

**OUR PEACE TERMS** "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan--to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

**CO-OP.** Last month we quoted Vice-President Wallace on the importance of Cooperatives as a way to peace. This month we are glad to include a message from a local Co-op. member: "In the American Friends Service Committee's pamphlet 1944 Volunteer Service Projects appears the following thought-provoking quotation: "...it may be that he who bestows the greatest amount of time and money on the needy is doing the most by his mode of life to produce that misery which he strives in vain to relieve." Possibly the statement is too strong. Perhaps the individual in question merely does less than he might to bring about, for example, the equitable economy which he knows must be achieved before war and need can be eradicated. In any case is it not a matter for concern and wonder that many economically literate peace makers who, commendably enough, belong to the Coop in Syracuse fail to support the project by buying there? Merely to belong is not enough in 1944 if you want to see the Cooperative ideal survive." (Ed's. N.B. The attractive and convenient store of the Onondaga Consumers Cooperative is at 124 Dell Street, near Westcott.)

**WORKSHOP.** Our Statement of Policy for this year recognizes race relations, both in the domestic and in the international scene, as basic problems of world peace. The Council pledged itself "to sponsor and promote those efforts and programs that seem calculated to create better understanding in our community."

We are concerned that our community meet its full responsibilities in combating racial and religious intolerance and prejudice and in establishing real political, social and economic equality. We, therefore, welcome the active cooperation of the Committee of Racial Equality, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Federation of Inter-racial Groups in sponsoring a **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON MINORITY PROBLEMS** to be held at the Y.W.C.A., April 21-22, 1944.

This program is designed to emphasize the careful and constructive study of concrete situations under competent leadership.

#### P R O G R A M

##### Friday, April 21

6:30 Registration  
7:00 Music  
7:30 Addresses:

What are the Problems?-- Gladys D. Walser for 25 years missionary to Japan, educator and lecturer on public affairs.  
What are the Solutions?-- James Farmer, Jr., Race Relations Secretary, National Fellowship of Reconciliation.

9:30 Fun and Frolic

##### Saturday, April 22

10:00-12:00 **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNITY ACTION**  
In this session actual case histories will be presented for analysis and methods of dealing with practical situations will be discussed in terms of group experience. Participating: Aaron Rose, Jewish Community Center; Neil Chiamori, Graduate Student; Marjorie Banks, Committee of Racial Equality.  
Direction: Leslie E. Simon and James Farmer Jr.

12:30 **LUNCHEON: "The Right to be Educated"** -- the Rev. Gene E. Bartlett, minister of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, Mo.

3:00-5:00 **FIELD TRIPS** for laboratory observation and experiment in specific and carefully planned areas. Those not wishing to participate in field work, will continue the discussion of techniques.  
Direction: Marjorie J. Banks and James Farmer, Jr.

7:00 Inter-Racial Singers.

8:00 Reports of Field Trips and Summary of Round Table Findings.  
Speaker to be announced.  
Theodore E. Brown, Chairman.

A tuition fee of 50 cents is made for all those who care to share in the expense of the workshops. Price of the luncheon is 60¢. Reservations must be made by Friday morning, April 21. Call Miss Gray, 2-5316.

CHARTER, CHARTER Inadequate as it was, the Atlantic Charter was the clearest available statement of United Nations' war aims: "no aggrandizement, territorial or other; no territorial changes not in accord with freely expressed wishes of people concerned; right of all peoples to choose their form of government; restoration of sovereign rights to those deprived of them."

Somehow we have managed to accustom ourselves to the idea that these 'sovereign rights' of free choice of government were not to apply to the 350 millions of "all peoples" who dwell in India's sunny clime; but we had clung to the illusion that they still had something to do with that Atlantic continent, Europe - Poland, for example. Does anyone recall those far off days when the war began to protect Poland's territorial 'rights'. Now, on February 22 to be exact, Mr. Churchill has told Parliament that Russia's demands on Poland are within the limits of what is "reasonable and just" and that there "will be no question of the Atlantic Charter applying to Germany." Who's got the charter? -- William Henry Chamberlain

ATROCITY BOOMERANG The very best treatment of the Bataan atrocity stories we have seen was in the March COMMONSENSE which pointed out clearly and factually that if we were to follow an ancient but excellent counsel as to who should cast the first stone, Anglo-Americans would not have begun the pitching. But the cold fact that atrocity stories do not pay even in terms of cash is evidenced by the announcement by the National Director of the Treasury Department's War Finance Division that the ill-timed releases lost the Government at least \$50,000,000 in war bond sales in the Fourth Loan Drive. The evidence is in the thousands of angry letters received by the Government.

WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR While good but innocent civilians bury their heads in the sands of post-war planning, the powers that be continue to determine the shape of things to come by decisions. Such a decision is the Anglo-Arabian Oil Pact which is quite definitely a bit of next-war planning. In witness whereof: Secretary Ickes, who ought to know, says that though there is adequate oil in the U.S. to fill civilian requirements for generations, "the United States cannot oil another war." And Senator Shipstead, of the Foreign Relations Committee, in the Senate on February 25: "As a matter of fact, that territory is expected to be administered under the laws of the United States, as a protectorate of the United States....."

This is oil on the waters with a difference.

BUNDLES FOR CHURCHILL At last someone has had a new idea. Stirred by reports of the starving children of Europe and the obduracy of those who stand between them and food, a recent conference on the subject evolved the suggestion that our appeals be dramatized by addressing one pound packages of non-perishable foods to THE STARVING CHILDREN OF EUROPE, CARE OF WINSTON CHURCHILL, 10 DOWNING STREET, LONDON, ENGLAND. Dried milk, other proteins, and vitamin A and D foods are best. A committee has made enquiries at a post office and found no obstacles. The cost is 14¢ per pound and there is a limit of two pounds per month. The sacrifice of ration points for this purpose would add weight, and if the thing really began to pile up it should have publicity value.

CONSCRIPTION "It cannot be too much emphasized that you do not have militarism until you have the principle of universal military service or some form of conscription in time of peace as a permanent institution of national policy. To think of militarism as a purely military business is to miss completely the gravest aspect of THIS UTTERLY EVIL THING in modern society." -- John T. Flynn

Although postponed - and perhaps transferred to a special committee, "The struggle over whether we are to have peace-time military conscription will really begin when hearings on the May Bill are called -- probably in a few weeks. At present opposition to the Bill is so pathetic, it is beyond description." --E.Raymond Wilson

On the other hand, about \$20,000 has been spent already in favor of national service legislation; the AAJW is prepared to support conscription of women, if and when; trustees of the Reserve Officers Association of the U.S. have announced the revival of their organization in preparation for a post-war military program; and a representative of the Citizens Committee for a National Service Act is working from Senator Austin's office.

Through the courtesy of The Progressive we are able to include a reprint of Senator LaFollette's statement. Read it carefully. Then if you wish to be still further informed send us 10¢ for a copy of Norman Thomas' new pamphlet on Conscription. Best of all, borrow our copy of John T. Flynn's As We Go Marching (quoted above). It is a dynamic presentation of America's choice for the post-war world. The rise of fascism in Italy and Germany is shown to have startling parallels with the current drift of American life. Thoughtful Americans who want to give substance and reality to their post-war thinking will do well to read this new big-little book.

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