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- EARLY EDITION** We are sending our LETTER out a week early this month for two reasons: (1) to call your attention to the PAUL HARRIS DINNER; (2) in order that you may get your War Referendum Petition in on time.
- DID YOU HELP?** "Guam" not included in Naval Bill. "Despite desperate efforts by the Navy Department, public outcry prevented. All in all, the fate of the Guam proposal is the most reassuring evidence of the American people's distaste for militarism that has come to light this year." Christian Century 5/3/39.
- DID YOU SEE?** The Message to the President from the Executive Committee of our Council re-affirming our belief in mandatory neutrality as a non-participation-in-war policy; but at the same time urging upon him the responsibility for world-leadership in a "peace conference before instead of after war"? It was reported in all three Syracuse papers. Ask us for a copy. Sign and mail it.
- IF YOU ARE WISE** You will work for the War Referendum. It is "Democracy in Action." One man to whom we sent the enclosed petition returned it to us within three days with 63 signatures. See how many you can send us before June 1st.
- BARBED WIRE FOR US?** While we hate totalitarianism abroad and hunt spies at home, nearly 60 bills which endanger our traditional civil liberties have been introduced in the present session of Congress. Two of the worst, the Dempsey and Hobbs Bills, have actually passed the House! Ask your Congressman for copies. Then tell him what you think of them. Freedom Begins at Home.
- THE AMERICAN DREAM** If you believe in aiding the oppressed you should support the Wagner-Rogers Bill to admit refugee children. "Suffer little children"
- GOOD READING** We recommend for your reading in this Memorial Day Season: "We're Blundering into War" by Charles A. Beard. THE AMERICAN MERCURY, April. "Background for War" TIME, May 1 and 22, and "Adolf to Franklin" TIME, May 8. "Gambling with Peace" Demaree Bess, SATEVEPOST, April 8. "Three Families" LIFE April 24. They're worth the trouble it will take to look them up (we have copies) but are an excellent antidote for the high-powered propaganda for war now being poured out by radio, press, platform and screen.
- TEN CENTS** JUST LIKE YOU STORIES for little boys and girls. Books of world friendship for home or Sunday School. At this office.
- PAUL HARRIS** Just back from several months in England and Central Europe, Paul Harris, Jr., will be our guest at dinner at THE SUNFLOWER, Thursday evening, May 25th, at 6:45 DST. Reservations are coming in fast. If you don't want to miss this unusual opportunity, send in yours at once. Price 50¢.
- NEWS NOTES** London, March 9th. - The government tried out today its new gas bags for babies too small to use gas masks. quoted from The New York Post. Air-raid protection drills were interrupted in Yorkshire, England, by the discovery that the 2,000 hurricane lamps to be used were stamped "Made in Germany." quoted from The Cleveland Plain Dealer.
- HELP** Our Town Hall Meeting last month was a great success. Now, we are helping churches and schools to plan appropriate Memorial Day programs. What can we do for you? P. S. Welcome, World's Fair Pencil Sharpener!
- SUMMER SESSIONS** Do you want to invest a part of your summer vacation pleasantly and profitably? Here are two excellent and economical opportunities: (1) "How Can We Make Democracy Work?" - The Summer Institute for Social Progress at Wellesley, Mass., July 8-22. Write: Dorothy P. Hill, 22 Oakland Place, Buffalo. (2) "Toward An Adequate American Foreign Policy", - The Institute of International Relations at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. Write: E. A. School, 20 South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia.
- SPECIAL EDITION** Our June LETTER (The last for this season) will be a special message entitled What Fools We Mortals Be, which we ask you to read and keep in mind during the summer months. War takes no holiday. So this is our opportunity to thank you for your support during the past ten months; and to ask you to "stand by for further announcements."