



Further, by way of positive alternative we recommend the constructive suggestions made by the Christian Century (November 29) to make the new league "a covenant of peace rather than a covenant to make war":

"What is needed for world peace is an all-inclusive organization (1) based on the equality and (2) the equal commitment of all nations, so conceived that (3) the good faith of each nation is assumed rather than held suspect, and so implemented that it (4) places the progressive removal of the causes of war at least on a parity with the military suppression of war or (5) places the problem of the military suppression of war on one side rather than at the center as Dumbarton Oaks now does....

"To make Dumbarton Oaks what the peoples of the world want it to be, and what many who today only voice their disappointment hoped it was going to be, let it build its structure not upon an alliance of military force but upon the renunciation of war in the dealings of the nations with one another. Let it place at its foundation the moral and juridical authority of the Kellogg-Briand Pact!"

THE WORD  
FROM WASHINGTON

Chairman C. A. Woodrum, of the House Committee on Post War Military Policy, has announced that in spite of opposition by religious and other groups, hearings on peacetime conscription will begin soon after inauguration, January 20.

Chairman Andrew J. May of the House Military Affairs Committee indicates that the drive will be for purely military training without civilian features. This is in harmony with Secretary of War Stimson's letter of August 15:

"We must not accept the philosophy that this war will end all wars and that there will never again be a need to resort to arms. From all that experience and history can teach us, we will be improvident if we do not adopt a sound peace-time nationwide form of military service. Our failure to do this in the past has twice induced Germany to feel that she could ravage the world before we could gain sufficient strength to block her.

"I strongly urge that this country adopt universal military service as a certain means of preparing for war and a very good means of avoiding war."

The United Press reports that the American Legion will take on the job of educating the public to the necessity for such training "because of opposition based on apparent lack of knowledge."

Congressman May says the longer we postpone consideration of compulsory training "the more difficult it will be,.....may be impossible after the war because ....reaction against anything military."

And Paul Comly French writes from Washington:

"During the past few months a committee representing the educators of the country has been meeting with War Department representatives to study the educational problems that would come under conscription in peacetime. A member of the committee tells me that the War Department plans to include the teaching of history and economics in their military training program on the ground that the schools have not properly interpreted either to the youth of the country. Such a plan has a pretty ominous sound to me and seems to move dangerously close to the pattern of indoctrination used in totalitarian nations."

Add this all up and decide what you want to do.  
Then call Jean Young 2-5316 and enroll in her  
Committee of Correspondence.

"Probably no legislation could change more fundamentally the national character and culture ....."

To you who have helped us in our efforts to extend the frontiers of understanding and good will in 1944, we express our sincere gratitude and our warmest holiday greetings.

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