

THE WORLD THEY EXPECT



**Flight-Sergeant
P. A. CHRISTOPHERS:**

1. I should like to see the end of hostilities this coming year and beginnings made by the Allies to lay foundations for a more practical and less idealistic peace than after the last war.
2. I expect Germany will crack up, but not Japan. In Europe and elsewhere fighting will possibly break out as in Greece at present. The first signs of a post-war trade boom might be evident in those countries where industry is capable of taking advantage of the circumstances.



**BARBARA DENT (sole
charge teacher, now married):**

- I would like to see:
1. War in all parts of the world over.
 2. An international government representing all nations, defeated or otherwise.
 3. Socialist doctrines fearlessly applied.
- I expect to see:
1. Fighting still in progress in parts of the globe.
 2. Civil war in many countries.
 3. Strained relationships, if not war, between Britain and America and Russia.



**MISS RUTH RUSSELL
(student):**

1. I would like to see people educated to be "world-affairs-conscious"—to view the world as a whole, not through their immediate horizon; to reach such a stage of development that we can absorb immigrants from Japan and China without social distinctions or racial prejudice. Could we exchange students, professors, and civil servants?
2. I expect next year we shall still be trying to achieve peace through war.



**J. E. STRACHAN (Principal
Rangiora High School):**

1. I should like to see an end to the age that destroys its heritage and massacres its children. The beginning of co-operation between human communities everywhere in a great enterprise to promote the good life.
2. I expect to see progressive collapse of most of the European States system with the emergence of more elemental conflicts and group loyalties—perhaps a necessary prelude to the discovery and statement of a universal group loyalty.



**RONA RANSOM
(stenographer):**

1. I'd like to see people who act as if this war is won have their heads shaved like collaborators. Seems to me there is still a body of apathetic persons around.
2. I hope to see the men of New Zealand show more originality and imagination in their mode of dress. The general trend in 1945 will no doubt be towards camouflage suits in mottled tonings of jungle green and Burma red, but perhaps this temporary taste of bright plumage will do something to bring about a permanent improvement.



**JOAN C. RIDDELL
(Machinist):**

1. I would like to see more tolerance and kindness towards our neighbours, and for all to accept as their common duty the rebuilding of the world of to-morrow.
2. I expect to see an end to the war in Europe, with reconstruction going ahead on a gigantic scale, and alongside aviation and radio walking hand in hand towards greater international freedom and understanding.



**C. J. CUTLER
(Curator, Wellington Zoo)**

1. A victorious peace with goodwill is of course paramount, and then world-wide individual freedom and higher living standards, such freedom to be for the people, not merely for the unholy triumvirate of prelates and power, parsons and petty pabulum, politicians and paucity.
2. To the good, peace in Europe; to the bad, the war of the left and the right—the Grecian tug-of-war.



**MRS. A. B. COCHRAN
(mother and housewife):**

1. I would like to see the price of books set in inverse proportion to the worth of their content. I would like to see the ordinary person give intelligent and serious consideration to the view of life represented by the Christian Church. I would like to see straight news in the press and straight thinking in public affairs.
2. I don't expect to see any of these things.



**MISS GRETA RIDDELL
(Travelling Secretary, Student
Christian Movement):**

1. A world at peace, having realised that peace is active not passive, and that one must be willing to fight for peace. A country with more kindergarten nursery schools, and household labour-saving devices so that women do not have to choose between marriage and a career, but can have both.
2. The end of the European war. Only a few changes in the status quo, but those towards world peace.



**REV. HARRY SQUIRES
(Wellington City Missioner):**

1. I should like to see all the forces which are directed to the execution of the war—science, money, manpower—used for the establishment of a lasting peace based on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, so that all people, of whatever colour, nation, or creed, might enjoy equal opportunities for living in freedom and security.
2. I expect to see a genuine seeking for a World International, with the danger that it will be based on power politics rather than genuine understanding between nations.