

BROTHERHOOD Those of you who heard Paul Harris' dramatic narrative of his visit to The Bruderhof in Paraguay have some conception of the needs of these religious and scholarly refugees from war in Europe. If you should wish to express your concern by a gift, however small, it can be sent to this office where it will be promptly acknowledged and forwarded.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - To Members: You can save \$2.00 by reading this paragraph! April Meeting: Monday evening, April 27. at 7:45, Plymouth Church House-- use Madison Street entrance. Program in charge of Onondaga Consumers Cooperative, Inc. Following a talk by Jean Benson Maxwell on "Cooperatives and Peace" will come a Better Buying Demonstration and a Tasting Party! The meeting is open to the public without charge. **COME! HEAR! TASTE and SEE!**

O C D Your Civil Liberties Defense job this week may be to write a letter to Governor Charles Edison, Trenton, N. J.

Three men-- Panchelly, Woodworth, and Brown-- under 15-year sentences because they refused to help Hoboken police frame union officials, have served five of those years. Whether they finish their sentence or gain their freedom depends on the result of the efforts now being made by the Workers Defense League to secure their pardon.

Judge Robert Kinkead, who originally sentenced the three men, has now written to the Court of Pardons: "I feel that these three men are entitled to their liberty as a matter of justice."

AT HOME Not long ago, the Crisis, organ of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, suggested that "wide as has been the sympathy of the rest of the world with the plight of the Jews (in Germany), it is doubtful if any section or race has sympathized more wholeheartedly and keenly with the Jews than Negro Americans, for they have known the same type of persecution ever since the beginning of America... They know ghettos. They have read countless signs: Nigger, don't let the sun set on you in this town. Unlike the Jews in modern Germany, they know lynching."

Commenting upon these statements, Lewis Gannett, (in the February, 1939) Survey Graphic says: "The Crisis is right; the pattern is appallingly similar... There is an old saying that 'Charity begins at home.' We must develop a new one: 'Democracy begins at home.' There is, to be sure, a significant difference in the direction of evolution. Germany is reverting to a medieval barbarism which had seemed long outgrown; America has not yet emerged from its traditional racial blindness. The difference is real, but it does not excuse us."

SYMBOLIC SAILING Following with interest our reference to starvation in Greece last month a sympathetic and helpful reader calls our attention to the sailing on March 25 of a Swedish ship under Allied and Axis safe conduct with a cargo of flour, medicine and vitamins: a symbol of the brotherhood of man. Excellent. If one, why not two-- or three-- or enough?

THE COLOR LINE It took the Japanese propagandists only a matter of hours to broadcast across all Asia the story of the Negro lynching in Missouri; the race riot over housing in Detroit; the wholesale evacuation by the military of colored American citizens from the West Coast. Such evidences of color-discrimination are of immeasurable aid to Japan in her war effort.

The popular fear that prompted the evacuation order is understandable but it is not supported by adequate evidence. Far more than we like to admit, it is motivated by ruthless greed for the fertile lands and produce business of the Japanese in California.

Repeated warnings are reaching us against believing the exaggerated stories of war-hysteria on the Pacific Coast. One popular and widely syndicated writer uses the frank headline: Don't Believe all you Read-- and we add, or hear. Another columnist writes that there was practically no anti-Japanese feeling in California after Pearl Harbor, only sympathy, until it was deliberately stimulated by self-seeking interests; and adds that it is beginning to die down as many Californians begin to feel a little ashamed.

ENCLOSURE This month's enclosure is made available at the urgent request of a number of readers. It poses an inescapable question.

SWEET! Just in case you are still interested in sugar: 1. Cuban distillers of sugar offered more than two months ago to furnish 20,000,000 gallons of the needed alcohol. The chief of that unit in WFB turned it down. Why? He is vice-president of U.S. Industrial Alcohol. The name is F. W. Moffatt, Jr. 2. A local paper out in the Snake River Valley announces that the local factory of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. will not run this year. Why? It is filled with stored sugar!

VULTEE SACRIFICE Another reader writes: "During the past year work at the Vultee Aircraft plant was held up for some time by a strike. Still in a recent newspaper (financial page) earnings per share of stock were listed at \$2.75. On the next day Vultee stock sold for around \$8.00. Vultee stockholders do not seem to be making a very painful sacrifice for their country in war time.

CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN We regard Mrs. Roosevelt's proposal, to "draft us all", as a very long step towards totalitarianism for America. It would mean another moral defeat, regardless of the military outcome of the war. Totalitarianism and a bitter-end war are like the Siamese twins-- inseparable. We hope that the people of the United States, being still sovereign, with the President and Congress as our servants and not our masters, will reject both. You know the address.

INDIA TODAY In a remarkably clear and cogent analysis of "India in War and Peace" at Hendricks Chapel recently, Haridas Muzumdar listed among the reasons for the failure of the Cripps mission: the undemocratic character of the proposed Constitutional Assembly and the provision of the Balkanization of India. He pointed out the unreality of the much publicized religious issue between Moslem and Hindu, and urged greater patience and understanding on the part of Americans whose democratic system is the ideal of the Indian National Congress.

The BASIC CAUSE of War and Fascism We are indebted to a pamphlet published by the Council of Social Action of the Congregational-Christian Church for the following data: Perhaps the human content of this inequality can be grasped if we compare two actual budgets: The family of, let us say, John Jones was one of 5,899,000 (21 per cent of population) which averaged \$491 annual income for 1929. This is how the income was spent to meet the needs of a family of four: Food, \$240 (\$312 was required for even a restricted diet). Housing \$100 (a slum renting for \$8.50 per month). Clothing, \$60. All other expenses, including furniture, medicine, insurance, church, car fare, etc., \$91 for the year!

On the other hand, we have a study of the budgets of 4,000 families living on Park Ave. in New York in 1929, as reported by H. Gordon Duval, President of the Park Avenue Association. The family of, let us say, Mr. Mortimer Gotrocks, has an income of \$366,000 for the year. (This was the average for Park Ave. in 1929.) Here is how he spends it: Rent, \$4,500. Groceries, \$4,000. Clothing, \$21,000. Transportation, \$6,500. Theater and art, \$5,000. Books, papers, etc., \$500. Church, \$1,250. Beauty shops, \$1,000. Liquor, \$3,750. Flowers, \$1,095. Servants, \$4,000. Yachts, \$1,750. Other items (Gifts, doctors, education, etc.) \$15,655.

THE BOOK END Behind the Mists of South America: A Traveller seeks a Path of Understanding. Attractive, informal, revealing "story of an exploration" by Paul Harris25¢.

Freedom for All--by Pearl S. Buck. "The truth is that the white man in the Far East has too often behaved without wisdom or justice--- It is worse than folly -- it is dangerous today-- not to recognize the truth, for in it lies the tinder of tomorrow. Who of us... who has seen a white policeman beat a Chinese coolie in Shanghai; a white sailor kick a Japanese in Kobe, an English captain lash out with his whip at an Indian vender... can forget the bitter hatred, can be so stupid as not to see the future written there?"--- 10¢

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The United Nations of the World-- by Dr. H. T. Muzumdar, sociologist and educator. "By tacit consent, discussion of international affairs has been up till now the monopoly of European and American writers. This book is unique in that, for the first time, an eminent Oriental, with wide-ranging sympathies, a citizen of the world, discusses the problems not of India or Asia alone but of Europe and the Americas too. The book might well be subtitled 'HOW TO WIN THE PEACE.'-- \$1.25.