

PACIFISTS HERE FOR OPENING OF NO WAR SCHOOL

Burton Refuses to Bar Them at Midway.

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Pacifism may not have its way, but it is going to have its say while the peace school of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets in Chicago.

Members of the league last night backed up the action of President Ernest De Witt Burton of the University of Chicago in giving them the use of university buildings.

They are pacifists, they said, as they met in the parlors of Hull house, but as an organization they take no pledge of nonresistance.

Their motive is the bringing about of universal good will and international understanding by education, by a gradual process of disarmament, and by industry into and a removal of the economic causes of war.

No Pledge Required.

The assertion that her league required a pledge of nonresistance was denied by Mme. Cora Ramondt of Holland, secretary of the league, who is among the number, who are guests of Miss Jane Addams, the league's international president.

"The matter of pledging oneself to fight or not to fight is left up to the individual," said Mme. Ramondt.

"Our ultimate goal is complete disarmament. But in the present state of the world we must be satisfied to urge progressive, equalized disarmament, as each nation sees fit."

Mme. Ramondt, it was said, represents a less radical majority of her party. There are others, it was asserted, who stand for nothing short of complete nonresistance.

While Mme. Ramondt, like all the members of the league, urges the entry of every country into the league of nations, she is against arming any international body with a police force.

Did Her Part in War.

Dr. Ethel Williams of England expressed herself on the subject of pledges.

"I dislike them," she said, "especially pledges of this sort, about not fighting. They are impossible to keep in time of war. I tried to keep my end up during the war just as every citizen did."

The arrival of the delegates in Chicago yesterday morning was coincident with President Burton's denial of a request by members of the American Legion that the women pacifists be prohibited the use of University of

Chicago buildings for their school, the first lectures of which are scheduled for Monday.

"It has always been the policy of the University of Chicago to give opportunity for free speech," President Burton told the committee, led by Howard Savage, past president of the Cook County association of the Legion.

Booth Not Pacifist.

Pacifism may be tossed next into the camp of the Volunteers of America, according to Gen. Ballington Booth, president, who stopped in Chicago for a few hours last night on his way to the annual grand field conference which opens tonight in Minneapolis.

"If pacifism does come up—and it probably will—I can't say just what the outcome will be," said the general; "but I know this: Mrs. Booth and I were certainly not pacifists in the last war!"

Shoots Self in Glass Eye; In Hospital, but Not Dead

Only a glass eye saved Matt Johnson, Waukegan, from death yesterday when he turned a revolver on himself and pulled the trigger. Johnson had gone to visit his cousin, Andrew Hill, on Sheridan road, in Winthrop Harbor. Hill ordered him away. Johnson jerked out his gun, first threatened to kill Hill and his wife, and then turned it on his glass eye. He is in the Victory Memorial hospital at Waukegan.