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ON THE CAMPUS

GREENSBORO COLLEGE The president of the Y.W.C.A., Miss Alma Cade, announces that the plans for the spring campaign on the Greensboro College campus will begin on April 28 and extend through May 2. Dr. Stanbury, college chaplain, will open a series of addresses to the entire student body.

Definite arrangements for the remaining speakers have not been completed, but it is expected that the program will go a long way toward establishing peace-mindedness on the campus.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AND VASSAR COLLEGE

Hats off to these students for a new attack on war in their recent manifesto. "The Veterans of Future Wars" and "The Associations of Future Wars" are two undergraduate organizations. The "veterans" have demanded payment of a \$1,000 bonus, and because it is customary to pay bonuses before they are due, immediate payment is demanded plus three per cent compound interest annually from June 1, 1965 backward to June 1, 1936. Payment now, they said, would "lift the country out of the depression and would enable the beneficiary to enjoy it before he has been slain in a future war. The "Gold Star Mothers" would seek trips abroad for young women so they might view the sites of prospective graves of their future sons.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Roger E. Chase, Columbia University, won first prize of \$50.00 in the Nye-Kvale bill editorial contest sponsored by the Committee on Militarism in Education. The Nye-Kvale bill provides for the elimination of compulsory military training in R.O.T.C. colleges.

STRIKE This year's Strike against war will be held on April 22, according to decision of the American Student Union. Considering enlarged Army and Navy appropriations and increased ROTC units, the Union expects 35,000 high school and college students to participate in the demonstration.

A conference of student leaders from all over the nation will be held to draw up the "call" and act as the sponsoring committee of the Strike. On each campus a committee will be appointed to plan details. The ASU has addressed a letter to all college presidents asking for their cooperation and support, pointing out that the Strike is for faculty and administration as well as students.

PEACE POLITICS

A kit of material for the use of local peace groups that want to "write their own political platform" is now ready. The predominating peace sentiment of the country is not finding adequate expression in Washington. The difficulty is to put ideas into politics. Try it with your friends! The kit may be had from the National Peace Conference, at 8 West 40th Street, New York, for 50¢.

Movement. Speakers of national reputation will tour the country, holding mass meetings at various strategic points covering some 200 to 300 cities. Colleges in the areas touched by these teams are being asked to participate in the mass meetings, both by sending delegations to city meetings and also having the speakers hold forums and conferences on the campuses.

Students will be enlisted for training in peace work in special camps held this summer under the sponsorship of the EPC. Following a brief but thorough training, student speakers teams will go into rural and small town areas to educate on issues affecting war and peace. They will work under adult supervision during the day and study out definite solutions to practical problems in the evening.

Aplication blanks for enlistment in these camps, and also further information about the nature and work of these camps, may be secured from Field Work, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Enrollment follows after careful selection.

R.O.T.C. The Frazier amendment to the War Department Supply Bill which would have withheld R.O.T.C. funds from colleges or schools which have compulsory military education was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 50-18. Only three Republicans, Frazier and Capper (Kansas), and Norris, (Nebraska), and twelve Democrats voted with the two Farmer-Laborites, Benson and Shipstead, and the Progressive LaFollette, Wisconsin, for this amendment which would have prevented the Prussianizing of 49 American colleges and forty-one high schools. Forty-nine of the fifty-one land grant colleges which receive funds for their R.O.T.C. units have mandatory military education.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special peace programs on all campuses were strongly recommended at a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Southern Y.M.C.A. Field Council held in Raleigh, N. C., March 20. Each campus is urged to work out a program that will be as vigorous as its facilities will allow. All associations were urged to cooperate with the Emergency Peace Campaign, which will be launched with a national broadcast on April 21. The Southern Student Division of the EPC, under the direction of Claud Nelson, will function hand in hand with the Southern Peace-Action

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CONCERNING NATIONAL PEACE STRIKE

The attitude of the "Y" as a whole toward the National Peace Strike set for April 22 was expressed by Miss Rose Terlin in an article in the Intercollegian and Far Horizons for February. Mr. A. R. Elliott, National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., expressed the same attitude when interviewed at Raleigh, N.C., March 19. It is felt that one National Peace demonstration a year (National Mobilization in November) was all the "Y" could afford, this activity taking enormous preparation and expenditure of time and money.

The attitude of "Peace-Agent", as the voice of SPAM, will be one of sympathetic observance toward the "strike." Local associations are best judges of procedure.

WELCOME, MISSISSIPPI

Burkett Martin, of the University of Mississippi, has accepted the position of state chairman for the Mississippi division of SPAM, succeeding Paul Boothe of State Teachers College. Congratulations, and welcome to the movement!

BLUE RIDGE EXHIBIT

A very interesting and, it is hoped, inspiring Peace-War exhibit is now being planned for the annual Southern Student Conference at Blue Ridge in June. It will show peace activities of southern colleges over the past year, as well as the work that has been carried on throughout the country by the major peace societies. There will be pamphlets, posters, charts and other material to illustrate vividly the progress made. It is hoped that a great deal of interest will be centered around the exhibit and that it will stimulate some earnest thought.

WARNING--State Chairmen will soon be approached to contribute material on the work done in their states.

"PRODUCTION FOR USE"

Peace-Agent aims to be useful as a suggested action bulletin. If it is not this to you, write giving ways and means of improving it. Show the paper to your friends. Put it on your bulletin board. Use it as an excuse to begin a conversation on peace.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

FIRST: Get in touch with others on your campus who are interested in the cause of peace. Look up people who are seriously concerned. There will be more of them than you think. Get a list of them.

SECOND: Organize a Peace-Action Committee on your campus. No complicated organization is necessary. Numbers are not important. A serious purpose is. Have this committee seriously consider definite action for April and May. Prepare to use EPC speakers should a team come into your community. Have a vigorous educational program precede mass meeting to protest against war-trends. Record student attitudes toward participation in war.

THIRD: Write to Peace Action Service, 532 17th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., for a sample copy of Peace Action. Write to peace organizations listed below for literature and suggestions for action.

FOURTH: Write (as individuals) to your Senator for a copy of the War Department Supply Bill. Ask him how he voted on the Frazier amendment to withhold R.O.T.C. funds from schools and colleges requiring military training. Express your commendation of this amendment.

FIFTH: Write your college and town papers of the organization of your Peace Action Committee. Also be sure to write "Peace-Agent" as to what you are doing.

NATIONAL PEACE ORGANIZATIONS

COMMITTEE ON MILITARISM IN EDUCATION,
2929 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION,
2929 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION,
8 West 40th St., New York, N.Y.

NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE,
8 West 40th St., New York, N.Y.

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE,
171 West 12th St., New York, N.Y.

WORLD PEACEWAYS, INC.,
103 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION,
8 West 40th St., New York. N.Y.
Write to Emergency Peace Campaign 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa., for information about speakers teams that might come to your campus and about summer work.

PEACE PLANS FOR BLUE RIDGE

Special emphasis is being laid on peace at the Blue Ridge Conference in June. Claud Nelson, executive of the Emergency Peace Campaign in the South, will lead a forum on peace. Dr. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, Northhampton, Mass., will deliver addresses on the subject. Senator Gerald Nye is being asked to speak at the Conference. An exhibit showing the progress of the peace movement in the South will be shown.

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THE NEXT ISSUE OF PEACE AGENT will deal concretely with plans for organizing a peace committee on the campus and using the facilities of the Emergency Peace Campaign on all campuses.