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MOBILIZE FOR PEACE!

Armistice Day 1925, seventeen years after the robber truce that concluded the last great world slaughter, the peoples of the world will honor the memory of the ten million who gave their lives that profits might live.

We too will mourn. But unless we cherish the prospect of being ourselves mourned over, we will have to demonstrate more than mere contrition.

Was-makers do not go to war. They send the youth to war. And the knowledge that these youth are determined not to permit themselves to be shattered to bits in the interests of a tiny minority of munitions-makers, finance industrialists and jingoists will undoubtedly cause this minority to hesitate before it again plunges us into another gory slaughter.

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NEW FRONTIERS NOVEMBER 8, 1935

Two years ago, "FRONTIERS", outspoken, fighting organ of the Social Problems Club, was banned by the administration during the hysterical outburst of terror and reaction which followed Dr. Robinson's discovery of the umbrella as a prehensile weapon. During these two years, the progressive movement at City College has grown from the isolated agitation of a small group of socialist and communist students to a massive, far-reaching, indigenous student movement, sweeping into office at each election with ever-increasing majorities and capable of rallying thousands of students in the campaign against war and Fascism, against Negro discrimination and educational retrenchment and for full academic freedom.

But during these two years the over-accelerating forward bounds of this growing awareness on the part of CONY students that specific problems confront them and must be acted upon have been seriously hampered by the lack of any stable, regularly-appearing instrument for expression and mobilization of progressive student opinion. The "Student" came and went, "Campus" editorials shifted leftward in direct proportion to the proximity of the date of the editor's graduation, various groups sporadically emitted indecipherable masses of mimeographed material, but these merely served to reveal more glaringly the necessity for such a publication as we hope this may become.

Now "FRONTIERS" is back. Whether it is here to stay depends entirely upon the students of CONY. Our NSL chapter asked the editors to produce a paper by November 8, and we have produced. But the editor's family will undoubtedly raise hell when it discovers where the money which paid for this issue came from. For the purpose of ensuring an editor for

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our future issues and for the much more potent purpose of ensuring such future issues of this lively, militant, necessary publication, it is imperative that we receive your overwhelming and unstinting support.

Help FRONTLERS set new frontiers!

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THE PROPHYLACTIC UNCLE OF AN ANTISEPTIC NIECE

(To commemorate the withdrawal of Druggist Walgreen's niece from the University of Chicago)

The prophylactic uncle
Of an antiseptic niece
Pronounced it insurrectionary
To demonstrate for peace.
He said, "We must investigate
This threatened Red uprising,
and incidentally give my stores
Some nice free advertising.
"What are the wild profs saying,
Oh niece, what did you hear?"
She tiptoed up to uncle
and whispered in his ear.
"Do that's it, is it, niece?
A most horrendous state!
I'll snatch you out of college
before it is too late.
We'll study each subversive word
we'll underline and mark it.
To wonder Patriotism is
A drug upon the market."
He took his vorpal pen in hand
and signed a nasty letter
addressed to Prexy Hutchins
and said, "I feel much better."
He rubbed his hands and paced the
floor.
He laughed in fiendish glee,
and said, "I will eradicate
this Red activity."
"For Lydia Pinkham, Baker, Hearst,
The N.K.A. and we-
We'll expel this Alma Mater
From the University.

J.B.

(Reprinted from Student Review).

Join the

NSL

The TIME has passed when editorials of this type were flip- pantly skimmed over and then dis- sected for grammatical errors. War is no longer a topic for aca- demic discussion-it is a head- lined actuality. Today, as we prepare for our 11th hour Mobil- ization For Peace, peace no long- er exists. Now, as you read this, old men and young are being mur- dered for the temerity of attempt- ing to defend their homes and independence. This is not melo- drama-this is WAR.

And it is that which forces us, potential fertilizer, to take a stand-a clear and determined stand. We cannot remain "neutral". To be neutral is to aid Italy. To aid Italy is to hasten that moment when the entire world will be plunged into a fatal maelstrom of blood and destruction into which America will be inevitably drawn. We must make today's mo- bilization a tremendous advance for the forces of peace by over- whelmingly approving the resolu- tions for the independence of Ethiopia and against Italian ag- gression, and by concretizing this sentiment into tangible med- ical and financial contributions to the Student Council booth.

Nor can we limit ourselves to discussion alone. Our relentless opposition to imperialist war must be made clear. The college president may properly straddle the fence, but the student anti- war movement can not, and dare not! PIOUS SENTIMENTS ARE INADEQUATE. We must proclaim from the house- tops if necessary, that we "will not support the government of the United States in any war it may conduct".

President Robinson has been forced to support, nominally, to- day's Mobilization For Peace by the broadness and strength of the student support. But one need not be a confirmed cynic to smell a rat in his action. The Knight of the Parasol, the writer of Hearst editorials, and the fear- less expeller of anti-war students

has not suddenly been converted. He has attached himself to the movement only to side-track it into incoherent channels. This is proven by his refusal to permit the students to vote on the Oxford Pledge and his reference to it as a "slacker's oath".

When 500,000 students on every campus are serving notice on our war makers that they will not support their wars, can City College, traditional leader of the student struggle against war, remain silent? Obviously not. If Pres. Robinson refuses us our right to vote openly on the Oxford Pledge, we must make known our support of the pledge in other ways. Every mention of the Pledge must be applauded and greeted with resounding "ayes". Fill out the ballot below and hand it to the students who will be collecting them at the exits.

MOBILIZE FOR PEACE..
BUT MOBILIZE EFFECTIVELY!

FAIRY-TALE FOR N.Y. TIMES READERS.

"It is already well known that before America entered the war, the firm of which I am a member bought, for the two leading Allied governments, about three billion dollars' worth of supplies in the United States, and, until America entered the war, were paid for our work, receiving a commission of about 1 per cent. But does anyone, even of the post-war generation, believe that business interests determined the pro-Ally sentiments of Morrow or Morgan or Davison or any of us? Surely not. Like most of our contemporaries and friends and neighbors, we wanted the Allies to win from the outset of the war. We were pro-Ally by inheritance, by instinct, by opinion, and so were almost all the people we knew on the Eastern seaboard of the United States, from the moment Germany violated Belgium's neutrality."

THOMAS W. LAMONT.

N. Y. TIMES, October 16th, 1935

AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

by Irving H. Neiman
Editor "The Campus"

The American Student Union, which is to be organized in December, opens the way for the inauguration of a genuine student movement in American colleges.

The leadership assumed in the past by the Student LID and the National Student League, each of which represents the student section of a radical movement, was foredoomed never to achieve the universality necessary to a successful student union. Many students, while sympathetic to the militant action which the organizations inaugurated, held back from joining any group which would label them "red", with result-

by Robert Brown
President of Student C.

The growing danger of another imperialist world war, the development of reaction in America, the increasing instability of the student's present and future have made the question of student unity a matter of life and death. The N.S.L. has always recognized that only united action on the part of all classes of students, allied with a unified working class youth movement, can adequately meet our problems. It is therefore with the greatest hope and enthusiasm that we greet the American Student Union as our Student's Front for Peace and Freedom. Like the now world famous Front Populaire of France, The American Student Union through originating as an

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IRVING H. NEIMAN

ant jeopardy of future business opportunity.

The American Student Union might best be represented not as an amalgamation of the SLID and the NSL, but as a new student organization, without political bias, to supersede both as the united voice of the American college student.

Joseph P. Lash, executive secretary of the SLID, writing for the NSL "Student Review", emphasizes that "what is taking place is not a coalition of socialist and communist students, but the establishment of a new type of student organization—a non-political student organization which bases itself on the struggle for the immediate needs of the American student population..."

Joseph Cadden, secretary of the National Student Federation of America, in the same magazine, stresses the importance of a minimum program which will make possible a broad movement. He expresses the hope "that the students responsible will look beyond their noses in deciding policies and outlining tactics."

The American Student Union comes to fill a crying need in the collegiate world. It must be kept free of the stigma of the red herring in order to be effective. It must represent neither one nor the other, but must transcend factionalism to militate for the interests of the American students.

As such, it deserves the support of every student in the United States.

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ROBERT BROWN

amalgamation of the NSL and SLID, is attracting broad sections of non-radical students on the basis of a minimum program acceptable to all progressive youth. The American Student Union will vigorously defend our academic freedom from the attacks of Hearst and his group of reactionaries.

It will continue the historic fight of American students for peace. It will take up the problems of retrenchment in education, Negro discrimination, and the winning of adequate relief for all needy students more adequately and successfully than the two separate student groups could. The American Student Union therefore must and will become the organization of all youth on the nation's campus.

It starts with a clean slate, which I hope, and firmly believe, will remain unmarred by unprincipled factionalism. In this connection, the hitherto unorganized students have an important role to play. Liberals and conservatives who have joined with us in the Nov. 8 Mobilization for Peace must continue their cooperation to insure the further cementing of this united front. Through the Student Union, on a similar representative basis this must be effected. It is up to them to accept the offer of the NSL and SLID to share the leadership of the nation's student movement freely and democratically.

Together, we students of the United States will be able to take our place in history as one of the vital forces that helped united America for social progress. We at CUNY have every right to expect that our chapter will continue in the leadership of that struggle for PEACE, FREEDOM AND PROGRESS.

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Mobilize For Peace !!

GREAT HALL AT 11 A.M. SHARP

PROGRAM

1. Invocation
2. Introductory Address by President Robinson, presiding.
3. Address by James Donahue of the Newman Club.
4. Address by Welford Wilson of the Douglas Society.
5. Address by Richard Banaler of the Menorah.
6. Address by Charles Tuttle, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education.
7. Address by Leo Rubenstein, Chairman of the Intercub Council.
8. Address by Raymond Divoluy of the Y.M.C.A.
9. Address by Irving Neiman, Editor of the Campus.
10. Address by Paul Klapper, Dean of the School of Education.
11. Address by Robert Brown, President of the Student Council.
(Mr. Brown will present the resolutions)
12. Benediction.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE FOR PEACE:

1. To support by every means at our disposal genuine neutrality legislation to prevent entanglement of the United States in war -- no loans, credits, munitions or secondary war materials to belligerents.
2. (a) For the independence of Ethiopia.
(b) Against Fascist Italy's imperialist war.
(c) For a people's boycott of Italian imports and a labor stoppage of all shipments to Italy.
3. To work for the demilitarization of our colleges and schools, especially by assuring the passage of the Nye-Kvale Bill to make the R.O.T.C. optional instead of compulsory; and further, to work for the complete abolition of the R.O.T.C. from the campus.
4. To insist on opportunities, in the curriculum and out, for relating our education to these crucial problems.

(signed) STUDENT MOBILIZATION
COMMITTEE FOR NOV. 8

WE ARE VINDICATED!!!

Not very long ago it was the custom of student organizations to run symposia on the "Causes of War". There were usually three groups submitting theses: the religious, the pacifist and the "radical". The church spokesmen would attribute man's slaughter of man to humanity's inherent wickedness, and more prayer would be urged on us as a remedial aid. The pacifist would have a variety of arguments often 'proving' that war could not pay, that it was against the self interest of every class, and therefore would no longer be fought. And then, ignoring the patent contradiction, we would be urged not to fight when the war DID come.

The "radical" would present "interesting facts proving very conclusively that wars grow out of the contemporary set up of rival capitalist powers competing in the world arena for markets and sources of basic raw materials. The ramifications of Standard Oil policies in China would be exposed, explaining the U.S. government's policy in the Far East. The connection between the frantic search for markets and increased allotments for armaments would be adequately detailed. We would hear statements showing that U.S. entrance into the World War could be understood only with the background of Morgan's investments in the Allied victory.

But the vast majority of the student body would look on cynically, feeling these discussions irrelevant to their material well being. Football and the rah-rah spirit was more in their line.

It required the catastrophic world crisis extending from 1929, -pushing Japan to unfold once more her imperialist designs in Manchuria and Siberia, accounting for the rise to power of the Nazis in Germany and for the installation of Fascism in Austria-to clear up some of the hazo.

Students in ever increasing sections began to evince some concern over what at all this meant to them. They clearly recognized that if a war was heading they would be in it whether they willed it or not. And with a-awakening concern came a larger appreciation of the causes of war.

The Italo-Ethiopian fracas has exposed clearly enough the casus belli in imperialist society. Despite the secret treaty of 1915, Italy has been frustrated in her expansionist attempts. The economic decline which in slashing Italy's foreign trade to one third of its 1925 figure, reduced the amount of money available for industry's raw material requirements, has accentuated Italy's need for more colonies. Mussolini has looked hence to Ethiopia as the only independent country in Africa accessible for these purposes.

Ethiopia is a very rich source for basic raw materials as well as a potential market of some ten millions. Coffee grows wild, cotton and grains could easily be cultivated, and copper, gold, and iron ore are believed to be there in rich deposits.

It is clear, too, that England in opposing Italy is defending some very material interests of her own. Control of Ethiopia by a foreign power and with it control over Lake Tana-whose waters feed the Nile-so necessary for the irrigation of the cotton lands of Egypt, constitutes a grave menace to Lancashire industry. In threatening to impose of-fective sanctions, England is obviously seeking to come to terms with Italy over an imperialist bargain which will result in the spoliation of Haile Selassie's empire.

Without discoursing further on the motives of the leading antagonists, the in-escapable conclusion remains that the "cause of war" resides not in the 'inherent' evil of mankind, but in the organized capitalist system which premeditatedly engages in mass murder to maintain a crisis ridden economic structure.

The National Youth Administration

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS
HAVE BLAZED THE WAY.

Organizing all applicants for NYA relief under National Student League sponsorship, significant victories securing student participation in administration of all university projects and a wage increase of 10 dollars bringing the minimum stipend up to 25 dollars, were attained early this term.

The students at City College can do the same. The grievances are numerous. While the trustees of Yale, Williams and Amherst, and other country-club institutions have refused National Youth Administration aid on the grounds that their needy scholars are amply-provided for, exactly the reverse situation prevails here.

More than 2500 have filed applications. Of these, 1000 have been informed they will receive jobs. Only 800, however are actually working. And of course the October pay has not been received yet.

What is to happen to the 1500 students who have been refused federal aid? And when are the remaining two hundred students who been declared eligible to receive their opportunities for a wage grant?

exist
Immediate bases/for powerful NYA organization of all those now working, those on the lists, and those who have been refused relief.

This organization must be established to secure the following primary requirements for student security:

1. All needy students in good scholastic standing to be eligible.
2. A student-faculty committee to judge the eligibility requirements of all applicants.
3. \$25 dollars minimum to be paid ten months a year.
4. Prompt payment of wages.
5. No discrimination on account of race or political affiliations or activities.
6. To facilitate winning of the above demands, we urge endorsement of the American Youth Act.

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by James Wechsler, editor of the
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"Revolt on the Campus is frankly and effectively partisan in its approach to the subject in hand. ...The book remains one of the most telling in behalf of the American student movement. It is this opinion of this reviewer that a thorough knowledge of the book should be made a prerequisite to matriculation at any of the colleges of the country."

From the review in the
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