

# PATTERN FOR PEACE

HERE IS A GOOD PROGRAM POSSIBILITY ON  
A NEW APPROACH TO PRESENT AND POSTWAR PROBLEMS

## CATHOLIC, JEWISH AND PROTESTANT DECLARATION ON WORLD PEACE

Ever since the beginning of the war there have been endless statements on "What Are We Fighting For." Not until the fall of 1943 was there a joint declaration of basic principles by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders. At that time 144 of these men put their names to a document embodying the ideals which must underlie any action which will be undertaken towards the solution of our present and future problems.

Six of the seven points of that declaration are derived from the first one - that moral law must govern the world order. From that moral law would come the assurance that the rights of individuals, of the oppressed and of minorities would be secured, that international cooperation would maintain peace and justice and an equitable economic standard, and that a just social order would exist within each state.

These are not novel or unexpected ideas, but they are thought-provoking, emphasizing as they do the ideal approach to what are, and will be, very practical problems to solve.

## PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

An interesting club program can be built around this declaration on world peace in any one of several ways. If the club is small enough have a general discussion in which all of the members can take part. If it is of average size or more, have a panel discussion by a previously selected group of men. Or no matter what its size, have just one member who is particularly well informed speak on the topic, with perhaps some discussion from the floor afterwards.

If the club would like to have outside speakers, it might carry out the religious unity manifested among the signers and invite Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders to present a symposium.

Once the desired kind of program is decided upon the speaker (or speakers) should be presented with a copy of the declaration well in advance so that he (or they) will be thoroughly acquainted with it. If there is to be a general club discussion, print the declaration in the club bulletin or in some other form so that all the members might have a copy.

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