

Dear Friend of Peace:

George Washington said, "My first wish is to see this plague to mankind (war) banished from the earth." You can patriotically help to realize this wish of the Father of our country by doing three things in this anniversary month.

1. Adequate neutrality legislation has met with almost insurmountable obstacles from advocates of the dangerous "freedom of the seas" doctrine, the powerful munitions lobby, and Administration neglect. Almost our only hope since the passage of the temporary resolution lies in Senator Nye's determination to fight for further legislation or strengthening amendments. **WRITE AT ONCE TO YOUR SENATORS** (in New York, Robert F. Wagner and Royal S. Copeland) asking them if they will support such action. Make it clear that you want them to cooperate with Senator Nye.

2. On February 10th, Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, made a speech on the floor of the Senate advocating that we build our Naval and Air forces to a point where we can cross the Pacific and fight a war against Japan for the protection of our commercial interests in China. Our trade with China in 1934 amounted to about \$96,000,000, and our trade with Japan in that year was more than three times as much. A more unprofitable and unpopular cause to die for could not be imagined.

In the light of the Senator's speech, it is increasingly evident what is meant by "adequate national defense". If the entire cost of paying for past wars is added to the estimated Army and Navy appropriations for 1937, one finds, according to Congressman Bierman, a grand total of over \$4,500,000,000 for war purposes. This astounding figure is wholly unknown to 99 out of 100 American taxpayers.

The colossal War Department Appropriation Bill of more than \$500,000,000 has already been rushed through the House. We must stop the passage of the Big Navy Bill for \$549,000,000, also an unprecedented peace-time expenditure. **WRITE A LETTER OF PROTEST TO YOUR SENATORS AND THE PRESIDENT.** Ask that this money be spent constructively for schools and housing.

3. The "Military Disaffection Bill", passed by the Senate without consideration or record vote and now on the calendar of the House, if introduced into law, will deprive the press and the people of our country of their constitutional right to free speech. The suppression of liberty is always a forerunner of war. The minority report charges that the bill is unconstitutional, unnecessary, and "a brash piece of Hitleristic Fascism." Senator Tydings, who introduced the bill "as a courtesy" to the War and Navy Departments, has withdrawn his support. **WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN AT ONCE** asking his stand on this bill. Insist that he oppose its passage.

REMEMBER: Write a separate letter for each bill. Ask a question in each letter.

ALL WE ASK IS -

A few minutes of your time; three letters; three postage stamps.

IS THAT TOO MUCH FOR PEACE?

Thanks to all who responded to our first letter. Several bonds have been sold. More are available. One gift of stamps arrived just in time to mail an important group of peace letters to Washington. Every penny has been used for peace.

Syracuse readers will be interested to know that a Peace Library of over forty volumes has been established in the Y.M.C.A. Building on Montgomery Street just opposite the Public Library. "Peace With Honour", "Merchants of Death", "Cry Havoc!", and other outstanding books on war and peace are included. They can be obtained through Mr. Jones' Secretary without charge.

In the interest of economy and efficiency the News Letter hereafter will be distributed free only in Central New York. Readers outside this area who wish to receive it regularly will please send us a 25¢ book of stamps.

THESE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR PEACE. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

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