

ARE YOU?

Our last word to you in June was: "We'll be with you again in September! Will you be with us?"

OUR FALL PROGRAM BEGAN --

with an Educational Exhibit at the State Fair. The feature attraction was the Puppet Show presented three times each day; sometimes to crowds of several hundred. But there were poster and literature displays, and intelligent, informed attendants to answer questions. Over two thousand citizens signed a petition to Congress favoring the War Referendum Amendment. The total number of contacts made by the booth was estimated at 4600.

On September 23-24 we were host to the Second Conference of New York State Peace Workers. Thirty-five reservations represented fourteen communities from New York City to Niagara Falls. W.I.L., N.P.C., M.C.P.W. and A.F.S.C. all sent representatives who took part in the program. Dr. Walter VanKirk, Director of N.P.C., spoke at the public dinner sponsored by the Council of Churches on Friday night. His subject: "The American Peace Movement in Time of Crisis". The luncheon speaker on Saturday noon was Paul Harris, Jr., Director of Peace Action Service. Other sessions were devoted to panel discussions of ways and means for carrying on peace programs and to a business meeting at which proposals looking toward a State organization were discussed. In both the addresses and the discussions there was a strong feeling that we must "carry on" in the face of difficulties and dangers; that our primary task is to keep the issues clear in our thinking and to build a public opinion that will support measures to KEEP AMERICA OUT. And this, not from a selfish isolationist motive, but because only so can we preserve democracy; only so can we best serve the cause of world peace.

OUR PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE --

to promote World Economic Cooperation and Methods of Peaceful Change as the only sound basis of World Peace;

to support the War Referendum Bill and Neutrality -- not as panaceas, but as means -- to KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR;

to believe that the strengthening of our own democratic institutions, the defense of our civil liberties, the increase of our economic security are our best defense against war. (For more information on above, send ten cents, stamps or coins.)

THIS MONTH --

we focus attention on the political campaign. In just five weeks we shall elect a new Congress.

Have you stopped to realize that the men and women we send to that Congress will certainly have to vote on questions that will help to determine the issue of peace or war? That they may have to vote on the direct question of sending your sons and brothers to war?

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR PEACE:

Ask every candidate for Congress one or more of these questions:

1. Will he vote to let the people vote Yes or No on foreign war?
2. Will he work and vote to strengthen the Neutrality Law which was passed to protect this country against foreign war?
3. If he has to vote on a foreign war, will he vote "No"?

This is not a partisan political effort; no party lines are involved; it is a strategy for public education. Carried on on a national scale it can have a profound effect but IT DEPENDS ON YOU. (If you do not know who the candidates are, call us or your newspaper.)

Our radio program begins its third year under the direction of Mr. U. S. Paxman on Friday afternoon, October 7, 4:45-5:00 WFBL. LISTEN!

War scares encircle the world hourly. What must we do to keep the peace message alive? There will be differences of opinion as the issues of the Central European crisis are debated, but there can be no difference of opinion about this:

AMERICA MUST KEEP HER HEAD. AMERICANS MUST THINK STRAIGHT.

Not actions based on emotional prejudices (easy!), but decisions formed from a clear understanding of the causes and effects (very hard!) will protect us from folly. "Force produces no solution for the future good of humanity," said the President to Benes and Hitler. It is just as true for US. America wants peace! Americans do not want war! Then, support

A NO-WAR POLICY FOR AMERICA

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