

THE BELL STILL TOLLS FOR US According to the BULLETIN of the Foreign Policy Association for July 4, "Imperceptibly, but steadily, public opinion in this country has been gravitating toward the conclusion that we have either already over-extended ourselves in aiding the needy, or that we shall do so before Europe achieves a viable economy." THE POST-STANDARD has just discovered that 45% of articulate Syracuse opposes "funds for Europe." We and FPA wonder how anyone can picture a prosperous and safe USA in the midst of a sick and impoverished world. Is there no way to arouse people to an awareness of their own interests?

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BEHIND THE TIMES? Harry A. Wheeler, president of the Railway Business Association, announced that The United States is the only important country in which the railways continue to be operated and owned by private enterprise. He believes that increased railway earnings is the only way to prevent nationalization of our railways and other forms of transportation as well. He conspicuously fails to point out how much safer are the nationalized Canadian airlines, for example, than our own privately managed ones. We ponder the problem of which is better, to provide safe transportation or to make more money.

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Speaking in favor of the bill, Philip Hannah, Assistant Secretary of Labor, says displaced persons possess "certain skills and industrial experience now in short supply in America." Americans, moreover, are paying to keep up concentration camps in which people like ourselves cannot but deteriorate. As usual self-interest is on the side of compassion!

AS OTHERS SEE US Writing in the English periodical, Peace News, Wilfred Wellock, whom some PNL readers may remember, criticizes us as well as his own country, we fear with too much reason. Says he, "The US like Britain, France and Germany is being corrupted and despoiled by a devouring materialism. American capitalism is an amalgam of conflicting interests which are perpetually on the look-out for the main chance. Its ruthlessness is appalling. Every area in the US has its stories of financial brigandage, while the power of money over public opinion exercised through the Press, the cinema, the radio, and often through cultural and religious institutions has dwarfed the human spirit by the multiplication of the appetites..." We hesitate somehow to compare the growth of our own spirit with that of our appetites. Are we unique?

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 20 CONGRATULATIONS AND ORCHIDS (of the purely imaginary variety--all we can 20
 20 afford) TO THE PLAINFIELD COUNCIL OF WORLD FRIENDSHIP, which is this year 20
 20 celebrating its twentieth birthday!
 20 It is heartening for us to know that a council dedicated to "promote an 20
 20 alert public opinion on matters relating to international problems and to 20
 20 keep open the channels of truth and democracy" has been able to survive 20
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 20 culties of survival in these critical days, we extend our sincerest felic- 20
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ANOTHER BOOK END Why not consider the Peace Council's book and pamphlet service when selecting your light (?) summer reading. Stop in and see us or phone us for suggestions.

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