

"In the years 1653, when all things sacred were throughout ye nation either demoleisht or profened Sir Robert Shirley Barronet, founded this church; whose singular praise it is to have done the best things in ye worse times and hoped them in the most calamitous."

---Dedicatory inscription on a tablet in the chapel of Staunton Harold in Leicestershire.

**ECHOES OF OUR
BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Oswald Garrison Villard, journalist and noted civilian authority on military affairs, spoke to 175 members and friends at the Syracuse Peace Council Seventh Annual Birthday Party on January 12th. According to Villard, the war effort of the Allies is going to be 200% to 300% greater than it was a year ago. The Axis Powers cannot win this war. Starvation and its attendant evils is likely to be the victor. For the first time the United States has used the distribution of food as a weapon. Step in line or starve!

Our only hope for a lasting peace depends upon the spirit with which we face our vanquished enemies. If we seek revenge at the peace table we will only guarantee another war worse than this one. A real peace must make the Atlantic Charter apply to all parts of the world. It should provide for an international police force, total disarmament and a world court.

The flower of the world's youth is headed for death and the least we can do is to think through the problems of peace so that this ghastly sacrifice will not have to be repeated.

**DANGER !
EXPLOSIVES --
DYNAMITE HERE !**

The Senate Military Affairs Committee, "declaring Japanese internees are being pampered, today took steps to return control of concentration centers to the Army." (INS dispatch, Jan. 15, 1943) **NOTHING WOULD BE MORE CALAMITOUS THAN THIS STEP !** Returning these camps to Army control would end hopes of most relocation projects and would add a final blow to the democratic ideals of the Nisei. The usual untruths are being circulated in support of this move: "too much pampering," (Sen. Wallgren); "the Japs are even being given fine bathrooms," (Sen. Reynolds); "the Japs are getting everything and our people aren't getting anything." (Reynolds). We have a habit of doing "too little too late" in such matters. Immediate action is necessary to stall this action. Address letters to Hon. Robert Reynolds, Chairman, Senate Military Affairs Committee, and to your own Senators opposing this proposed transfer. Get others to do the same. Ask us for free pamphlet, "American Refugees."

LONDON SPEAKING

In a personal letter to one of our readers from the secretaries of the WRL in London dated December 1942 is this message which a reader is happy to share: "We trust that the year to come will bring to the world the peace and happier days we so much long for. When that time comes we shall have big opportunities, which we trust we shall be ready to take."

**FROM THE
BATTLE FRONT**

In a recent letter to the editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, a young Coast Guardsman urged upon civilians the task -- from which the armed forces are debarred -- of thinking carefully about reconstruction and planning now for a decent post-war world. We quote him directly: "I don't care about the lifts, about the drinks. Not much certainly. What I do care about is that these civilians try to plan a world which discourages war, that they rid themselves of prejudices of an anti-social character. It's little comfort to fight for a drink, a lift, a glad hand. What I want is that the future is free of war."

**ON THE
HOME FRONT**

In answer to this challenge, the **THIRD ANNUAL MID-WINTER INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** comes to the Onondaga Hotel to study Race, Religion, and Nationalism -- Basic Problems of World Peace February 5, 6, 7, 1943. Peace Council members and friends are encouraged to attend-- a program is enclosed.

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REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING, SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL

By special arrangement with Dr. E. A. Schaal of the American Friends Service Committee, members and NEWS-LETTER subscribers will be admitted to the **FRIDAY EVENING SESSION** for 25¢ and **THIS COUPON**.

February 5, 1943 8 P.M. Onondaga Hotel Admission: 25¢ & **THIS COUPON**

FREEZE THE ARMY

On January 21, Senator Bankhead made a significant speech which has received too little attention. Reviewing the man-power situation, he quoted the President in calling attention to the fact that in raising the army from two to seven million men, five million of our younger workers were withdrawn from productive activity in farm and factory within one year. Senator Bankhead emphasized the farm problem. "What about food?" he asked and pointed to serious shortages ahead for 1943 in view of the enormously increased demands of our armies and our allies.

He then pointed out that at the present rate of increase we shall have 12 million men in arms at the end of this year and goes on to remind us that it takes from 10-17 civilians to support each man in military service. He argues, "it will be dangerous to withdraw from war production many more men" if we are to meet our obligation to supply our own men and continue to be the "arsenal of democracy" and concludes, "It seems to me that Congress, in view of the specific authorization in the Constitution to raise and support armies, should now reappraise our entire man-power program with special reference to fixing the maximum number to be inducted into the army and the number to be left on the farm."

Sen. Bankhead then offered a resolution in support of his proposal. He was immediately seconded by Senator Aiken and Senator Wheeler who expressed the opinion that to take, as it proposed, 400,000 men every month "would wreck the economy of the U. S. and break down the morale of the country." Senators Thomas and McNary then voiced their approval.

It seems to us that for the strategic reasons pointed out, alone, to put a "ceiling" on the army would be wholly desirable and would have large added benefits besides. Ask your Congressman for a copy of Senator Bankhead's speech. Read it and express your opinion on it promptly. Government of the people, by the people.



We strongly recommend that our readers tune in on the Nationwide Radio Program: "Here is Tomorrow" prescribed by the Cooperative League as "a plan for tomorrow that works today. WYSR, 570 ky. 3:00 - 3:15 P.M. Sundays beginning February 13th.

IT CAN BE DONE !

An inside report of the War Shipping Administration revealed nothing but racial good-will aboard the SS Booker T. Washington where trouble had been expected because of the mixture of races under colored Capt. Hugh Mulzac. The ship which sailed from San Pedro, California was composed of a checkerboard crew: in addition to Capt. Mulzac, the second and third officers, the chief engineer and two assistants were colored. Other officers were whites and the crew was a mixture of white and colored.

Upon arrival in New York, inspectors found the vessel ship-shape and when they questioned the crew, only four men wanted to quit the ship, as against normal defections of half the crew. Good-will was attributed to the fact that the officers had instructed the men in navigation in preparation for examinations and promotions. Morale was so high at the end of the voyage that the men invested extra pay in war bonds, donated a pint of blood each for blood banks, and chipped in to buy the captain a gold watch.

VICTORY ?

The High School Victory Corps is being pushed by the U.S. Office of Education with the following objectives: guidance into critical service and occupations connected with the war effort; wartime citizenship, physical fitness with a view to preparation for military service; military drill, in uniforms where possible, for prospective members of the armed forces; competence in science and mathematics basic to the war effort; pre-flight training in aeronautics; pre-induction training for critical occupations; and preparation for community service in civilian life.

One of the first steps the Nazis took after they came into power in 1933 was to gear the schools into their military plan and to glorify the military virtues.

BOOK END

COERCION OF STATES: IN FEDERAL UNIONS, a new pamphlet of the Pacifist Research Bureau. A scholarly and exhaustive work concerning the "consideration of federal unions which have developed through the union of states which had previous separate existence, but which have joined with other states to form larger units of government without entirely abandoning their own individual identities." Price 25¢. Available for sale or loan at our office.

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