

Dear Friend of Peace,

WELCOME. Many new names have come in this month through the Enrollment Cards. A considerable number of these have brought contributions. Whatever your pledge; whatever your contribution; welcome to the steadily growing ranks of those who are determined to "keep America out of War, and War out of the World".

DEMAND ACTION. Five and one-half of our Six Planks (blue sheet in October LETTER) were incorporated in substance in the Democratic Platform and are, therefore, subjects for inclusion in the President's legislative program for this winter.

THIS IS THE IMMEDIATE JOB

NEUTRALITY. The steps which led the United States into the last war will lead it into another unless it is protected by permanent mandatory neutrality legislation. The present neutrality law expires on May 1, 1937. A new law, filling in the gaps of the present one, must be enacted. The law must be mandatory and require embargoes against all belligerents. Since neutrality will be one of the first peace issues to arise in Congress, peace strategists urge the following:

1. Write the President; ask him what is being done to strengthen neutrality.
2. Write your congressman and senators; ask what they are going to do about it.
3. Ask ministers to preach on the last Sunday in December, appealing for Peace-Action by local citizens to strengthen neutrality. Help them "extend the Church's influence" by getting press notices of these sermons.
4. Write your friends everywhere to do these things.

ALONE YOU ARE ONLY ONE COOPERATE TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING

PEACHER PINCHED! The conviction of Arkansas town marshall Paul Peacher by a Federal Court, for "aiding and abetting in slavery" by arresting and holding 13 Negro sharecroppers in forced labor, is a distinct triumph for those who are concerned for the maintenance of our constitutional guarantees of freedom.

NEW BOOK. Those who follow the progress of the Rand strike will be interested to read Levinson's book "I Break Strikes", recently added to the Peace Library in ~~Mr. Tracey Jones's office in the YMCA.~~ It is the story of Pearl Bergoff, America's strikebreaker Number One, and his gangster cohorts. You are cordially invited to make use of this excellent collection of peace literature.

MOVIE NEWS. The name of Hearst Metrotone News has been changed to News of the Day - distributed by MGM - a new announcer has replaced Edwin C. Hill. It is understood, however, that Mr. Hearst's financial interest in the weekly film remains the same - merely a change in title and a deletion of the Hearst name in apparent response to public feeling.

Because expressions of disapproval have been pouring into the office of the Twentieth Century-Fox, plans for the production of the war-inciting Siege of the Alcazar has been abandoned - temporarily at least.

La Kermesse Heroique (Carnival in Flanders) - a thoroughly delightful piece of entertainment - reveals how a people who want no more war take matters into their own hands and turn a threatened invasion into a carnival. Ask your theatre manager when it will be shown.

Would you like to cooperate in a growing and effective movement to rid the films of their over emphasis of the glories of militarism? A postal card request will bring you the Bulletin on Current Films (from which these notes are taken) with frequent reviews and suggestions.

ADVANCE NOTICES. Watch the press for news of the International Relations Institute to be held in Syracuse the third week in January. Or telephone us.

Reserve Monday, February 8, 1937! E.P.C. Day in Syracuse! A carefully considered program to stimulate and enrich the peace mind of the community is now being worked out. Kirby Page will be the featured speaker.

CHRISTMAS GIFT. Christmas is the season of sharing and giving. Will you let it mean merely "a yard of tinsel ribbon bought and sold; a paper wreath; a day at home"? Or will you include in it some recognition of the Great Theme, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"? In all your giving, give something for peace. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience! Mail to --

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