

Postscript

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Stanley Maxtead broadcasting from the "Arnhem pocket" gave us by radio the sound of machine guns, bombs and bursting shells. He said that only a moving picture could bring a true account of the heroism he was witnessing at that moment. One young soldier had fired every shot from his gun, then climbed out of a trench and, in a frenzy of rage, hurled the gun itself at the wicked roaring Luftwaffe overhead! This was a natural reaction, and one can understand the feelings of this brave boy.

How blindly and bitterly we often try to fight the economic maladjustments which show themselves in depressions, injustice and regimentation. How much more effective we can be if we first search intelligently for the causes of them. We must do more than throw our guns in the air. We must think our way out of this chaos, think our way out of future wars. Education in political economy is the way to do it. Yes, a spiritual awakening, if you will, but an intelligent awakening as to the way in which society must conform to the laws of God or nature in the relationship of persons, states, and governments.

The Open House Reception and dedication of the new International Headquarters was a step in this direction. The Reverend W. Wylie Young, who was guest speaker, is a dynamic and inspiring person. His success in organizing and teaching classes in his church in Batavia, New York, has been phenomenal. This month he will instruct a class of Ministers in Rochester, and another class in Buffalo. In a letter to these Ministers, Mr. Young says, "Unless the leaders of the church KNOW what it

is that causes poverty, unemployment, crime and their attendant social evils, the church will be impotent and its leadership will be in the wrong direction."

The 1944 Year Book of Mr. Young's church contains two pages entitled "An Experiment in Education." Here are one or two extracts from it: "During the past year the Pastor has devoted much time to the teaching of a course in Fundamentals of Economics as presented in that classic of economic writings 'Progress and Poverty' by Henry George." Another: "Following the material supplied by the Henry George School of Social Science in New York, Mr. Young has offered the course successively to three groups during the year. It has proved a popular way to spend an evening and the analysis of the basic factors in the economic scene as presented have constituted a real discovery for many who have been exposed to this discipline of study."

"We have good reports of enrollments for the fall term. One class in Harlem started out with an enrollment of 75. We turned it into three classes.

Let us not throw our guns in the air—but rather let us fire our educational ammunition everywhere.