

Nov. 11, 1943-- Special to PNL Readers: Twenty-five years ago today the President of the United States, then Woodrow Wilson, spoke these words:  
"My Fellow Countrymen: The Armistice was signed this morning.  
Everything for which America fought has been accomplished."

What tragic irony in these words as we read them today! The history of the quarter century might well be titled: Hope with Humiliation. If you would have more of hope and less of humiliation in the life of the next generation, we invite your attention to the enclosed "Open Letter to the Prime Minister."-- N.J.W.

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE Two programs of significance marked the anniversary of armistice in Syracuse:

An All-Women's Peace Congress, sponsored by the Inter-Church Committee was part of a nation-wide consideration of "The Price of Enduring Peace." Over 500 women met in 15 small groups for discussion. By votes of 40 to 1 they recorded themselves as willing to share personally and wanting America to take responsibility for world cooperation for peace.

The One Day Conference sponsored by the Syracuse Peace Council was one of ten held in Central New York during the month under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. Dr. Bernard C. Clausen of Pittsburgh led the discussion at a Ministers' Peace Covenant luncheon at noon. The afternoon and evening sessions in Plymouth Church, Portraits of Peace Makers, were well attended. Afternoon Seminar 200; Dinner Conference 250; Evening Forum 700. The Syracuse a capella choir added greatly to the program with two groups of songs.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES I. Following excerpts are from letters of American children of Japanese ancestry:

"I didn't want to go but I had to. I had two dogs named Mike and Miltie. They were Scotties. I didn't want to leave them, but everything else that I liked besides my parents was left behind..... I kept my eyes open to look at the city where I had always lived and which I might never see again. Living with Japanese around is strange to me..... I do not want to go to Japan for all the money in the world because I like the United States....."

"When we first moved to the assembly center we lived in stables. Do you know what stables are? They are places where horses and cows live."

"The pet I liked best was our dog. We gave her to a man but she cut the rope and came home. When we finally left she cried like anything. We did too!"

II. Exit, Jim Crow.

Nine little boys were playing touch football in a vacant lot. They needed one more. They hailed Jimmie and asked him to play. He was a swell guy and a "tops" player; he never got in an argument; he played fair. The boys made him captain of their team. Then one afternoon Billy Moran was "flush." He had fifty cents.

"Come on down to the drug store, fellas, and I'll treat." Elbows on the counter they ordered ten chocolate ice cream cones. The soda jerker took a look at Jimmy.

"I can't serve him," he said, pointing to Jimmy accusingly.

"Why not," asked Billy.

"He's a nigger!"

Nine pair of eyes looked at one another and at Jimmy. That was the first time they had thought of that. Sure enough, Jimmy was a Negro.

"But that doesn't make any difference," piped up Jack. "He's an American."

"Don't care. He's a nigger and I can't serve him," retorted the soda jerker.

Jimmy interrupted what seemed to be an argument. "That's okay fellas. I kinda thought he wouldn't. I'll wait outside for you." He walked to the door.

Nine white American boys filed out right behind him, leaving a nonplussed soda jerker filling ice cream cones.

P.S. A minority of U.S. Senators has vowed to kill legislation designed to give the ballot to 10,000,000 disenfranchised Negroes and poor whites in the poll-tax states of the South.

FOR SALE So many of our friends want an inexpensive and appropriate Christmas greeting card that we are repeating last year's plan. We have the following message available in two styles: on a stamped postal card or in an envelope without stamp. Either way, 2 for 5¢. Order now, please. They are already selling.

*"If Christ was born in Bethlehem  
But not in me and you,  
His only end was Calvary,  
And never can the angels' plea  
Of Peace-on-Earth come true."*

**WHILE THOUSANDS CHEER !** At the end of October the Associated Press reported that Calcutta's crematories are working 24 hours a day burning the bodies of Indians who have starved.

**INDIA** is now in the grip of a **MAN-MADE FAMINE**. How Much Have You Read About It? When Axis-dominated Greece began to starve, our press was filled with the news. Now that British-dominated India has begun to starve, our press has been all but silent.

**THIS IS -**

Devastating "Some estimates of the weekly deaths from starvation in the one province of Bengal run as high as 10,000."-- N.Y. Times, Oct. 24, 1943.

Widespread "It is impossible to go from one place to another in famine-stricken Calcutta and Bengal without steeling oneself to the indescribable sight of men, women and children lying where they fall from starvation, either dead or too weak to utter a sound."--From British Official News Agency, Oct. 10, 1943.

Mounting "Great numbers of devitalized Indians will die of hunger during the next few months without having heard that freedom from want is one of the four major goals of the Allied cause."--A.T. Steele to the Chicago Daily News, Sept. 23, 1943.

Man-Made "The State of affairs would be bad enough if mounting deaths from starvation could be attributed to an 'Act of God' it is said. But this time the crisis is clearly man-made, and it is no exaggeration to say that the British hold themselves responsible."- David Anderson for the N.Y. Times, from London, Oct. 7, 1943.

Here's What You Can Do:-

1. Read Harold Fey's article in the Christian Century, November 3.
2. Ask your local newspaper to print news of the India famine in order that the public may know.
3. Write a letter to your paper using these newspaper quotations.
4. Write to the State Department in Washington urging lend-lease aid.
5. Write to Lord Halifax at the British Embassy and ask questions.

**THE BOOK END** A number of highly significant new books demand the attention of American citizens who feel a sense of responsibility for social well being and world affairs. Here are five of them:

The Russian Enigma by William Henry Chamberlain has recently been added to our growing Library. The author, of many years residence in the USSR, observes that Stalin isn't a nice, kindly old chap, doubts that the Communist International will survive in the form and with the force of the past 20 years, and thinks that USSR will not declare war on Japan, even after possible military victory in Europe.

New World A-Coming by Roi Ottley is the most useful and important book on the Negro in many a day. A "must" book for all who realize that race is the most explosive social problem of our times.

Between Tears and Laughter by Lin Yutang "no citizen of the western world can ignore this wisdom and this warning except at his own peril" says one reader. Every one of the 23 short paragraphs will give you at least one memorable sentence. If you can read, read this. The issue is imperialism vs. freedom.

Overcoming Anti-Semitism by S. A. Fineberg. A man walked into our office last week and asked what he could say in reply to the alarming expressions of anti-semitism he heard constantly. Here is the best answer in recent book form.

Men and Coal by McAllister Coleman. Harold Fey says of this book "It is required reading for every socially literate American." Presents the miner, not as a labor statistic nor as a "worker" but as a human being. Such understanding is desperately needed among us today.

Borrow from our free Loan Library. A penny card or telephone call will bring the book to your door.