

For 1950 In this pivotal month at the mid-century the world seems completely bewildered. Says Miles Krumbine in the World Alliance News Letter published by the Church Peace Union;

"The wounds of the body slowly heal. The wounds done to the mind seem to ache worse than ever. The ardent hopes that nourished us at war's end are faded out; the dark forces we thought under control again menace our precarious hold on order, law and such stability as we have. Mercy and compassion everywhere threaten to give way to bitterness and hate. Today we doubt precisely, we hope vaguely. Moreover, the mind of modern man is coming to distrust itself and suspect that the human predicament is beyond solution by human means."

In such a world the Peace Council Executive Committee chooses as its New Year Message to PNL readers the "Summons to Faith and Repentance" enclosed.

EVERY MEMBER
WIN A MEMBER

DOING A LOT WITH A LITTLE - In a Financial Way

When our pledges and cash began to come in on the finance campaign, one loyal supporter of our work sent in a check for a substantial increase in his pledge, writing, "You do so much with so little I wish I could send you many times this amount. It does represent an increase over last year's contribution, and I hope others will feel the same urgency, that you may go forward in this good work."

If some one handed you a nice crisp one hundred dollar bill, representing a Christmas present to the Council, and a doubled pledge for this work, you would feel just as encouraged as did Norman Whitney on Christmas eve when this happened to him. We need more of those doubled or increased pledges before the end of the campaign at th

BIRTHDAY DINNER: JANUARY 9

with

Paul Harris

who helped organize this Peace Council 14 years ago.

WILL YOU NOT SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE BEFORE THAT DATE, that we may have an excellent report to make?

ALSO- the enclosed pledge card is for you to use in securing a new contributor to our work.

WORK FOR WORLD PEACE BY GIVING.

THEY CLOAK, ALSO! There are still hundreds of thousands of refugees and Displaced Persons in Europe. In the Far East the figure rises into the millions. And most of these victims of war, floods and new boundary lines need clothing, blankets, and good used practical shoes. Then there are children--uncounted numbers of them--who are in desperate need of clothing. Besides there are the new-born babies. Here there is great need of layettes. The most basic need is for men's clothing--sturdy working shoes, suits and overcoats. Sweaters and underclothing are also needed.

We must keep in mind that in much of Europe and most of Asia, it is still impossible to purchase new clothing. Our collection center at 722 N. Salina St. is still active, and small, plainly labeled bundles may be left at the Merchants Drive-In Bank in E. Fayette St.

HERE and THERE Die Kinderfreunde. From our friend Stuart Green who sends his contribution from Vienna:

"I have one encouraging item: wide resentment against warlike toys. It has resulted in a citywide poster campaign credited to an organization named Die Kinderfreunde. The billboard business is a government monopoly here and the same poster is to be seen everywhere. On one side is a drawing of a goose stepping child, equipped with warlike toys marching toward a soldier's grave, complete with steel helmet on the cross, in the distance. On the other side is a boy playing with a toy train and other normal toys, denoting more healthy interests. The Headline says in large black type, 'KRIEG IST KEIN KINDERSPIEL' (War Is No Child's Game) and goes on to warn against making presents of warlike toys."

Honest-to-goodness. A New York State church recently sponsored a DP family from Russia. On the first Sunday after their arrival, the pastor reports:

"We got many gifts that morning. One member of the congregation gave little Georg a real pistol, an honest-to-goodness pistol, fortunately of so ancient a vintage that no ammunition for it is being made. This is Georg's prize possession."---
No ammunition, But.....

BIG FOUR When Congress reconvenes the four big issues for peacemakers to watch will be:

- 1) The need for world-wide disarmament now that an atomic armaments race is under way,
- 2) The need to reverse the trend toward steadily increasing militarization of the nation. Peace is not possible if our agents in the State Department and our negotiators in the U.N. are primarily concerned with winning cold war battles rather than in resolving the problems that may lead to shooting war.
- 3) The need for stopping the militarization of education. UNESCO is right in saying that wars begin in the minds of men. The nation's students and educators should have training in peace instead of preparation for war,
- 4) The need to guard against any extension of regimentation through Selective Service or compulsory military.

AS OTHERS The president has announced that he is ready to drop more atom bombs if
SEE US necessary.

The Airforce has announced that it has picked 74 target areas in Russia.
Congress has adopted the North Atlantic Alliance and authorized the re-
armament of western Europe.

Congress has insisted on making appropriations for nearly 20 more air groups
than the military requested.

A senate sub-committee went to Yugoslavia to inspect bases.

The navy sent a squadron of the fleet to "shine up to" Franco Spain.

Plus the announcement that our atom bombs are now six times "better" than those
used in Japan; that we will soon make more "tests" of their effectiveness; and the
agitation to rearm West Germany.

This imposing list (compiled by the Christian Century) must look ominously like
the Shadows Before a Coming Event to the world outside our doors. As a matter of
fact, how do they look to you?

NEWS FROM I. Africa Letter: Policies of ultranationalism, aggravated economic
FAR CORNERS exploitation, and rigid segregation of "non-Europeans" in South
Africa are creating a pressure area which is an increasing menace
to world order and stability. Government has contemptuously scorned the UN Declara-
tion of Human Rights. The focusing of world attention on this unhappy state of af-
fairs in ". . . The Beloved Country" makes the following excerpts from a privately circu-
lated report especially timely and interesting. The writers are representatives of
the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

"Among these developments include the formal abolishment of the Native Repre-
sentative Council without providing any alternative for the Africans to express
their own voice to the government; reduction in the school feeding program for
African children, (nearly all of whom get their education through missions).
This reduction means more possibilities of tuberculosis, blindness, deformed
bodies and other results from undernourishment and malnutrition. There have
also been changes in the social security program which removes most Africans
from the benefits of unemployment insurance, etc., at a time when a depression
is beginning. There has also been a general tightening up of the means of
segregation and discrimination between the white and non-white population in
such a way as to play one non-white group off against another. This was illus-
trated by the tragedy of the 'Durban riots' between Africans and Indians. The
situation is so tense that further outbreaks of violence could occur at many
other different places, and some day are likely to be directed against the
white population because of the grievances which exist. Fears of this are
causing white people to be all the more firm in their efforts to 'keep the
black masses under control.' This is resulting in more bitterness and dis-
trust between the white and non-white peoples of South Africa at the precise
time when efforts for conciliation and understanding are needed most if a
great tragedy is to be averted."

II. Japan Letter: Gilbert Bowles, a widely known Friend, who has spent most of his
life in Japan reports that "the calls for peace in today's Japan
are many": the consciousness of defeat; the failure of the military; the memory of
suffering and terror; the blasted hopes and broken homes; the ever-present anxiety,
toil, hunger and cold which are war's aftermath are a constant call for peace.

The defenseless international position, between two rivals preparing for war;
the constitutional renunciation of war, though not wholly voluntary, "is a constant
appeal for an informed public opinion strong enough to support this daring national
policy."

"Japan has a goodly number of trained men with world experience, and
women with conscience and insight, who were overwhelmed by the pre-war rising
tide of military nationalism, but never convinced by it. These men and women
cry night and day for a peaceful world in which their own nation can take its
rightful place in mutually helpful commerce and industry, education and reli-
gion...."

"Perhaps the most potentially effective voice calling for peace for Japan
and for the world, is that of the penitent Japanese Christians, who permitted
their identification with the nationalist cause to weaken their Christian con-
victions, but who are now ready and eager to share with Christians of other
lands in a new and purposeful educational campaign to lay deep the foundations
of that peace for which they pray and for which they are prepared to work and
sacrifice."

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