

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF WAR
532 SEVENTEENTH STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Murray Warner,
Oregon Museum of Art,
Eugene, Oregon.

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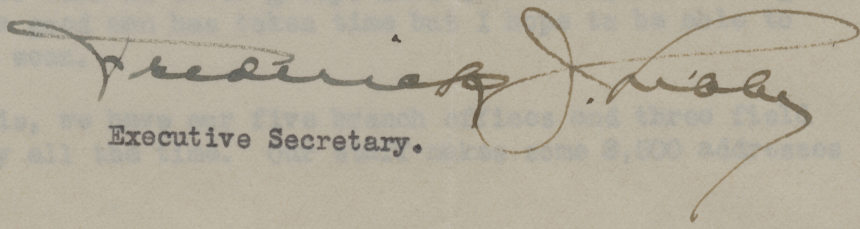
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You contributed \$25.00 in June to our funds. We shall be wanting you to contribute in 1932 but it occurred to me that you might find that you have a little margin, despite these hard times, that you would want to devote to the disarmament campaign which is being waged at such a critical moment in the world's history.

We require \$15,000 by December 31st. Urgent relief must continue, of course, but prevention of the recurrence of such a mess is more fundamental than cure. You will agree with me, I know, that the efforts for peace must be increased rather than diminished. I am depending upon our loyal supporters to find a way of helping us to meet our obligations.

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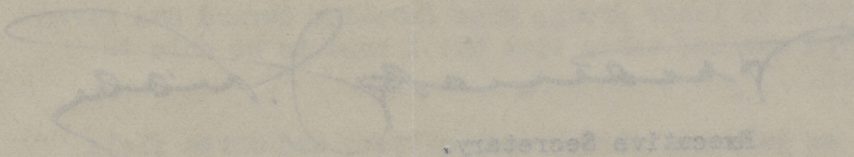
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THE DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF WAR 1931-1932

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(3) We are financing the National Student Forum on the Paris Pact which is directed by Mr. Watkins, a member of our staff. The subject of the essays in this project this winter is the Pact and disarmament; so it fits into our campaign. We have circularized all of the 25,000 high-school principals with the announcement and 1,400 have enrolled so far. The second circularization through the State Committees have started and we expect at least to double the enrollment. Last year 2,600 high schools enrolled with 180,000 pupils engaged in the study. The Carnegie Foundation helps by giving Dr. Shotwell's book free for every school that enrolls.

(4) For work in the colleges we are cooperating with the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. to support Mr. Charles H. Corbett to devote all his time to organizing disarmament campaigns in the colleges. He has prepared an excellent study course among other things and a Student Disarmament Committee is hard at work on a national campaign. We are lending Tom Harrison for speaking in the colleges for three months and he is setting them on fire wherever he goes and raising quite a little money from them.

(5) Our work among the farmers has taken Mr. Taylor fifty thousand miles each of the past two years. As a partial result, Mr. Taylor took to the President week before last petitions from 100,000 farmers asking for drastic reduction of armaments at the approaching conference. Many of them also supported the World Court. Both the National Farmers' Union and the National Grange have recently adopted splendid resolutions which can be traced back to Mr. Taylor's work in the State Conventions.

(6) We have several hundred local Disarmament Committees organized now and working so actively that we have sent out more than half a million pieces of disarmament literature in response to requests and the campaign is going on with such vigor that we are not able to keep up with our mail although our orders get filled daily. Stubs of petitions with more than 60,000 signatures have come to us and thousands of fresh petitions have recently gone out.

(7) For a secretary to work in labor groups Miss Caroline Hazard has given us \$4,000. The choice of a good man has taken time but I hope to be able to recommend the right person soon.

In addition to all this, we have our five branch offices and three field workers working intensively all the time. Our staff makes some 2,500 addresses a year.

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