

I'D RATHER BE RIGHT. One of the most telling lines in George M. Cohan's current Broadway success occurs near the beginning of the play when the "President" buys ice-cream pies for a young couple he has met in Central Park. As he enters the amount in his "budget" book the young man asks to see it, and reads aloud: "50 million dollars for battleships; 25 cents for ice-cream!"

PROGRAM TOWARD PEACE AND SECURITY - as told in the headlines:

First day: "England to Spend \$400,000,000 on Armaments in Coming Year."
 Second day: "Italy to Build Two Battleships."
 Third day: "President to Ask for 37 War Vessels."
 Fourth day: "Russia Plans Naval Expansion."
 Fifth day: "Britain's Objective, 1250 Planes in '38."

Battleships are admittedly not weapons of defense; Secretary Ickes has testified that shipbuilding brings the smallest returns in unemployment relief. Congressman Hancock told us he thought we should not enter another Naval race. Did he vote against the new Naval appropriation? You ask him!

TO YOU WHO DON'T WANT WAR. Do you favor giving the President a "blank check" to take this country into war? We came close to the danger line the other day when the U.S.S. Panay was sunk by the Japanese. Only the determined effort of the people can keep us out of war. They are the ones who must counteract the propaganda of the war propagandists. There is no possible way for the peace movement to get and spend the money that is being spent on the other side; the devotion of the people to peace must be depended upon.

WE TAKE A BOW. Our birthday party was a great success; the room at the Museum was most attractive; the cake was good, both to see and to eat; the program combined entertainment with information (it was too long, but we promise to guard against this next time); and our friends were very generous with their congratulations and gifts. In order that those of you who could not attend the party may have an opportunity to share in it, we are enclosing a copy of our new folder. We invite you to read it carefully. Then if you want such a program continued, use the envelope for your gift or pledge. "The postman stops at our door!"

PEACE SCHOOL OR INSTITUTE. It has been proposed by a number of people interested in a better understanding of peace problems that during March the Council conduct a peace school or institute. If you would be interested, please check and return the enclosed card (a penny stamp will bring it) so that we may know whether the demand will justify the effort. Competent leaders are assured. Enrollment limited to ten in each group. Registration fee \$1.00 for two courses.

RADIO. Shifts in station programs at WSYR have changed the SPC period from 4:05 Fridays to 3:00 on Thursdays. Hear Mr. Paxman and tell WSYR that you listened. ... The time of the nationwide broadcasts on World Economic Cooperation, sponsored by the NPC, has been changed to alternate Saturdays - 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Watch for it.

THE PEACE AMENDMENT. Present Administration Leaders (including Messrs. Roosevelt, Hull, Garner, Farley, and Cummings) unanimously approved the War Referendum Plan in 1924. Their platform declared: "Those who must furnish the blood and bear the burdens imposed by war should, whenever possible, be consulted before this supreme sacrifice is required of them."

Editorial Comments:

"If anything has been demonstrated by governmental policy in recent weeks, climaxed by the Administration's fight against the war referendum measure, it is the need for democratic control over foreign relations. Too much power is vested in the President, and neither Congress nor the people have any effective check on the Executive."

"Defeat of the motion to vote on the Ludlow resolution in the House of Representatives safeguards the President's power to employ the threat of war in the conduct of our foreign affairs; but the manner of its defeat and the nature of the vote give striking evidence of the strength of peace sentiment in the country. The count was 209 to 188; thus a shift of eleven votes would have changed the result."

"This narrow vote in the House . . . is a solemn warning. The nation at large is anxious and disquieted over the direction in which the President is taking it in its international relations. If the vote on the Ludlow amendment teaches Mr. Roosevelt this, it will have served a good purpose."

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