

ANNIVERSARY Boston, October 30, 1940: "And while I am talking to you fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before but I shall say it again and again and again; your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign war."

BIRTHDAYS William Penn, American. On October 24 the three hundredth anniversary of the Birth of William Penn was celebrated in Philadelphia. We select two brief quotations from the writings of the Quaker statesman whom Jefferson called "the greatest lawgiver who ever lived."

"But what sort of Christians must they be, I pray, that can hate in His name, who bids us love; and kill for His sake, that forbids killing, and commands love, even to enemies? O, that we could see some men as eager to turn people to God as they are to blow them up, and set them one against another."

"Now if the sovereign princes of Europe... would, for the ...love of peace and order, agree to meet by their stated deputies in a general diet, estates, or parliament, and there establish rules of justice for sovereign princes to observe one to another; and thus to meet yearly, or once in two or three years at farthest..." 1693.

To Mahatma Gandhi: A leader of his people, unsupported by any outward authority; a politician whose success rests not upon craft nor mastery of technical devices, but simply on the convincing power of his personality, a victorious fighter who has always scorned the use of force; a man of wisdom and humility, armed with resolve and inflexible consistency, who has devoted all his strength to the uplifting of his people and the betterment of their lot; a man who has confronted the brutality of Europe with the dignity of the simple human being, and thus at all times risen superior.

Generations to come, it may be, will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth. --- Albert Einstein

MORNING One of our readers has sent us a letter from the mother of Tyler Kent, **MAIL** Code clerk in the American Embassy in London, through whom word of code correspondence between Churchill and Roosevelt in 1939 dealing with plans to bring America into the war leaked out. Kent, legally entitled to an open and American trial was secretly sentenced by the British to seven years imprisonment. He has been confined in England for more than four years. Mrs. Kent is appealing for fairness and justice. An editorial on the subject appeared in the Christian Century for July 5, 1944.

Another reader sends us a clipping containing Dorothy Thompson's column for October 16. In it Miss Thompson likens the Dumbarton Oaks Conference to the Mad Hatter's tea party in Alice-in-Wonderland. She concludes:

"The Dumbarton Oaks draft is the ratification and perpetuation of an existing power structure. That structure would exist without it, and the draft adds nothing to it--not even the pledge of the great powers to abandon for themselves aggressive war, not even a definition of aggression--and not even the guarantee to protect the integrity or even the existence of the smaller nations.

"It should make us thoughtful that Switzerland, the only country in the world -- whose constitution forbids aggressive wars, wants to stay out of the organization and doesn't want its headquarters on Swiss soil.

"No judgment could be more spontaneous and severe."

And Benjamin C. Marsh of The People's Lobby writes from Washington: "Washington is really worried over the post-war world--here and abroad. Unemployment,-- under 'free enterprise',-- is estimated by UNITED STATES NEWS at 6,000,000 next year,--and 10,000,000 by early 1947... Farmers last year,--though farm population was 10% smaller than in 1918,--produced 50% more food on 2% fewer acres of crop-land.... Corporations have about \$57 billion of liquid reserves, chiefly big ones. Most of the middle classes,-- haven't either income, (unemployment) insurance, or price guarantee!"

He asks, must we fight again to get full employment?

LETTER "My past two missions were really hell. In the last one especially there **HOME** were eight minutes more terrifying than I ever dreamed anything could be. Now if I thought that I was going through that only to have my sons go through the same thing in another quarter of a century, I frankly don't think I would go on. It seems to me there must be some answer. Whether it lies in religion or some forms of government that we have been so used to calling utopias and impracticable I don't know, but I do know there is an answer. The very fact that it is all so against human nature makes me certain that everlasting peace is not just talk.

"Millions of young men are throwing away the very prime of their life and hating every minute of it. With my youth and inexperience I don't expect to find the answer, but I'll try, and if everybody does the same, it can't help but turn up. Perhaps complicated ideas and theories are only blinding us and the real solution lies in simplicity -- I don't know."

THERE MUST BE SOME ANSWER. It is the business of the Peace Council to help find it. Are you GOING OUR WAY?

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP One of our SPC objectives is to stimulate members to act as responsible citizens. Congressman Jerry Voorhis defines what we mean in a publication of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Presbyterian Church:

"...the great need for a certain continuing relationship that should exist between a representative in Congress and the people of his district. For he must look to them not only for his election at the polls, but even more important, for guidance as he goes forward with his job. Such guidance should consist not only of advising a Congressman when people think he has done wrong, but also of letting him know when people think he has done right. It should consist not only of getting in touch with him to try to get him to take a position that is desired by a group of people in his district, but also of work on the part of those people to develop a public opinion that will support him if he does take that very position in the face of strong opposition."

WORLD FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SHARING A gentleman with shining face burst into our office one rainy Saturday morning this month with a crumpled letter in his hand. He was one of the refugee guests in Syracuse to whom our office has been able to give some small help. The letter, dated September, 1944, was from his daughter in Brussels saying she is alive and well. He came, he said, because we had shared his sorrows; now he wanted us to share his joy! Can you imagine the relief and happiness of these parents? We are grateful to our friends for this sharing. We rejoice with them. And we are grateful to you who by your support make the service of this office available.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER With this letter you have a folder outlining our program and our needs for the coming year. As you read it, will you ask yourself what the Peace Council means to you--what it means in terms of (1) its contribution in national and world problems, (2) its contribution to Syracuse, and (3) its value to you personally. Would it matter to you if there were no Syracuse Peace Council? We ask that your own answers to these questions guide you in deciding how far you can support our budget this year. And remember--we revise our membership and mailing lists between Oct. 30 and Nov. 11.

SUPPER FORUMS The fall program got off to an enthusiastic start with Frederick J. Libby of Washington as dynamic speaker and discussion leader on the topic, "The State of the Nation." Mr. Libby said: "A thousand hideous developments throughout the world point to the inescapable conclusion that we were right in fighting to the last ditch against the involvement of the United States in the wars of Europe and Asia." He declared that Stalin has already won in Europe and can ask his own price if he joins us in the war in Asia; that instead of liberating the peoples of Europe we have only changed their masters. He concluded with an appeal for economic and political collaboration with all nations "large and small, victor or vanquished," following the model of the Pan-American system, which forbids military intervention and relies upon the Good Neighbor Policy with its methods of consultation, conciliation and arbitration.

It was interesting that at almost the same time Mr. Libby spoke to us a Post Standard editorial pointed out that DeGaulle's new regime in France is not a democracy, whatever else it may be, and the same paper shows how evidently worse off Italy is since "liberation".

→ **NEXT MEETING**

Oswald Garrison Villard, nationally famous journalist, author and lecturer--
THE ROAD WE ARE TRAVELING: Are We Headed Toward Imperialism?

Thursday, November 2, First Methodist Church

Mr. Villard will conduct a seminar in the afternoon for the Federation for Social Service of the Methodist Conference of Central New York.

Dinner will be served promptly at six. Please note the change of time. We hope to adjourn early enough for those who wish to hear Stanley Jones later in the evening. Please make reservations before November 1.