

Youth Died Before They Could Begin to Live

Call to the Youth: Do Not Go To War!

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World War I, World War II, dozens of other wars – murder and manslaughter again and again. Mothers sent their sons to the “field of honour” and wore a black armband afterwards – “in proud mourning”. Youth died before they could begin to live. Conquering and dominating other peoples is a good business. But the soldiers on both sides slay each other for nothing.

Erich Maria Remarque wrote in the preface of his classic novel “Nothing New in the West”, published in West Berlin in 1957:

“This book is not meant to be an indictment or a confession. It is only to attempt to report on a generation destroyed by war – even if it escaped its shells.”

Never before has so much money been spent on armaments, so many deadly weapons forged, in all the states as today. But for other purposes – for schools, for teaching, for cultural things – we have no money.

We are at war - and we are not against it!

Many university teachers and professors have taken a stand against war in the past – and continue to do so today. But who among the great personalities, the philosophers or psychologists stands up and tells the youth never to take part in a war and never to follow a state leader who starts a war?

No mother, no father, no professor recommends to the youth that they should not go to war, calls them to “Don’t go!”

For this reason, the youth went to war – and continues to go to war:

And again the youth dies before it can begin to live.

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