

**WELL BEGUN!** The lecture hall at the Museum of Fine Arts was crowded to capacity for the opening lecture in our Fall Forum Series by Amiya Chakravarty on "Conditions for Peace as seen from India." Both the offering and the critical comment were generous and enthusiastic. A first-timer asked, "Do you often have speakers of this quality?" We tried to look modest and he went on, "If so, I'll certainly be interested in your program." Then, "Is this a new organization in the city?" Told that this is our thirteenth year, he went away shaking his head and wondering audibly, "Where have I been all this time?" but assuring us that he'll be on hand for Sorenson.

**WILL YOU?--AND YOUR FRIENDS** who would probably be just as delighted to discover us? Remember it is The Museum, Friday evening, November 26. Reginald Sorenson, M.P., "Conditions for Peace, as seen by a British Laborite."

Bob Vogel, ex-SPC, wrote from Southern California where Sorenson has just completed a series of conferences: "He is by far the best representative of the British Parliament that we have had in this country for a long time and he has specific proposals to make." Come and hear what they are and discuss them afterward.

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1. In worshipping science man gains power but loses the quality of life.
2. Without a highly developed science modern man lacks the power to survive.
3. Survival, in the last analysis, is fully as dependent on the quality of life as on the power of arms.
4. If civilization is to continue, man must direct the material power of his science by the spiritual truths of his God.
5. Our success depends less on forcing our democracy on others than on setting an example others will wish to follow; less by using arms than by avoiding them; less by pointing out the mote in another's eye than by removal of the beam in our own; the improvement of our way of life is more important than the spreading of it.
6. From Plato's Republic to Roosevelt's UN, salvation has never been found in politics, economics and logic; it lies in the balanced qualities of spirit, mind and body. (Therefore),
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OUR JOB Bill Huntington, Quaker Relief Commissioner in Europe with headquarters in Paris, who has just been home for six weeks and has made a trip across the continent, is appalled to find almost no one among the rank and file of Americans "really thinking about peace." "The task facing us all," he insists, "is to make people think constructively in terms of peace. We must convince them that war is to be avoided not by more war but by making the world so healthy that war can't exist, and to think of people in other nations as people rather than as representatives of other nations." That's what SPC tries to do 365 days of each year. Are you helping?

WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE MORROW? A woman brought \$10 into our office the other day and asked us to send a CARE package to a needy family overseas. The group she represented had sent one package to Czechoslovakia but was not quite sure now that it would be wise to send another there. When we suggested that one of the most desperately needy places today is Berlin, she paused for a moment and then said slowly, giving her reluctant consent, "Well, I suppose we must be broadminded but, in a way, they did bring it on themselves, didn't they?" She was a good, sincere, thoroughly kind woman. Like most of us.

In a primary school in the north of Berlin an investigation (reported by the Protestant relief agency, Hilfswerk) of social condition and home life of boys showed: 41 boys, age 12-14 in one classroom. Of these 41, 9 had no parents; 21 had no father; 11 no mother. Of the 30 mothers, 28 went to work every day. 23 spent the whole day without any grownup care or attention. Only 4 boys had a bed of their own; the rest sleeping in a room with from 2 to 6 persons. 22 had no blanket; 14 no bed linen. 7 boys had no shirt; 14 no shoes, 7 had borrowed shoes. 37 had no overcoat. Only 5 had two warm meals a day; 28 had one warm meal daily; 8 had a warm meal only occasionally. 37 went to school without breakfast; all were under weight. None of the boys lived in a home which was regularly heated.

Now look at the corresponding and related facts: 32 of the 41 boys admitted having stolen; 31 wood and coal; 3 money and other things.

A similar survey of a girls' school in the east of Berlin showed almost exactly parallel conditions.

And here is a typical home situation, from the same source. The W family, six persons, --husband, wife and four children-- live, cook, and sleep in one room. The man has open TB; he cannot leave the only bed of the family. Neither can they move him into a hospital. The wife works in a factory all day and sleeps at night on the table. The children are bound to be infected soon and therefore are not allowed to go to school or to play with other children in the street.

Did these fourteen-year-olds "bring it on themselves"? They were five years old in 1939. They will be 21 in 1955. What kind of men and women will they be then, in physical health and social health? What kind of citizens, building what kind of state? What kind of world order?

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**AN UNSEEN GUEST?** It is too late to share the 'turkey and fixin's' most of us will enjoy about the time we are reading this News-Letter, but won't we all be a little happier in our thanks giving if we plan now for an "Unseen Guest" at our Christmas dinner tables?

There are nine families on our waiting list now; some of them have been waiting for months. It is true that in some areas, for some people, there has been some improvement in food (by their standards; not by ours) but none in clothing. Actually, the needy, especially the aged, are getting more needy, if such a thing is possible, and the resources for helping them are growing less. This winter promises to be in many ways one of the worst since the war.

Here are messages from two recipients of our packages:

"Three years ago after our flight, we still had been able to go in the fields and gather some ears of grain after the harvest. Now we are so weak and undernourished that this is too hard a task for our monthly food allotments are getting smaller instead of bigger; e.g., 50 gr. (1.7 oz.) of fat per month only. How have we earned this slow but sure way to starvation, we often ask ourselves."

"With great joy and such astonishment as I never experienced before in my life, the wonderful things were unpacked. I feel it my sacred duty to express deepest thanks to your friends and co-workers. We could hardly sleep after the pleasure and excitement. We kept looking and couldn't leave the house, our happiness was so great. May you have no suffering...all your life on earth."

We'd like to spread such genuine Christmas happiness to all our waiting families; you can do it. Send \$10 for a CARE package; or send a smaller amount for us to pool with others and share-a-family. We will send you the name of your family so that you can write a personal letter. If you want to make your gift in the name of a friend, we will send the friend a card reading:

"At this Christmas Season when so many people are hungry, sick and anxious, it seems to me appropriate to make them the recipients of my Christmas giving. This card brings my wish for your happiness now and always, and the hope that all of us may join to bring both material help and love and hope to the suffering in other lands."

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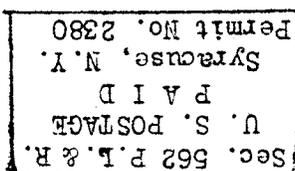
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**GOOD EXAMPLE** from our October mail: "I am very much interested in my News-Letter and want to pass it on to others. Enclosed is one dollar. Please send it to the three following addresses:"



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