



PEACE AGENT

Organ of
Southern Peace-Action Movement



Number 5

Duke University Y. M. C. A.

April 15, 1936

RUSH TO ENLIST STUDENTS AS PEACE VOLUNTEERS

350,000 STUDENTS TO WALK OUT OF CLASSES APRIL 22 IN STRIKE AGAINST WAR

High school and college students to the number of 350,000 are expected to quit classes at 11 o'clock Wednesday April 22 and gather for mass protest demonstrations against war, according to the American Student Union, sponsor of the Strike.

"The Strike is a rehearsal for the future," states the Student Union Bulletin. This action on the part of students is expected to train them for effective resistance against war should the occasion arise.

College presidents, professors, and others have approved the Strike, and efforts are being made to secure the cooperation of the administrations of all colleges participating.

A national broadcast over the C.B.S. will be held from 10:45 to 11:00, April 22, explaining the objectives of the Strike.

Several colleges in North Carolina are planning to engage in the Strike.

DUKE NOT TO HAVE STRIKE

The strike against War scheduled for April 22 was explained to a representative group of peace-minded students at Duke by David Cook, agent of the American Student Union, sponsor of the Strike.

An important objective, Cook said, was the training of students to plan and execute strikes so that in the event of war there might be effective mass resistance against war.

At a later meeting the group decided not to participate in the Strike.

APRIL 22nd MEETING PLANNED

The Women's college of University of North Carolina is planning to hold a meeting for peace at 11:45 on April 22, the time of the National Student Strike. The groups represented on the committee on arrangements are the "Y", the International Relations, Sociology, French, and German Clubs. The President of the student body also has a representative on the committee. The plan has the approval of the administration.

STUDENTS STRIKE AT CAROLINA

The University of North Carolina has completed plans for an anti-war demonstration on the campus April 22. Definite arrangements for bringing political speakers to the campus and creating popular interest in the anti-war movement have been made. A chapter of the American Student Union, which organization is sponsoring the nation wide Strike, According to the Union, it is not necessary to be a member to participate in the demonstration.

E.P.C. EXPECTS 100 STUDENTS FROM SOUTHERN STATES

Plans are being rushed to completion to enlist students as Peace Volunteers in the Emergency Peace Campaign this summer. The Philadelphia office reports that applications for enlistment are coming in, and during the next few weeks special efforts will be made to recruit students from the southern area.

Recruit directors are being appointed in the South who will canvass the colleges attempting to secure the most promising young people as Volunteers.

Harold Chance, chairman of the Youth Section of the EPC, expects to get 100 students from the southern states.

PEACE VOLUNTEERS will go in small teams under adult guidance into county seats this summer to offer their services to all local groups, such as churches and civic clubs, in spreading peace education and explaining effective peace action; meanwhile living in the homes of persons sympathetic to the peace movement. They will finance themselves insofar as possible, at the rate of \$30 per month, which amount will cover about half of their expenses. The remainder will be paid by EPC.

HAROLD CHANCE says: "College men and women...ought to have the opportunity to say what they think about war and to make this protest effective. With this in mind the Youth Section is attempting to open the way. Emergency Peace Volunteers will follow the trail of service and adventure into every part of the United States this summer. Living can be made just as effective as dying. This is the spirit of our undertaking."

DUKE UNIVERSITY will be the site of the training of Volunteers in the South before they go out in teams. They will attend the Duke Institute of International Relations to be held June 8-19. They will remain after the Institute for an extra week of technique training under specially selected leaders.

SOUTHERN COLLEGES looking for something to do could well answer the challenge of EPC by planning to send at least one Volunteer into the field this summer who would return to the campus next fall with definite ideas of how to proceed with peace work. Groups can be formed to raise the necessary \$75 to support one Volunteer. Interested faculty members might give special aid. It is not to be understood, Harold Chance has repeated, that if the money is not available, the Volunteer need give up the idea of going into summer work.

PEACE AGENT

Box 4834, Duke Station
Durham, N. C.

Published bi-weekly by the Regional Service Committee of the Southern Peace-Action Movement. Issued to college students interested in peace-action.

Circulation:

Extent: 125 colleges in ten states.
Number: 500 copies (single and packet).

LETTERS FROM THE STATE CHAIRMAN

Alabama. Byron Darden writes: "The one big thing I have done this year was the putting on of a peace program over the radio in Birmingham. It is state's most powerful radio station, and we got quite a little response to it. It really did work out fine." This is a new idea that others of us might try. Mississippi. Burkett H. Martin, newly elected state chairman, writes: "Since it is less than two months until school will be out, we have decided to direct our program for the rest of the year toward getting things organized for the coming year. We decided at the State Y.M. and Y.W. Conference that this was about the best way to spend the remaining weeks during the year. We have discussed the program quite a bit here on the campus and I think have made satisfactory progress. And I have also been in contact with some of the other schools in the state...."

You Mississippians are urged to give your support to your new chairman in his organizational tasks.

NEW CITIZENS FOR PEACE

"Many of us college peace enthusiasts receive diplomas this June. Commencement is not a new start, but a continuance in a new environment. College peace workers, thus graduated will find themselves apart from channels of activity and interstimulation. Where then?

"Surely change of field will not take away one's deep convictions and eager advocacy for peace. True, the graduate will be more 'on their own' but true, too, he has new circles in which to move, new minds to awaken and educate for peace. One who is eager can find new channels--church, club, and school, for instance. And he will have new suffrage powers to exert for peace policies. Don't forget that minorities may influence majorities."

Collegiate peace workers can become citizens for peace."

--A Senior.

CHAIN LETTERS FOR PEACE!!

A teacher in the Muskegon High School has interested each of its 1400 students in writing three chain letters for peace, one to President Roosevelt, one to a senator or congressman, and one to a student in another school. The student receiving the letter is asked to write three similar letters expressing the hope that this country will be kept out of war. Colleges might try this one as a new kind of chain letter.

JESSE MACKNIGHT OF P.A.S. OFFERS SERVICES TO SOUTH

Jesse M. MacKnight, Director of Field Work for Peace-Action Service has offered his services in the South, especially North Carolina, to those colleges which would like to have a more definite peace movement. He prefers to work with small groups who would be interested in the method of "Peace-action, as interpreted by Peace-Action Service.

Mr. MacKnight is well-qualified as a peace organizer and is particularly well acquainted with the college situation. He has been the constant adviser to the Southern Peace-Action Movement. For further information about having Mr. MacKnight on your campus, address "Peace-Agent."

PEACE LITERATURE

For peace literature and other information, address Mr. Jesse MacKnight Peace-Action Service, 532 17th St., N.W. Washington, D. C. "Peace-Agent" especially recommends P.A.S. to all colleges interested in the peace movement.

FORUMS AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Louisiana State University reports that an active program for peace has been launched on the campus. At present a series of forums is being conducted under the leadership of outstanding campus leaders. Recently a special radio program was presented featuring Claud Nelson, representative of the Emergency Peace Campaign. A special program planned with the assistance of Claud Nelson will be presented in May.

"VETERANS OF FUTURE WARS" SPREADING

The veterans of Future Wars, recently established at Princeton, has spread throughout the country. There to date more than 200 posts. Originally started as a thrust at the bonus the V.F.W. has been construed as an anti-war movement.

The name of the women's auxiliary has been changed from "Future Gold-Star Mothers" to the "Home Fire Division."

Not all comments about the V.F.W. have been favorable, as might be expected. Speeches accusing the students of being "red" and of reflecting on the men who served in the last war have been made. Major General Amos Fries calls the plan "just a damn fool idea." The national commander of another organization termed the students "yellow" but was promptly silenced with the charge that he might be a "red" to doubt the courage of future American soldiers.

Congressman Maverick, a wounded and decorated World War Veteran, says: "I think their scheme is swell. If we paid for our wars in advance, we wouldn't have any war."

"CHAPLAINS" POST AT DUKE

A post of the Chaplains of the Veterans of Future Wars has recently been formed in the School of Religion at Duke to preach to the "Vets" how to die gloriously for God and country.