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SCHOOL DAYS

school days,
Dear old golden rule days;
Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic.

Even our limited knowledge of 'rithmetic warns us that we are going to have to do some fancy figuring if we make ends meet this fall. The Peace Council has not faced such difficult financial and program decisions in many years. You can help tremendously if you renew your subscription to PNL this month. Remember the new rate: 35¢ for one, $1.00 for three to different addresses. Or, better, you can anticipate October and send in your membership (which will include PNL) now. A sheet of 100 three-cent stamps would be one convenient way to do it and our old slogan STAMPS IN SEPTEMBER is still good.

For our Fall Conference we present

VICTOR YATES, M.P.
Birmingham, England

PROSPECTS OF WORLD PEACE

6:15 Dinner: Economic Conditions in Britain and Europe
8:00 Forum: Conflicting Ideologies--Is There a Way Out?
at May Memorial Church (472 James St.)
Friday, October 3, 1947

Dinner $1.25. Reservations before October 1. Phone 2-5316.
No admission fee. An offering will be taken at the evening session.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING The Community Campaign for Clothing under the sponsorship of the Mayor's Relief Committee will be held in Syracuse this month. We--jointly with the Syracuse Friends Meeting--are among the cooperating agencies and our Clothing Depot at 722 North Salina Street will be used as a collection and shipping center. The enclosed leaflet will tell you of the continuing need. All contributions marked for the Peace Council or for Friends will go through AFSC. NOW IS THE TIME. If warm garments are to reach Europe before cold weather sets in they must be collected now. Sorting, packing and shipping take time. Moreover, this is an excellent opportunity for our out-of-town readers to save mailing costs. Send your bundle to us this month-- Bulk shipments are cheaper.

Clothing should be clean and in good repair. We cannot ship hats or high heeled shoes. Your package should be plainly marked with your name and address.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? Givers of gardens for Finland last spring will be glad to know that their names and addresses were all sent to Finland. Of course we cannot guarantee replies but here are sentences from some of the letters that have come from school children: "Thousands of thanks.....the seeds are all in the soil.....in September we have our harvest.....we hope very deeply that there is never more any war in the world. It takes so long before all people can be happy again .....We have no own home - the war took everything. No cows, horses, lambs which I love so much. We get our food only with cards. Do you use any card for food? My name is Mike Vaananen and I am 13 years old. Sixth grade. Five of my brothers and sisters died. May the spring wind bring warm greetings from Finland to the wonderful country of America."

MOVIES Remember the Finnish film we had last spring? The SPC office has available until September 28th, inclusive, "LARA in Action" which is a 16 mm sound film, requiring 15 minutes to show. This film was given to various relief agencies in the U.S. by the Welfare Ministry of the Japanese Government who dedicated it to all the Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia for their contributions of food and clothing for Japanese orphans and war sufferers. If you would like to use this film call Ray Fuller, 2-5316.

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"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,"

we wrote on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty sixty four years ago. But the 80th Congress of the U.S. refused to pass the Stratton Bill to allow limited, selected immigration of Displaced Persons--the wretched, homeless victims of power politics in today's Europe. Why? Simply because not enough of us cared enough; i.e., loved our neighbor as ourselves.

SALUTE! Onondaga Consumers Co-op opened its new Super-Market on Harrison Street September 12th. Cooperatives are a direct approach to an economics for peace. SPC offers congratulations and good wishes to OCC and invites PNL readers to Co-operate!

HELP! SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, IS THE DAY FOR THE CITY-WIDE CLOTHING RELIEF DRIVE. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SORTING AND PACKING. LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP THAT DAY OR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

UMT y The Universal Military Training (conscription) Bill did not pass at the last session of Congress but it was reported out of committee favorably on next to the last day and is in position for early action in the next session. Of this War Department scheme, Senator Taft said: "Whether we become a militaristic and totalitarian country depends more on this measure than any other."

And the fate of this measure depends largely on the continuing educational activity of groups like ours. We still have a job to do!

WHY NOT? One night each week British M P's are available in their local boroughs to answer questions and work on legislative problems with their constituents. Think what that does for political education and responsible citizenship! Unless a special session of Congress is called your representative should be at home this fall. Why not invite him to your community or your home for a conference with friends and neighbors about questions of mutual concern? Or arrange for a representative group from your church, school, club or other organization to visit him?

WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE There is war in China, war in Indonesia, war in Greece,--war around the world. So highly responsible a journal as The Christian Century in its current issue says soberly: "The time has come to look out for real trouble between the United States and Russia," and supports its warning with a most realistic analysis of the present situation in "The Balkan Powder Keg." Relentlessly, thoughtful peace-lovers, sensing their individual helplessness in the power struggle and realizing the hopelessness of the struggle itself to bring "peace on earth, good will to men" are being driven back to consideration of the basic human needs on which all economics, all politics, all peace must ultimately rest.

Ingeborg Woodcock, writing from Germany in August, describes a dinner in a German restaurant: "The waiter appeared with a single dish, a brown mess.....it consisted of brown dried beans, put through a mincer. The only addition was salt; not an ounce of meat or fat of any description.....no bread or vegetables, just these minced beans cooked in water and salt."

What did you have for dinner?

Would you favor a return to rationing in this country in order to share our abundance with their need?

Have you said so, to anyone, anywhere? This is something we could do!

THANKS TO PNL READERS We are grateful to PNL readers for the interest they evinced in the water-colors we mentioned last month. We are happy to be able to say now that we have in the office for the month of September sample paintings and Christmas cards from which you can order what you want for your friends' Christmas, anniversary, or birthday gifts. Remember, half the proceeds go to Quaker relief! We are still enthusiastic!

ROOM Can any one help a Nisei teacher in the School of Journalism find shelter for his wife and small child? We are not a housing agency but we have a special concern for our Nisei friends and will be glad to pass along your suggestions. Call 2-5316. We are also much interested in helping a Negro apprentice-student to find a room where he can work for his rent--excellent references.

Stamps in September

BOOK END More than one hundred years ago a French historian, de Tocqueville, made a prophecy: "Two great peoples starting at different points, go forward toward the same ends: these are the Russians and the Americans." He goes on to point out how one relies on individual liberty and the other on the concentrated power of society and servitude. He sees that each is to hold the destinies of half the world.

Edgar Snow, distinguished and widely read foreign correspondent, sees that between them they now hold the destiny of the whole world. Whether or not Mr. Snow is an "authority" on Russia, his little book STALIN MUST HAVE PEACE is more than worthwhile reading for Americans who would do some fresh thinking on whether or not we can have peace. Mr. Snow believes we can. The first part of his book, originally published in the Saturday Evening Post, analyzes the problem and explains not only why we don't understand the Russians but why Russia needs peace. The fourth and final chapter sets forth a series of specific proposals for implementing our foreign policy toward peace.

Get this book from your library or borrow it from ours--but read it.

And remember, we have a quantity of timely material on conscription available for use in discussion groups or for distribution. Ask about it.

And don't forget: Clothes are needed in September to be worn in Europe in December.

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