

"Winning the war will be futile unless throughout the period of its winning we keep our people prepared for the making of a lasting and worthy peace."  
— Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Is there any reason to believe that plans for a "just and durable peace" rest on any more substantial foundation than wishful thinking?

Is pre-occupation with plans for a post war world a means of escape from the necessity of facing the critical issues of the immediate present?

How shall we meet the challenge of those serious and honest students of contemporary history who say, "This is not the last world war, but only the second in a series that will outlast the century"?

Have we committed ourselves to patterns of behavior in education, race, religion, and empire that must inevitably defeat any post war plans that we may make?

Is our own attitude toward race in America fatally undermining our whole position of leadership and influence in the international world?

Can we achieve political and economic world organization that will preserve essential freedoms, cultural values and at the same time provide "equality of opportunity" in all areas of life without respect to race, creed, color or nationality?

Must we enforce the peace contract? If so, how?

Does Quaker Peace Testimony offer a dynamic force for the cleansing and recreating of society? a creative peace as a way of life?

IN THE LIGHT OF THESE VITAL QUERIES, OF CONCERN TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL, PLEASE EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE FACULTY AND COURSES ANNOUNCED ON THE ENCLOSED FOLDER, AND ASK YOURSELF IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN BUILDING TOMORROW'S WORLD TODAY. BELIEVING THIS TO BE A MATTER OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE I EARNESTLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AND TO ASSIST US IN PROMOTING THE ATTENDANCE OF OTHERS.

If you have received another of these folders, please pass this one on to an interested friend.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL** Regardless of the war, the Bank for International Settlement at Basle, Switzerland, continues to function as headquarters of the financial imperialists internationale. Representatives of all the world's big banking cliques hobnob and confer daily while their respective nationals bomb and bayonet each other. The president is an American, the general manager is a Frenchman, his assistant is a German, the secretary general an Italian and the manager a Belgian.  
--The Pittsburgh Courier, May 29, 1943.

**FOR THE RECORD** Associate Justice Douglas wrote the majority opinion in a recent Supreme Court verdict that may become a landmark in the history of religious liberty:

"A state may not impose a charge for the enjoyment of a right granted by the federal Constitution.... This tax is not a charge for the enjoyment of a privilege or benefit bestowed by the state. The privilege in question exists apart from state authority. It is guaranteed the people by the federal Constitution. Plainly a community cannot suppress, or the state tax, the dissemination of views because they are unpopular, annoying or distasteful. If that device were ever sanctioned, there would have been forged a ready instrument for the suppression of the faith which any minority cherishes but which does not happen to be in favor. That would be a complete repudiation of the philosophy of the Bill of Rights."

**MEN IN MISSISSIPPI** Ample evidence of the need of such pronouncements as that of Justice Douglas is the following episode:

In Vicksburg, on March 18th, two organizers for the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) were kidnapped and beaten. City police, lumber officials and county officers cooperated. The two men, one of whom was white and one Negro, were trying to organize the 1200 workers in a local lumber company, 90 per cent of whom are Negroes; the NLRB had ordered an election for April 8th to determine whether or not the IWA represented a majority of the workers.

Frank Davis, the Negro, was pointed out on the street to city policemen by the mill superintendent, was arrested and taken to the police station, and held without charges for twenty-four hours without food. Then the police chief pushed Davis out the back door into the hands of three armed men. Handcuffed, Davis was driven on the floor of a car to the country, tied to a tree and beaten with a weighted rubber hose. This was repeated at another spot, after Davis was questioned about his organizing activities. Then Davis was told to run; three shots were fired, to

frighten him. He went to a woods, tried to rest, succeeded only in lying on his stomach. At daybreak he succeeded in returning to Vicksburg, where he received medical treatment thru funds given him by sympathizers. He is a native of Vicksburg.

Equal treatment was accorded Claud Welch, the white organizer. On a ruse he was seized by the chief guard of the lumber company, and taken in a car driven by the deputy sheriff of the county. Two other mill employees were in the car. On the way to this flogging scene, Welch was told, "We have already taken care of that nigger." The men berated the CIO, the chief guard saying, "If it wasn't for people like the CIO, we could still have slavery and get along without working."

The Justice Department's Civil Liberties Unit has ordered a Federal investigation.

**NAKED AND  
YE CLOTHED**

Our many friends who contribute clothing for relief of war victims over-seas through this office will be interested in the following note from the minutes of a recent AFSC meeting:

"Eleanor Stabler Clarke reported that the 38 tons of clothing sent to France have been distributed, under the supervision of the international Red Cross and the Secours Quaker, among six camps and nineteen children's colonies, 3146 individuals benefitting. Six tons of clothing are on the way to Switzerland where the need is most urgent. Permission has been obtained from the Board of Economic Warfare to send 10 tons of clothing to Switzerland and 10 tons to Spain, but this must await clearance from London. The Service Committee is making available to our Government 25 tons of clothing for distribution in North Africa."

**WARNING!**

The promise of a new world may be an indispensable condition of starting a modern war, but once the war has really got going it will run itself; the new world can then be dropped or even repudiated.

Already, in Britain, belief in a new world is as dead as mutton. The Atlantic Charter is as sounding brass in the speeches of despairing politicians, who more and more assume the character of marionettes on the stage of public life.

A new Europe or a new world, in definite outline, composed of living substance and full of the breath of democracy, would be the most powerful weapon either side could use. That the United Nations do not use it is the final proof that no such weapon is in their possession. It is now revealed that the Government wants nothing more than the world of 1939, spruced up but structurally unchanged.

--WILFRED WELLOCK, in Peace News (London), December, 1942.

**REPORT**

Copies of the Annual Report of the Syracuse Peace Council will be mailed to all contributors and members of the Peace Council. Copies on request to others.

**INTER-RACIAL  
SONG**

We are happy to announce that the Inter-racial Group is planning an inter-cultural fellowship through music. The first of a series of choruses was held in the Y.M.C.A. parlor under the leadership of Mr. Clough and Mrs. Bush on June first. Only requirement is a love to sing and a desire to share the musical culture of others. Call Mrs. DeGraw 9-4284.