

Dear Friend of Peace:

"Every father and mother in America knows that the boys they are raising today stand less chance of reaching manhood than ever before in the nation's history.

"The young men of the world are marching toward the trenches in Europe and in Asia. Most students and commentators doubt that our country can stay out of a major war once it has started. It is their opinion that the natural drift of money and events will pull us into foreign battles like a magnet. If they are right, the boys on whom their parents are now lavishing love and devotion, and for whose education they are making sacrifices, are going to be drafted to fight and die in the French mountains or on the Chinese plains, blown to pieces by shrapnel, or drenched with poison gas.

"This will happen unless the parents in this country act, and act very rapidly, to block and barricade all roads to war. If they let events take their natural course the nation will be at war within a year after Europe or Asia starts fighting.

"We can stay out of a foreign war if we want to, if we are willing to pay a price for peace, and if we are willing to let our Senators and Congressmen know that the whole community wants them to make the job of staying out of war their first and main job." So writes Stephen Raushenbush, chief investigator of the Senate Munitions Committee.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? THIS SUMMER YOU CAN:

1) Read Something. Read at least one book that will help you to understand the peace problem better. Intelligent and informed thinking is a first requisite for peace.

The Syracuse Peace Council will be glad to secure literature for you at cost; it will be glad to loan books from its library. A postal card to the Executive Secretary, Irene L. Ford, 300 Hills Building, will bring results.

2) Say Something. You can talk to your friends and acquaintances, to church classes and club members. Don't hide your light under a bushel; let people know what you think. It will strengthen and encourage both them and you.

3) Give Something. Anything that is worth having is worth paying for. The peace organizations can not "carry on" their work for our protection unless we contribute to the cost. If you have not done so, return your coin card. Peace will cost - but not so much as war!

4) Write Something.

a. Continue to protest -- or begin to protest! -- against the fascistic Hill-Sheppard Bill. While the country has good cause to rejoice at the alterations which public opinion has forced in the House measure, it must always be remembered that if the Senate adopts the original bill, the Senate version may be the one selected in conference. It is the dangerous Senate bill, not the amended House measure, which the war department is backing. Write Senators Copeland and Wagner today.

b. There has been an increase of almost 100% in American arms exports in the last six months. Without doubt we are again participating in a "pre-war boom". This is the "road to war".

Unless we stop this peace time trade in death we are paving the way to another foreign war. Senator Nye and Representative Fish have introduced the necessary bill, but no action will be taken unless the American people demand it. Write Congressman Hancock at once. Ask him, in your own words, if he believes the sale of arms in peace time should be stopped; if he has signed the discharge petition for the Nye-Fish Bill.

SIGNING OFF: There will be no PEACE NEWS LETTER during the summer months -- but there must be peace action. Remember, preparation for war goes steadily, -- madly on: -- in the expenditure of unprecedented sums of armament (the cost in America alone is \$125,000 every hour!); in mobilization plans and army manoeuvres; in battleship building and legislative enactments. We must not be caught "asleep at the switch". Excuses and alibis will not save us. IF YOU WANT PEACE, PREPARE FOR PEACE NOW!

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WE RECOMMEND:

Bertrand Russell: WHICH WAY TO PEACE	\$ 2.50
A. A. Milne: PEACE WITH HONOUR	1.00
S. & J. Raushenbush: WAR MADNESS	0.25
Foreign Policy Association: HEADLINE BOOKS	each 0.25
DICTATORSHIP	WAR TOMORROW, Will We Keep Out?
MADE IN U. S. A.	AMERICA CONTRADICTS HERSELF
BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE	WAR DRUMS AND PEACE PLANS
CLASH IN THE PACIFIC	SPAIN - SYMBOL OF WORLD CONFLICT
R. B. Gregg: TRAINING FOR PEACE	\$ 0.15
J. H. Holmes: A STATESMANSHIP FOR PEACE	0.10
H. E. Fosdick: FIVE SECTORS OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT	Free
PEACE ACTION (Monthly)	Per year 0.50
WORLD EVENTS (Fortnightly)	Per year 0.25