

Army Starts Huge Preparedness Drive As Peace Fails

Must Militarize Whole Nation, Gen. Summerrall, Army Chief, Declares

Continuously, as the Geneva naval disarmament conference breaks...

Among the utterances of this chief agent of militarism and preparedness...

Unpreparedness is responsible for one-third of our losses in treasure and lives in the World War.

This is old bunk. If we had not prepared for war we would not have lost our lives or treasure.

In the next war I am in favor of billeting soldiers in the houses of citizens without compensation.

General Summerrall advocated the establishment of colleges devoted to training how to maintain peace.

What I preach is that the day of wars between armies is over.

These violent statements about seizing property and coercing people...

Giant Bombing Plane Soon Will Be Ready

Following a series of special service tests of the three giant bombing planes recently completed in the east...

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LAST SACCO-VANZETTI PLEA PLACES AMERICA ON TRIAL

As the American Appeal goes to press news comes that the Supreme Court of the State of Massachusetts has concluded its hearing of the final Appeal for a new trial for Sacco and Vanzetti.

Decision by the court was reserved. Says the news dispatch: "IT MAY NOT COME BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE RESPITE ON AUGUST 22."

Save Sacco and Vanzetti! After this Appeal reaches your hands unless in the meantime the Massachusetts Supreme Court make a decision granting a new trial...

Reveals New Evidence Mr. Hill alleged there was ample evidence for a new trial. First, there was the new evidence that a hole in the cap that was said to belong to Sacco...

Shows Thayer Was Prejudiced The alleged state of mind of Judge Thayer was set forth in half a dozen affidavits filed in the Hill case...

Both the motion for a new trial at Dedham and the petition for a writ of error in Boston were supported by evidence of repeated statements by Judge Thayer in and out of court...

Training Camps Break All Records

Washington, D. C.—Attendance at summer training camps for 1927 has broken all records in the history of the military establishment...

African Labor Man Is Coming to Help Organize Porters

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a national union of over 7000 pullman porters and maids headed by A. Philip Randolph...

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Peace Breakdown Imperils World

Representatives of the dominant powers in America, Europe and Asia met in Geneva for the purpose of limiting naval armament—stopping naval competition—in the interest of economy.

This failure follows another failure, equally ghastly. It follows the failure of the League of Nations to limit armaments.

In all history there is no record of a failure so tragic, so ghastly, so dreadful as this. In all history no so-called civilization has damaged itself more completely than this.

The ghastly thing about the naval disarmament conference was that it was solely in the hands of military men and represented the military view—CONTROLLED OR LIMITED WAR, RATHER THAN PEACE.

But if we prevent war temporarily, our efforts will be lost unless we put an end forever to the whole competitive war system.

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The United States is to go the limit in the race for naval and military supremacy with the British empire as a result of the Geneva disarmament farce.

Anyone who realizes what the maintenance of sea supremacy means to Great Britain—how intimately bound up with the success of the British empire under the present system is this question—how determined and deep-seated is the conviction of all British imperialists that British world supremacy must be maintained at any cost...

Approved by President Among the items of national defense for which the President authorized expenditures were: "BATTLESHIPS—Funds for completion of the remodeling of the battleships Nevada and Oklahoma."

AIRCRAFT—Funds for completion of 1,000 first class planes for the army and 1,000 for the navy. This is over a period of five years.

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Appeal Support Begins to Arrive

My statement in last week's Appeal and letters sent out to live wires of our movement are bringing support. Let each comrade and friend of the Appeal do his or her duty and all will be well.

-WM. H. HENRY, Business Manager.

Socialist Party News

Party Activity

The big Debs book WALLS AND BARS has been taken to the mails. Orders are increasing daily. We feel sure that the locals and branches as well as individuals will all order one or more copies of this book.

Texas

The National Office is receiving an increased number of communications from the State of Texas. New members are joining the Party. The circulation of the official organ, the American Appeal, is increasing.

New York

State Secretary Merrill has returned from a trip to the central and western part of the state. He reported successively in Sherrill, Syracuse, Rochester, Niagara Falls and Buffalo. A great corner meeting was held in Rochester, but in the other cities attention was paid solely to organization problems.

said or would have been said. Comrade Lewis' statement of what occurred is as follows: I had been speaking a few minutes when Comrade Lewis came up and ordered the meeting stopped. I asked him why, and he said he would not let us talk about the case or criticize the courts.

We then moved peacefully over to the Communist tree and started the meeting under their permit with Harry Cantor as chairman. The police revoked that permit, arrested the chairman and started to disperse the crowd.

Socialist Minister to Help the Appeal

Comrade James L. Smiley of Annapolis, Maryland, has promised to donate to the American Appeal one-half of his two books during the remainder of the year 1927. These books are entitled: "Maul Muller's Ministry," "Now Is the Day of Judgment."

Herman for Later Convention Date

That Comrade Hillquit's comment on the motion of Local Livingston expresses the view of the majority of the N. E. C. members goes without saying. They are the ones who set the date of the convention for Jan. 14, 1928.

Massachusetts

Alfred Baker Lewis, the state secretary of the Socialist Party and chairman of the meeting arranged by the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee on Boston Common, Sunday August 7th, states that the action of Superintendent of Police Crowley in breaking up the meeting will cause more bitterness and cast more doubt on the good intentions of the officials of the Commonwealth, than anything that could possibly have been said at the meeting.

erate is not an argument for an early convention nor will it in any way effect the holding of one in May. The great majority of our members are not looking for an opportunity to repeat the mistake we made in 1924 of endorsing the candidacy of an incumbent Republican reformer for President of the U. S.

The educational and organization work of the party should not and does not depend on our having candidates in the field. It is true that political campaigns stimulate interest and give us a better opportunity to reach the people with our program.

The month of May will be proper time in which to hold our nominating convention and in doing so we will not be violating our party constitution.

Army Record

The following is the report of receipts from Appeal Army activities during the week ending August 13, 1927. Of this sum, \$500 came from the Forward Association, which donates \$500 a month to help cover Appeal deficits, and for which the Appeal is very grateful.

Business is steadily picking up and we are looking expectantly forward to an active season. Recently a number of cards during the autumn months: Cards \$37.50, Bundles \$12.90, Subscriptions \$69.50, Promotion & Sustaining Fund \$37.00, Sub-A-Month Donations \$2.00, Total \$648.90

Fund Report

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Contributions: Judge Jacob Panken, New York City \$10.00, Forward Association, New York City \$500.00, Edward Piche, Richmond, Ind. \$5.00, An Oregon Comrade \$5.00, James L. Smiley, Annapolis, Md. \$5.00, John A. Orman, Baltimore, Md. \$1.00, Geo. Fitch, Sharpburg, Pa. \$1.00, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, Milwaukee \$5.00, Total \$532.00

On Pledges: Jos. A. Thomas, Medford, Ore. \$2.00, M. Larson, Clothier, W. Va. \$1.00, H. Latzer, New York City \$2.00, Total \$5.00

Sub-A-Month Donations: Dr. Geo. Welby Van Pelt, Washington D. C. \$1.00, Sven A. Wanberg, Midvale, Utah \$1.00, Total \$2.00

Walls and Bars Prize Winners

Eleven members of the Appeal Army helped the Appeal circulation \$5 or more last week and received WALLS AND BARS free. Let every active Socialist in the United States take a pride in getting this book this way. Here are the prize winners: Judge Jacob Panken, New York City \$10.00 donation, M. M. Bartholomew, Meadville, Pa. \$5.00 subs and cards, An Oregon Comrade, \$5.00

Result of Vote on the Appeal

The following is a tabulation of the opinions of American Appeal readers concerning the Appeal. The results here were compiled from the answers to fifteen questions on blank ballots printed in the Appeal. An almost equal number of opinions were sent in only by letter. The whole is proving very helpful to the Appeal staff in its endeavor to have the Appeal conform as much as possible to the preferences and needs of the Army.

Table with 3 columns: Questions, Yes, No. Not Voting on the Question. Contains 15 numbered questions and their respective vote counts.

The following are the opinions like the Appeal as a whole: about 68 per cent endorse the present plan of using news and news-interpretations largely as a means of propaganda; 94 per cent like the Feature Department; almost three to one favor propaganda based on news or concrete developments rather than abstract or academic propaganda.

What Readers Think of Appeal

Fine Tribute from Maryland Comrades

RESOLUTION by State Executive Committee, Maryland Socialist Party: The Maryland State Executive Committee congratulates the management of the American Appeal upon the good quality of its editorial and reportorial work.

Here is a summary of part of the opinions regarding the Appeal as expressed by letters in connection with the vote:

J. A. C. MENG, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO: All this APPEAL ARMY stuff is the bunk. If the American Appeal would devote its efforts to the one idea of making Socialists and building the Socialist Party, it would forget itself into greatness and immortality.

E. G. KWARTZ, ESCONCHDO, CALIF.: Being one of the 500,000 who read the Appeal to Reason, with its Leader, the result being that when we see the same thing in the Appeal headlines we give a glance and pass over. Yes, indeed, what the Appeal wants is smashing editorials, feature articles, short paragraphs and occasional articles of the character written by James O'neal, Ernest Untermann and others.

EDGAR W. LOUBEN, WEST PHILADELPHIA, PA.: It is obvious that the Appeal management is trying to meet the expectations of the readers as the questionnaire ballot indicates. I have found nothing so far in the paper that does not indicate a progressive movement toward the objective even though indirect in its course.

Sub-A-Month Pledges

One new member joined the Sub-A-Month Army last week. He was Dr. A. J. Sams, Hillsboro, Texas. This makes 59 who have taken the pledge to send in one subscription or its equivalent every month to the Appeal. We are going to keep at it until a SUSTAINING ARMY is organized behind the Appeal.

FURNACE, MASS.

Thanks for the privilege of expressing our opinion of the Appeal. The American Appeal is the most hopeful journal in the United States, priced low, compact, just packed full of meaty news. The Appeal will undoubtedly become one of the most powerful newspapers in America.

WINSTON DANCIS, BRONX, N. Y.: In general I would like to have the Appeal print long articles, significant news and not opinion and use small headlines.

J. J. FITCH, FRESNO, CALIF.: I think it a good scheme to get the reader's viewpoint. It is democratic. We need more democracy. I care little for the headlines, but the average American citizen does and he is the one you have to please.

M. V. HALUSHKA, CHICAGO: The weekly financial statement of the Appeal ought to be eliminated. I don't believe there are enough readers interested in the figures. I would suggest in its place brief news telling what the Army is doing.

ANDREW PEGALDI, NEW YORK CITY: Too much news in the sense of daily occurrences in the American Appeal is wasted effort and money.

WENDELL F. FARRINGTON, donation. Edward Piche, Richmond Ind. \$5.00 donation, J. W. McCalmet, Kansas City, Mo. \$5.00 cards, Fred Ehling, Chicago, \$5.00 cards, Fred Ehling, Chicago, \$5.00 cards, \$5.00 subs and cards, H. Sherman, Baltimore, Md. \$5.00 cards, Mrs. James B. Miller, Terra Haute, Ind. \$5.00 subs, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, Milwaukee, \$5.00 donation, Gustav Schulz, Butte, Mont. \$5.00 subs and cards.

up of the Appeal is fine, especially the issue of July 9.

J. T. GARRETT, BOWIE, TEXAS: I think the American Appeal is one of the greatest papers that comes to the South for the emancipation of the masses. I do not desire any change in your paper.

MARY A. BROOKS, MEDICAL LAKE, WASH.: I am very much pleased with your paper, but think it could be improved a little. I am very much interested in the Feature Department and News and Views, and was much interested in Tim Treadwell's "Farm Problems."

MRS. S. A. DEACON, SAN FRANCISCO: Do not break up articles so much; it is like a puzzle to get through an article to the end. Limit fund and Army reports and prize lists, etc. to half the present space.

A. H. EAGER, RED BLUFF, CALIF.: On the whole I don't see how the paper can be improved upon. I think the large headlines are well worth while. I would like to see a question department maintained. I like the News and Views articles—short and to the point.

JOSEPH CHARNEY, CHICAGO: I think it would be advisable to have the news and other articles written in a more sensational form, more appealing to non-Socialists. The Appeal would be improved if a little more humor were injected into it.

AUSTIN McLANE, GUTHRIE, W. VA.: I am a Thomas Jefferson Democrat with pronounced Socialist leanings. As such I enjoy reading your periodical and feel the need of it as a sort of counter-balance to a certain type of subversive "keep press"—"Queen sabe".

JOHN K. WHITE, ROSSLYN, VA.: The present Appeal is far and away better than the old Girard Appeal ever was. If you had a million subscribers the strongholds of capitalism, militarism, imperialism and all their kindred brood would be shaken to their foundations.

One weakness is the runovers, which sometimes almost get lost. The proof reading might be more accurate. Long Live the Appeal! While I have mentioned one or two typographical weaknesses, I would joyfully put the paper just as it is in every home in America, if I could.

MISSISSIPPI COMRADE: The Appeal should have more concrete propaganda explaining PRACTICAL Socialism, illustrating how it would work when put into operation and what benefits would be derived from it. The average citizen will not become a Socialist until he is able to visualize how it will work.

DR. S. A. GARTH, COLORADO SPRING, COLO.: The Appeal is not growing as it should and there is a reason. You are too highbrow and shoot over the average reader's head. The articles on the last page of the Appeal would be suitable as a thesis for a college graduate, but will not take the laboring man in.

GEORGE WEGE, OKAHUMKA, FLA.: The Appeal as a whole is not as good as the Appeal to Reason was. WILLIAM JAMES MORGAN, NEW LONDON, CONN.: I occasionally see something in the Appeal that should not be printed without an editorial disclaimer or explanation. For instance in a recent number there was on the front page a letter headed, "Stop the War by Refusing to Fight" and just above it under the cartoon more on the same subject that I did not like much better.

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