

# U. S. Schools Must Prepare Young People To Cope With Future's Difficult Problems

## Citizens Are Urged To Visit Their Local Learning Centers

Labor, industry, educators, the churches and women's clubs are uniting in a call for the observance of American Education week, November 5-11. The week is dedicated to public tribute to schools and is sponsored by the National Education association, the American Legion, the United States Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. An annual pilgrimage to the nation's schools is made in more than 4,000 communities by more than 10 million persons during the week's program of school activities.

Calling upon the "citizens to visit their schools," President Roosevelt asks observance of American Education Week to "become better acquainted with those faithful servants of the nation's children and youth—the teachers."

In the President's message to "patrons, students, and teachers of American schools," he asks that teachers be encouraged in their task of "cultivating free men fit for a free world. For these teachers are the conservators of today's civilization and the architects of tomorrow's world of promised peace and progress. They serve within the very citadels of democracy, devotedly whether in war or in peace."

"When victory on the fields of battle shall have been achieved, the work yet to be done through our schools will be enormous," the President continues. "I therefore call upon the teachers of America to continue without flagging their efforts to contribute through the schools to that final consummation which alone will make possible of fulfillment all plans of education for new tasks."

Realizing that the schools play a vital role both in the prosecution of the war and laying the foundations for the peace, "Education for New Tasks" is the theme for the 24th annual observance.

"Schools are preparing children and young people for the new tasks which confront our country," states F. L. Schlagle, president of the National Education association, "the new tasks of making postwar readjustments, maintaining economic security at home, improving intergroup relationships, assuring justice to minority groups, adapting our life to the new technology, and improving community life. Only a people of intelligence, character, goodwill and earnestness can meet these issues with success."

**Program for the Week.**  
Daily themes in the development of "Education for New Tasks" are:  
Sunday, November 5 — Building Worldwide Brotherhood.  
Monday, November 6 — Winning the War.  
Tuesday, November 7 — Improving Schools for Tomorrow.  
Wednesday, November 8 — Developing an Enduring Peace.  
Thursday, November 9 — Preparing for the New Technology.  
Friday, November 10 — Educating All the People.  
Saturday, November 11 — Bettering Community Life.

"When the war is over, our country will be faced with a problem of readjustment which in many ways will be as difficult as the problems of mobilization for the war," warns Mr. Schlagle. "Millions of men and women must be retrained for new jobs. Boys and girls in schools must be aided in adjusting to postwar con-



ditions. The war has emphasized the nation's need for youth. We cannot afford in the postwar period to permit youth to become the lost generation again," he says.  
"Building Worldwide Brotherhood," topic for Sunday, opening the week's program, will be observed in the churches throughout the nation. According to Everett R. Clinchy, National Conference of Christians and Jews, "Brotherhood is giving to others the dignity and rights we want to keep for ourselves. We need to make universal brotherhood part of the learning experience." He points out that this can be done by thinking scientifically on questions of race, religious cultures, and nationality differences which divide people into groups.

Monday's theme, "Winning the War," is a reminder of the wartime job being done by the schools in pre-induction training, adjustment of courses to permit pupils to do wartime work, rationing and registration programs, conducting scrap and bond drives, as well as continuing their regular program of education for 25 million American children.

"Improving Schools for Tomorrow emphasizes the steps needed for improving American education. Equalization of educational opportunity through state and federal aid, payment of adequate salaries to teachers, streamlining the administrative organization of education in many areas, and the building of school programs around real life problems are among the pressing needs for better schools in the post-war era.

**Hope For Enduring Peace.**  
"Education is a potent force which can be used for the promotion of peace," underlines Wednesday's topic, "Developing an Enduring Peace." Proposals for the international organization following the war include a council on educational policy which would become a permanent international agency for education. The purpose of such an agency would be to lift educational standards, to encourage education for international understanding, and to report for action to the general international body attempts in any nation to promote war through education.

"Preparing for the New Technology" points to the reliance technology and science have upon education. The need for intelligent management and the reduction of unskilled labor are emphasized. The ever-increasing need for specialization on the part of workers calls for cooperation and mutual helpfulness. "The promise of a new world depends upon technology. To reach that promise we must develop through education people capable of using it," Mr. Schlagle points out. "Educating All the People," topic

for Friday, emphasizes that despite the great strides in establishing a system of public education, there are 13 1/2 per cent of our adult population having only a fourth-grade education or less. Hundreds of thousands of men fully qualified in every other respect have been found by the Selective Service to have less than a fourth-grade education.

"Bettering Community Life," topic for the last day of American Education Week, underlines the role of the school as a community center, serving adults as well as children, and acting as a force for bringing the people together so that plans for improved community life may be made and developed.

**Problems of Future.**  
American Education Week grew out of the First World War. It was first observed in 1921. Twenty-five per cent of the men examined in that draft were illiterate; 29 per cent were physically unfit; many were foreign-born and had little understanding of American life. These were startling disclosures. Unfit as they were for war, these men were also incapable of serving their country most effectively in time of peace.

Members of the newly formed American Legion wished to correct these conditions. They saw in this situation an opportunity to serve their country after the war. When a campaign of education appeared to be the only answer they consulted the other sponsoring organizations and as a result the first American Education Week was observed.

"All the new tasks which confront our society as a whole are the ones with which our schools must deal. For the schools are of society and their task is to build society by developing good citizens," Mr. Schlagle further points out. "Let us utilize the power of education to



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By VIRGINIA VALE

**JIMMY CAGNEY** is settling down to work on his new picture, "Blood on the Sun," after too long an absence from the screen. During that absence he's made a four-month overseas tour, and his brother William has gone through several hundred manuscripts, trying to find suitable material for James. Two possible stories turned up for the picture following "Blood on the Sun"; no matter which is selected, Cagney will be seen as a soldier in the American army in the days of the Indian wars.

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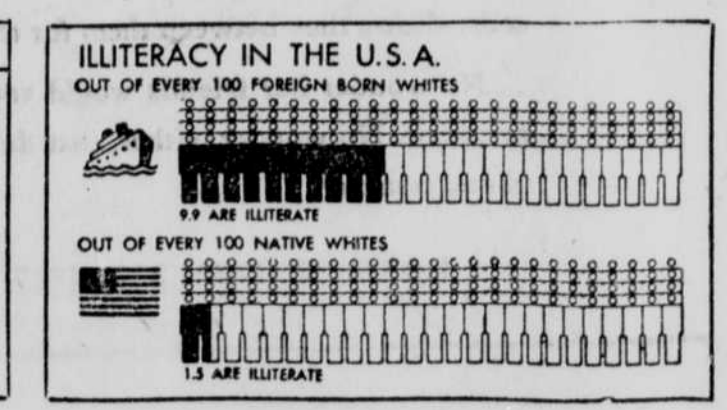
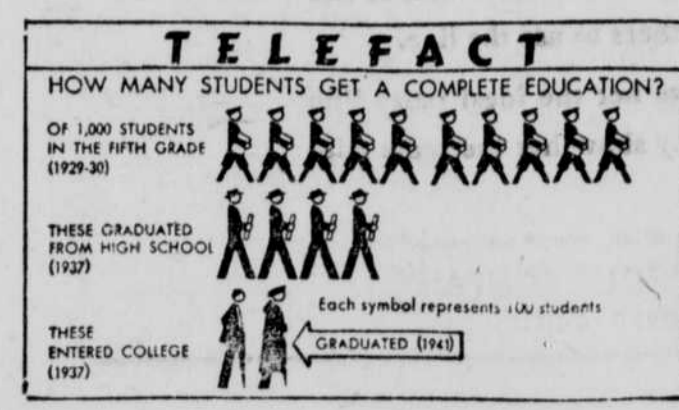
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