

MOTT REPLIES TO CRITICISM OF Y.M.C.A. WORK IN FRANCE

(Statement by Dr. John R. Mott, chief executive National War Work Council, Y. M. C. A.)

So much criticism of Y. M. C. A. methods has been heard in the last few weeks, that I have decided that the one thing to do in fairness to the millions that have subscribed to its fund, and in fairness to the association itself, is to discuss in detail each criticism which has been raised. We have caused an investigation to be made and we are giving to the newspapers of the country our conclusions. It may be that there will be further criticism. It is our judgment that this should be frankly and fearlessly faced. If we were to evade criticism, we should be false to our trust. As we recognize whatever of truth it contains, we will be able to profit by it and to amend our methods in such a manner as to give the maximum of service. There is another aspect. Much of the criticism is utterly unfounded, but only by challenging such criticism can the public have a clear conception of the facts of the case.

It is the history of every great effort that mistakes are made and no one, no matter how exalted his position or how unimpeachable his integrity, can escape. There are hardly any departments of the United States government that have not been criticized for their course during the war. Other important organizations have passed through a similar experience. So with the Y. M. C. A. There is no phase of its work that has been left untouched by critics. Much of the adverse comment is due to misconception or to partial knowledge.

The criticism most frequently heard is dealt with in the following questions and answers:

Question No. 1

Is it true that the Y. M. C. A. has failed to keep in touch with the wounded and ill? In this connection it is charged by wounded and ill men that they saw no Y. M. C. A. workers from the time they entered into the hospital.

In order to prevent any duplication of effort overseas, an agreement was reached between the American Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. This provided that the American Red Cross should concern itself with the care of the wounded and ill; the Y. M. C. A. and kindred organizations, with the well. Thus it is perfectly possible that a wounded or ill man would see no Y. M. C. A. worker from the time he entered the hospital until he left. This might lead to the supposition that the Y. M. C. A. was cold and unfeeling, where, as a matter of fact, it was simply living up to an agreement.

Question No. 2

Is it true that the Y. M. C. A. has been profiting by the operation of the canteens overseas?

It is not true that the Y. M. C. A. have been profiting by the operation of canteens overseas. In the terms of Bulletin No. 33 from General Pershing's headquarters, it was provided that if there were any profit derived from the canteens, the Y. M. C. A. would use it exclusively for the benefit of the men of the army. The discrepancy between the quartermaster prices and Y. M. C. A. prices was investigated by the war department. The following telegram from Third Assistant Secretary of the War F. P. Keppel is self-explanatory:

"Matter of prices asked by Young Men's Christian Association for its articles sold in canteens overseas already investigated by war department and condition being remedied. Young Men's Christian Association originally asked by General Pershing to run canteen for army on cost basis to do this had to reckon in price fixing such overhead charges as transportation charge and marine insurance so that prices were much higher than in this country. Young Men's Christian Association made no profit on lost thousands of dollars. Arrangements now made will enable them to obtain supplies from sources that will reduce overhead charges and keep prices down."

Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on Training Camp Activities of the War Department upon returning from an investigation of auxiliary agencies in Europe was quoted by the New York Times as saying:

"I should like to take this opportunity to remove a misapprehension about the Y. M. C. A. which has gained considerable ground not only with our fellows abroad, but with the people backhome, and that is that the Y. M. C. A. is making money out of the canteens which it is operating for the forces. At General Pershing's request I went into this matter thoroughly and the report is absolutely without foundation. I mention this matter only because the widespread rumor is most unfair to an organization which is doing heroic service."

Question No. 3

Is it true that the Y. M. C. A. furnishes free nothing more than writing paper to men overseas?

It is not true that the Y. M. C. A. furnishes nothing more than writing paper to men overseas.

It has been the policy of the Y. M. C. A. to give free service and not primarily free supplies. This policy has from the beginning commanded the approval of this army authorities. Nevertheless during the month of September of this year, we dis-

THOMAS HELPS DEFEAT SCHOOL HEALTH INSPECTION

(From the Capitol Journal.)

By a vote of 11 to 19, the senate yesterday afternoon rejected senate bill 115, which provided for health inspection in public schools. The chief attack against the bill was made by Senators Dimick and Thomas on the grounds that it raised a religious issue with the Christian Science adherents, who objected to such regulations being forced upon their children.

The senate committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry made a majority report, signed by Senators Dimick, LeFollet, and Huston, was against the bill and the minority report, signed by Senators Wood and Smith, was for the bill.

The test vote came on the question of whether to continue the debate for the majority report, and was voted down as follows:

Yes—Bell, Eberhard, Eddy, Farrell, Gill, Howell, Lockwood, Nickelson, Pester, Smith of Josephine, Wood.

No—Baldwin, Benks, Dimick, Gossett, Huston, Hurley, Jones, LaFollet, Mosser, Nordblad, Orton, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ritter, Shanks, Smith of Coos, Strayer, Thomas, President Vinton.

Replying to Senator Dimick's attack on the bill from the standpoint that it was objectionable to the followers of Christian Science, Senator LeFollet pointed out that Christian Scientists were clergies and they authorize dentists and that it is not right to deny to little children the right to have defects of the eyes, teeth or other parts of the body corrected in the public schools if they are not provided for in the home.

Senator Smith told Senator LeFollet that he would have favored the bill if it effected his estate, house or shoes, instead of his children.

After the minority report was defeated, the majority report was indefinitely postponed the bill.

TAFT PASSES THRU MEDFORD

Members of the League to Enforce Peace, including former President William Howard Taft, Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, and President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard university passed thru Medford at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon on their way to San Francisco today to attend the Pacific Coast congress for a League of Nations, beginning there Wednesday.

Some members of the peace league party passed thru on the morning train, but Mr. Taft and others who spoke at the night session of the Northwestern Congress at Portland, took a train leaving after midnight.

Five thousand persons in yesterday's audience at Portland accepted by acclaim the platform presented by a committee from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, asking that the United States senate ratify the treaty of peace, of which the League of Nations is to be an essential part.

Contributed to soldiers overseas \$75,000 worth of supplies. This is in addition to \$150,000 excess of cost over selling price on supplies sold during the same month, the last month of which we have received a report. Besides giving away vast quantities of supplies in front line work the Y. M. C. A. supplied between July and November to the army overseas free use of hundreds of thousands dollars worth of magazines and educational supplies.

Question No. 4

Is it true that gift tobacco was sold at Y. M. C. A. canteens overseas?

It is true that in a few cases gift tobacco was sold at Y. M. C. A. canteens, and the circumstances are these. The New York Sun, the Chicago Tribune, and possible other parties shipped tobacco to France in care of the quartermaster, with the intention of having it distributed free to soldiers. Some portions of this tobacco, because cases were not sufficiently marked, were sold to the Y. M. C. A. by the quartermaster and retailed in certain Y. M. C. A. canteens to soldiers at the price paid the quartermaster. Later, when soldiers came to open these parcels, they found in them evidence that they had been intended for free distribution. In every case where these were returned to the Y. M. C. A., it furnished free an equivalent amount of tobacco from its own supplies. The New York Sun states that they have investigated several stories of this kind and found the facts to be as stated above. The quartermaster concerned has also investigated the matter and fully exonerates the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Sloane, the chairman of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., who has recently returned from overseas, was told while there by the chief of staff, S. O. S., that the Y. M. C. A. was not to blame in this matter and that the quartermaster himself had sold to the soldiers these same packages of tobacco intended for free distribution, being entirely ignorant of the fact that they had been sent over for free distribution.

(To be continued.)

PLAN WELCOME FOR TROOPS BACK FROM SERVICE

A mass meeting held at the library yesterday afternoon in the interests of the homecoming soldiers and sailors was a very successful one, both from the standpoint of attendance and of interest manifested. Mrs. Lee Davenport presided stating in clear, concise terms the aim of the National Drama League in continuing the clean wholesome entertainment for the boys in their home environment, that has been so well conducted in the camp life. Acting under the direction of the national league, the local chapter offered its services to the city and they were most gladly and promptly accepted. The work, which opens with a banquet and reception for the homecoming boys will be continued in the form of healthy, wholesome pleasures throughout the year. Immediate interest, however, centers in celebrating the return of those who were called to the colors.

Tentative arrangements include a banquet, to which veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars will be bidden, followed by a general reception where all citizens may greet their soldier friends. The entertainment committee also promises a rich treat.

A general arrangements committee was named as follows: Mayor Gates, Mesdames Delroy Getchell, Frank Owen, Fred Hopkins, R. L. Wilson, S. L. Leonard, E. G. Coleman, R. W. Clancy, F. K. Deuel, F. Mears, R. Manning, Rev. W. B. Hamilton, Rev. L. M. Booser, Rev. W. T. S. Sprizza, Col. Sargent, S. S. Smith, C. M. English, G. Newburg, Prof. Davenport. The program committee includes Mesdames Donald Clark, Leonard Carpenter, Ben Sheldon, H. C. Egan, Paul Janney, Jap Andrews, H. Walters, J. F. Mundy, A. Bardwell, Misses Margaret Hubbard, Fern Hutchinson, Mearns, George Andrews, Horace Bromley, F. C. Edmeades, F. Fish, Finance committee, Mayor Gates, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Getchell. Publicity committee, Mesdames Klockner and Carlin. Decorating committee, Messrs. C. C. Buchter, H. Bromley, O. O. Alexander and Stockman, Rev. John Powers.

A reception committee will comprise the mothers and fathers of the soldier boys. These committees will be augmented and new ones formed to carry on the big undertaking.

Rev. Booser voiced the sentiment of the meeting when he suggested that the celebration be simple, sincere, hearty, with a beginning and an ending.

The second feature of the meeting was a discussion of plans for an organized effort in extending greetings to the soldiers who from time to time are passing thru the city. Many overseas boys are being transported from camp to camp and Medford, in common with sister cities wishes to do them honor. It is proposed to organize the town along regimental lines with Mayor Gates as the general. He will have his aides under the caption of colonels and majors. They will command a long list of captains, each captain to command ten people. In this way a large crowd could be collected with the least effort, and with song, cheer and Rogue River valley fruit, the soldiers would have reason to long remember Medford. A committee of business men to be appointed by Mayor Gates will be formed at once to work out this plan.

DUTCH LINERS TO BRING YANKS HOME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Negotiations have been completed, it was announced today, at the war department, for having Holland-American liners bring home American troops from France on their westward voyages between the United States and Dutch ports.

ANOTHER ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 18.—The "Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Highway," a route from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, sponsored by Duluth interests, was projected at a meeting of good roads men of the northwest here last night. Nine cities of four states were represented and telegrams of acquiescence were received from dozens of civic and commercial organizations.

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OREGON GROWERS PLAN CO-OPERATIVE SELLING OF EGGS

CORVALLIS, Feb. 18.—Co-operative marketing of eggs and poultry, backed by the state and the national governments, was the policy outlined by the Oregon Poultry Producers' association at its second annual meeting at Corvallis. A board of 19 directors was appointed to make investigations and recommendations looking to these ends.

"Practically all members were in favor of marketing cooperatively if a sound business organization can be formed," says C. S. Brewster, secretary. "They revised the constitution and appointed a board of practical poultrymen to take all necessary steps to bring it about."

A resolution was unanimously adopted petitioning the secretary of agriculture to include \$200,000 in his estimates for 1920 to continue the federal poultry extension work. Another resolution petitions the chief of the U. S. bureau of markets to provide for an investigation of poultry marketing in Oregon.

A petition was addressed to the state legislature in favor of passing the state market bill with added amendment giving the market master power to compel all dealers in farm products to make reports.

BUTTE MINERS RETURN TO WORK CONDITIONS NORMAL

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 18.—Choruses of whistles, shrill, deep and medium, loudly proclaimed to the citizens of Butte this morning that normal times had returned. The whistle choruses of Butte announces the change in shifts.

Practically every mine in the Butte district which was not closed down for repair work before the recent strike of miners was working today. In nearly all cases full shifts were reported at work and it was estimated that close to 8,000 men had returned to work already and that the number will have reached nearly 11,000 by tonight.

There is no strike in Butte of any character at present, with the exception of one of about 40 city employees who are out because they are unable to have their warrants cashed. It has had nothing to do with the miners' strike.

Soldiers on duty in Butte will remain for some time, it is understood but their arduous work has about ended. There has been no violence for several days and the city is again normal for the first time in nearly two weeks. Hoisting of ore has been resumed and the roar of the big electric trains carrying the ore to the smelters at Anaconda can again be heard 24 hours a day.

SEATTLE STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED BEFORE NIGHT

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—With many indications of a possibility that the strike of more than 25,000 Seattle shipyard and contract ship workers in the metal trades might be settled before midnight tonight, union leaders and their international officers and Dr. L. C. Marshall of the Macy wage adjustment commission, went into another conference this morning.

Last night reports were general about labor headquarters that some sort of compromise had been effected which would end the strike shortly. However, to combat signs of disaffection among the rank and file of the workers, union leaders secured the votes of the Hope Lodge of Machinists, second strongest shipyard union, and of the steam and operating engineers, to remain away from the yards when they re-open tomorrow morning. Shipyard employers announced that the yards would open whether the strike was ended or not. In future conferences between unions and employers here, the government will be represented by Dr. Marshall, Captain John P. Blain, head of the industrial relations division, Emergency Fleet corporation, and Henry McBride, head of the labor adjustment division of the shipping board.

Daily Health Talks

Where Most Sickness Begins and Ends
BY FRANKLIN DUANE, M. D.

It can be said broadly that most human ills begin in the stomach and end in the stomach. Good digestion means good health, and poor digestion means bad health. The minute your stomach fails to properly dispose of the food you eat, troubles begin to crop out in various forms. Indigestion and dyspepsia are the commonest forms, but thin, impure blood, headaches, backaches, pimples, blotches, dizziness, belching, coated tongue, weakness, poor appetite, sleeplessness, coughs, colds and bronchitis are almost as common. There is but one way to have good health, and that is to put and keep your stomach in good order. This is easy to do if you take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a wonderful tonic and blood purifier, and is so safe to take, for it is made of roots and herbs. Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., stands behind this standard medicine, and it is good to know that a distinguished physician is proud to have his name identified with it. When you take Golden Medical Discovery, you are getting the benefit of the experience of a doctor whose reputation goes all around the earth. Still more, you get a temperance medicine that contains not a drop of alcohol or narcotic of any kind. Long ago Dr. Pierce combined certain valuable vegetable ingredients—without the use of alcohol—so that these remedies always have been strictly temperance medicines.

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