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## Says Church Is Helping End War

'Layman' Of Farmington Reviews Work Of Religious Bodies Against Conflicts

A deep and widespread interest has been manifest among readers of the Farmington Enterprise in the series of articles being written for this newspaper by a "Layman" of Farmington. The first article dealt in a general way with the position of the Church in the modern world. Of at least equal interest will be found this week's article entitled "The Church and the War." It tells what the Church is doing to outlaw war, and why it is the most potent factor working toward that end.—Editor.

### ARTICLE 2.

#### The Church and War

In the preceding article the statement was made that the Christian Church had for nineteen centuries been stressing the ideals embodied in Christ's teachings and that it had entered a period in which it would seek to have those ideals realized.

The organized church, convinced of the horror and futility of war, and imbued with the ideals of the brotherhood of man, has firmly set its face against aggressive war.

Without minimizing the efforts of organizations other than the Church, such as labor organizations and peace societies also vigorously opposing the military spirit, the writer contends that the Church is today the strongest and most effective force opposing governmental measures proposed by militaristic and selfish interests.

The Catholic Church in Europe, by reason of its international character, and the Protestant Church in America, by reason of its isolation and consequent freedom from national fears and hatreds, acting through the Federal Council, are today the strongest forces working for the outlawry of war.

We quote from a resolution of The Federal Council of Churches: "We believe that the ending of war is one of the deepest demands of the American people. Competition in armaments must come to an end. There must be a speedy and general cutting down of military establishments."

Some idea of the widespread movement in the Church and allied organizations may be gained if we note some of the many Church and religious organizations that are affiliated with "The National Council for the Prevention of War." We name a few: The General Conference of the Religious Society of Friends; The National Society of Christian Endeavor.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The Welfare Board of the Church of the Brethren.

The National Board of the Y. M. C. A.

The United Synagogue of America.

The World's Alliance of International Friendship Through the Churches.

These are not societies in individual churches, but national and international organizations each representing countless individual churches.

Attention is called to the fact that these Church organizations not only exist but are active with promptness and vigor in opposing national aggression and proposals for unnecessary increase in armaments prompted by jingoism, militarism and selfish interests.

There is little doubt that the opposition of the Church modified at least, the initial policy of military interference of our Government in Nicaragua.

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of the determination of the church to oppose war and the spirit of militarism and of its ability effectively to subdue that spirit, is its immediate, vigorous and effective protest against the recommendation of the Navy for an initial expenditure of \$800,000,000 in the enlargement of our Navy to be followed later with appropriations running into the billions, which could only be interpreted by other Nations as a war gesture to be followed by a race in armaments.

The Federal Council of Churches through its many subsidiary organizations immediately deluged Washington with such an avalanche of letters and telegrams in opposition to the program, that a member of the Naval committee stated that never in his political experience of over twenty years in Washington has there been such a tremendous opposition expressed to any measure proposed in Congress.

The immediate result was a recommendation by the committee of an expenditure of only \$274,000,000 a reduction of two-thirds, and in addition the House adopted without debate an amendment to the ship construction program, to request the President to urge the necessity for another international conference for the limitation of armaments.

This is one instance of the Church seeking in a practical and effective way the realization of its ideals, and it is obtaining results.

The next article will be "The Church and the Liquor Traffic."

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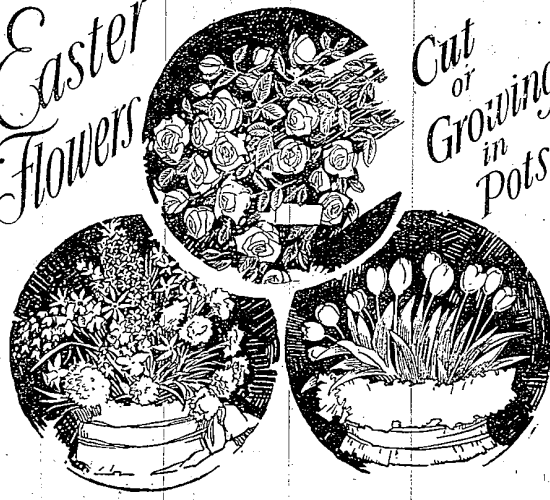
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