

for me to prepare to go and kill my neighbor, then it is wrong for the entire nation to prepare to kill. War is all wrong. Let the United States lead in peace and disarmament.

J. A. McElrath, Coleman, Tex.: I have a son. He is just 21 years of age. I want him to live for his country instead of dying for it. The poor men give their lives for their homes and fatherland, while the rich men loan their money. Why shouldn't a rich man in time of war give his money also just as freely as the poor men give their lives? The rich loan at usury and therefore enslave the unborn generations.

B. T. Leonard, Duncan, Okla. I heartily endorse your position on "preparedness" and believe 90 per cent of the people in this part of the country are with you.

Charlie Myers, Barnesville, Ohio: I believe that everyone who is against preparedness should write to their congressman, senators and the President, and let them know how they stand on this very important question—preparedness. I, for one, want to help check it by getting subscriptions for The Commoner. I believe if Mr. Bryan's paper could be put in more homes this war scare would die out completely as far as the voice of the common people is concerned. I believe it is a move for a few to get richer from the taxpayers. I think it is time the government should get busy and put a stop to these money grabbers that seek to embroil this country in war that they may get richer. How long will we stand for this state of affairs; does any one know?

Wm. M. Pogue, Rising Sun, Md.: I have written our congressman, senators and the President, also sent in a petition of 88 voters against any increase in army or navy, and I impressed on them all the fact that the people are against this program, and I can not for the life of me understand why Wilson is for an increase. It is going to put our party in a hole in the coming fight; if we enter on this program we will just lose all the ground we have gained since 1896. I believe the United States could and would be doing the very best thing to disarm the navy and army and demonstrate to the world that we stand on our honor and our justice, and that we only want what is right and just.

C. E. Tyler, Skiatook, Okla.: I glory in the stand The Commoner is taking with regard to national "preparedness."

E. Arnold, Orleans, Nebr.: I am with you in your stand against that lunacy called preparedness, and believe that if the President persists in it he will defeat his party. I served nearly four years in the armies of Grant and Sherman and I know from personal experience that Sherman's definition of war is right. We have enough of hell here without war. In the list I am sending you are seven of my sons who I hope may read and profit by it. Enclose find bank draft to pay for eight yearly subscriptions.

H. L. Bake, College Corner, Ohio: We think that Mr. Bryan is doing a great work; hope he will keep it up, for we believe he is doing much good. Enclosed find check to cover three yearly subscriptions to The Commoner.

D. D. Jacobs, LaFayette, Ind.: I am heartily in accord with your present attitude in regard to the preparation propaganda, and think that a policy to equip our fighting forces with materials purchased from big syndicates would result naturally in

more expense than equipment and would not be in accord with your policy of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

D. G. Pickett, M. D., Fredonia, N. Y.: So far as I am able to speak with the democrats in my section, and many of the republicans also, they are in favor of the policy you are advocating. If it is not possible, then we may as well have elected Roosevelt and prepare up to the ninth hole and challenge the whole world—which would, of course, bring chaos at once.

T. Percival Gerson, M. D., Los Angeles Cal.: In these times that try men's souls, in your advocacy of the ideal of love and justice against hate and greed, I wish to assure you of the support of a humble physician. I consider wonderful your act in stepping down from the helm of the good ship of state, not as a despised deserter, as the subsidized press would have us believe, but as a real patriot that refused to guide his beloved charge on to the dark shoals of infamy and chaos. I can imagine the inner struggles endured before your victory in the name of principle, and the misunderstandings and insults that have come to you since. Perhaps you felt like Henry Clay when he said, "I would rather be right than be president." Because of the monstrous misrepresentations by the newspapers and magazines of Mr. Ford and yourself, in your endeavor to practicalize the Golden Rule, I have just written Mr. Ford, suggesting that he endow an independent, strong, idealistic national newspaper for the people. I recall how I used to enjoy The Commoner, La Follette's, I still do; and The Public. But all these should be surpassed a hundredfold, and could be, and then we would begin to see a ray of hope for the disinherited. I was glad to hear my good friend Senator John D. Works recently say that he was going to oppose preparedness when it came up in the senate.

W. P. Navity, Pekin, Ill. I am opposed to "preparedness" and believe Mr. Bryan is doing a great service for our country in his work at the present time. Strength to his arm. Herewith find remittance for four yearly subscriptions to The Commoner.

S. A. Gustafson, Albright, W. Va., in a letter to Mr. T. M. MacCorkle, Elkins, W. Va., says: I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 9th inst. It is a great pleasure for me to know that you are still true to the great principles that have dominated this country in the past, and I hope that we have enough of sane minded men to be able to continue the same in the future. It is a pity that the leaders of this country have been trapped by the sly devices of the manufacturers of arms and munitions, whose patriotism is shut up in their own pocket-book. We should thank God for men like Bryan and Kitchin, that are sane enough to see the diminishing danger in the east which is consumed by its own fury. Should we be foolhardy to the extent of patterning after them? The only reason I had for leaving Europe was the intense military preparation for which I could find no other excuse but scientific murder sanctioned by custom and perverse rules of honor, and with this I also disagreed. From this you can easily see that I have regarded militarism as an evil before now, and still hold the same view. If I had time I would give you pages of my reasons against this proposed policy because of its moral effect on the nation, and if the people of this country in the present crisis would disre-

gard the makers of war supplies, and stand by Christ and Bryan we would secure our country against a great evil.

Richard Moore, Billings, Mont.: Ninety per cent of the people in this "neck of the woods" are with you and against "preparedness."

L. W. Garner, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.: Herewith find money order to pay for seven yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. Send each a copy of the last issue. The subscribers are business men, as you will see by their "occupation." Hope the paper may result in much good to each of us.

Mrs. Sara Evon Ehrenberg, Buffalo, N. Y.: All success to you and your fight against military "preparedness." Herewith club of five subscriptions.

H. W. Horch, Columbus, Ohio: Kindly accept our approval of the stand you are taking against the "preparedness" plan. I assure you I speak the sentiment of a great

many others of this community who are opposed to this needless expenditure of money. Herewith find club of three yearly subscriptions.

Geo. M. Alexander, Claypool, Ind.: I wish to assure you that I do not want to miss an issue of The Commoner; I value it higher than all the rest of the papers. I shall do all I can to get more subscribers for you. Every American citizen should read The Commoner. Herewith find club of six.

J. A. Wilson, Myton, Utah: Your sentiments as to the "craze of preparedness" are so completely in accord with my sentiments, that I can not add to or enlarge them. I find these the sentiments of the people generally.

Henry S. Griffith, South Carver, Mass.: Shall federalism, laid on the shelf by our ancestors, be revived by this generation? I don't see how anyone who has the least sense of the meaning of democracy can be hoodwinked by the illogical screech-

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