

THREE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SAVE THE EVENING of Monday, November 16 (Second floor, YMCA, 7:45) to hear Harrop Freeman, Director of the Pacifist Research Bureau, Philadelphia, on **EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER**. Mr. Freeman is a lawyer and has made a special study of our constitutional history to discover what light it throws on problems of World Organization. Formerly chairman of one of the most successful local peace councils in this state (Niagara Falls), Mr. Freeman is ideally equipped to lead us in a most helpful and stimulating discussion. Come and bring your friends. No charge.
2. November 9-10: A conference on "THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TOMORROW"----- Monday evening at 8, First Baptist Church; Bishop Peabody. Tuesday evening at 8, First Methodist Church; Dr. H. S. Leiper, Foreign Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches. Sessions Tuesday include luncheon at 12:15 at Y.M.C.A. (for reservations call 3-3102). Get a detailed program Monday evening or call us for information, 2-5316. Program sponsored by Syracuse Council of Churches; we are cooperating, fully; you are invited, cordially.
3. Thank you -- Please!

Our grateful appreciation to the many friends who have renewed their memberships during the past month; our urgent request that others look up the post-paid envelope we sent last month and send it in now.

Look at the yellow label on this LETTER. If it has a check mark (X), this is your last NEWS-LETTER unless _____ a card, 25¢ - \$1.00!

INDIA IN REVOLUTION

"The major event of World War I was the Russian Revolution... The major event of World War II is the Indian Revolution." ----- Frances Gunther

"India will get freedom with or without the consent of Britain... The situation waits on your word as never before in human history ... I pray that you may not fail God or us." ---Stanley Jones to the President

BACKGROUND OF REVOLUTION Long ago in a time we wish we could forget England conquered India by force, and since then has held this vast nation of over 350 millions a subject people. For decades India has struggled to regain her independence; the All-India Congress has for many years led this struggle, and Gandhi with his non-violent civil disobedience campaigns has been its great champion. India was promised limited independence by England for full participation in World War I, but this promise was never lived up to; India was forced into World II by England in complete disregard of Indian wishes. After the collapse of English arms at Singapore, Hong Kong and Burma, Gandhi and the Congress leaders decided India could defend herself adequately against Japanese imperialism only as an independent nation freed of English imperialism; hence they called on England to withdraw as overlord of India last August. England's answer was to clap them all in jail, and the revolution by non-violent civil disobedience began.

NATURE OF REVOLUTION "The Indian Revolution is the first entirely above-ground revolution in history," writes John Gunther's wife in Sept. **COMMON SENSE**, "that has undeviatingly followed a policy of using wholly humanitarian means to achieve its ends - a revolution in which the means were held to be as important as the ends; a revolution without hate, without terrorism, without a spy system, without treachery, without assassination;.... a revolution in which the end is to be a mutual renunciation of dominating power and a mutual assumption of cooperating goodwill."

FOREGROUND OF REVOLUTION Through the heavy pall of English censorship come these meager details: 658 Indian nationalists killed, more hundreds wounded up to Sept. 30; 50,000 workers in the Tate steel mills, largest in the British Empire, refused to work for two weeks; men and women felt the sting of English whips on their bare backs; as the revolution is suppressed, opposition to England mounts throughout India; an announcement in Parliament that Indians demonstrating for freedom had been machine-gunned from the air was greeted by cheers; Churchill declares "on the whole" the situation is "reassuring". Here in America our own censors refuse to allow dispatches to reach England from the United States if they contain criticism of English treatment of India.

PROS AND CONS India should wait till after the war for her freedom, says England, "India has waited long for freedom," says Pearl Buck, "ever since the end of the first world war... That is a generation of Indian life.... India ought to be free now!!"

India, says England, is too divided between Moslem and Hindu to be able to govern herself if she was given her freedom.

Yet H. L. Matthews, Indian correspondent of the N.Y. Times, recently cabled: "There is a striking crystallization of opinion. It is hard to escape the conclusion that this is a case of 'uniting against a common enemy.'" The English policy of suppression seems to be drawing Moslem and Hindu closer together than ever before.

OFFICIAL ATTITUDE "We are doing everything possible to hamstring, to frustrate, to spike, to cripple, to undermine, and ultimately to destroy the Indian Revolution," writes Frances Gunther.

AND WHAT WILL RESULT? "Ultimately, only justice, not force, can settle the Indian question. If justice is not given to India now, the world will refuse to believe that justice will be given to the world in our peace conference."
--- Lin Yutang, internationally known author.

For further reading on the Indian Revolution write us for these pamphlets:
FREEDOM FOR INDIA - NOW: Lin Yutang and others 10¢
FREEDOM FOR ALL: Peal Buck 10¢

SALUTE! to the Mt. Vernon Peace Council beginning its seventh successful year this month. Congratulations and good wishes.

FELLOWSHIP OF YOUTH FOR PEACE The Methodist Youth Fellowship in its first annual convocation at Oxford, Ohio, deplored any action by the Methodist Church contrary to the statement on the function of that church in wartime adopted by the Methodist General Conference in 1940. That statement, it may be remembered, held the church would not endorse, support or participate in the conduct of war and that its agencies and buildings should not be used in the promotion of war.

THE DEAD AT DIEPPE Canadian forces in the raid on Dieppe lost 3,350 out of 5,000 men in six hours.

PIPELINERS MOB WITNESSES Reports of rioting against Jehovah's Witnesses mounted during October. Attacks took place at Springfield, Ill., and Klamath Falls, Ore. In Little Rock, Arkansas, more than 100 workers on a War Emergency Pipeline stormed Witnesses gathering for a convention; armed with guns, sticks, blackjacks and pipes, according to the Arkansas Gazette, the government workers shot two men and beat five others so severely they had to be taken to a hospital. Civil liberties took a beating along with the Witnesses.

PROBLEMS IN ARITHMETIC The U.S. Army informs us that 15 persons on the home front to support 1 man in the armed forces is a conservative ratio. Recent plans for a 13-million-man army would therefore call for a 175-million-person home front. And we only have a population of 132 millions, kids and cronies counted. Gen. Littlejohn, in charge of supplying our troops in the British Isles, tells us it takes 10½ tons of shipping to move 1 soldier to England and 1½ tons a month to maintain him there. How many of those 13 million soldiers can be moved to Australia, India, Egypt and Persia and maintained there, if at the time of Pearl Harbor the American merchant fleet had little more than 8 million tons all told? Ask your Congressman!

MORALE ABOVE MORALS Morale is more important than morals to the soldier, declares Brig. Gen. Henry J. Reilly, according to the Kansas City Times. "The army is supposed to fight," he said. "Some people want to keep the young soldier from women and liquor. That's what he needs." No doubt about it, they help make a killer out of a man.

WHY WONDER WE'RE WHERE WE ARE ??? "Our civilization has been a 'business' civilization. Its basis has been ruthless competition for power, prestige and success," comments that brilliant columnist Dorothy Thompson. "Our civilization has been in a constant state of war, of one corruption against another, one product against another, one labor group against another, and all corporations and workers against each other."