

Special to PNL Readers

FREEDOM IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

BE PREPARED

I. Because we believe the Conscription issue, brought before the country by the President's message, is of such urgent importance to democracy;
Because we believe the facts and considerations set forth in the enclosed "Washington Newsletter" are so significant and so timely;
Because we--and you--can have complete confidence in this source of information,
We are substituting this "Special Edition" for our regular News-Letter this month,
We urge you to read it, share it, be guided by it. This is serious business.
 (For a few of you this will be a duplicate. Please pass one copy on to your editor, your pastor, your school principal, or other maker of community opinion.)

II. The theme of our ANNUAL MID-WINTER INSTITUTE of International Relations is pertinent to the same problem. We propose to examine the various kinds of strength through which peace and freedom may be won. Alonzo F. Myers of New York University-- a veteran of World War I -- is chairman of the National Council Against Conscription. His topic: "Peace is for the Free."

Moreover, the President is confronted by a determined bloc of advisers who urge the use of military strength now. He needs the support of the kind of informed public opinion this conference can build in his search for other kinds of strength for peace.

Do all you can to "Make the Institute Thrive in Fifty-Five."

III. COMING EVENTS OF MORE LOCAL INTEREST

In the Rochester Area: A One-Day Conference on "Peace Through War or Want" --at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School on February 12. Auspices, American Friends Service Committee. Speaker: Fenner Brockway, Labour M.P. and authority on colonialism. Lunch at noon, \$1.00, followed by address and forum; concluding with a Panel Discussion between Fenner Brockway, Mark Deibler, and Robert Horton. All readers within driving distance are cordially invited.

In the Syracuse Area: The distinguished documentary film of the American Academy of Asian Studies, TWENTIETH CENTURY PROPHECY, Mahatma Gandhi, will be shown at the University Methodist Church in Syracuse on Thursday evening, February 10, at 7:30. Admission free.

IV. BOOK END: An enthusiastic audience heard Amiya Chakravarty interpret "India's Role in Today's World" at the Syracuse Peace Council's 19th Anniversary Dinner this month. Two of the books he recommended for better understanding of India and the Far East, are available by mail from the free loan library of the Peace Council. These are "Ambassador's Report" by Chester Bowles, and "India Afire" by the Woffords.