

**MEETINGS** For our March program the Executive Committee accepted the invitation of the Syracuse Friends Meeting to hear Howard and Gertrude Kershner, until recently directors of Quaker Relief in Europe, speak on "Food for Europe". Pictures of feeding and famine conditions in Spain and France were shown to about 300 people.

The food, the neutral ships, the money, the necessary safeguards against aid-to-the Axis, are all available, "While Millions Starve". What doth hinder thee to write to the President and the Secretary of State of your concern?

For our April Meeting we are privileged to have Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence of Massachusetts, who will speak on "The Necessity of Faith in Days of Change," in the Colonial room at Hendricks Chapel on the Campus at 8 o'clock, Monday, April 5.

Sorry these two meetings come so close together but we are glad to take good things when we can get them. We have more excellent programs planned for the months ahead. (Frederick Libby, April 17 on "What's Cooking in Washington.") Don't miss any of them.

**DRAGONS RUN THE WAR; AND HOW?** William Allen White reported on his semi-annual visit to Washington in the Emporia Gazette: "It is silly to say New Dealers run this war show. It's run largely by absentee owners of amalgamated industrial wealth, men who either directly or through their employers control small minority blocks, closely organized, that manipulate the physical plants of these trusts. Also, for the most part, these managerial magnates whom one meets in Washington are decent Americans. For the most part they are giving to the American people superb service. They have great talents. If you touch them in nine relations of life out of ten, they are kindly, courteous, Christian gentlemen. But in the tenth relation, where it touches their own organization, they are stark mad, ruthless, unchecked by God or man, paranoiacs, in fact, as evil in their designs as Hitler. They are determined to come out of this war victors for their stockholders.... This attitude of the men who control the great commodity industries and who propose to run them according to their own judgment and their own morals, does not make a pretty picture for the welfare of the common man. These international combinations of industrial capital are fierce troglodyte animals with tremendous power and no social brains. They hover like the old silurian reptiles about our decent, more or less Christian civilization - like great dragons in this modern day when dragons are supposed to be dead."

#### SAVING FOR DEFENSE

**FAHRENHEIT** The Office of Price Administration, in calling for discipline in the use of fuels by civilians, tells the fuel-rationed East that 65 degree temperatures are healthful. Yet it has been heating the Washington headquarters up to 80 degrees and on some days finds it necessary to open one-third of its windows to reduce the temperature to comfort. --Readers Digest, February, 1943

**7 TIMES 7** A large government agency serving the general public in Syracuse has recently taken floor space at an annual rental more than seven times - as great as that paid by the private tenant who formerly occupied the premises.

**FAIR** The New York State Fair has been suspended for the duration but a new governor has appointed a new Fair Director at a new salary, \$8500 per year . . . an increase of \$1200 over the salary paid when there were fairs to direct.

#### LEST WE FORGET--

More seats have been sold on the Stock Exchange in the last six months than in the last three years. --- Walter Winchell, March 8, 1943.

Latest untold chapter: how the big bankers in Paris knew in advance all about the American landing in North Africa and transferred their funds to the tune of \$350,000,000. Then ...with the aid of their friend, U.S. Minister Robert Murphy, brought pressure to raise the exchange rate, thus increasing their holdings to \$525,000,000. --Drew Pearson, Feb. 26, 1943.

...during the first defense period, one-third of all the orders went to exactly six companies, General Motors, du Pont, Bethlehem Steel, Curtiss-Wright, New York Shipbuilding and Newport News Ship. Those six companies got contracts for around 10 billions during the first flush of war preparation, and have been getting more ever since.

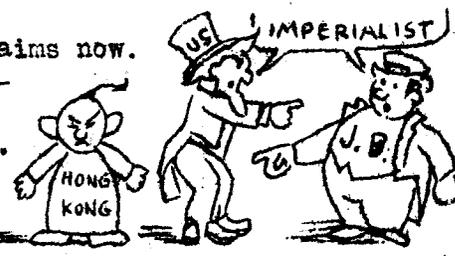
Pretty soon also we woke up to the fact that with 200,000 firms available for war jobs, at first 90 per cent of these jobs went to only 600 firms. Six hundred out of 200,000 is cutting the melon among a very few; and the ratio has continued about that way ever since.

--Drew Pearson, Jan. 25, 1943.

At the Midwinter Institute of International Relations in Syracuse, distinguished foreign correspondent William Henry Chamberlain listed the obstacles to a lasting peace as follows:



1. The witches' cauldren of hatred now being brewed.
2. The heroic measures that will be required to salvage the stunted and warped humanity that will remain.
3. The lack of adequate statement of peace aims now.
4. The seeds of World War 3 now being sown -
  - (a) The clash with the Soviet Union
  - (b) The war within a war in Jugoslavia.
5. Communist propoganda in other countries.
6. Question of Russia's western frontier.
7. Our Eastern imperialism, e.g. Hong Kong.



He warned; However discouraging the situation may appear, people of good will must never give up; the less the government says about peace aims and plans, the more the people must say; we must place our emphasis less exclusively on politics and more on economic problems. We can hope and work for some application of the federal principle. The basic problem is moral; we must find a way to redress the balance of the individual versus the state.

**WITCHES' CAULDRON HERE AT HOME**

John T. Regan of San Francisco, grand secretary of the Native Sons of the Golden West, bringing suit to revoke voting privileges of Americans of Japanese ancestry, openly admitted in a letter to the Sacramento Bee that his group and others were following the line of race superiority:

"The Native Sons of the Golden West, with the American Legion, the California State Federation of Labor and the California State Grange have organized the California Joint Immigration Committee to protect California and the United States from the entry of any nonassimilable races and if this is considered persecution, then we are guilty of the charge."

**FEED THE STARVING!**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an important statement on famine relief in Europe in which he says: "I take my stand on this question on ground of sheer human sympathy. All are agreed that the chief service this country (England) could render Europe is to win the war, but the accounts I have received through the organizations of the churches of the state of starvation in the occupied countries and the deplorable condition of the children, especially in Greece and Belgium, have convinced me that a strictly limited scheme to send dried milk and vitamins for children and expectant mothers to these countries, to France, and eventually to Holland and Norway, is urgently necessary."

**FREEDOM FOR POPOFF**

We wish to congratulate the Workers Defense League on the final success of their persistent efforts to free Christ Popoff of Syracuse from Attica prison, where he was serving a 15-25 year term for alleged attempted arson. Popoff's release followed years of devoted and persistent effort to secure justice through the courts and is a triumph for the cause of civil liberty.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

In line with the plan advanced by Albert W. Palmer, head of Chicago Theological Seminary, for continued study of peace aims and postwar problems in Congress are Resolutions introduced by Representatives Mundt of S.D., Dirksen of Ill., and Senator George of Ga. They provide for the creation of a Commission to examine and outline the preparation for peace and for postwar planning. Floor-leader McCormack of the House among others has stated that he believes a special committee representing Congress and the public should be created at once to draft a postwar program. Watch these proposals. They need your encouragement. In private conversations Under-Secretary of State Welles expresses anxiety that war weariness may lead to a new isolationism but "shows no enthusiasm and almost a fear of Congress on this matter."

**BOOK END**

The publication of HUMILIATION WITH HONOR by Vera Brittain sold out its first edition of 6,000 copies within a week in England. This moving testimony of conviction by the leading English pacifist writer is published in America by the Fellowship of Reconciliation with a foreword by Harry Emerson Fosdick. We can loan it to you, or place your order for it at \$1.00.