

PEACE ACTION
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One of the most important actions we, as students, can take to promote peace is to get a clear perspective of the problem. Too many people participate in peace action without a sufficient reason for doing so. Because peace is deeper than political action or economic change, although those are very fundamental it is very necessary to develop a kind of philosophy of life that will thoroughly undergird our peace action. Effective peace work must grow out of a way of life that is entirely inconsistent with human slaughter and ruthless destruction. It is a method of conduct that comes from the compulsion of good will, friendship, and justice.

In order to operate effectively for peace, we should be well informed on what is taking place in the world. Our attitudes should be based on facts which are proved. Then, after carefully thinking through our personal position on the question, we should identify ourselves with some peace action group and work for the cause of world peace. We should help groups get reliable information, urge them to action, and develop a comradeship within the groups that will be a source of strength to its members.

This summer over one hundred young people of college age worked in communities in the mid-western part of the United States, Cuba, and Mexico to promote the cause of peace by positive action. Instead of trying to tear down the institution of war directly they endeavored to change the conditions in their own personalities and in their own communities which they believed contributed to the cause of war. Through lectures and study groups they sought a way to keep America out of war. They tried to develop an appreciation for the contributions of minorities. By personal contact they united individuals who are determined not to approve of or participate in war. By means of social service projects (such as building school houses in Mexico) they worked for political and economic changes essential to an enduring peace.

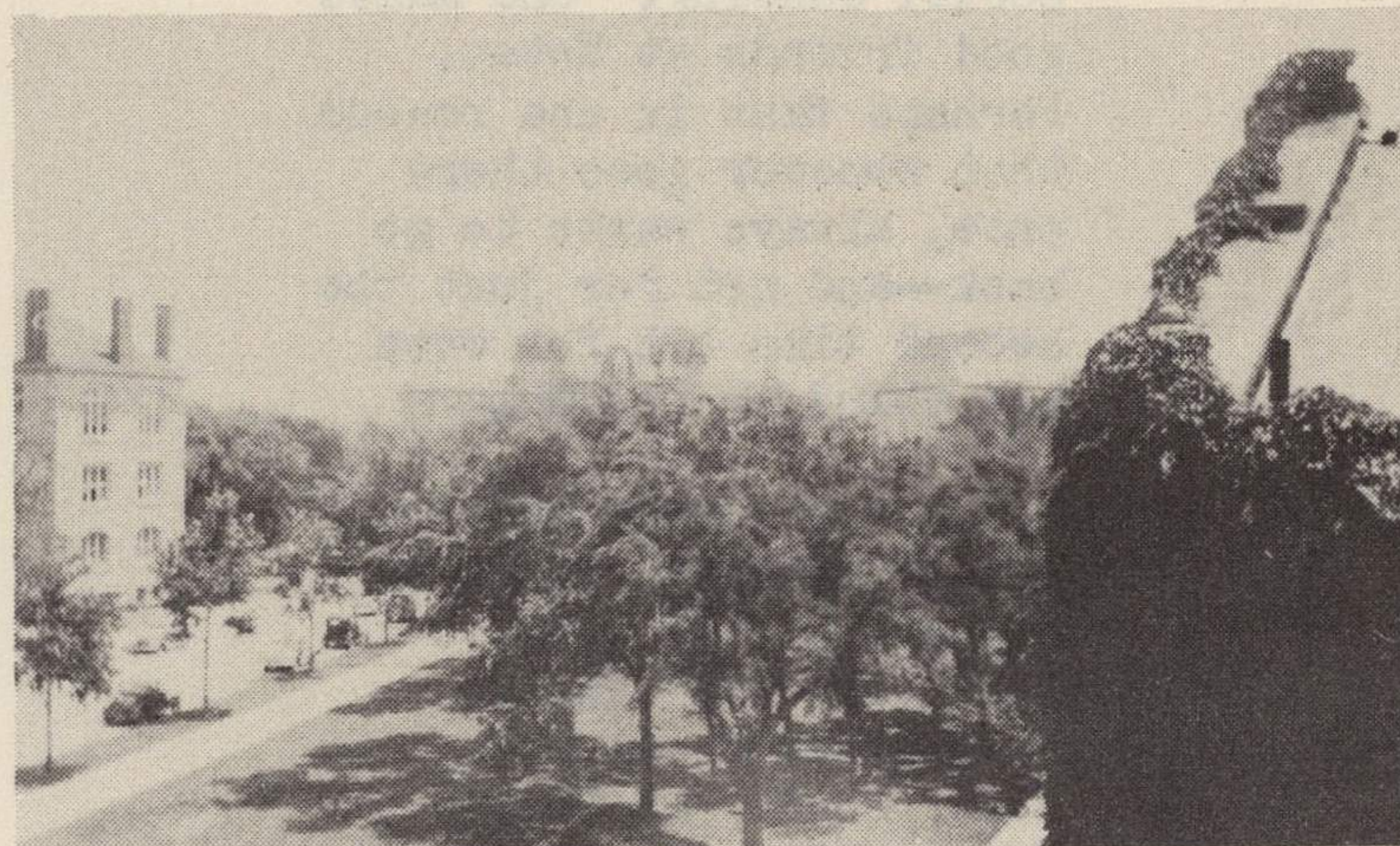
FRESHMAN COMMISSION
Mary Ewers
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The University of Kansas is a community--a community in which you are to live for four years. At first you have the struggle of moving in. Then you want to go out to acquaint yourself with the place only to find that all 5,000 of the inhabitants close in upon you at once. This will never do.

You join the Y. You attend Freshman Commission and find there your friends that will be with you for your four years ahead. Together you conquer common problems that keep cropping up. Unconsciously you have been developing your leadership abilities, and suddenly you find yourself a leader in your chosen field.

Now you are ready for more. The Freshman Commission visits each other commission. Within one of these commissions you find your future interests. Now you know what the Y as a whole stands for, and to your nucleus of friends you have added a widened circle which is continually growing.

The Y, then, does three things for you. First it acquaints you with your surroundings. This helps you with your classwork and promotes more student teacher understanding. Second it acquaints you with your fellow students. This makes you have a much more enjoyable life while at the University and afterwards too. Third it acquaints you with broader avenues of thinking. Freshman Commission is your commission to do with what you will.



Soon you'll recognize this campus scene!

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION
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George Kettner

This year the Social Action Commission will be a joint commission open to both girls and fellows. Two meetings of each month will be devoted to discussion by the whole group on various topics of current interest. Several times during the year we will take field trips over this part of the state and visit places of interest pertaining to the topics of our discussions.

The other meeting, out of the three that we have each month, will be spent in planning and carrying out concretely some of the ideas that we develop in the discussion meetings. For example if you are interested in social work, you will have an opportunity to assist in a recreation program for some of the young people of Lawrence. Or, if you are interested in working Girl Reserve groups, your time and suggestions would be appreciated by Betty Hohl in her work among the Haskell Girl Reserve group.

Do you want to keep us out of war? Are you eager to learn more about what you, individually, can do in the present crisis? We have some ideas on that, but we need yours, too. There will also be a small discussion and action group on race. Helen Edlin and Wallace Dooley, who directed activities in the race group last year, will be eager to hear your suggestions and ideas.

This commission will also sponsor the weekly Town Hall Meetings of the Air, and if you just love to give talks, there may be an opportunity for deputations teams.

Anyway, if you are interested in any or all of these activities we hope to see you at Henley House, Monday October 7 at 4:30.

Who has not found the
heaven below
Will fail of it above.
--Emily Dickinson