

HEARD AT ANTI-WAR RALLY IN NEW YORK CITY

NORMAN THOMAS (Socialist Presidential Candidate) charged both President Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie with equal willingness to "gamble the lives and fortunes of 132 million people . . . Rarely have any people been so deliberately panicked into hysteria and fooled into possible wars of aggression in the name of defense as have the American people. . . . If we allow ourselves to be dragged into a war in the Far East it will be the most unnecessary, the most insane, the most terrible war the world has ever known."

RABBI SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN (of the Free Synagogue) "If we are to prevent international conflicts which will destroy civilization as we know it, we must reorganize our entire economic and political life."

DR. PHILLIPPS P. ELLIOTT (Brooklyn Presbyterian Pastor) calling for the maintenance of peace without military victory, said, "War is the antithesis of everything religion believes . . . You can have one or the other, but not both. We are vitally interested in defense . . . but we are more interested in the defense of peace."

DR. EVAN THOMAS (World War I Conscientious Objector) " . . . No event in history has made me believe that we can accomplish our ends (democracy) through the means of force . . . No Hitler could win out against non-cooperation."

PAGING ALL BRUTES! Extract from an editorial in the New York Daily News, Sept. 12, and the Washington Times-Herald:

"The Draft ought to be made as popular as possible; and it ought to be aimed at raising contingents of born brutes and young brutes. . . . For all our war forces we've got to have men who are strong, smart, young and brutal. . . . We've trained our young men differently -- made them Boy Scouts, CCC'ers etc., to whom the thought of firing a gun at another human being was abhorrent, or supposed to be. We may pay for that sometime. But there may yet be time to collect and train an army of men whose brutal instincts will be attuned to the even more brutal machines of the 20th Century War."

IN THE COMING ELECTION we must concentrate our efforts in electing an anti-war, anti-dictatorship House of Representatives. (The Senate will stay Democratic because of its big Democratic Majority now.) Question or write your Congressmen on their foreign policy stand. Ask them to pledge that they will never vote to send our men, Navy or Air Force, to fight wars in Europe or Asia. This may be your last chance to vote against United States participation in foreign wars. **ACT NOW!**

Look before you leap!

Ask before you vote!

CASKETS AND GADGETS. Commenting on the recent disclosure that the War Department has been surveying the casket industry's capacity for expansion, Major Robert A. Ginsburgh says: "When you have an army you have to figure it's going to fight some day. Fighting means casualties and casualties call for caskets. That's all there is to it. Just a simple matter of being prepared with essentials. Caskets are just like all the rest of the gadgets we use." !!!

FINGER BOWLS FOR DEFENSE. Speaking of war essentials, Congressman John Taber has told the House of Representatives that money appropriated for National Defense is being spent to buy the Navy 5,000 silver-plated finger bowls and 5,000 silver-plated trays to go with them. Why be cheapskates -- aren't we paying enough for defense to buy them sterling?

ANNOUNCING PAUL HARRIS! Guest speaker at the regular monthly supper conference of the Syracuse Peace Council, Monday, November 11th, Armistice Day.  
Subject - "Democracy and Defense"

Place: First Methodist Church, 412 S. State Street  
Time: 6:30 Supper followed by Conference.  
Cost: Supper and Conference, 65¢.

Special Conference tickets for students, 25¢. (Conference begins at 8 o'clock)

Please make reservations early by calling 2-5316

MERCHANTS OF DEATH, 1940. Among those corporations reporting profits for the first half of 1940, five have a net gain of 197.8% over the same period last year. Republic Steel tops the list with 495.3%; others are Atlantic Refining Co. 289%; Libby-Owens-Ford Glass, 94.9%; General Electric 58%; Caterpillar Tractor 51.5%. Four hundred leading corporations report gains of 58.6%. (Figures are from the Congressional Record, August 29, 1940.) On the other hand, payrolls rose only 13%, according to Department of Labor figures.

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EUROPEAN RELIEF. Millions of civilians, particularly women and children, are facing starvation and epidemics this winter. The American Friends' Service Committee is collecting food and clothing for children's homes, hospitals and feeding centers in France. You can help in this by bringing the pressure of public opinion upon our government to have the blockade lifted for food, clothing and medical supplies. The Quakers did this in World War I and in Spain, and Mr. Hoover says it can be done again. And there are other ways: Call 2-5316 for suggestions.

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NEWS FROM BRITAIN. London, August 29, 1940.  
"Never, I suppose, has the sum total of civilian courage in this country proved so great as it is today," writes Vera Brittain in her LETTER TO PEACE LOVERS. After describing the "magnificent heroism" and "superlative courage" of civilians and soldiers in the total war phase which England is now undergoing, she asks, "For what end are these great sacrifices being made? .... Our finest qualities are demanded of us in order that grief, terror and despair may be inflicted not only upon a hostile government, but upon the people who accepted it. The outcome of our nobility can only be their greater suffering, their more prolonged ordeal ... Suppose that the crusading courage ... were harnessed to the imaginative construction of friendly international relationships based on mutual sacrifice and cooperative good will? Imagine what would happen if they were dedicated to revitalizing the Church, rebuilding the slums, reinvigorating literature, music and art, reorganizing from top to bottom the economic system based on privilege and power, tackling the vexed problem of distribution, making equal education and opportunities available for all .....

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