

OFFICE OF
PEACE
ADMINISTRATION

"That the peace-making will be the most difficult problem statesmen have ever faced is obvious," writes Robert Hallett in the Christian Science Monitor. "That Germany, Japan and Italy will not be able to indemnify for material losses ... is patent. Neither will they be able to ease the terrific burden of taxation which will for generations oppress the peoples, and especially the wage-earners, of the United Nations. The load these peoples will carry to pay the cost of the war will be a yoke heavier to bear than anything they have ever known."

LITERALLY
LOUSY

Almost 2,000,000 tons more sugar than we have used in any recent year, even after all that needed for the making of explosives has been taken out, is glutting the market today. Warehouses are packed to the rooftrees and sugar is being stored in open lots under tarpaulins. Representative Jesse Wolcott, Michigan Republican, describes the situation thus: "This country is so literally lousy with sugar that it is running out at the ears. Someone guessed wrong on the need for sugar rationing." This is one of the stupidities bred of war hysteria.

CCC
PLOWED
UNDER

Congress has voted to abandon the 350 remaining CCC camps. It forgot in the midst of battle the magnificent record chalked up by the CCC boys in building roads and bridges, fighting fires, replanting our burned forest lands, curbing soil erosion, and in general preserving our natural resources. So the waste these boys had checked will proceed apace.

WALLER
WALKS
TO THE CHAIR

Odell Waller, voteless negro sharecropper too poor to qualify for citizenship by paying Virginia's poll tax, went to his death on July 2 for killing a white man. Maybe he should have been executed, but not without a fair trial, not without a trial by a jury of his peers. Those who found him guilty were men who paid their poll taxes, men with a property qualification this negro did not possess. Liberals labored for a retrial; in a United States at peace they might have succeeded; in a nation at war they were doomed to fail.

CITIZEN
IN NAME ONLY

We are enclosing a leaflet this month on the poll tax which helped materially to send Odell Waller to his death without a fair trial. President Roosevelt has condemned the poll tax as "inevitably contrary to the fundamental democracy and the representative form of government in which we believe," but to abolish it during wartime will require much more effort than during a time of peace. Nevertheless we recommend the struggle against this tax as supremely worth while.

FREE TICKETS
FOR WORLD WAR III

Robert S. Allen, noted Washington correspondent recently made a major in the Army's intelligence service, reports that the President's postwar plans include holding all Axis nations in "permanent economic subordination." Every day the war continues more people will be tempted by the false lure of such utterly unworkable ideas.

A BROKEN GERMANY:
AN IMPOVERISHED EUROPE

"Suppose a line were drawn from Duluth down through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia to Norfolk. Suppose the territory to the right of this line, the whole northeast, were splintered and crushed. Here lies the heart of American industry, with its coal and iron. To break it up would doom the rest of the country to miserable standards of living for a long, long time. Germany is the industrial heart of Europe, and without her mighty factories, skilled workers, and trained scientists, Europe too would go back to dreadful poverty."
--Stuart Chase

DESIRE --

"We shall create a new world in which there is freedom of worship and utterance for all people everywhere in the world," said the President of the U. S. the same day the Chief Justice of the U. S. said:

OBSTACLE --

"A way has been found for the effective suppression of speech and religion despite constitutional guarantees."

RACKET

IN

RUBBER

The scrap rubber drive has been converted into a "racket" in which four concerns stand to make "untold millions", charged Elliott Simpson, special counsel to the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures. The four companies, delegated by Jesse Jones to serve as purchasing agents for the government, "will make vast

profits, amounting to millions upon millions of dollars on the rubber that will pass through their hands," said Simpson. A similar situation was unearthed in the scrap aluminum drive, you will recall. The very nature of war inevitably fosters the growth of such situations. We may expect more.

ENGINEERING Carl Vinson, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee which
THE SALES has been investigating war-order contract brokers, claims these brokers are practicing "worse than robbery." They call themselves sales engineers; three had gathered in over \$700,000 since Jan. 1; another with the help of his wife and two sons polished off \$613,769 in war contract brokerage fees during 1941. Though Congress is trying to cut off this fleecing of the taxpayer, it will be only partially successful because profiteering has always accompanied war and probably always will.

ECHOES OF THE INSTITUTE

of International Relations held last month at Bryn Mawr College

William Chamberlain warns of post-war world plight:

In all probability the world will be in a worse state than 1918. Devastation and desolation will prevail over wide areas. There will be immense problems of food and medical relief, of gradually restoring normal trade links, of making international exchange again possible.

Norman Thomas compares this war with the last:

It is not true that the outlook for freedom is better than during the First World War. That war had no parallel to the growing demand for total mobilization or to the unconstitutional delegation by the President to the army of power to evacuate citizens from their homes and businesses. And even, as in the case of the Japanese, to put them in concentration camps.

Vernon Nash shows peace and war are results:

We have long made the mistake of treating peace and war as the primary factors whereas they are not causes but results. The violence of war will sooner or later be used by nations when no adequate other means exists for changing an intolerable status quo. True peace is therefore only a pathetic mirage until justice and security under law are available to all. Legitimate governments exist for that primary purpose. If we are ever again to see a sane and decent life for anyone, anywhere, the world must be governed.