

*For us
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President Ralph C. Jenkins
Danbury State Teachers College
Danbury, Connecticut

Dear President Jenkins,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd. At Bennington we have made no significant changes in our program in view of world conditions, but have engaged in any revision of our usual program as a result of deliberation by the usual officers and committees of the College.

Our activities are modest and relate to two separable objects. One is the broadly human object of aiding victims of war and oppression. In this area we have maintained our special scholarship arrangements for a number of refugee students; we have also turned our lectures and concerts fund for the year into a fund for the maintenance of three displaced foreign scholars who serve as honorary lecturers or fellows; in addition, we are carrying on a special drive for funds for the following purposes: the British War Relief Fund, the International Student Service, the Red Cross, and the Friends Service Committee.

The other purpose is some adaptation of our work to defense needs. The only adaptation which seemed desirable was the introduction of a Red Cross first aid course given in addition to regular College work which a large proportion of our students are taking. In addition we have organized our evening lectures for the year to deal with the primary problems of American foreign policy and defense in its broadest aspects.

I imagine that activities such as these are typical of what is going on in most of our liberal arts colleges.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Leigh
President

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