

NO HONOR Today we stand, cynical and resigned, without peace and without honor.
NO PEACE We stand helpless in the face of ever mounting disaster to recover control of our own destiny. In a world where we exercise predominant power, civilization is sliding toward the abyss because we refuse to stop it. And we refuse because we have renounced the principles we once acknowledged as supreme. We are morally bankrupt. We have turned our backs on the spiritual heritage of Western civilization, which is centered in respect for human personality. The people lack conviction, and so they neither repudiate leaders committed to the cult of shameless Machiavellianism nor consent to follow them. And so we drift leaderless toward disaster.
 --The Christian Century.

THE AFFAIR WALLACE Communist, appeaser, isolationist, imperialist: are among the milder terms hurled at Mr. Henry Agard Wallace these days. To the extent that the controversy promotes discussion of what would be a constructive policy for peace, it is good. Norman Thomas, who is sharply critical of much that Mr. Wallace said, writes: "We welcome his powerful voice in pointing out the folly of preventive war, great armaments, and the dangers of an Anglo-American imperialism." Sumner Welles, not likely to be regarded as a 'fellow-traveller,' deplored the dismissal of Wallace and broadcast: he "represented a progressive and moral force.... no one who ever knew him could ever question his courage or his complete integrity.... that objective (an understanding with Russia) represents the most urgent requirement of our foreign policy today.... (without it) there can be no certainty of world peace...."

BULL "It's nobody's damn business where we go," said Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey. "We will go anywhere we please." And Representative Trimble (Ark.) wisely introduced a Congressional resolution providing for setting up a government if an atomic bomb lands on Washington!

Unless you propose to adopt a policy described by the line "serene, I fold my hands and wait," you'd better hurry up and renew your membership in SPC. Read our new announcement, enclosed; use the postage paid envelope, provided; do your bit to strengthen the peace program in America by strengthening it in Syracuse.

SPECIAL OFFER: Because its interest and value have been proven by the response of subscribers to Peace Service for New York State, the Executive Committee has decided to offer the monthly legislative analysis prepared in Washington by Raymond Wilson of the Friends' Committee on National Legislation to all members whose contribution is \$3.00 or more. Sample on request.

"As long as you live, there may never be a more important year than the one ahead," writes one of our contemporaries. We believe you will be better equipped to understand the momentous issues that confront us if you take advantage of these Peace Council opportunities; we believe you will be better satisfied with your own role as a citizen and as a peace-maker if you make yourself a part of the Peace Council and its program.

CUCKOO! One of our friends writes, after a trip to Poland: "And this was May 1946. In the office of UNRRA's Mission to Poland in Warsaw there was a cable saying that the ten millionth ton of supplies had been loaded for the starving peoples of Europe and Asia. People are hungry not only for food but for a normal, happy life. The future to them is black and the present is a struggle for survival. Russia, Great Britain, the United States.... How soon would there be another war? How long would it last? Where would it be fought? What would be left when it was over? The small flowers grew between the bricks and the bones and the bird sang, 'Cuckoo, cuckoo.'"

Will you leave it at that? Or will you join us now in a determined effort for peace and freedom?

WELL BEGUN Our first forum meeting was a real success. One hundred people heard IS..... a challenging message and shared a vigorous discussion. Rhys Davies is next! He is a dynamic Welshman. You don't want to miss him. October 25. Single admissions \$1.00. For the remaining three lectures \$2.25. Mail or phone. The P N L subscription list is growing. One reader has promised 50 new names this month. It's your turn next! We need 130 more.

PUZZLE? PROBLEM? or PROMISE? Palestine has long presented one of the most baffling of international problems. Here at last is a suggested solution that cuts across and beneath all political wrangling and seeks peace through economic means. The proposal is for a Jordan Valley Authority (cf. TVA) which would "make good the promise of the Promised Land, release the Arabian Fellah from the grip of feudalism; continue the remarkable achievements of the Jewish settlers; lift the entire Near East from its present desolate condition to a dignified place in a free world." In a word, remove political fears by providing economic security. The plan is advanced by Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk of N. C., one of America's outstanding soil conservationists who has made an extended study of Palestine. In comment on it McAlister Coleman writes: "Here is a categorical alternative to war, which, if it were backed up by the democracies with anything like the vigor they showed in waging war" might well settle the "insoluble" Palestine problem and serve as a model for larger matters.

INVITATION On Tuesday evening, October 15, Dr. Ralph Sockman, minister of Christ Church in New York City, will speak at an open meeting in First Methodist Church. Dr. Sockman has just returned from a visit to Russia and we shall be eager to share any insights he may have gained there. S.P.C. members are cordially invited by Bishop Ledden.

THE SHERIFF SAID IT "Men of good will working together are the soundest underwriters of the American way of life," wrote the Sheriff of Larimer Co., Colorado to the Fort Collins CPS Camp, thanking them for services rendered. The Sheriff was right; that's why we invite you to join us.

"EXPELLEES" This is a new word for an ugly fact as old as the Babylonian Exiles. We have just received a report from the American Friends Service Committee on the more than 12 million displaced persons in central Europe as the result of the Potsdam and related agreements: "The thoughtful people of Germany who are trying to create a democracy are faced with conditions which are favorable only for fascism. The American people should be informed that by the expulsion of German minorities two basic evils are being supported in their name: (1) this racial transfer is an acceptance of the very theory of blood and race unification against which a costly war has just been fought; (2) a dangerous precedent is involved in sanctioning this expulsion, for the boundary changes now being written into the peace treaties could result in similar minority expulsions of millions of Europeans. Peace is not secured by intensifying pride in nationalism nor by fostering the belief of the incompatibility of diverse cultures."

FASHION SHOW Grossbeek, only a few miles from the German border, was one of the Dutch farm villages completely obliterated by the war; only one house remained, undamaged. Recently a letter, written in English, came from the "Secr.-directeur" in response to a gift of clothing from AFSC. Quite possibly some "lady-clothing" from you was among the lot.

"You will imagine what a great joy it was to us, when we unpacked and registered the enormous shipment of clothing. But especially the fitting and choicing by the ladies (it was for the greater part lady-clothing) was an amusing show. It had not happened since years that they could choice. They dived into the dresses and admired each other, so that it seemed to be a fashion show. I must confess that it was not a give in to vanity, but a real softening of need."

This is only one of many such messages. They make their own eloquent appeal. Let the October first snow storm remind us that the cold comes down early in the cold north of Finland and Norway; in the windowless, floorless wooden sheds outside Vienna in which ragged, desperate homeless thousands huddle; in the mud dugouts and roofless cellars of Poland----- We have so much!

ELECTION IS COMING Not too much can be expected from a Congress elected blindly. The voting record shows that Mr. Hancock voted "yea" on eight measures supporting conscription; Senators Mead and Wagner voted "nay" on two proposals affecting labor; on all others "yea." It is time voters made enquiries of candidates in the coming elections and made their own views known.

The Congressional elections are approaching. Less than two months after the elections, a new Congress will convene. The American Legion has already served notice that they will press for immediate action on peacetime conscription. Their preliminary canvass of Congress reveals a disposition toward enactment of compulsory military training. The apparent worsening of relations with Russia will be used as an excuse for permanent conscription.

However, vigorous action now will help prevent consideration of conscription by the new Congress.

Most Congressmen who are up for election as well as the new candidates are at home campaigning. Individuals or delegations can call or phone them about their attitude on peacetime conscription.

JOIN SPC! William James' oft-repeated statement is utterly true: not the assurance of success, but the mere chance of success--even one in a thousand--is enough to nerve the wills of men for the most strenuous endeavor.