

WHY CARRY THE MATTRESS DOWNSTAIRS?

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

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1940 PEACE PLANKS FOR PARTY PLATFORMS 1940

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

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

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

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

NATIONAL ANTI-WAR MOBILIZATION

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

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

Action taken at this gathering urged:

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

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

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

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BRITONS

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

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

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

-- LLOYD GEORGE in the House of Commons