

ROAD TO WHERE? "CAN A PLANNED WORLD BE FREE?" will be the title of the next Peace Council Book-of-the-Month Forum at the Y.W.C.A. The date of this meeting has been changed to Thursday, April 18, to avoid conflicting with Good Friday. The books to be reviewed are "Road to Serfdom" by Frederick Hayek and "Road to Reaction" by Herman Finer. The reviewers will be Harvey Peck, Professor of Economics at Syracuse University and Coleman Cheney, Professor at Skidmore and 1942 gubernatorial candidate of the Socialist Party.

A 60¢ supper at 6:00 p.m. will precede the dinner. Please phone reservations for the supper (2-5316) before noon Tuesday, April 16th.

NOTE ON BIKINI ATOLL Bikini Islanders are being moved from their native soil in preparation for Chain Reaction Day. The story of their eviction reveals that they are an unusual bunch - they lived in peace and didn't murder one another. Such people, unnecessarily lazy, are out of luck on this up-and-coming planet, and it is not surprising that they have to move on.

REVERSE EDITORS What would be appearing in the American Press this spring if Japan were the nation conducting the A-bomb experiments in the Marshalls?

THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE A man from Mars would never suspect from reading dispatches from Iran and Manchuria, India and Indonesia, London and Moscow, Washington, D.C., and Fulton, Mo., that the late war we waged and won had been advertised as a war for freedom and decency, a war against brutality, militarism, imperialism, racism, fascism, and worldwide inequality. For almost everywhere the shadows of unrest and insecurity are lengthening, the hopes for peace and cooperation are fading.

TO ABOLISH 500 leaders of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America agreed in their March convention that reduction of armaments and abolition of conscription should be sought at the United Nations General Assembly.

Philip LaFollette, veteran of two world wars and former governor of Wisconsin, before the House Military Affairs Committee urged the use of American leadership "to lead all nations to outlaw universal military service." This position was seconded by Brig. Gen. Ralph Imnell and Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge (Ret.), a West Pointer with 30 years of military service.

TO CONTINUE Militarist hysteria gripped Congress. Senator Tom Connally, UNO delegate, urged top priority for "an adequate Army, a superior Navy, and a superlative Air Force."

DOES GOD DRAW LOTS? What any feeding program will have to face at this late day after starvation has been allowed a good long start is illustrated by a story reprinted in the Congressional Record by Dr. Lawrence Meyer who had returned from an investigation of conditions in the American zone in Germany. "In Frankfurt at a children's hospital," wrote Dr. Meyer, "there have been set aside 25 out of 100 children. These will be fed and kept alive. It is better to feed 25 enough to keep them alive and let 75 starve now than to feed the 100 for a short while and let them all starve."

OUR GERMAN HARVEST-- HUNGER AND HATE The Potsdam Agreement, writes Harry Paxton Howard, was a policy of revenge as senseless and savage as Hitler's policy against the Jews. Under it he says Germany has been turned into a vast concentration camp. Under the dominant Allies more Germans have already died than died at the hands of the Nazis. "Our American imitators of Hitler have outdone the Beast of Berlin himself. More Germans have been killed by Morgenthau's plan than German Jews by Hitler's plan." Starvation has resulted from the aim of the Agreement to lower German living standards.

BREAD and PEACE Special from London sources: The "New Statesman" forecasts the starvation of 60 million people in the next six months. The real meaning of the new ration in Germany is revealed in a letter in "The Times":---- "The cut to 1,014 calories means that the daily diet will amount to a couple of slices of bread smeared with margarine, a spoonful of porridge, and a couple of potatoes." "The Observer" warns that unless relief is sent, a further reduction to 700 calories - less than was allowed in the Belsen concentration camp - will almost certainly come in April. This important paper then goes on to urge strictly rationed Britishers "to accept the temporary and not very serious hardship of consuming less grain." It urges this in the name of both the humanitarian and political considerations on which peace depends. To fail would be "to stand guilty of a callous inhumanity."

It is not easy for an American to hear such appeals in London without remembering the American diet. Remember: you can now do something for peace at each meal: **EAT ONE LESS SLICE OF BREAD.** Your action will affect the world wheat supply.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION We thought our readers might be interested in the direct results to date on the pleas to help Europe's cold and starving which have appeared in the PNL. We are gratified that this office and the Clothing Depot at 722 N. Salina St. have been able to act as channels for your concern to the following extent:

- 47 individual boxes (most of them 11 lb. food packages) have been sent through this office to families in Europe.
- \$260 has been received either to be used for such boxes or to be sent to the American Friends Service Committee for their relief activities.
- 4276 lbs. of clothing were received at our Clothing Depot and sent on to the A.F.S.C. for shipment overseas, between November 15th and March 15th.
- 17 of you have written for names of European families to send packages to directly.

The Quakers are now carrying on relief work in Austria, China, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, India, Italy and Poland. In all countries except Germany and Japan the situation, though bad, seems to be improving; therefore, PNL's emphasis on the plight of the ex-enemy countries, which are excluded from UNRRA and whose citizens cannot yet even receive parcel post from America.

WORDS General MacArthur suggested a fortnight ago that all nations renounce their sovereign right to wage war. President Truman on Army Day advised a teenage news conference that young people prepare themselves for the days ahead by studying the Sermon on the Mount.

ACTIONS Civilian and career diplomats have been replaced by military men as ambassadors to Russia, China, Panama and Belgium. A Major General is functioning as an Assistant Secretary of State. A Presidential advisory council of "elder statesmen" is to be set up to be drawn from leading retired generals and admirals. Atom bombs continue to be produced 24-hours a day. Military control of atomic energy and a policy of peacetime conscription (through extension of the draft) appear imminent unless opponents can convince their Congressmen that there is a better way.

SCIENTIST QUOTES SCRIPTURE Atomic Scientist Harold Urey warned America two months ago that "There can be no secret, there can be no defense, and there must be world control." Recently Dr. Harold Condon, Director of the Nat'l Bureau of Standards, underlined the first part of Prof. Urey's warning by quoting to 40 young scientific talent award winners the 17th verse of the 8th chapter of Luke: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest, neither anything hid, that shall not be made known and come abroad."

GRASS ROOTS From a letter received from a young married couple who are among our subscribers:

".....In this hectic world we are as confused and bewildered as the next one but we're studying, arriving at some decisions, stating our convictions and acting as nearly as we can in the way that we think best. We feel very strongly that the only way necessary changes will take place in our social order is through such a method as William James describes:

"I am done with great things and big things, great institutions and big successes, and I am for those tiny invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many soft rootlets or like the capillary oozing of water, yet which if you give them time, will rend the hardest monument of man's pride."

ADVANCE NOTICE On Tuesday evening, May 14, Vera Brittain, well-known British author, will speak in Syracuse under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee and the Syracuse Peace Council. S A V E T H E D A T E.

BOOK END The ANATOMY OF PEACE by Emery Reves.

"We urge Americans to read this book, to think about its conclusions, to discuss it with friends, privately and publicly. In the new reality of atomic warfare the ideas of the book are of immediate urgent necessity, unless civilization is determined on suicide." So wrote Justice Roberts; Senators Fulbright, Pepper and Thomas; Albert Einstein, Thomas Mann and others. We join them and will gladly supply the book, either from our free loan library or at cost, \$2.00. It is brief, easy to read and will help your thinking about the ways to peace.