

"Peace Through Justice"

SOCIETY OF JURIDICA

HISTORY

The Society of Juridica was organized in Los Angeles, California, in July of 1935 by a group of young people who felt that the generation just coming of age was being deprived of its just rights of equal opportunity and justice. They resolved that, by all legitimate means in their power, they would seek to **advance** the cause of justice and honor.

The Society functioned for three years before becoming inactive because of pressure of business on its members. In the late summer of 1939, with war in Europe imminent and the danger of America's involvement, with the threat that those things which had been worked for might be lost altogether, the remaining members resolved to reorganize with a program of working for Peace through Justice.

A plan was drawn up and put into operation in December, 1939. The Society's work in the fields of peace and civil liberties has been steadily maintained since that time.

WARTIME ACTIVITIES

Participation of the United States in the war has not changed the Society's opposition to war as a way of settling disputes. However, the Society's policy is to be neither obstructionist nor defeatist. Therefore, the Society is now devoting itself to study and planning for post-war reconstruction; working to defend freedom of speech, worship, assembly and thought; asserting rights of minorities and of conscientious objectors to war; and urging an early "just and durable peace."

TENETS

The Society has adopted, as its official code, the following tenets:

We abhor evil and are pledged to seek and serve virtue.

We especially abhor the evil of war and its resulting murder.

It is our purpose to discourage all those things which tend to spread that evil.

We promise to use every legitimate means in our power to achieve a state of absolute justice, thereby insuring perpetual peace, fellowship and harmony among mankind.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

The program of the Society includes three major phases.

First, the Society's committees are maintaining researches in certain fields of national and international problems, particularly those of post-war reconstruction.

Second, a written campaign for securing a unity of action through a diversity of thought, in the field of peace and justice. To further this aim, various bulletins, reports, and pamphlets are issued by the Society from time to time. These are supplemented by educational and informative articles and material secured by the Society from reputable sources and distributed to the members.

Third, the Society acts as a clearing house for those of its members who wish to secure information on legislation, peace work or other pertinent matters.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person between the ages of eighteen and thirty-six. There are no dues, but any member may make a voluntary contribution to assist the Society in carrying on its work.

FINANCE AND POLICY

The Society of Juridica is financed solely by voluntary contributions from its members, and may not receive any financial aid except from its own members and unsolicited anonymous contributions. This insures independent control by the Society of its own policies, unhampered by obligations to any individual or group.

The official views of the Society endorse the democratic form of government within the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, support, without qualification the Constitution of the United States and the cause of political, economic and social liberty. Its views extend to condemnation and opposition to all elements seeking to subvert the same; but they do not extend to indiscriminate, unethical and useless baiting of undesirable beliefs and elements.

The Society is pledged to constructive work and criticism and aims to be pro-"good" rather than anti-"bad." That formula is applied in all matters of policy.

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