

- LOCAL HAPPENINGS -

Through the splendid generosity of Mr. E. N. Trump, the Council has been able to open a downtown office in cooperation with the Emergency Peace Campaign Area Office for up-state New York. This should greatly strengthen our peace program for Central New York. Drop in and see us sometime! Dr. Earl N. Griggs is Area Director for the E.P.C.; Miss Irene L. Ford is office secretary. (See new address and phone number at foot of page.)

The Taft-Page meetings on February 8 were a real success except in the number at the evening mass meeting. Although the average gift was unexpectedly large in amount, the sum total made available for our immediate needs was small and must be made up from other sources. Have you made your contribution that the work may go on?

The afternoon conferences were an unquestioned success. Mr. Taft addressed two groups of business and professional men; Mr. Page, three groups, of which Youth was the largest. There were also very valuable discussions in other groups under local leadership.

Mr. Taft's clear and candid analysis of the neutrality problem as he sees it, was well received. He made a strong plea for redefinition and reorganization of our National Defense program, and challenged the enormous expenditure for military purposes now being made. This has increased, he pointed out, by 66 2/3 per cent in the last three years, despite our protests of pacific intention. Mr. Page asked: War Tomorrow - Will We Keep Out? and answered: Possibly, yes; probably, no; and concluded that the only real way for America to keep out of war is to keep war out of the world. This means international cooperation for the pacific settlement of disputes. Do you agree?

OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

- (1) NEUTRALITY is the issue now. Cash and carry legislation must be mandatory. There should be no exceptions. War trade is dangerous to our peace. Let your Congressman hear from you and all others interested in peace.
- (2) ASK YOUR CONGRESSMAN for a copy of the Hill-Sheppard bill. Study it! Kill it!

IN CONGRESS: The overwhelming approval by the House on February 9 of Mr. Hull's reciprocal trade policy is a distinct gain for all those who believe that "good trade makes good neighbors". Controversy over the fate of the "nine old men", however, has largely obscured this and the dangerously misleading Hill-Sheppard War Profits bill. Strangely enough, those who so fear dictatorship through the "packing" of the Court completely ignore this most drastic threat to freedom that has appeared since World War days.

A DANGEROUS BILL: The Hill-Sheppard bill is an adaptation of the War Department's Mobilization Plan. It sets up, according to Mr. Frederick J. Libby, an absolute fascist state; it drafts man-power but guarantees profits; it prevents equalization of war burdens. "The slogan, 'draft capital as well as man-power', under which it has been popularly promoted, does not apply to it even remotely." On the contrary, it makes war more profitable than peace. "Trick legislation," says Representative Maury Maverick (D. Tex.). It means universal conscription for free America, argues Harold Fey. If you cherish the "American way" - of individual freedom and liberty of conscience, we say KILL THE HILL-SHEPPARD BILL.

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NEVER AGAIN: "Do not allow yourselves to think you can do any part of the world a service by entering any WAR" pleads the brilliant British peace leader, Miss Maude Royden, who is touring the country from coast to coast for the E.P.C. She adds, "I wish that you had not come into the war last time. You came, and with your coming brought sweeping, crushing victory -- victory as complete as history records of any war in the long story of mankind. What was the result? A treaty of victory - not of peace - which laid such crushing burdens on the defeated as they could not carry; injustices so monstrous that they have poisoned the life of the world ever since. . . . Let there be (in America) a place on earth where men who are not mad can go on building upon the great foundations already laid, the great civilization of the future."

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\$1.50. We are proud of our new office and its equipment, but it is not complete. For instance, we have no pencil sharpener! Imagine that! You surely do not want us to serve you with blunt tools! Who will donate the pencil sharpener? And we promise a bronze memorial tablet with suitable inscription!

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MR. PAXMAN continues his radio talks on current peace topics from WFBL at five on Friday afternoons. He will appreciate a word of comment or suggestion, and your message will encourage the station to continue the series.

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ASK US! Ask us for further information about bills before Congress on timely issues such as Neutrality, Defense, Trade, War Profits. Let us send you a speaker for your next meeting. Help us to help you!