

**THE TREASURER SPEAKS** To all of you who have responded to our recent appeal for funds, we are most grateful. In the confusion due to moving, we have been slow in acknowledging your contributions, but receipts will go out from the office as promptly as possible.

We should like to be able to say that our financial worries are over, but definitely they are not. We believe we should tell you that the response to our appeal has not been what we hoped for; contributions are not coming in at a rate which will carry our monthly budget. During the last fiscal year, ending May 31, our expenses exceeded our income by about \$700. Except for a reserve left over from previous years, we could not have met our obligations. This can not go on indefinitely. With next year's expenses looming higher than ever before, we wonder what the future holds for us.

We wish fervently that the Peace Council could function without asking for money. There are many more valuable things that ought to go into the limited space of a News Letter. But with the present widespread apathy to suffering, blindness and blundering in creating the conditions of peace, and the fatalistic expectation of a Third World War there are really only a few of us who feel the worth of an organization like the Peace Council, and consequently the financial burden is great. There is a two-fold responsibility on us--to give all that we can, and to spread the contagion of our interest in the Peace Council to other individuals, and thus widen the base of its support. (Editor's Note: see Annual Report digest for Peace Council accomplishments.)

**THE ATOM AGAIN.** "Western civilization, which ...attained consolidation in the Americas through our capacity for conciliating races, creeds, and ideologies, now has in the United States and in our continent not only the depository of its highest conquests but also the bearer of the heaviest responsibility for its preservation...Such is the task of the United States and this is what America can do: **THE PEOPLE THAT DISINTEGRATED THE ATOM NOW HAS THE MISSION OF INTEGRATING HUMANITY.**" (caps ours) So said Oswaldo Aranha, Brazilian Delegate to the U.N. Security Council, speaking at the Instituté of the Council of World Affairs, Cleveland, Ohio. Dare we evade our share of America's responsibility? We can prepare ourselves to assume it at the New York Institute of International Relations at Colgate, July 3 to 11, 1947. Its Theme? "AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY--ITS DIRECTION, IMPACT, AND SIGNIFICANCE." We hope to see you in Hamilton.

BUS SCHEDULE (gentle hint)	Leave Syracuse	(E S T)	Arrive Hamilton (Colgate)
	7:20 a.m. (Daily)	.....	8:51 a.m.
	10:00 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. only)		11:31 a.m.
	4:15 p.m. (Daily except Sun. & holidays)		5:46 p.m.
	6:10 p.m. (Daily)	.....	7:41 p.m.
	7:00 p.m. (Sundays and holidays)	.....	8:31 p.m.

**WAR IS PREVENTABLE** In the Atlantic Monthly for June, 1947, a marine veteran and aide to Stassen at San Francisco, Cord Meyer, Jr., sums up graphically the costs of military preparation. Said he, "By seeking safety in national armaments, the United States and Russia are creating a situation from which there is no escape but war--or surrender at the threat of war....Both the American and Russian governments must share the responsibility for this state of affairs, because...neither of them was willing to confer sufficient power and authority on an international organization to make it a reliable instrument for the preservation of peace."

But Meyer refuses to believe that mankind is so irrational as to allow itself to be destroyed by another war. American citizens, he points out, can still make demands on their government.

Benjamin Cohen, Secretary General of the United Nations for Public Information, a man reported to have the confidence of Truman, writes, "I ask you to be patient and to be demanding, and to think that peace for the future is as much your personal responsibility as it is that of us who, working in your behalf, serve you as international civil servants in the United Nations." (underlining ours)

--Weekly Bulletin of United Nations, May 20, 1947

How many letters to congressmen have you written this month?

**UMTEE STILL** The New York Times for June 8 reports that senators and congressmen alike received coolly the report of Mr. Truman's civilian Advisory Commission on Universal Training. But we do not feel encouraged enough yet to slacken our efforts. Major George Fielding Elliott says the Republicans consider acting on Universal Military Training this session of Congress because of the heavy volume of mail FOR it. Our Congressman and Speaker Joseph Martin, who has much to do with formulating Republican policy, should be told how we feel.

**WHY ARE WE AFRAID?** The chief delegate of the United States to the United Nations, Warren R. Austin, said in Cambridge, Mass., on June 13, 1947, "We should never permit ourselves to be driven into inaction or despair by apparent stalemates. The United States, with half the productive power of the world, has decisive power to create the conditions of permanent peace." Well, what are we waiting for?

**DISTILLED WISDOM** Who is the person, which is the group or nation, with a valid feeling of security in relation to others? The answer is plain enough for all to see: the one who succeeds in living with them instead of against them. The individual who confronts other persons unarmed, who has no guards up, who gives them a sense of inclusion rather than exclusion, who makes them feel wanted and that they are persons of importance--such an individual can live without fears or anxieties, for only madness or the inevitabilities of existence would strike him down. To take this attitude is to stand in the relation of Friend to others, whoever they are. It is to recognize that down at the bottom, human beings are all in the same boat and that the fellowship of one with another is the means of forwarding the best interests common to them. --Jerome Nathanson, Feb. News Letter, Society for Ethical Culture.

**SYMBOLIC SPUDS?** Oh, God! that bread should be so dear,  
And flesh and blood so cheap!

--Thomas Hood

Hunger is still rampant in Europe and Asia; even the English are suffering from malnutrition. Yet potatoes in America are destroyed to prevent their being sold at low prices in a glutted market. Reports say that the surplus of potatoes was 45 million bushels; there has been no report on the number of bushels destroyed. Good way to "create the conditions of permanent peace"!

**FAINT HOPE** A Policy Planning Committee has recently been established in the State Department. Headed by a widely experienced Foreign Service officer, George F. Kennan, its purpose is to lay the foundation for an over-all foreign policy program for the United States. This foundation is itself to be based on careful study of world trends. Perhaps our foreign policy will grow up and become more responsible. Little enough to hope. May it not come too late.

**PLEA FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA** Mr. Thomas Lucas, 207 Grace St., has offered to pack and mail clothing to ten children in Czechoslovakia, all of them under 16 years of age. If you have anything suitable and could get it to Mr. Lucas or to us, your effort would be much appreciated.

Yes, we still collect and ship good used clothing from our depot at 722 N. Salina.

**RISING COSTS AND A FREE PRESS** We must raise the price of the PEACE-NEWS-LETTER to 35¢ a year, or three subscriptions for \$1.00, beginning July 1, 1947. We regret our need because we agree with the findings of Pres. Hutchins' Commission on Freedom of the Press that "the few who are able to use...the press... have not provided a service adequate to the needs of ...society."

Because we express ideas not always readily available in "the press," yet worthy of consideration, we are confident that we have some value. Will you not help us to expand our circulation? Constructive criticism of our style, content, and format will be welcome; we aim to help meet the needs of society, to serve you.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR TEEN AGERS** Said Mildred McAfee Horton, President of Wellesley College, at the Cleveland Council's Institute: "A great many American young people have had almost no experience in thinking out their personal or national philosophy. Meanwhile, our fellow citizens in the world community are very articulate, explicit, and definite in their plan of action. We don't like the way they have achieved that definiteness by indoctrination from the top of a totalitarian government, but we owe it to our fellow citizens and to our convictions to use our free method of education to accomplish a result which can match the well-thought-dictatorially-formulated opposition. If we really have the truth we ought to be able to express it ....The only cure for bigotry or falsehood is potent truth, and truth is not potent when it is fuzzy, poorly formulated, and diffuse."

This month's enclosure tells about high school institutes of international relations where teen agers can have fun, enrich their lives, and attain POTENT TRUTH. A scholarship is available for the institute at Camp Danby. Do you know a youngster who would like to go?

**ON TO COLGATE** In the American Scholar, Winter, 1946-'47, a professor of political science, William G. Carleton, asks the urgent question, "Are we being educated rapidly enough to deal intelligently with the world in which we are now a leader?" And he adds that "the most important race in the world today is the race between American political education and catastrophe." Colgate will help us say yes; Colgate will help us win the race. We shall be with you in Hamilton.

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