

The BOOK END comes first this month because of the importance of new lieterature available. Read at least one of these titles this month!

1. PEACE OR ANARCHY by Cord Meyer, Jr. deserves our serious attention not only because it is an intelligent and an eloquent plea for world government, and a convincing exposition of the truth that the price of preparedness is the defeat of democracy, but because it is the passionate cry of a G I who knows what war is and puts himself wholeheartedly into the struggle against it. 230 pp. \$2.50 postpaid. Available for loan by mail.
2. OUR THREATENED VALUES by Victor Gollancz, the great British publisher and humanitarian, delves much deeper into the moral dis-case that threatens our time. A realistic and deeply moving book, it has profoundly stirred political thought in England and is urgently needed here. In a brief foreword Rufus Jones says Amen to it. 218 pp. \$1.00 postpaid, or by loan.
3. NOT BY MIGHT, by A. J. Muste, insists that Christianity is the way to human decency. With intellectual clarity this authentic prophet of the American peace movement shows that the way Jesus taught and lived is practical now---A must book. 220 pp. \$2.50 by mail. Also in our loan library.
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GIFTS All of you who contributed to our 1948 Garden Fund will be glad to know that THAT your gardens were on their way to Poland, Hungary and Japan last month-- GROW 13,925 in all! This means that nearly 70,000 people are planting gardens and will have fresh vegetables and flowers this summer.

"A garden is a lovesome thing."

1949 Gardens will cost 50¢ each, provide for five persons, and go to Germany and Japan. You can "buy" your Overseas Garden now as you plant your own.

A CORD MEYER, JR. WILL SPEAK IN SYRACUSE AT THE MIZPAH ON SATURDAY REAL EVENING, MAY 15, AT 8:00 O'CLOCK. (SEE "BOOK END" ABOVE.) OPPORTUNITY WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO HEAR HIM.

P.S. Deeply Regret Unavoidable Delay in Mailing which spoils effect this announcement. Purpose still holds!

MORNING
MAIL

April 30, 1948.

Dear PNL:

In Washington the picture hasn't changed very much. UMT still looks as if it can be beaten. SS still looks almost inevitable. Was interested in today's Times, which told of Truman's special message to Congress next week, asking for lend-lease of military supplies to the ERP countries; more seriously, it indicated our approval of use of ERP funds and raw materials by those countries for armaments and other military measures. This is a clear violation of the use of ERP for reconstruction, and is exactly the criticism which we and others have been making. And it only means greater drains on the American economy, while it further increases the likelihood of the draft here and conflict abroad. It does seem that we are going to arm the world and control the world against Russia. Yet, the delegations - in speaking to congressmen - are told that the President has so maneuvered things that the congressmen can't help but go along. I think that is a dishonest position for the congressmen to take, since they could speak out against the administration policy if they really felt opposed. We are going to attempt to do something along that line.

Glad you are writing letters. Please stress the fact that the administration is really asking Congress to give it a blank check of military commitments for a foreign policy which neither Congress nor the country fully understands. It is time for Congress to demand a definite statement of our present commitments and our future plans. If the road we are taking is toward war, the country ought to know it. If we have made secret agreements, the country should know that, too. --George.

April 14, 1948

Dear PNL:

Having just returned from Italy, after two years of work with the American Friends Service Committee, I would like to point out how our present military policy looks to the people over there.

Most of them have not appreciated our attempt to gain their political support through our gifts of material aid. They have considered that as long as we are preparing for war we have little better to offer them than has Russia.

If the United States were facing a war crisis the enactment of selective service by Congress would be understandable. But when it is clear that the draft is not at all necessary today its enactment will be clearly a warlike act and will further alienate these people whom we should be inspiring with hope.

With American economic aid and the confidence that America truly wants peace, democracy will thrive and the Communist regime will fade quickly in Europe. I say this out of the conviction of two years of close friendly acquaintance with the Italian people. If you could have had this experience yourself you would certainly be convinced. -- Bob.

April 18, 1948.

Dear PNL:

This winter we have had the joy of preparing for the arrival of our first child. And we have become clearly aware, for the first time, of how a new mother in a war devastated area must feel -- to have the deep thrill of expectancy turned to sorrow because her tiny child must come into a world where she could give it no reserves of strength and nourishment, and no special little garments to keep it warm and secure.

So I have made a double set of baby things -- one for a European child or children and the other for our baby. It is amateur sewing, as you can see, and it isn't nearly as complete a set as we wish we could send. But to some of God's other beloved children it brings the deep love of our new little family." --Jane.

MIRACLE. Spring has been beautiful for us this year; truly the annual miracle of the blossoming of Aaron's rod. But this same spring has a different meaning in the lives of millions overseas. Floods in Eastern Europe have made hundreds homeless. Across central Europe and Asia food stocks have been depleted and lean months lie between now and the gathering of the harvests. Men and women who have somehow held themselves together through the winter are suddenly giving way to exhaustion and the ravages of disease which were not as active during the cold.

There are more children barefooted now; what shoes they had last year have worn thin on winter roads. For the third or fourth-or maybe seventh year - women put aside thought of new dress or bonnet to match the spring weather as they face again the struggle to feed and clothe the family.

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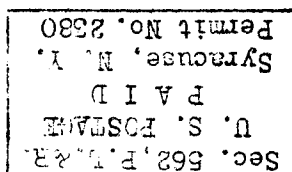
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FAITH Said Clarence Pickett, at Yale University last week, in announcing that AFSC has decided to use its share of the Nobel Peace Prize in an effort to improve Russian-American relations: "Without minimizing the serious nature of the problems involved, the progress the Committee has made in its explorations to date has let it to believe that concrete, constructive results can be achieved."

Our enclosure this month is a public statement of that belief. WILL YOU HELP US TAKE OUR OWN GALLUP POLL BY RETURNING THE COUPON TO US, if you wish to return it at all;--you will get the same information in reply.



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