

THANK YOU!

We cannot be sure that this message reaches every one who by his participation and his gifts made our 9th Birthday such a happy success. But to each of you everywhere, a sincere and grateful thanks!

Executive Committee

CAN THE WAR BE SAVED?

In a January editorial the Christian Century declares "the war is being lost... the war for the great human goals.... the war to establish a world order of justice, peace, freedom and opportunity to all men everywhere." Again and again both the President and the State Department have urged the importance of a thorough study and discussion by the American people of the various plans for world peace. In his latest book, Mr. Sumner Welles declares that the decisions Americans make now with respect to both war and peace will affect every person of this and coming generations;

"Not only will the lives of the youth of America be saved or sacrificed to the result of these decisions....but also the standard of living, the economic opportunity, and the happiness of every one of us will be shaped accordingly."

This issue of the News-Letter is chiefly designed to provide thought and discussion-provoking background for the Institute of International Relations announced on the enclosed folder. The program itself is calculated to serve as an instrument of direction along "THE ROAD WE ARE TRAVELLING." Your enthusiastic support and promotion of this Institute may well prove to be your most significant opportunity to contribute as an individual citizen to the 'saving' of the war by the winning of the peace.

The Difference Between Local and International Police Force

There is so much confusion in thinking about "police" force in international organization that we are glad to quote for the convenience of our readers, not only the following table, but from the Founding Fathers who gave very earnest study to the problem in the Federal Convention.

In the Local Community

1. A policeman operates within a community of unarmed individuals.
2. A policeman, seeing a brawl between two men, does not go up to them, determine which was in the right, and then help beat up the man he considers in the wrong. His function is:
 - a) to restrain violence on the part of both men.
 - b) to bring them before a judge who tries to determine the rights of the matter.
 - c) to see that the judge's decision is carried out.
3. A policeman operates within the framework of a clearly-stated, up-to-date criminal code that has the legislative sanction of the community. He does not need intuition to recognize unlawful acts because his instructions and mandate are clear and to the point. Should he abuse the authority vested in him, he is subject to discipline and court censure.

In the International Confederation

1. The confederation operates within a community of powerfully armed political units--the nations.
2. When violence breaks out among them, the confederation is unable to restrain the violent. It can only take sides and help destroy the nation it decides is in the wrong.
3. The confederation operates without proper legislative sanction since it has no legislature. The confederation is incapable of arresting an entire nation, bringing it to court for impartial trial and carrying out the sentence. The confederation must act as police, judge and executioner and punish the entire national population on the spot. The confederation cannot be restrained from abusing its authority and cannot be punished for such abuse.

"A voluntary observance of the federal law by all the members could never be hoped for. A compulsive one could evidently never be reduced to practice, and if it could, involved equal calamities to the innocent and the guilty, the necessity of a military force both obnoxious and dangerous, and in general a scene resembling more a civil war than the administration of a regular Government.

"Hence was embraced the alternative of a Government, which instead of operating on the States, should operate without their intervention on the individuals composing them."

--JAMES MADISON, letter of October 24, 1787, to Thomas Jefferson.

"Even in those confederacies which have been composed of members smaller than many of our counties, the principle of legislation for sovereign States, supported by military coercion, has never been found effectual. It has rarely been attempted to be employed but against the weaker members; and in most instances attempts to coerce the refractory and disobedient have been the signals of bloody wars in which one-half of the confederacy has displayed its banners against the other half."

--ALEXANDER HAMILTON in The Federalist, Page 94 in G.P. Putnam's Sons (N.Y.) edition of 1902.

Minimum Requirements for Peace

Eduard C. Lindeman, one of the really great social students of our day and member of the faculty of the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, presents the following outline for discussion:

- " I. Maintain the four-power alliance (Russia, China, England and the United States) through the Post-War Transition and until a comprehensive world organization founded upon international law has been brought into being.
- "II. Extend or project (and internationalize so far as possible) various instruments created for purposes of war into the period of peace, such as:
 - 1) Lend-Lease contracts for the exchange of commodities. (34 Nations)
 - 2) The Board of Economic Warfare.
 - 3) A United Nations General Staff, used as a nucleus for world police force.
 - 4) The Food and Agriculture Conference Agreement. (44 Nations).
 - 5) The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.
- "III. Proclaim an open door economic policy on a selected number of manufactured commodities; the selection to be made by a group of scientists.
- "IV. Make available to all nations a selected number of raw materials on a basis of equality. The selection to be made by a group of scientists and the distribution left in the hands of an international allocation commission.
- " V. Establish an international office of education for the purpose of providing for the exchange of students, professors, and research specialists for promoting educational ideas and methods designed to enhance the relations between the various nations of the world.
- "VI. Enact an immigration policy which removes all exclusions and inferences of inferiority against any people, but retain a quota system which (1) states the total number of immigrants a nation will permit during each ten-year period, and (2) designates the number to be permitted from the various regions of the world.
- "VII. Eliminate extra-legal and illegal discriminations against red, brown, yellow, and black citizens and establish a rule of justice which will permit them to enjoy equal opportunities as citizens, as students, as manual or professional workers, and as participants in a high standard of living."

CHARTER, CHARTER, Who's got the charter?

The Atlantic Charter now appears to be "only a bit of informal scribbling that FDR and WC engaged in on a boat ride one August day in 1941." Its status is perplexing.

"Mr. Roosevelt says it was never a formal document and was never signed. The OWI, however, employed artists and engravers to prepare a formal document and included the facsimile signature of the President and Prime Minister Churchill. Thousands of copies were printed and distributed by the OWI. The original, which OWI prepared, was framed and hung in the National Museum here. Wednesday afternoon it was removed from the wall without explanation."--from Our Washington Correspondent.

The Christian Layman's Information Service (NYC) says: "Roosevelt has admitted that there is really no Atlantic Charter, nor has there ever been any such thing as a real signed document of that name which could be expected to hold men or nations to any agreement. It is harsh to say, but you can be sure of one thing,--the American people and the little people all over the world have never been so brazenly deceived in the records of modern statesmanship."

And then in his Message to Congress F.D.R. says, "We shall not hesitate to use our influence - and to use it now - to secure so far as is humanly possible the fulfillment of the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

Still--its status is perplexing.

AN ADVANCE NOTICE

Not to confuse you with too many good things at once, but to give you the chance to save the date on your calendar: a one-day conference with three sessions, including dinner, under the leadership of Norman Thomas--

"WHAT CAN WE BRING OUT OF THIS WAR?"

Monday, March 12-- WATCH FOR FURTHER NOTICE.
