

TODAY and TOMORROW

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WAR — — — — — committees

Whatever your attitude is toward war, there's a committee to fit it. But at the same time, there are a hundred and one other committees which hope to make you think differently than you do now.

The war has caused the greatest epidemic of public opinion committees that has ever been known in this country. Most of them are organized by people who are absolutely sincere in thinking that they hold the best solution for the future of America. A few are backed by agents of foreign governments and are purely propaganda agencies and a few others are just rackets—rackets whereby individuals hope to get rich by asking for donations to a "committee" with a patriotic sounding name.

The idea behind most of the committees is fundamentally Democratic—it is based on the principal that people who have the same interests should band together to make their voices heard in a land where the people rule.

But the committees have been organized so thick and fast that most of us are in a total state of confusion about them. Consequently, many of us have been misled into sending donations to committees which actually are at total variance with our attitude.

OPPOSITION — — — — — choice

If you want this country to keep its hands off of foreign affairs, in an effort to avoid war, the America First Committee, headed by General Robert E. Wood, is prepared to plead your cause. So is the No Foreign War Committee, recently organized by Verne Marshall, Iowa newspaper man, who says that he is working closely with the America First Committee.

If you're a woman, with these views, you might prefer to tie up with a committee confined to your own sex. In that case, there is the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, or the Women's National Committee to Keep the United States Out of War.

Or perhaps you are young and would like to speak through an organization of young people. Then you can join up with the Youth Committee Against War. And if you're a writer, perhaps you'd prefer the Writers Anti-War Bureau, or if you're a laborer you might want to contribute to the Labor Anti-War Council. Methodists might prefer to work through the World Peace Commission of the Methodist Church.

No matter what you are, there's a group to fit you.

LIST — — — — — confusion

But if you don't care for committees limited to your age, sex or religious beliefs, there are still plenty of anti-war organizations to choose from in addition to the America First Committee and the No Foreign War Committee.

You could, for example, look into the activities of the National Council for the Prevention of War, the Keep America Out of War Congress, the American Friends Service Committee, the National Council for the Prevention of War, Peace House, Church Peace Union, World Peace Foundation, Pan American Society, Inc., Citizens National Keep America Out of War Committee, National Committee to Keep America Out of War, Department of Industrial Justice and Goodwill, World League for Permanent Peace or the American Peace Mobilization. Just to name a few.

It is obvious from these names that some have specific jobs they are attempting to accomplish. But the great majority could be combined under one head and by so doing would end confusion and build up a strong organization to replace a lot of weak ones.

AID — — — — — selection

So far I've just mentioned Committees which are strongly opposed to any moves which might involve the United States in war. But there are almost as many committees on the other side—committees which are taking a

strong anti-appeasement attitude.

The best known of these is the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. This committee until recently headed by the well-known Kansas publisher, William Allen White, does not seem to be quite clear on its present stand. But there is little doubt that it will continue to work for all-out aid to the British under the whip-lash of the most active of its present leaders, New York's Mayor La Guardia.

If you're all for going the limit to help Great Britain, the White Committee won't let you down. But, again, you have a wide choice of other Committees which stand for very much the same thing.

A few of the leading ones are: National Policy Committee; League for Human Rights, Freedom and Democracy; American Defenders, Inc.; American Defenders of Freedom, Inc.; Committee of Americans, Inc.; The American Anti-Fascist League; American League for Tolerance; American Student Defense League; National Defence Alliance.

UNITY — — — — — needed

If 49 men who were just slightly different types of New Dealers from the President, and another 49, who varied an iota or two from the views of Mr. Willkie had all decided to run for President, each on a different ticket, we'd have about the same kind of hopeless confusion that is caused by the present committee set-up. There are two distinct groups of committees—those which want peace at almost any price and those who want the Dictator defeated at almost any price.

But the committee which is needed most today is a committee to unite committees.

Don't slight the gospel invitation. If you have abundant life, consecrate your time first, above all other concerns, to the welfare of your own souls.

STUDENT TOTAL DROPS

OREGON CITY, Jan. 19 (Special)—A census of Clackamas county schools for the current school year has shown enrollments totaling 14,717, of which 7552 are boys and 7165 are girls, Superintendent Edwin Woodworth stated Saturday. The figures show a decline from the 1939 total of 14,925, of which 7659 were boys and 7266 were girls.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES REPORTED IN WEEK

Twenty-seven cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Clackamas county health department during the past week by 70 per cent of the county's physicians. They included: Gonorrhea 1, German measles 8, pneumonia 2, scarlet fever 1, influenza 5, impetigo 2, chickenpox 2, scabies 3, whooping cough 2, and erysipelas 1.

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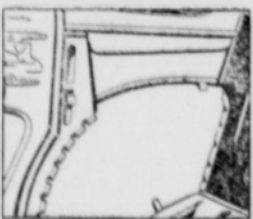
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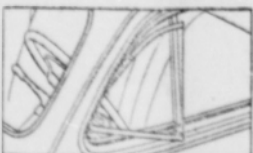
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