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EDITORIAL

We have been obliged to postpone to this issue many valuable notes of our activities. The publication of the Annual Report, jointly with the accounts of the important National events of the early summer, used all our available capacity.

Lack of space always impels us to choose from much material, and we especially use that which will best aid members to find a new field of work, or a better way of working.

All material is carefully read and whenever possible the preference is given to those Units whose good work may not have had previous mention.

**Conference Presidents
Make Award of Merit**

Not one but four, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., V. K. Wellington Koo, Andrei A. Gromyko and the Earl of Halifax, of the International Conference, at a meeting Saturday, June 23, in the San Francisco Opera House, presented an award of appreciation for work well done to the

International Secretariat.

American Women's Voluntary Services
Navy Coast Guard.

American Red Cross.

San Francisco Police Officers.

The work of each organization was

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Appointments: Miss Katharine L. Beach has been appointed National Chairman of Services and Organization.

Mrs. Edward Carter has been appointed National Chairman of Teen Age Clubs.

The following officers were appointed for *War Service Photography*:

Mrs. Henry R. Johnston, Chairman

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Training: The course of lectures on "A Better Understanding of the Veteran and His Problems" has now been mimeographed and is ready for distribution (price 50¢). Two worthwhile pamphlets on veterans are "He's Back," prepared by the Surgeon General's Office, United States Army, and "Veterans' Information Program," prepared by the Office of War Information. These pamphlets may be obtained free by writing directly to these offices in Washington.

The following is quoted from a recent issue of the AWVS Greater New York Bulletin "Metropolitan News":

"Publicity for the things we do is in the competent hands of the Publicity, Radio News and War Service Photography Departments. Publicity for what we are is a personal thing. It is in the voice; it is in the poise and dignity with which we wear our uniform. Let us try at all times to follow the simple rules laid down by the Committee on Uniform and Conduct."

mentioned and each group was individually thanked for its part in making the conference a success, and the delegates more secure and comfortable. The Certificate of Appreciation presented to each group read:

"On behalf of all the delegates to the United Nations Conference we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for your diligent and loyal work in the creation of the Charter of the United Nations. The unfailing cooperation and understanding with which all of you have met the many and difficult problems involved in a conference of such unparalleled proportions are deeply appreciated and will be long remembered."

(Signed) Edward R. Stettinius, V. K. Wellington Koo, Andrei Gromyko, The Earl of Halifax.

**"AFTER THE WAR,
WHAT ABOUT
THE VOLUNTEER?"**

EDITOR'S NOTE: We quote below in condensed form from an AWVS broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System, when four outstanding women discussed this question.

"When the war is over, what about the volunteer? Shall the twelve million women who have had valuable training on the home front be demobilized—or redeployed?" Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., said from Boston, "The wives of the regular Army men literally marry into volunteer service. Wherever they go, the flag becomes their symbol of service and their pledge of usefulness. It is as one of that 'band of inherited patriots,' as we have been called, as well as a member of the American Women's Voluntary Services that I am glad to join in this discussion.

"Every American woman, whom we shall call Mrs. John Doe, is a potential volunteer. Her one postwar job is to make sure that democracy continues to work for all the people. The corollary of privilege is responsibility. She should begin with the intelligent use of the ballot and an active interest in the machinery of government, right where she lives. If Mrs. Doe will elect to office the best qualified candidates available, beginning at the local level, she will be taking an important step toward improving the calibre of her State and in turn of the Federal government. As a conscientious citizen, Mrs. Doe should also keep a watchful eye on proposed legislation and reform measures to make sure that the welfare of all the people, regardless of race, color or creed, is the primary consideration.

"I envisage this form of volunteer service as a living memorial to the heroes who will not return—the intrepid Americans who died in battle to perpetuate individual liberty as a heritage for unborn generations. I have heard my husband give this toast to the ladies on many occasions: 'May we live so as to make them happy, and if we die, may we die so as to make them proud.'"

Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, said from New York, "The American Legion Auxiliary might well be called 'Exhibit A' in any discussion of postwar volunteer activities. We came into existence after the first world war, precisely because there was such a desperate need of volunteer service; and we have been working ever since. As a matter of fact, the acid test of Mrs. John Doe's worth as a volunteer will come many years from now, when all the tumult and the shouting have died

down and the purple hearts have been laid away in bureau drawers. Will Mrs. Doe follow through as long as she is needed, without the impetus of wartime excitement?

"I say, unhesitatingly, 'yes'—because the record of the American Legion Auxiliary is evidence of this very type of loyal volunteer service. Our rehabilitation work has gone on for twenty-five years. There are 90,000 veterans of World War I in hospitals today. And now their numbers are being increased. The peak of veteran hospitalization will not be reached for another twenty or thirty years, when it is anticipated that the breakdown in health among the veterans will be the greatest. All of these heroes deserve the very best that a grateful nation can offer.

"Mrs. John Doe is a well-trained volunteer today, thanks to such organizations as the American Women's Voluntary Services, to which I am indebted for participation in this discussion. I hope that all the Mrs. Does of the nation will plan for the future on the basis of this definition of service—a wise woman once offered: 'Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on earth'."

We take you now to the middle west, where Mrs. William A. Hastings, President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, from Chicago, said, "Youth alone is our link with the future. The strength or weakness of that vital link with posterity will depend largely on Mrs. John Doe.

"It seems incredible that any volunteer should consider giving up her work after the war, in the face of what lies ahead. There's the problem of fitting the homecoming veteran into civilian life, with all its family adjustments. There's the problem of shifting from wartime to peacetime employment of men, women and children. There's the problem of resettlement for the thousands of families who moved to industrial centers.

"But the greatest challenge of all is the responsibility our generation has of preparing our youth for their historic role of winning the peace. We can lay the foundation stones; but youth will have the hard struggle of creating a lasting peace. I think it should be obvious to Mrs. Doe that this calls for the best equipment we can provide for our children. Yet even before the war, there were few communities which offered every child a full opportunity to grow up physically fit, emotionally secure, morally honest and spiritually strong. We shall have to teach them that they are citizens of a shrunken world community; that their destiny is interwoven with that of all the peoples of the earth; that the one un failing rule for getting along with their fellow men, whether it is in the larger neighborhood of nations or the

intimate contacts of Main Street, is the principle of 'Love thy neighbor—'."

And now we travel westward, where Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz, member of the California Board of the American Women's Voluntary Services, said from San Francisco, "The eyes of the world are turned on San Francisco. The San Francisco Unit of the AWVS, of which I am a member, is doing its part to help feed, entertain and be of general service to the Conference delegates. We like to feel that in a very modest way, we are contributing to the spirit of understanding and international cooperation on which a lasting peace must be built.

"I agree with the preceding speakers that Mrs. John Doe cannot drop out of the ranks after the war. I hope she will go to any of the volunteer organizations in her home town and ask simply, 'Where am I needed the most?'

"Look around you, Mrs. Doe, wherever you are. Are you satisfied with your community's protective services? What about housing — schools — roads — employment opportunities? Are your schools preparing youth for their enlarged horizons as world citizens? Look again, Mrs. Doe. Has your health commissioner kept up with preventive medicine? How about clinic services, hospital facilities, and baby health centers?

"Take one more look, Mrs. Doe. Picture your town and the people in it as they might be if all you had to do was rub a magic lamp. That magic lamp is within you, Mrs. Doe. It will work wonders if you resolve to be the conscience of America."

Note: National Public Relations has four records of the entire broadcast which are available upon request to the Units for use at meetings, etc. It is requested, however, that precaution be taken that these records not be scratched or broken, and that they be carefully packed and mailed back to National immediately after use.

UNIT ACTIVITIES

Albany, N. Y.: A new service, growing out of Motor Transport work promises to be most valuable in Albany, is reported by Mrs. E. Norton Pettit, Chairman of the Albany Unit and Vice-Chairman of the New York State. The service is called "Patients' Aides" and their job is to accompany children and elderly or disabled people to clinics, remain with them while they undergo treatment or examination and secure all the necessary data about the case. Careful note of the next appointment is made and the agency from which the patient is sent, is notified.

To date AWVS has carried on this type of service for Catholic Charities, Protestant Family Welfare and the Jewish Social Service. Mrs. William McCartan,

Captain of the Motor Corps, who is in charge of the Albany activities, states that transportation is furnished to all Patients' Aides.

This is a very adaptable activity in any community.

Mrs. McCartan also advises communities looking for "projects" to set a "Blind Assistance" activity similar to the one successfully operated in her community. An AWVS member (Motor Corps or member having access to a car) calls for blind people and takes them to church, to the doctor or on any other necessary trip. If there are young children to be taken care of in the interim, the AWVS Juniors volunteer to act as "sitters-in." Local Lighthouses and Blind Organizations will welcome this fine type of service.

The two above activities are entirely "local" and it is suggested that you survey your own district for this type of service for your members.

Amityville, New York: The following letter was received by this Unit from the Executive Secretary of the Cancer Committee of Suffolk County:

"This Committee is desirous of bringing to your attention the splendid service which the Amityville Unit of the AWVS is giving and has given us since the spring of 1942. When the Amityville Unit of AWVS first was organized, it made the work of this Committee an important part of its work and since then has supplied to this office volunteers as receptionists, typists and file clerks and has organized a surgical dressings committee besides collecting material for the making of hospital jackets, bed pads, and surgical dressing coverings. Knowing the tremendous help that the AWVS is rendering the Cancer Control Program by co-operating with the Field Army from coast to coast, I am happy to report on the splendid work of the Amityville Unit."

Greater New York: With the liberation of all the Americans from German prison camps the curtain is wrung down upon one of the most important and dramatic of all AWVS war activities. The AWVS Greater New York Listening Post for the reception of messages from AMERICAN prisoners of war was organized in July, 1943, at the request of the United States Government, Office of Censorship. It was designated by the Director of Censorship as the official agency to transmit messages broadcast by American prisoners of war from Rome and Berlin to their families in the United States.

The Listening Post was staffed entirely by AWVS members who had received all their radio training in our own organization and had passed—who received their Federal Communication licenses as a result of this training. Operating hours were from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from

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Chicago, Illinois AWVS Juniors have been trained for serving in community and private hospitals as assistants.



Upper Left—Pasadena, California AWVS Juniors feeding a child in the Children's Ward of the hospital.

Above—Jackson Heights, N. Y. AWVS Volunteer Workshop invites Juniors to use its facilities in connection with the new Junior sewing project. Juniors use workshop on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons and are given instructions by AWVS teachers. This project, announced in the April issue of the Bulletin, is proving of great interest. Any Junior Auxiliaries who have started sewing classes are eligible to receive the teen-age wardrobe for use in stimulating interest in this activity. Here, Mrs. Louise Hanson, AWVS Jackson Heights Workshop Chairman welcomes the first group of Junior sewers.

A New Junior Auxiliary

We are happy to welcome a new Junior Auxiliary at Lebanon, Pennsylvania. With a total registration of forty and in

spite of summer and the camping season, twenty-five girls work regularly at the hospitals.

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JUNIORS A

Greater New York: During the past five weeks 1246 new members joined the AWVS Junior Auxiliary in Greater New York. This large enrollment was directly due to the enthusiasm shown for the National Junior Auxiliary Sewing Project after the five demonstrations given to launch the project.

The members of the Junior Auxiliary of Greater New York add a bit of cheer to the days of hospitalized service men and patients in civilian hospitals. A gunnery sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps, writes: "My surprise knew no limits when, upon returning to my bunk here in the dispensary, I saw a large green-wrapped box. With a natural curiosity I hastened to open such a prize—takes me back to when I was a kid on a treasure hunt! The contents could not have been more timely if I had picked each gift myself. . . . Every day brings its surprises . . . yours has been the most pleasant since I've been in the service, which is 11 years."

The Bronx: The AWVS Junior Auxiliary from the 23 AWVS Units in the Bronx prepared 2,000 gift packages containing toilet articles, games, candy and playing cards. Seventy-five young women, members of the Victory Pastime Department and the Business Girls Department of the Bronx Units, distributed one of these boxes to each hospitalized veteran



ed for important war-time and civic duties. They are
assistant dietitians, checking the patients' trays, etc.
Photo AWVS, Chicago



Upper Right—Two Juniors of Greater New York at work finishing and pressing the teen-age dress, shown above.
Photo Grassner

Above—Palo Alto, Cal. AWVS Juniors helping in nursery at Welcome House, where rest rooms, lounge and information center for families of servicemen are maintained.
Photo Hans Roth

Cover Picture

One of the most sought-after jobs by Juniors is the "Hospital Aides" project, where AWVS Juniors with proper supervision of hospital personnel, assist in the children and baby wards.

This month's cover shows how the AWVS Juniors help at St. Margaret's

House and Hospital for Babies, Albany, New York. This well-known organization is under the patronage of the Albany Bishop, the Right Reverend C. Ashton Oldham. Credit is given to AWVS Juniors for their splendid work with the children in these days of nurse shortages. Many communities avail themselves of our Juniors' services in their local hospitals.

AT WORK

in the Veterans Base Hospital 81 on Memorial Day.

Boutonnieres made by the Juniors were distributed at Halloran Hospital, along with wheel chair and fracture pillows, laprobes and afghans.

Two hundred gift boxes prepared by the members of the AWVS Victory Pastime department and the Junior Auxiliary of Washington Heights, Tudor City, Beekman Hill, Park East, Park Hudson, Gramercy Park, Greenwich Village and Inwood Units of AWVS in Manhattan Borough were given to malaria patients at Governors Island Hospital.

The point of view of the Juniors is well and simply expressed in their answers to a questionnaire recently sent out.

"Why do I want to be a member of the Junior Auxiliary?"

"Because I feel that tomorrow's world will be my world and I want it to be a decent place in which to live."

"What do I hope to do for the Organization?"

"I want to try to make the Junior Auxiliary of the AWVS a recognized, worthy organization."

"What do I believe it will do for me?"

"It will probably give me a new sense of responsibility. It will make me feel much prouder in the days after the war, to tell people that, although I was so young, I took an active part in this war."

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY

Let no one imagine that the WACS and WAVES have taken all the efficient and practical working women of the country. The record of the Women's Land Army for 1944 shows that 800,000 placements of women workers were made by the local officers of the Extension Service Farm Labor Program, and in 39 States extension farm labor supervisors were assigned. The Women's Land Army is a movement rather than an organization and is mainly seasonal. Each state has its headquarters at the state agricultural college. Women are urgently needed again this year, three-quarters of a million of them, to help offset the increased farm labor shortage since this war began. A further shrinkage of farm labor is probable. Yet in this critical year of the war, our high rate of food production must continue.

A New Hampshire farmer's daughter puts it thus, "I decided not to join the WACS or the WAVES, but to do farm work and help in food production. I believe this is just as important to the men in the armed forces."

We quote from a publication of the extension service of the War Food Administration some comments of the farmers themselves:

"The WLA girls pull their weight just like our regular farm help. They do good business for us, for themselves and for the war."

"They sure know how to work, and they're fun to have around."

"These town women had to do their morning work before coming out here. They didn't complain about heat or wasp stings. Having them on the farm was a rich experience."

"I like women for this work (driving trucks). They take safety precautions and follow directions."

"The biggest factor in their success is their patriotic attitude. The boys in the armed forces should know of the remarkable work done by women."

The Listening Post of Greater New York

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6:45 p.m. until 2 a.m. or later as necessitated by the volume of messages.

Long Beach, New York: This Unit has become famous for its Draftee's Canteen which was organized right after Pearl Harbor. Its purpose is manifold. First to welcome the boys coming for their physical examination or induction; to introduce the boys and their families to each other, and to serve refreshments. Chaplains of every faith bless the boys with send-off speeches and the school

band escorts them to the train. There the Unit members take care of grief-stricken relatives escorting them home in cabs. Members also take last minute messages from the boys. The Canteen work begins at 5 a.m. serving two or three times monthly, whenever the need arises.

Orange, New Jersey: A very successful concert was given recently in East Orange, N. J., by the Glee Club of the Oranges and the Orpheus Club of Newark, under the auspices of the local AWVS.

Port Washington, New York: The Mobile Kitchen of the Unit is sponsoring monthly dinner parties for wounded service men from Santini Hospital at the Hempstead USO. The first of these parties was hailed as a great success. The good old American stand-bys were the star attractions. Mrs. Edgar K. Eberhardt, Port Washington artist whose delightful portraits of children are famous, did portrait sketches of the men which they were given to send home.

Wilmington, Delaware: The following quotation from a letter from the Chairman of the United National Clothing Collection gives, in sports language, an admirable description of the part that the active and successful AWVS Unit in Wilmington, Delaware played in collecting 5,632 cartons of clothing.

"The AWVS gave an excellent account of itself from the kickoff to the end of the game. It volunteered to play, requesting no special position or privilege, at all times had the proper regard for team coordination, and worked with energy and determination without once calling for time out."

The total weight of this collection was almost 229,000 pounds.

Westwood - Beverly, California: This Unit has an unusual report to make—a free Mobile Sewing Unit goes to camps in this area with portable sewing machines, ironing board, electric iron and sewing equipment—a traveling tailor shop. Recently, a combat unit just in from overseas had to take to bed while repairs were made, their new uniforms having not yet been issued. Here also the Bond Chairman started sales booths for grammar school tots—staffing five of them until the summer vacation.

ERRATA

We wish to correct a mistake appearing in a recent issue. The brochure entitled, "To Keep Them Safe," which was reviewed in this column is not free, but costs 50¢ a copy, procurable from the National Safety Council, New York.

We regret the typographical errors that appeared in the final page of the last issue.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS

We quote from some letters recently received:

From the Provincial Commandant, South African Women's Auxiliary Services, Command Kimberley, Union of South Africa;

"Your magazines make very interesting reading, and show that in spite of the great distance between our countries our activities are very similar. We hope to get some new ideas from your enterprises."

"There seems to be so much that the civilian women can do in this war, compared with the last war."

"I was in Johannesburg recently and saw a large number of American airmen, who were staying at the same hotel. They were a fine looking lot of lads, and were having a very good time."

"Congratulations on your fine work, and every success to your future endeavors."

From Helen Montfort Moodie, Chairman Women's Conference on International Affairs, Washington, D. C.

"I want to thank you for so kindly sending me a copy of the April AWVS Bulletin featuring the letters from India and England. Exchange of ideas on mutual problems through correspondence is one of the best ways to achieve better understanding among the women of the world."

From Viscountess du Parc;

"Thank you so much for sending me the Bulletin. Needless to say that we were most interested in the article about the needs of the Belgians."

"It is in work such as yours that rests the hope of a deeper understanding between us."

From Mrs. Jan Papanek;

"It was kind of you to send me the AWVS National Bulletins containing the articles on Czechoslovakia's children and the voluntary services of the Czechoslovak women."

"I think your efforts in presenting the overall picture of the United Nations are commendable and certainly in this difficult period when the consideration of a United Nations Organization for peace is under discussion, nothing could be more timely."

From Kathleen Cannell, American newspaper woman who lived twenty-five years in France and was in Paris during the Nazi occupation;

"I enjoyed so much meeting you the other day, and learning something of your splendid work: it will bear much fruit in better international cooperation after the war, I am sure, as well as helping out the war effort tremendously."

"I enjoyed so much my visit to see you at the National Headquarters of the American Women's Voluntary Services."

RECREATION CENTER FOR SERVICEMEN

Just ten minutes from Times Square, in the heart of busy New York, there is a servicemen's center which makes a specialty of substituting for home. It is the American Women's Voluntary Services Park Hudson Servicemen's Recreation Center. In two years it has welcomed over 110,000 men of all branches of service, from every state in the Union.

Open seven nights a week, the AWVS center provides more than the usual canteen attractions, music, dancing, games, refreshments and pretty hostesses. There is a "mending nook" for emergency repairs. There is shaving equipment for those caught short before a date. There are free cigarettes, cigars and matches. There is a library of books and records. Stationery is provided for that all-important letter home.

Every night there are door prizes, lucky number drawings, and other special gifts, and the AWVS volunteers seem to have an uncanny way of finding out when one of their guests comes in on his birthday.

Every night too, one fortunate man draws the lucky number at the door and may make a free phone call to any place in the United States. On certain evenings a machine records messages from the men to their families, and often an AWVS photographer is on hand to make portrait "snaps" to be sent back home.

A ping-pong table and other games are in every corner of the large, cheerfully decorated room, which has been loaned to the AWVS Park Hudson Unit free of charge by the Skouras Theatres Corporation.

Here also is a platform for the orchestra and the popular snack bar.

The entertainment is appreciated, of course, but it seems to be the homelike atmosphere of the center that makes the greatest appeal. The guests come not once but many times. Many of the men write back from overseas and come in for a return visit when "home" again.

Best testimony to the widespread popularity of the AWVS Park Hudson Servicemen's Recreation Center in New York is the large "Where Are You From" map at one end of the room. Guests are invited to mark their home towns with pins, and by this time the map is almost completely stuck-up. Among the states represented by uniformed sons were: Wisconsin, Montana, Alabama, New York, Florida, Massachusetts, California, Texas, New Jersey, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Vermont and many others.

JUNIOR SEWING PROJECT

Albany, N. Y.—The Junior Auxiliary of Albany opened their Sewing Project on Saturday, June 29, by a bang-up demonstration at one of the leading department

Extracts From a Speech By Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick

Given at Women's Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace at the Second Annual Meeting

"We are in the midst of a revolution so vast and so rapid that the mind can scarcely keep up with it. The airplane of today is obsolescent tomorrow, just as the weapons of today will soon be out of date. In this war we have seen guns and tanks and explosives, just out of the blueprint stage, discarded before they came into production because better and deadlier ideas had been developed. Technology is on the march. Indeed, it is not a march; it is a headlong, pell-mell race.

"If Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods are not the final words of wisdom, at least they represent a place at which to start. And some time or other in the creation of human institutions we have to begin, even if the preliminary tools are crude and imperfect. Harvard University began in a farmhouse located in a cow yard. The Library of Congress was originally merely a shelf of books in the office of the Speaker of the House. The Pasteur Institute started as a one-room laboratory. In 1789 all the activities of the United States Government were housed in one building on Wall Street here in New York. We must begin with what we have and work out the solution by trial and practice. Thomas Jefferson was speaking of the Constitution of 1787 when he said: 'We must be contented to travel on toward perfection step by step.'

"Unless the relationships between the United States, Russia and Great Britain are based on mutual trust and confidence, no San Francisco Charter—no matter how it is strengthened or buttressed—can survive. The peace of the world depends in the last analysis on whether the powers can live and work together. If through misunderstanding and suspicion they fail to keep step and drift apart, then the prospects of future peace are dim indeed."

"Suspicion and distrust are around and, once aroused, are difficult to overcome. We are bound to have differences with other nations. These differences are in-

evitable and natural, because nations, like individuals, approach problems from diverse backgrounds and diverse points of view. But if there is mutual forbearance and good will and a spirit of give and take, these differences need not threaten the peace of the world. President Truman last Friday made a statement that we ought never to forget in these difficult days that lie ahead of us. This is what he said: 'Nations which can plan and fight together shoulder to shoulder in the face of such obstacles of distance and of language and of communications as we have overcome, can live together and can work together in the common labor of the organization of the world for peace.'

"We must face the fact that the building of peace, in a world as chaotic and as full of hate as this world is, is not going to be a simple task. Indeed, it is going to be the most difficult, complex undertaking that mankind ever started. It will be a task beset with discouragement and often with disillusionment.

"I know that we face a decision whose implications almost stagger the imagination. And it isn't merely one decision we face. Through the years ahead we shall be facing those decisions over and over again—decisions which will determine whether a world once organized for peace can be kept organized for peace. The peace is something we shall ever be winning or losing—today, tomorrow, next week, next year. This is not a battle where victory comes once and for all time. It is a battle without end.

"In one of the darkest hours that Holland ever knew, William the Silent found himself and his nation surrounded by irretrievable disaster. And this was the grim message he sent to his countrymen: 'It is not necessary to hope in order to undertake, nor to succeed in order to persevere.'

"We are in a race with our own mounting capacity to destroy—and only through indomitable resolution can we keep ahead."

stores. The session was widely attended. The able Junior Director, Miss Edith Seiler, put in many hours of work on the program. Mrs. E. Norton Pettit, AWVS Chairman of the Senior Unit, welcomed the guests. Twelve AWVS Models wore Teen-Age costumes. "Modern Miss and Modern Mess" were presented. This showed two teen-age girls wearing identical clothes, one correctly dressed and well groomed, the other, with bad posture, too

much makeup, etc. During the show a fifteen minute radio program was held in which the Junior Director gave an account of the Junior activities. M./Sgt. Edward Gavard, one of our heroes of this war, appeared on the program. He spoke for the returning boys, who will look to the girls for the skills of homemaking, and for the simple arts so often neglected and which will assume a greater importance in the future.

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