

URGE BIRTH CONTROL TO AID WORLD PEACE

Advocates, in First American Meeting, Ask Congress and Arms Conference to Act.

Birth control as a factor to bring about world peace was advocated at the First American Birth Control Conference, the opening session of which was held yesterday at the Plaza. The disarmament conference and Congress were urged, in telegrams, to appoint commissions to study birth control.

Baroness Keikichi Ishimoto, of Japan, in a letter to Mrs. Margaret Sanger, which was read at yesterday's conference, said:

"To put the principles of birth control into practice is the the only way to secure the world's peace; and isn't it the best chance to propagate this idea during the Washington conference? The Voluntary Motherhood League of Japan sends best wishes to the American Birth Control Conference."

The speakers at yesterday's sessions included Mrs. Edith Houghton Hooket, Baltimore; Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf of the University of Paris; Dr. Alice Butler of Cleveland; Dr. Aaron J. Rosanoff of King's Park State Hospital; Dr. Roswell H. Johnson of the University of Pittsburgh; Dr. C. C. Little of the Carnegie Institute; Miss Virginia C. Young of New York, who spoke on "The Problem of the Delinquent Girl," and J. O. P. Bland, of London.

E. C. Lindeman, professor of sociology at the North Carolina College for Women, said in a paper read by one of the delegates, that it would be necessary for students of the sciences with which birth control is identified to educate a large part of the public and the legislators to their viewpoint. "Politicians and statesmen" he said, "would not of themselves see reason for doing anything about humanity until civilization was nearer decay than at the present time. And then it might be too late."

A letter from Luther Burbank said that "the great fundamental principle of selection is the guide to all progress," and added: "Science, and not ignorance, maudlin sentimentality and bigotry, must prevail."

Sessions at the Plaza will be resumed at 9:30 this morning. This evening a dinner will be held at the Plaza and on Sunday night a mass meeting will be held at the Town Hall.

Among the members of the Birth Control Conference Committee are:

Winston Churchill, Dr. Lydia Allan De Vilbis, Professor Irving Fisher, Mrs. Donald Hooker, Mrs. Willard Straight, Mrs. Wallace Irwin, Mrs. Donn Barbour, Mrs. Ernest Adey, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Peterson, Dr. and Mrs. L. Emmett Holt, Mrs. Maxfield Parrish, Mrs. Homer St. Gaudens, Andrew H. Green, Mrs. Lewis Delafield, Professor Wylter B. Pitkin, Dr. W. F. Robie, Bernarr Macfadden, Virginia Young, Mary Shaw, Mrs. Dexter Blagdon, Dr. Kate W. Baldwin, Dr. Mary Halton, the Rev. Arthur E. Whatham, Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, Lowell Brentano, Mrs. George H. Day Sr., Mrs. William Spiney, Mrs. Charles Tiffany, Mrs. Ernest Poole, Florence Bayard Hillis and Sara Hickcox Young.

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