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## GREAT PEACE CAMPAIGN PLANNED; SOUTHERN COLLEGES TO COOPERATE

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Peace-minded people should keep an eye on Washington.

**NEUTRALITY** President Roosevelt signed the McReynolds bill, which extends the neutrality act of 1935 until May 1, 1937. It contains authority to embargo arms and ammunition to belligerents, with the addition of a prohibition against loans or credits to such countries. It forbids also either the purchase or sale of any obligations of a government against which an embargo has been declared. Roosevelt hailed the ban on loans as "a new and definite step" toward American peace. Advance as the act may be, it is nevertheless weak. A more drastic permanent bill is to be desired.

**MILITARY TRAINING** The Nye-Kvale Bill which is still in the Military Affairs committees of both houses, and which peace organizations and workers throughout the country have so urged, is expected to be reported out of committee shortly and action will probably be taken within the next few weeks. This bill provides for the elimination of compulsory military training at R. O. T. C. colleges.

An amendment to the Army Appropriations bill which would have cleared up the question of compulsory military training was defeated in the house.

**ARMY AND NAVY APPROPRIATIONS** The Army Appropriations bill, calling for \$545,000,000, and the Navy bill, \$609,000,000, are still before Congress. Other bills authorizing modernization of ships and expansion of naval air forces may raise these already huge appropriations. The bills have not yet passed both houses and pressure may still be brought to bear by writing your congressman now.

**WAR DEBTS** It is reported that Greece has recently offered to settle her war debts to the U. S. by paying thirty-five per cent of the interest outstanding, and that this proposal has been accepted. If so, this will probably lead to a general settlement with all the countries on somewhat the same basis.

### DR. CRANE VISITS DUKE

Classes on the Duke Campus were altered to enable all the students to attend the eleven lectures given by Dr. H. H. Crane, recognized dramatist, lecturer, preacher, and one of the foremost peace organizers in this country.

Interest in Peace reached a definite high on the campus...movies were deferred...rehearsals postponed and conversations were centered on "Peace."

The results of the Duke Y.M.C.A. in this project represents concisely the purpose and ideal of Peace-Agent.

### EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED APRIL 21

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With plans calling for a great national peace rally led by some of the most outstanding speakers in the country, the Emergency Peace Campaign will be launched on April 21 with a national broadcast by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Rt. Hon. George Lansbury of England.

Initiated by the Friends Service Committee, which is acting as treasurer of the movement, the Emergency Peace Campaign proposes to "promote a cooperative national campaign to keep the United States from going to war and to achieve world peace by (1) strengthen-

ing pacific alternatives to armed conflict, (2) bringing about such political and economic changes as are essential to a just and peaceable world order, and (3) recruiting and uniting in a dynamic movement all organizations and individuals who are determined not to participate in war." An intensive period of the campaign will be in April and May when nearly 300 cities will be visited by teams of speakers for peace.

### NATIONAL OFFICERS

Ray Newton, head of the peace section of the American Friends Service Committee, is executive director of the campaign. Dr. W. O. Mendenhall, President of Whittier College, is national chairman. The Board of Sponsors, which will include prominent leaders in various fields, is now being organized under the direction of Dr. Fosdick.

### IN SOUTHERN COLLEGES

The E.P.C. will function in Southern Colleges in conjunction with the Southern Peace Action Movement. The set-up and regular functions of S.P.A.M. will continue as planned, with the Campaign as a new emphasis that will climax the year program of the college movement. Claud Nelson, former national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., is part-time executive of the Campaign and will work with the state chairmen and the college committee chairmen to strengthen the southern organization and prepare it for active work. Mr. Nelson will be at the Blue Ridge Conference where the college movement will reach its termination for the year.

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## ON THE CAMPUS

Elon College. The World Fellowship Committee is launching for the first time on Elon's campus a month of sustained emphasis on the question of how to achieve world peace. The month of March has been designated for this purpose and plans for guest speakers, Chapel programs etc. are now being formulated.

E.C.T.C. Alden G. Alley, internationally recognized commentator on world affairs and lecturer for the National Council for Prevention of War, spoke to the general student body in which the problems of peace and foreign relations were forcefully and logically presented. This lecture represents the first on the campus calendar of Peace Events.

Duke. At the regular weekly class meeting Dean Manchester made a talk dealing with the student attitude on international relations. Stressed in his speech was the veiled purpose of past wars and the misconception of those aims by the average person.

The monthly assembly of the women was addressed by Professor Clement Vollmer of the German department, who spoke on the economic and social aspects of the peace controversy.

Greensboro College. February 23 at the State "Y" Cabinet meeting an interesting and unique angle on the Italo-Ethiopian situation was presented in a talk by Emanuel Santi, an Italian who has resided in this country for the last six years. The following justifications were given for Italy's present action:

1. Need for a population outlet.
2. Opposition to the slave trade evil which Italy would eradicate.
3. Right of colonization as previously practiced by other nations.

Have you any refutations....?

## News For This Column

If your campus group is working for the promotion of peace, let other colleges be informed as to the nature of your plans and activities.....send any news you may have to PEACE AGENT for publication. Make your write-ups short and concise, since our space is limited.

## "DO YOUR SACRIFICING NOW"

At the request and under the leadership of Dr. H. H. Crane twenty peace-minded Duke students met to discuss the EPC. Emphasis was laid on the importance of "sacrificing now." Dr. Crane explained the plans by which college students might volunteer for active peace service under the EPC. Several hundred students are expected to give from three to twelve months of their time for peace promotion.

## Special Training

The first three weeks of the period of service will be spent in receiving rigid training under the leadership of prominent peace workers. After these three weeks the student will go out to some small town or village to live for several months. There he will speak as often as possible to various groups, clubs, etc. discussing complex peace problems.

Those who are uncertain about their present attitude toward peace, and how they will respond if called upon for some kind of service in case war should be declared, will find this special training course to be of incalculable worth. Anyone interested in summer training and service under EPC should write to Field Work, EPC, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Special arrangements have been made with N.C.P.W. making it possible for the regional office of the S.P.A.M. to secure literature at a minimum cost. Mimeographed literature will be sent to this office and immediately distributed to the various schools free of charge.

This arrangement has been made for your convenience. It will decrease your mailing costs, save your time, and insure you of getting adequate and proper literature.

Any suggestions for improving this service will be welcomed.

## CLAUD NELSON IN THE SOUTH

Mr. Claud Nelson, who has secured invaluable experience working as national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., has been appointed as executive of the Emergency Peace Campaign in the Southern states. His knowledge of the functioning of the Student Christian associations makes him the one man most capable of directing the peace work of the associations.

Mr. Nelson will act as a sort of traveling secretary for the Southern Peace-Action Movement, coordinating the work of EPC and SPAM. He will visit several strategic points in the South during the next few months, interviewing state chairmen and college peace committee chairmen. He is laboring to complete the organization of the college peace movement, and all groups are urged to cooperate with him in this work. This is a great opportunity for SPAM.