

TIME TO RETIRE? NO! TIME TO RENEW!



YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL!

You must have been proud of that Annual Report of the doings of your Peace Council sent you last June. We hope that a re-reading will stir your enthusiasm as it does ours. For after a busier-than-ever summer we are all ready to launch out on a new fall and winter program. Can we maintain the high level set by last year's performance? Yes, if we all go along together.

Here are a few sign-posts:

1. The Summer Peace Caravan visited about 30 communities, talked with scores of interested people, distributed quantities of literature, and in other ways stimulated interest and strengthened our program.
2. The Executive Committee met in July and offered the full cooperation of our office to the Peace Strategy Board, a national committee formed to coordinate peace efforts of various organizations in the interest of less duplication and greater effectiveness.
3. Plans were made for a series of monthly Forum-Suppers for members of the Council. Discussion programs will be arranged under the chairmanship of Dr. Horace A. Eaton.
4. Our first public meeting of the season will be a one-day conference under the leadership of Bernard C. Clausen, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. Save the Date: November 12.
5. We shall have the advantage of representation on the newly formed Friends Committee on National Legislation. This Committee will maintain a Washington office with Raymond Wilson in charge.
6. The War Relocation Authority and the American Friends Service Committee are depending on us for help in the relocation of Japanese-American citizens. Already 22 have been successfully placed through this office. This is an important contribution to democracy and freedom.

Do you want to be a part of this forward-looking, onward-going program of building for a brave new world? We believe you do. We have enclosed an addressed envelope for your convenience. Tear off and use the form at bottom of the page.

AND YET We are hearing very little these days of any idealistic talk about a brave new world. The important talk is about alliances, and the real conflict in America tends to become one concerning the type and degree of imperialism. Shall we go it more or less alone, as the Chicago Tribune wants; or with Great Britain as Churchill and Tom Dewey want; or with the addition of Stalin's Russia as Walter Lippman proposes? To be sure, most advocates of peace by some sort of police force alliance vaguely refer to some more inclusive scheme on which they are exceedingly indefinite. The most amazing performance is Clarence Buddington Kelland's five rather contradictory "zones of safety," the kernel of which would seem to be "the Pacific Ocean as an American lake" and Dakar and Casa Blanca in our permanent possession. Obviously, if we must take Dakar to protect ourselves, we must take Africa to protect Dakar, and so on to the inevitable doom of empires. But Henry Luce's Time gave a full-page display to this imperialism.

It is against this whole conception that real lovers of peace must fight. We want a peace of peoples, without vengeance or imperialism, but with cooperation. If Mr. Churchill should propose his alliance on terms of sound pledges, not of our underwriting the British Empire, but of freedom for Burma, and Malaya, and India, and all other parts not bound together by a common loyalty, then it might be worth considering. As it stands, his is an invitation to imperialism, militarism and recurring wars.

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UNCONDITIONAL
SURRENDER

On Wednesday, September 8, 1943 the government of Italy surrendered unconditionally to the United Nations, because the Italian people wanted and demanded peace. But are they getting peace?

Of course not. By "unconditional surrender" we do not mean peace for the Italians. We mean war. We mean to let them out of their alliance with Germany only if they enter into an alliance with us. We mean to attack Germany from Italy, which means bloodier war than ever for Italy. It is good military strategy, like the deal with Darlan. But the Italians want peace.

SHELL GAME

War Frauds in the United States are "much bigger than they were in 1917 and 1918," Attorney General Francis Biddle disclosed recently.

Recognizing the leniency shown by federal judges toward corporate offenders, Biddle said the Department of Justice is now "seeking heavier penalties" and giving priority to the prosecution of such cases. Typical of the curious brand of justice being dispensed were two recent Baltimore cases. Federal Judge W. Calvin Chestnut released Gustave H. Kahn, former president of the Triumph Explosives Company with a \$5,000 fine after a jury found him guilty of participating in a \$1,400,000 fraud. No jail sentence was imposed. Several weeks before the same judge sent two young workers to prison for 22 months because they had done poor welding and riveting in their eagerness to increase their earnings.

OUR WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT
WRITES:--

The move for the drafting of women between 21 and 30 for the WAC, WAVES, SPARS, and other uniformed groups seems to be gaining strength. It may well be among the first bills to be introduced when Congress convenes on September 14.

Congressman Andrew J. May of Kentucky, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, has announced that he will push for peace time conscription as soon as Congress reconvenes. He says that it will be wise to pass such a bill now because "after the war there will be so many pacifists that it will be hard to get through Congress." He proposes a bill drafting all men between 17 and 21 for one year of training. The Gurney-Wadsworth Bill, now in Congress, provides for post-war conscription.

FREEDOM FOR ALL ?

The Los Angeles Times reports that a group of San Diego men have recently filed for incorporation of an organization to be known as "No Japs, Inc."... The major purpose will be to make it impossible for Japanese ever to return to the West Coast! Another organization with similar aims is already in existence. (Who says the doctrine of race superiority is confined to Germany?)

RED CROSS AND
JIM CROW

After a thorough investigation, the Chicago Committee of Racial Equality has published a documentary history of the American Red Cross and its Jim Crow policy of segregating and processing separately Negro blood. States the Journal of the American Medical Association, July 4, 1942, "There is no evidence that the blood of Negroes differs in any significant respect from that of white persons.... The segregation of the blood of white persons from the blood of Negroes in the blood bank is therefore not only unscientific but is a grievous affront to the largest minority in our country..."

A PROGRAM
OF ACTION

More than ever, the right sort of political peace offensive is necessary. The Pope's eloquent plea for the peoples of Europe rings in our ears. We should keep up pressure on Congress for favorable action on the Gillette-Taft Resolution, for the feeding of Europe's children, and for immediate aid to refugees. (Extra food can be got largely from Argentina at the expense of governments in exile.) We should insist that Congress repeal unilateral Asiatic Exclusion, not just for the Chinese, but for Filipinos and Indians, and others of our friends within the new prohibited belt. The quota system is ample protection against mass migration. We must fight total conscription and the indefinite increase of military forces, which more clearly than ever, are wanted, not so much with reference to the military situation, as to the game of power politics, vis a vis our present Allies, Great Britain and the Soviet Union. Organize to educate the public, Congress and the Administration on these issues.