

Herman Hagedorn's "The Boy in Armor" speaks:-

"Because you would not think we had to die:....
We died. And there you stand no step advanced."

The President of the U. S. Speaks

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"We know that the objective of the war is attained; the objective upon which all free men had set their hearts; and attained with a sweeping completeness that even now we do not realize. The armed imperialism such as the men conceived who were but yesterday the masters of Germany is at an end; its illicit ambitions engulfed in black disaster. Who will seek to revive it? The arbitrary power of the military caste of Germany which once could secretly and of its own single choice disturb the peace of the world is discredited and destroyed and much more than that has been accomplished."

--Wilson.

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"The mighty threat to civilization which began there (Pearl Harbor) is now laid at rest." "Their (Japanese war lord's) power to destroy and kill has been taken from them. Their armies and what is left of their navy are now impotent.

"This is a victory of more than arms alone. This is a victory of liberty over tyranny.

"From this day we move forward. We move toward a new era of security at home. With the other United Nations we move toward a new and better world of peace and international goodwill and cooperation.

"God's help has brought us to this day of victory. With His help we will attain that peace and prosperity for ourselves and all the world in the years ahead."

-- Truman.

Shortly after V-J Day, in New York City, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek spoke:

"Out of this soul-searching experience we must learn that omission to prevent war is just as culpable and disastrous in the end as commission to foster war in the beginning. Only in this way can we ever repay in a measure the debts of life that we owe to those who died."

"Omission to prevent war is just as culpable"-- Omissions are easy to fall into. This is your treasurer speaking now, and thinking of Peace Council memberships. Have you omitted yours this fall? We'll be glad to receive them at the office, through the mail, or at the November 19 meeting.

THIS WAY PLEASE



To the first of the series of Book-of-the-Month Forums which the Peace Council is sponsoring this winter. This initial forum will be held Monday evening, November 19, in the Y.W.C.A., with supper (60¢) at 6 o'clock. Reservations can be made by calling our office (2-5316) before November 15.

Mrs. Jean Benson Maxwell and the Rev. Laurence T. Hosie will be our guest speakers, using as a theme for the meeting AMERICA'S ROLE IN WORLD RULE. Mrs. Maxwell will review William Henry Chamberlin's new book, America: Partner in World Rule, and Mr. Hosie will analyze America's Place in the World by Nathaniel Peffer. Questions and discussion by the group will follow.

Every one is cordially invited to attend; in fact, we urge you to bring a friend or two with you!

GIVE MORE

THAN THANKS!

As we repeat General Eisenhower's fateful words: "Without food there will be no peace" we begin to realize the horrible truth of them, for the world's food picture is even more grim than drawn in the last issue of this Newsletter. According to a survey released by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture more than 35 million tons of food should be moved into deficit areas to supply the peoples there with even a minimum 2000 caloric diet. These areas include (1) liberated countries, (2) former enemy countries such as Germany, Italy, Austria and Japan, and (3) normally food-importing countries, such as England, but our hopes of supplying them seem dim indeed. Even the \$550,000,000 remainder of the first authorization to UNRRA which the House of Representatives voted November 1 to appropriate is laden with the very real restriction of demanding free access to all news about UNRRA for the U. S. in every country which receives any of this money or aid!

The Peace Council will continue to serve as a collection and shipping center for food packages to individuals in Europe and we wish to express our thanks to those who have already responded to our appeal. Cash contributions are welcome, too.

CONSCRIPTION The lid has finally blown off the whole issue of universal peacetime military conscription with President Truman's message to Congress October 23, in which he asked for the enactment of a law compelling every male American to take military training when he reaches 18 or graduates from high school. There had been a good deal of groundwork laid by General Marshall in his previous pleas for such a program, but in Congress reaction to the President's speech was mixed. A minority favored and a minority opposed the measure, but the great bulk of Congress, many of whom can be counted on by the President in a showdown, waited to see how public opinion would react.

Most of the nation's large newspapers, Washington Daily News, New York Times, New York Sun, New York Herald Tribune, Washington Post and Washington Evening Star, gave vigorous approval to Truman's proposal, but New York PM and three leading columnists opposed it equally as strongly. Hanson Baldwin of the New York Times, Marquis Childs of the Washington Post and David Lawrence of the Washington Evening Star were forthright in their criticism, and the latter two particularly accused President Truman of "falling under the influence of those military men who constantly air their conviction that another war in the near future is inevitable and we had best remain prepared to the hilt."

Other prominent individuals and organizations followed along these same lines of opposition with statements and resolutions of their policies. The National Board of the United Council of Church Women voted with unmistakable vigor to oppose compulsory military training as "contrary to Christian democracy." These women pointed out that the atom bomb has antiquated it as a means of defense. Charles G. Bolte, Chairman of the American Veterans Committee, in an article written for the October 20 issue of The Nation strongly opposed General Marshall's proposal for compulsory military training in peacetime. He said, "It is...a partisan plea for a national defense policy which seems on careful study peculiarly unsuited to provide any real measure of security in the atomic age."

Because Congressman Andrew J. May, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, has announced that public hearings on the President's proposal will begin on November 8, all groups desiring to be heard should apply at once. But the most important strategy of all is the direct expression of each individual's opinion to his legislators--not just once but repeatedly and emphatically.

Key people in Congress who will be concerned with this issue are:

Andrew J. May, Kentucky (D), Chairman, House Military Affairs Committee, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado (D), Acting Chairman, Senate Military Affairs Committee, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Your own Senators and Representative (If you do not know their names, ask at the nearest library.)

WE MIGHT AT THAT! Commenting on the dreary prospects for peace, on the doleful results of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers, on the terrible threat of new weapons of warfare, the popular columnist, Drew Pearson, urges the establishment of a Department of Peace to spend a fraction of what we spent for war on good neighborliness. "It couldn't hurt and it might help."

"Maybe we will wake up to the futility of old fashioned diplomacy, and the hopelessness of big armies, and put our faith in friendship. In other words, everything else having failed, we might finally come around to practicing the Sermon on the Mount...."

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