

SEPTEMBER
IS STAMP MONTH!

How many times have we greeted a new program season with these words, and how many times have you responded with a sheet or a book of stamps? Well, we still do our business with the government on a strictly cash basis and every new PNL subscription or SPC membership received this month is so much gain on next month's work. THANK YOU, we knew you would!

BRITISH OBSERVATION
on BIKINI TESTS

"These contaminated ships became radio-active stoves and would have burned all living things aboard them with invisible and painless but deadly radiation."

"The more we learn about the atom-bomb the more fearful an instrument of indiscriminate destruction it appears to be. The American Evaluation Commission report on Bikini says that the tests 'strongly indicate that future wars employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change the present standards of civilization.' The second phrase is almost pathetic in its vagueness. The war that ended a year ago changed the standards of civilization of 1939; and the first world-war changed the standards of civilization in 1914--both very much for the worse. It hardly needs a cynic to deny that there are any standards of civilization at all today. There certainly will not be after a war fought with atomic bombs."

CAN WE SAVE THE ATOMIC PEACE?

A CALL

On July 16, 1945 The Atomic Age was born in New Mexico.

A year of fateful indecision has passed--a year in which governments of the world have failed to act on the question of the survival of humanity.

In splitting the atom we have split the world, and at this late date we remain faced with the simple alternative of world peace or world destruction.

This is a choice which must be made by the people. For only through full knowledge and understanding on their part can genuine security be established.

To promote that "full knowledge and understanding" The Syracuse Peace Council announces its Fall Forum Series of four lectures to be given at 8 p.m. in the YWCA Auditorium, East Onondaga Street.

October 5 (Sat.)-- L. B. BORST: FACING AN ATOMIC WORLD

Physicist, Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

October 25 (Fri.)-- RHYS DAVIES: A BRITISHER LOOKS AT AMERICA

British Labour Party- member of Parliament

November 15 (Fri.)--MARTIN HALL: MUST WE FIGHT RUSSIA?

formerly a journalist in Germany, widely travelled in Soviet Union

December 7 (Sat.)-- WILFRED WELLOCK: DECAY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

leading English Quaker, journalist and economist

We are proud of this offering and confident that it brings you a highly significant and most unusual opportunity. Send in your orders for tickets at once: For the Series \$3.00; Single admissions \$1.00, tax included. Students: \$2.50 and 75¢.

SHADES OF THE
MAYFLOWER!

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

(Inscription on Statue of Liberty)

On August 21, 18 "tempest-tossed" Estonian refugees "yearning to be free" after two and a half months at sea in a 38 foot sloop, were refused permission to land at Miami, Florida because there was "not a valid immigration permit in the lot." Said their leader: "We had hoped we could stay; I believe we could have been good Americans. I don't know where we'll go...." Instead, "the land of the free and the home of the brave" is protected from invasion by 18 homeless seekers after liberty.

One is tempted to speculate on the validity of the Pilgrims' permits or on the changes time brings. Perhaps it is enough to suggest that the lamp needs trimming.

Repeat performance: same scene, new cast, September 9, 1946.

TWO-A-DAY

One of the goals for our Tenth Anniversary Year was One Thousand paid subscriptions to PNL. In spite of some excellent help, we haven't got there yet. But there's still time. We'll be glad to credit some of those stamps toward a subscription (25¢) for one of your friends. 60 new names a month and we'll reach our goal by Christmas. One church group sends PNL to each discharged man or woman as a welcome home. What an idea-- for you!

THE BEAM IN THINE OWN EYE

"The people who are saying hard things about Soviet policy would gain a better understanding of the situation if they would put the shoe on the other foot.

IF THE SOVIET UNION:

1. Possessed the secret of the atomic bomb and
2. were doing its best to keep it from us, meanwhile
3. building up a stockpile of the bombs,
4. maintaining an army larger than ever before in its history, and
5. a navy larger than all the other navies of the world combined,
6. proposing to continue the wartime draft and
7. introducing universal compulsory military training in time of so-called peace--and
8. allowing her army and navy officers to talk openly of attacking us before we should have time to recover from our war effort and perhaps learn to make our own atomic bombs,
9. carrying on a press and radio campaign to foment suspicion and hostility toward us,
10. seizing and holding military bases along both our frontiers (Iceland, Greenland, the islands of the Pacific),
11. sending a naval expedition into northern waters for special training in Arctic warfare,
12. maintaining armed forces at our very gates (United States Marines, planes and ships in Manchuria, United States troops and anti-Soviet armies in India, Germany, Italy, and Greece)--and
13. proposing for 1947--two years after the war--a military budget greater than that of any other country, with a higher percentage of expenditure for military purposes than was made by Germany or Japan when they were actively preparing for war, and
14. if the Greek Catholic Church were offering to lead a holy war against us, and
15. if Marshal Stalin officially sponsored a public ceremony at which a former Prime Minister who had twice tried to overthrow our Government and our economic system was highly honored and in his address urged an alliance between our two most powerful rivals--

What would they think of Generalissimo Truman and Foreign Commissar Byrnes if they did not work night and day to see that the United States had friendly governments in every capital from Canada to Argentina, and if they did not move heaven and earth to discover the secret of the atomic bomb?

Let us try to see ourselves as others see us--and this does not mean only the U.S.S.R. -- SCOTT NEARING" --Reprint from THE CALL, April 15, 1946

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY Said Admiral William F. Halsey of the recent flaunting of U.S. Naval strength in the Mediterranean: "It's nobody's damn business where we go. We will go anywhere we please."

So we will -- and that road leads to war.

INCREDIBLE OPTIMIST "Nobody is going to fight another great war for at least another decade or so." --N.Y. Herald-Tribune, 8-22-46
How about a nice little one? an atomic quickie?

INCURABLE REALIST "August 14, 1946 One year after and here we stand not one step advanced." --One of our readers.

Well, let's get going! ORDER YOUR FORUM TICKETS NOW!

BOOK END: AND ANOTHER THING-- Howard Spring, widely known English journalist and author (My Son! My Son!), veteran of two world wars, shares honestly his intimate search after the reality of religious truth and arrives at some illuminating conclusions about peace and war. Beautifully written; a delight to read. Should be read by every church member and by every clergyman in particular. Free from our loan library or postpaid for \$2.50.