscript, not the writer; the picture, not the artist. We have not required a statement of political belief or a blood count....Our activity....is properly not on a loyalty but merely on a literary basis....If this should change and we should go over to loyalty, the meaning of 'Un-American activity' would change, too, since the America designated in the phrase would not be the same country we have long lived in and admired."

Lovers of peace and freedom, take notice.

CARE for CHRISTMAS The local needs of SFC have been so acute this fall that we have hesitated to press other claims. But as cold weather advances and the traditional time of American hospitality approaches, we can not refrain from sharing with you some of the evidences of "the needs of the needy" that daily come our way.

We offer two channels through which you can make your gift of CASH or CLOTHING a message of peace. 1. Our office is now a recognized agency for CARE - the only guaranteed package delivery service to Europe. And we also have the names and data on one hundred families whose needs have been investigated and reported to us by Quaker relief workers in Europe. For $10 we can send a package of food or blankets, or of clothing material to one of these families. You will receive a receipt with a money back guarantee, and the name and address of "your" family so that you can send a personal greeting with your gift. Gifts can be sent in the name of churches, classes or clubs, as well as individuals.

2. Individual packages supply a very large measure of personal satisfaction and have important educational and spiritual values. They should be sent, however, only to persons you know or whose needs are properly authenticated.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that the most efficient and economical contribution is cash, through a recognized agency in which you have confidence. This permits wholesale purchase, bulk shipment, and supervised distribution to the neediest. All cash contributions for relief made through this office will be used by the American Friends Service Committee, solely on the basis of need, without any form of discrimination, and always in a spirit of love and reconciliation. (Gifts may be designated for China, India, Japan, or Europe.) If you can not give money, remember that our Clothing Depot at 722 N. Saline St. is in continuous operation and that the need is never met.

If November 27 means thanks giving or December 25 means giving in and of your life, let us help you place your gift and deliver your message. It is already very late for holiday delivery.

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NO ROOM IN THE INN Outside the doors of the World's Great Inn this Nativity-tide, are still upwards of a million of the children of God, waiting....waiting.... waiting....for their brothers to take them in. And certainly no one has greater responsibility than we--who, in such a very real sense, are the Masters of the Inn. Please read the enclosed leaflet with care.

Advance Notice For your convenience

12th

Anniversary Dinner

PAUL HUTCHINSON - Editor: Christian Century
will report on his recent trip around the world
and share his observations with us.

First Presbyterian Parish House
6:15 January 10th $1.00
Reservations required.

AS OTHERS SEE US Nothing seems more important right now in the fields of foreign policy and international relations than that Americans should get a perspective on themselves. Right or wrong, these are some of the ways in which others see us--and they are not exceptional.

I.

"The announcement of the formation of the new 'Cominform' or the re-forming of the old Comintern, has naturally occupied a good deal of space in our papers in the last few days. To get 'jittery' about this is only to play into the hands of those who want to wage a war of nerves. I think some of us see as much danger to world peace--please forgive me for saying this so frankly--in some speeches in U.S.A. and in the hunt for 'Reds' reported to be taking place in your civil service and elsewhere. It would place 90 per cent of British Friends and about 85 per cent of the British public on the 'suspected' list. The Communist gospel may be good or bad--I believe it to be a compound of both and it certainly is not my political faith--but we shall not eradicate it or subdue it by vociferous declamations. Rather I would commend the sober London TIMES as guide. On October 7 it said: 'The right reply of the democracies to the rival claims of Communism in their and other countries is to demonstrate unmistakably by their deeds and the fruit of their deeds that the brutal surgery of revolution and dictatorship can offer no social or economic remedies that cannot be produced with greater satisfaction by freer means.'"

II.

Germany's Neues Deutschland: "The most repulsive thought-snooping celebrates a frightening triumph. Stool pigeons get a hearing; anonymous charges are admitted; human beings are ruined overnight and a state of fear established...The Rooseveltian principle of freedom from fear for which tens of thousands of Americans lost their lives fighting Hitler-fascism has been turned into its opposite."

III.

"A banker begged to see us. 'I am a liberal,' he said. 'I know little of politics, but I know that America is blackmailing Italy, Italy is blackmailing America, and as the result democracy is dying here! You are driving us into extremes of Right and Left! We vote conservative because we believe that only by going Right can we prove to America that we are worthy of aid. That must mean that America thinks that the Right can protect Italy against revolution! Is it possible that America can be so stupid? The Right can protect us against nothing! And much as I hate the Communists, I beg you to tell America that they have no intention of taking Italy over today!'"

"'Recovery is our one hope for saving Italian democracy,' Saragat said. 'And the Marshall Plan is our one hope of recovery. But if the Marshall Plan is a means of bolstering the Right, it will fail. None of us can support it.

"'America,' he added, 'must learn to speak to the people. Molotov attacks Italy and the people support him. Byrnes defends Italy and the people mistrust him because you haven't learned how to approach the people themselves. It isn't enough to be no worse than other nations. You must be the best. But today, your actions in Greece and Spain are as bad as any nation's. And your aid must be freed from political intervention.

"'America is decisive for us, and still our ideal. But you are losing. Until you can make democracy mean something in economic terms, our workers will look on democracy and you as a mockery.'"

IV.

Robert P. Martin, veteran of nine years in the Orient, now the New York Post's Shanghai correspondent, commenting on the growing hatred of Americans in China ("A Chinese Village Goes Red") whose war-weary peasants blame us for the continued civil war: He describes a parade of Chinese school children, shouting, "Americans, leave China," and "Down with American fascism." He quotes two Chinese peasants: "When we fought Japan, China had no air force. The only planes which ever bombed the Japanese were American. They must be bombing us because Chinese cannot fly such big planes." And another: "Why do you permit your fascists to determine policy?"

UMTimetable "In every town big enough to have an American Legion post, the campaign to put over Universal Military Training has started. The Legion, with high Army backing, got down to business on Armistice Day with the old jingoistic speeches. The next day, Legion headquarters in Washington issued a memo to members outlining an intensified program aimed at forcing quick congressional action when the regular session starts in January.

"This is the Legion's plan of action: 1. On December 1, the Legion's National Legionnaire will devote its entire issue to UMT. 2. During December, local Legion UMT committees are instructed to address meetings, circulate petitions, get letters and telegrams to congressmen and secure all possible favorable publicity. 3. In the two weeks after Christmas, these committees are to poll Congress and send reports to the Legion's lobby headquarters in Washington, where the lobbyists, led by General John T. Taylor, can correlate the results. 4. The Legion will ask the President and state Governors to proclaim January 6 to 12 as UMT Week, when, according to the Legion directive, 'mass meetings....parades, publicity stunts and all possible means will be used to bring support for UMT to a peak....'"

BREAD AND PEACE A Christmas card arrived this week with the suggestions that instead of swapping shirts and neckties among our cousins, we might honor the Prince of Peace more fully if we made our offerings to some of "the least of these," His brethren. Following is the testimony of a U.S. Army General, reported by a Baptist clergyman:

"As far as the people are maintaining life at all, it is due to the fact that they are securing food beyond their ration allotments. We (the member of an interfaith commission of clergy who toured Europe at the invitation of the U.S. War Department) discussed this with the U.S. army general who is in charge of the entire rationing program. To demonstrate the food problem he had a ration meal prepared for us and we ate it for our dinner one night. To eat such a meal once was an unpleasant experience. To live on it is to starve.

"We asked him whether it is possible without assistance for a person to live upon such rations. He assured us that nothing but starvation lay ahead for those who had to live on only the ration He said that any people who look as though they are getting along are getting extra-ration food. We asked him the source and he said that the main source was the relief supplies that were being sent to Germany, and that if by any chance the supplies now furnished through private agencies were to stop, there would be no hope whatever for the people."

This office represents two such agencies--THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE and CARE. We will gladly be your Christmas messenger. If you want to solve that last minute shopping problem by making a gift in the name of a friend, we will gladly send an appropriate red and white Christmas card of acknowledgment to any address you will designate.

GIVE THEM HOPE 16 mm. sound film, black and white, 30 min. An American Friends Service Committee film showing stark need for relief of a people in the throes of post war agony. Available Jan. 10-26; now being scheduled. Consult Ray Fuller for time.

LISTEN IN to the live discussions, "LEST WE FORGET - THE AMERICAN DREAM," by the Syracuse & Onondaga County Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination, each Wednesday at 10:00 P.M over WNDR. The program features well-known personalities of stage and screen.

BOOK END: SOVIET IMPACT ON THE WESTERN WORLD, E. H. Carr: The fate of the western world will turn on its ability to meet the Soviet challenge by a successful search for new forms of social and economic action in which what is valid in individualist and democratic tradition can be applied to the problems of mass civilization.

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