

**TWENTY MILLION MEN ARE GOING TO BE KILLED**

if efforts for a negotiated peace through neutral mediation fail. The President would not have sent Mr. Welles to visit both neutrals and belligerents in Europe without some assurance of a friendly reception. Remember that press reports are prepared for home consumption. Note also a NNS dispatch from London reporting that substantial groups of business men are worried over the prospect of an early peace and its effect on their investments. Mr. Welles' mission is only the first step on a long hard road. We must be patient but we must also be determined. There is something effective you can do about it at once: Take heart; say Thank-you; Talk.

**HOUSES VS. BATTLESHIPS:** Before the House Naval Affairs Committee, this month, Frederick J. Libby summed up opposition of organized peace forces to the Vinson Naval Bill in three arguments:

1. Lack of established policy: What are Americans prepared to die for?
2. Curtailment of relief measures: The people want bread and jobs. Fascism thrives on hunger. The defense of Democracy begins at home.
3. Grave uncertainty as to value: Why spend 75 to 100 million dollars on one battleship if it cannot protect itself from a \$10,000 torpedo?

**PS:** In three years, 1937-1938-1939, the Navy built 36 destroyers which it now admits are top-heavy and not battle-worthy. Changes will cost the taxpayers upward of a half million dollars. What price sea-power?

**AN AMERICAN LOOKS AT EUROPE:** Dorothy Detzer, brilliant Executive Secretary of the WIL, who carries on the Jane Adams tradition for peace, returned in December from a survey-study of conditions in Europe. She will speak on "Democratic Policy in Relation to Foreign War" at a luncheon in the Small Ballroom, Hotel Syracuse, Saturday, March 16th, at 1 o'clock. Do not miss this opportunity. The office will be glad to make your reservations.

**MORNING'S MAIL:** "There are those of us . . . who see something sub-Christian in the shipment of arms, or money earmarked for arms, to Finland, to Japan, to England, or to any other nations on the face of God's earth." ~~Franklin D. Bennett, Rector, St. Pauls Episcopal Church.~~

"Americans have a stake of \$12,000,000 in the Industrial Mortgage Bank of Finland . . . 13 American corporations have branches in Finland . . . Ford of Finland paid 10% dividends in 1938 . . . 13 American investment bankers are reported (N. Y. Times 12/9) as seeking "relief" for Finland. If relief - - - why not Czechoslovakia? - - - Poland?" . . . Mrs. Ruth E. Hill, Jamesville.

We have received from Mrs. J. Paul Munson a copy of the "Plan of Work 1940," of the Department of International Relations for Peace of the WCTU. Excellent. In Onondaga County all WCTU chapters cooperate by subscribing for and reading our News-Letter monthly.

**"TWADDLE" AND THE "TROJAN HORSE":** The President may assume a "fatherly" attitude and, looking down his nose at Youth, assure them that their fear of American entanglement in foreign wars through U. S. aid to Finland is "unadulterated twaddle"; but a Youth leader has aptly characterized such aid as "the Trojan Horse of intervention."

**BOOKS BY MAIL:** For democrats: "The March of Fascism"; for defenders: "Our Military Chaos"; for politicians: "The Deadly Parallel." We repeat the offer because of the enthusiastic response last month.

**THREAT OF PREPAREDNESS:** We warn you. We are taking the issue to the country! - - if someone doesn't give us a pencil sharpener this month, taxpayers' protests to the contrary, notwithstanding . . .

**THINGS TO DO IN MARCH:** Many of you have copies of the new War Referendum petition. Please be prompt. Who else can use one?

Write two letters; one to the President on the Welles Mission (see above); one to Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, and have your views on the Naval Expansion program recorded.