

In the month of "peace on earth, good will to men" it is appropriate that we ask ourselves how we propose to translate this supreme objective of our faith into specific terms. There have been various proposals. This number of our monthly NEWS-LETTER, dedicated to the clergy of Onondaga County, calls attention to some of them:

DELAWARE CONFERENCE Hornell Hart has summarized the Message of the Delaware Conference as follows -

"As Christians we seek:

1. A just and durable peace, founded on world-wide brotherhood.
2. No hatred or revenge.
3. Full American cooperation to feed, heal and rebuild the shattered world.
4. Prevention of aggressive wars by a strong, just and democratic world commonwealth of all nations.
5. Full membership by America in this world government.
6. Mutual abandonment of aggressive armaments by all nations.
7. Elimination of trade barriers.
8. Other measures to raise standards of living in all nations.
9. International protection of the rights of colonies and of hitherto subject peoples.
10. Safeguarding the rights and liberties of Jews, Negroes and other minorities."

In the United States there are over 52,000,000 church members 13 years of age and over. If these millions clearly understand and powerfully support the principles required for a just and enduring peace, the history of civilization will take a sharp turn upward, toward the ideals of the Kingdom for which we so long have prayed. But if the statements adopted at Delaware are allowed to gather dust, while members of the church forget the mind of Christ and conform to the hatreds and the greeds of the world, our hope will die while the facade of "Christendom" goes crashing down in the ruin of civilization; there is grave danger that just this is about to take place.

MR. VICE-PRESIDENT SPEAKING In a notable address on May 8, 1942, Vice-President Wallace of the United States declared:

"Some have spoken of the 'American Century'. I say that the century on which we are entering - the century which will come of this war - can be and must be the century of the common man. Perhaps it will be America's opportunity to suggest the freedoms and duties by which the common man must live. Everywhere the common man must learn to build his own industries with his own hands in a practical fashion. Everywhere the common man must learn to increase his productivity so that he and his children can eventually pay to the world community all that they have received. No nation will have the God-given right to exploit other nations. Older nations will have the privilege to help younger nations get started on the path to industrialization, but there must be neither military nor economic imperialism. The methods of the nineteenth century will not work in the people's century which is now about to begin."

"VICTORY FOR HUMANITY" More recently President Albert W. Palmer of Chicago Theological Seminary has made a statesman-like proposal that is attracting the serious attention of churchmen across the country. We are happy to enclose for our readers a complete reprint of this proposal: Victory - for Humanity.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS A message from the Representative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity closes with this paragraph:

"'And when he beheld the city he wept over it.' Christ, looking out upon the world, was moved by deep compassion for men, in their blindness, their errors, their sufferings. He called them to a true way of life, to the building of a new city of God on the foundation of brotherhood, reverence for every human being, love. He called them to belief in the possibility of doing this, to faith that God's love is at the center of the universe and makes it possible, to belief in their own capacities to achieve it by love's creative power. Through the darkness and agony of the present great war His spirit summons us to this faith and this effort - here -- now." *

THIS IS OUR MESSAGE TO THE CLERGY OF SYRACUSE AND ONONDAGA COUNTY. WITH IT GO THE CORDIAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL.

* LOOKING TOWARD the POST-WAR WORLD: Statement of the Friends Conference on Peace and Reconstruction, August 31, 1942 Postpaid.....10¢

WHAT CHANCE FOR THESE PROPOSALS? ? These are vistas of surpassing loveliness. Will the post-war world walk in them? These are splendid dreams; can they be more than dreams? This is a serious question today. Woodrow Wilson went to Versailles full of splendid dreams for a new and warless world; his idealism lost to the power-politicians of that day. When we think of helping subject peoples, of providing equal access to raw materials, we are pulled up short by Winston Churchill's remark in his speech of Nov. 10: "Let me, however, make this clear, in case there should be any mistake about it in any quarter; we mean to hold our own. I have not become the King's first minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire."

Only a public opinion informed and inspired to support a Victory -- for Humanity can save us from a new and more terrible Imperialism.

 * DECEMBER MEETING - DR. HARIDAS MUZUMDAR - - "CONDITIONS OF A LASTING PEACE" *
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 * We are glad to invite all our friends to share the One-Day Conference with Haridas Muzumdar described on the enclosed announcement. No admission charge. *
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RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTEETH A CITY! One of our Rochester friends sent us a 25¢ book of stamps in payment for a News-Letter subscription-- but the name got lost! Sorry. And we don't want to disappoint a subscriber. Help, please! Send the name - but, please, don't all Rochester readers claim the same quarter!

BOOKS OF THE MONTH We recommend to our readers this month:
 (1) Modern Democracy by the distinguished historian, Prof. Carl Becker of Cornell University. Our reviewer says,
 "It is a book that should be read by all who are interested in today's problems and want to know a little more of them than propaganda tells them." Dr. Becker's thesis is, "The central problem is how in practice to restrict the liberty of the individual in the economic realm so as to effect an equality of possessions and opportunity without which democracy is an empty form, and at the same time to preserve individual liberty in political and intellectual life without which it can not exist."
 (2) The old world is dead; the future lies with those who can most successfully turn their backs on that world and face a new one with understanding, courage and imagination. Conditions Of Peace by Edward H. Carr is a call for such leadership.
 (3) Muzumdar's United Nations Of The World has just returned from an out-of-town visit.
 We will be glad to loan any of these books on request.

The League of Women Voters Presents

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Topic: The Part that Russia, China and Japan Will Play in the Post War Period
 Wednesday, December 9, 1942, 8 o'clock Onondaga Hotel
 Guests Invited
 No Admission Charge

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