

Real hope therefore lies more in the immediate practical diagnosis of present social ills and direct suggestions as to their remedy rather than in utopian dreams of no armies and no war. The statement on a Just and Lasting Peace issued in February by the Hierarchies of England and Wales and Scotland is particularly welcome for this reason. It is fully 'contemplative,' in the sense we here use the word, and it applies the general principles of democracy to the present situation. It is to be hoped that the N.P.C. will include this statement in its published documents. And with it the Council might publish the excellent summary of the Christian principles of nationalism and internationalism compiled by Bishop Muench and adopted by several Catholic Societies in America,³ and above all Pope Pius XII's Christmas address on Democracy. Hope is slender, but such as it is it lies in the immediate application of spiritual realities to the present human entanglements.

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NOTE.

The National Peace Council (144 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1) makes some recent announcements; (a) Closing date for the National Petition for a Constructive Peace is April 14th (though completed forms should now be sent in as soon as possible), and the Council appeals for the fullest effort to increase the number of signatures before that date so as to strengthen its influence on the San Francisco Conference and the British delegates to whom it is to be presented; (b) The Council's standing Peace Aims Conference is to discuss *Democracy and the Post-war Settlement* at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, from April 13th to 16th, and though accommodation for non-members of the Conference is limited, applications to attend from members of interested organisations will be considered; and (c) The Council and its associated organisations are to hold a mass meeting in support of 'A Constructive Peace' at the Central Hall, Westminster, on May 30th.

³ To be had for ten cents from *The Central Bureau Press*, 3835 Westminster Place, S. Louis, 8, Mo., U.S.A.