

THE REASON FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

There is an *inherited illness in our society* that can *only be cured through education*. In 1944 the government admitted to this and proposed an all out attempt to implement a course of action. The **SPRINGFIELD PROJECT** was designed to unite America as ONE great force against what could have been the loss of our Democracy.

Below is the letter that inspired the SPRINGFIELD PROJECT

1 THE BACKGROUND OF THE STORY

The mayor of Springfield, Massachusetts, received this letter from an American soldier on the Western Front:

Sir:

One of my best friends who, after being hit by a shell fragment, recently died in Belgium told me that he was fighting in order that the Springfield Plan may become the World Plan.

I regret that I cannot give you my friend's name as the War Department does not permit us to mention the names of those killed in action. However, believe me when I tell you that he was respected and liked by all of us. . . . He was one of the most considerate and kindest

persons I ever had the privilege to serve with.

Now that he is dead some of us have been wondering about this Springfield Plan . . . and what he meant by it. He had explained it briefly, but we would like to know more. What did he mean when he said that it should become a World Plan?

We have seen so many dead people. We have been so cold physically here . . . and so confused mentally that some of us are almost mentally and physically ill. Maybe your Springfield Plan can give us what we are looking for . . . something to be hopeful about. Something that is actually happening back home—not in theory, but in fact—which will make the world a better place for everybody.

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It's a long time, since we've been home, Sir, but from some of the things we hear there are plenty of fascist-minded people, hate mongers, and isolationists in those sacred states of ours. The fact that they speak American and don't wear German uniforms makes them more dangerous than the Jerries themselves. What does your Springfield Plan do about them?

Respectfully,

Video:

 22,000 Nazis assemble in Madison Square Garden
saluting Adolf Hitler
in New York City 1939

Let THE SPRINGFIELD PROJECT *once again serve as a beacon* of what America stood for and the embodiment of what our soldiers were dying for. It was meant to flourish and spread across Americana but *instead it was silently swept under the carpet* as soon as the war ended.

We ask that the chosen candidate help to RE-KINDLE the SPRINGFIELD PROJECT and rejuvenate the spirit of camaraderie that our young GIs felt.

This award is for that scholar of passion to submit a project; whether it be a method, strategy, lesson plan, play or significant exposure that will achieve the objective of imprinting that special experience of awareness that enables insight into the pervasive nature of prejudice.

If you feel this scholarship is worthy there are
TWO suggested offerings..... \$25and..... \$50.
*your support will be listed as those that were instrumental
for bringing the Springfield Project back to life*

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