



闘争は百年か

諸君のお子さま又は弟さんお妹さん
 が此中におられはしますか
 兵隊
 さん「敬礼されて大分お得意の様子
 ですか」
 「外征進攻の軍又其兵隊でなければ
 人ではない」と云ふ風な考を植付る
 のが日本

軍部のや
 り方
 等「頑是」
 い見童も
 今後十年
 諸君同様
 陣しては
 爆轟移動
 には眞
 雷戦場の
 危難密林
 の苦しみ
 の始たる徒
 のなる戦争
 の報を味

はせらるる様になりしかもそれが百
年だと云ふ諸君も亦此等児童も戦よ
りは猶一層君の御爲國の爲に成る事
は平和富の生産其善用である云ふ
事は教へられておない。今使つておる此
大戦費を児童の又成人の教育農工業
の改善村落の美化衛生病院医薬の設
備道路水利水運の改良強化等に用ひ
たら日本のは如何に幸福である
う。聯合國は決して戦を日本に求めな
かつた。平和的活動弁展以外他意なかつた。
然るに軍部は此戦争を求めて来た。今
日諸君の又日本の苦みは日本軍部が
わざと求めたもので今や聯合國側も
日本軍部が折れて出ない限り戦の手
を緩めるものではない。此表の繪で後
に立ておられる先生のうかかぬ面持此
子らも今にと云ふ不安の親心があり
ありと顯れておる。此子等の愛國
心愛郷心を平和人々の幸福を作り出
す方へ向け得たならばと思はぬもの
は誰しもあるまお諸君は今日の此一
般狀勢の下如何に也ば最も宜しきか
をよく考へられたい。

(Photograph of soldier saluting a number of Primary School children lined up on the school playground.)

Look closely! Your son or daughter, brother or sister, may be among these nice children.

These little ones feel very important at being saluted by a soldier. The military clique brings you and them up in the belief that a soldier's life in an army of conquest and aggression is the only one worth while. Ten years from now these children may learn, just as you do now, the futility of this Tokyo-made war. They may then be on the battlefield, in merciless jungles or aboard transports, under constant Allied air and submarine attack. Realise you are being told that this war will last a hundred years!

You and your children are not taught the truth that peaceful work is more patriotic than war. Think of what could be done if the huge sums of money now spent on war were used for the better education of your children, for the improvement of roads, irrigation and drainage, agriculture and industry, for sanitary works, hospital equipment, and beautification of your city or village.

The Allies did not want this war. They were bent on peaceful development. The Japanese military clique forced Japan into this calamity. But now the Allies will not rest until war is won and the power of the military clique destroyed.

Look again at this picture. The teacher in the background should have his doubts! He must know that the patriotic zeal and devotion of these children should serve peaceful purposes. Reflect on this matter, and know where your real responsibility lies.

(Intended to induce war weariness and nostalgia).