

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS: Thank you for your fine response to our appeal in the September LETTER. Of course our distribution is sharply reduced, but for the first time the LETTER is going to a wholly "paid-up" list. We regret this, but we have explained the necessity that compels such drastic action. We hope some of our friends will miss us. Many of you sent in additional names with your own. That's a good idea! There is still room for more!

POLITICAL NOTES: Written to your Congressional candidates yet? We have; and had replies from only one: James M. Mead (Senator, Democratic Party), of Buffalo. But we have let them know that we think peace is important and what we believe are some of the issues. There is still time for you to do that before election.

Seven young men and women and their pastor called on Congressman Hancock last week. They had a grand time - and came away enthusiastically impressed with the importance of what they had done. And they had met a real live Congressman! Why not let us arrange a party for you before November the 7th?

WE NEED: A new roller for our faithful old mimeograph machine. \$3.50 will buy it. Who wants to make this particular gift to the peace movement?

To get rid of ten books of "Keep-America-Out-of-War Stamps". Will you take one and sell the stamps for us? They are particularly appropriate to use on your letters from now until Armistice Day. They come in denominations of from five to fifty cents.

WELCOME: To the new Meadville (Pennsylvania) Peace News. We'd like to quote half of it if we had space enough.

PROGRAM: Instead, we submit for your serious consideration a

PROGRAM FOR THE UNITED STATES BASED ON THE RECENT CRISIS

By Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary, N.C.P.W.

1. To keep America out of war - the only possible starting point for our future international cooperation:
 - a. Mandatory keep-America-out of war or "neutrality" bill, stopping gaps in present legislation.
 - b. Constitutional amendment requiring a popular referendum before foreign wars can be waged.
 - c. All-time embargo on the export of munitions.
2. To remove the economic causes of war:
 - a. Mutually advantageous trade agreements with all nations, including Germany, Italy, Japan, and Russia.
 - b. Use of our huge gold and silver reserves to strengthen the financial status of all nations and facilitate world trade.
3. To remove the intolerable menace and waste of increasing armaments:
 - a. Legislation restricting the use of our navy to defense of the United States from invasion.
 - b. Governmental pressure for the universal abolition of weapons of aggression and appropriate limitation of the weapons of defense.
4. To defend democracy:
 - a. Make it better and show its superiority to other systems.
 - b. Remove the economic causes of fascism and communism, such as bad housing, unemployment and desperate poverty, transforming our war boom progressively into a peace boom.
5. To provide for future settlement of all our disputes by pacific means:
 - a. Perfect the Pan-American system of treaties.
 - b. Strengthen our participation in the International Labor Organization.
 - c. Join the World Court.
 - d. Substitute for the present international anarchy a universal League of Nations dedicated, not to the maintenance of the status quo but to the promotion of justice; with sanctions in an optional clause, to be signed by those that want to enforce them; a League completely equipped, like the Pan-American system of treaties, to settle peacefully by conference, conciliation or arbitration, all disputes that may arise.
 - e. Establish an independent World Grievance Commission, representing farm, labor and business, as well as governments, to listen to dissatisfied nations or minorities and propose solutions before their grievances become acute.

(Study it carefully. Write us what you think about it.
Ask questions. Bring it up for discussion in groups.)

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