

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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

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

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

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

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

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AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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