

THANK YOU!

Our very cordial thanks to Mr. Walter T. Smith who so promptly supplied the new mimeograph roller requested last month. We are enjoying its use.

GET READY All signs point to foreign policy as the most important issue in for the the new Congress. It will be the most important session in recent 76th CONGRESS! years.

H Y S T E R I A - is the only word to describe the attitude of mind which the Administration is deliberately working up in support of its super-super-
armament program. The threat from Germany; the threat to South America; the threat of Japan. . . We are being frightened into seeing a spy on every street corner and a "Hun" behind every headline! . . . But hysteria is no sound guide for foreign policy; this is a time for clear thinking.

- 1 - The real motivations of the armaments program are: Political (the setback to the New Deal in November) and Economic (the serious lag in "recovery" by heavy industry).
- 2 - There is available abundant testimony of experts to prove that increased Armaments are not needed for national defense.
- 3 - Our real dangers are from: Propaganda (radio, screen, press); Threats to Civil Liberties (freedom of speech and assembly); and the First Steps Toward Economic Fascism (militarism of industry).

REQUIRED READING - **THE 22-BILLION-DOLLAR TOUCH**, in the December Scribner's, reveals the inside technique of the Liberty Loan drives and warns of what we may expect next time. Written by an ex-officer in the A.E.F. An excellent antidote for propoganda; well illustrated.

- **THE DEFENSE OF AMERICA**, in the December Harper's, by a former Major in the Military Intelligence Reserve, U.S.A., points out "the middle way" for those who would defend their country without destroying it. Warns that we should not and need not ever engage again in foreign war. Asks, "Why should we go to war to defend freedom if we must begin by destroying it with our own hands?"

- **ENGLAND MOVES TOWARD FASCISM**, in the January Harper's, by Eliot Janeway, points out the economic road to fascism which Germany has traveled, England is traveling, and we seem bent on beginning to travel with the "educational orders" now being placed with key industries by the War Department.

OPPORTUNITY - In January, Jeannette Rankin, first Congresswoman in the U.S., now head of the Legislative Department, National Council for the Prevention of War, will visit Syracuse. She will be guest of honor and speaker at our Birthday Party. Watch for the date; come and bring your friends. A rare opportunity to discuss legislative questions affecting foreign policy with an expert.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION! Write to Washington once a week. When Senator Nye spoke at the University last week, he urged citizens constantly to keep their views before Congress and the Administration. He testified to the importance and effectiveness of such action. Here are suggestions for January:

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1	Write the President and your Congressman and tell them you want public funds spent for constructive and not war purposes.	
8	Write the President and ask him who is going to be able to invade the Western Hemisphere NOW?	
15	Write the President and ask how an army and navy will stop such trade competition.	
22	Write your Senators and Congressman that you want to stay out of foreign wars and that you do not want to give the President the power to choose sides in a foreign war.	
29	If you want to have a chance to vote on going to war on foreign soil, when we are not attacked or actually threatened with attack, write your Congressman and ask him to support the Ludlow war referendum.	

PACIFIST "STUPIDITY" - A Footnote

WOODROW WILSON, 1917: "What I am opposed to is not the feeling of the pacifists, but their stupidity. I want peace, but I know how to get it, and they do not. . . There is but one response possible for us. Force, force without stint or limit, force which shall make right the law of the world. . ."

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, 1939: "Resort to force in the Great War failed to bring tranquility. Victory and defeat were alike sterile. That lesson the world should have learned."

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