

CHRISTIANITY and We quote with pleasure from the calendar of St. Paul's Church
COMMUNISM this recent and unanimous resolution of the House of Bishops:

"Resolved, As bishops in the Church of God we call upon the people of our churches to be on their guard lest an hysterical fear of Communism shall lead us to fight that danger with weapons destructive of the treasures we seek to guard. The surest way to fight Communism is to work unceasingly at home and abroad for a society in which justice and the dignity of free men are in truth guaranteed to men of every race and condition.

"An inquisitorial investigation of men's personal beliefs is a threat to freedom of conscience. The casting of public suspicion on fellow citizens under the protection of Congressional immunity can readily become an offense against God's commandment: Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

"We have no defense for those who, while sharing the privileges of our imperfectly democratic society, seek to undermine its fabric. But we hold it to be the duty of every Christian citizen to guard for others the freedom of conscience we treasure for ourselves."

PEACETIME
CONSCRIPTION

THE CURE for murder is perforce to kill!
A flaming building? Ply its sills with fire.
Drench sheets in frothy brine to make them drier,
And purchase freely to reduce a bill.
Wrap in warm blankets to induce a chill,
For bleaching linen, trail it in the mire.
Do arms win peace? Why bother to inquire!
Take up a slumbering child to make it still.
To smoothe a garment, fold in jagged crease!
Ask haberdasher for a pot of mead;
Consult a soldier, ye who long for peace,
War is a tonic that all nations need.

Peacetime conscription poses at my door!
I never knew that black was white before.

--William Bacon Evans, Moorestown, N. J.

IT SHOULD BE
ACCEPTED

A reader contributes the following from Irving F. Stone:
"Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer's final statement before leaving China.....

'It should be accepted that military force in itself will not eliminate Communism.'

"If the men shaping our foreign policy can add that every night to their now-I-lay-me's, maybe we can get somewhere.

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"You cannot kill an idea. You cannot substitute bullets for bread. You cannot make misery more palatable by putting it under guard. You cannot build a stable society on exploitation and corruption. When Mr. Truman understands this as fully as Mr. Roosevelt did, American foreign policy will begin to look like something more than a futile attempt to build bulwarks against Soviet expansion on the quicksands of bankrupt ruling classes."
--P M, Aug. 27, 1947.

BREAD AND
PEACE

In receiving a degree from Queen's University, Ontario, recently, Eleanor Roosevelt said: "I have come to believe that just as long as people have to struggle for their next meal, as long as they have to live in conditions which make living a mere existence, there cannot be any sense of security or of confidence among nations and we cannot hope for peace."

HAPPY DAY !

"The happiest day of my life was on the 17th day of February, when my brother died and I inherited his shoes and woolen underwear."

--from a small boy in Germany.

TRANSLATION
SERVICE

A number of our friends who have sent parcels abroad receive letters which they can not read. Mr. Felix Frank has volunteered to serve as translator. He can be reached through this office.

BOOK END

PALESTINE AND THE JEW: A New Approach by Rabbi Morris S. Lazaron of Baltimore. Whether or not you agree with Rabbi Lazaron's views of Zionism, here is not only a searching analysis of the vexing and obviously unsettled problem of Palestine in terms of a nobly conceived world task of Judaism but a concrete and constructive plan of democratic settlement. More--here is the whole issue of Anti-Semitism brilliantly set forth in the perspective of history. You really cannot afford to be without this reprint from The Christian Century. 25¢ postpaid on request

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HOPE IS NOT DEAD It is reported that the Hindus have pledged themselves at all costs to carry out Gandhi's seven-point program for peace with the Moslems. Taken together these are a series of practical assurances of security which the Moslems can clearly recognize as genuine. It is significant that Gandhi, as a Hindu, makes no demands on the Moslems. It is the Hindus who are to repent and give pledges of safety and welcome to their fellows in inviting them to return freely to their communities. Is it possible that Gandhi has heard the advice to "First cast out the beam which is in thine own eye"? The Post-Standard editorializes on the willingness and desire of a great leader to suffer as a propitiation for the sins of his fellow countrymen that good may come out of evil, and reminds us that this principle of sacrifice is the "core of Christian worship."

Is it possible that this is what General MacArthur meant when he declared that the way out "must be of the spirit if it is to save the flesh"?

Hope is not dead while there is one man who can so demonstrate the power of the spirit. But where is our Gandhi? Out of what little Nazareth, out of what lowly stable?

These words were written before the assassination. There seems no need to change them now-- only to add three sentences from an AP Dispatch released in Tokyo, Jan. 31.

"He had come through time and circumstance and his oft-repeated ideologies to be regarded as the very symbol and apotheosis of peace. That he should die through violence is one of those bitter anachronisms that seem to refute all logic.

"In the evolution of civilization, if it is to survive, all men cannot fail to eventually adopt his belief that the process of mass application of force to resolve contentious issues is fundamentally not only wrong and useless, but within itself contains the germs of self-destruction."

-signed, DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

R***** REMINDER *****R
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WHAT HERITAGE? A letter from a young man in London last month said: "Europe is sinking into an even greater mess and if the powers (so called) continue on their mad road then destruction must be the inevitable end. To hear of President Truman talking of being prepared to meet atomic warfare after 1953 was appalling. If he had lived in Europe during the last few years he would not have dared utter such terrible things." Such messages, not infrequent, point up from the angle of a European perspective a truth that Americans naturally find it very hard to see for themselves.

There are three major areas of concern this winter for the watchers and workers for peace: 1. The recovery of Europe to which Dr. Hutchinson's address at our January meeting (reported in last month's PNL) gave particular attention. 2. The Meeting of East and West around the world which we shall explore with some thoroughness at our Mid-Winter Institute at the Onondaga, Feb. 27-29. (You have already had a program. Have you made your reservations?) 3. The "State of Society" here in America which may, in the long run, prove the greatest and most dangerous factor of the three. In the manner of a well-remembered American, "Let's look at the record."

Do you remember or have you read of the rise of German industry, commerce, militarism-imperialism in the early years of this century? The Kaiser - World War I, - Hitler - World War II - ? Do you remember or have you read of an expanding Japanese "Co-prosperity sphere" built up behind an increasingly dominant military control of the national life and leading to six major wars in fewer than fifty years?

Less than 5% of the world's population lived in either Germany or Japan. The other 95%, including us, rightly looked on these growths of imperialism, racism, militarism as threats to the peace of the whole world. Of course there are other elements in the history of the last half century, but it is a general truth of history that when the military replaces the civilian in policy making, that country, and in our day the world, is endangered.

Agreed?

Then let's consult the catechism presented by Scott Nearing in the January issue of World Events:

1. What nation today has a navy bigger than all other navies combined?
2. What nation today is steadily adding to the only known stock-pile of atom-bombs?
3. What nation today is tops in the development of buzz bombs, jet planes, bacterial poisons and death rays?
4. What nation is today spending the largest sums on military preparations?
5. What nation is today permitting representatives of the armed forces to take over the direction of domestic and foreign policy?

6. What nation today is arming its neighbors (in Latin America), intervening in the internal affairs of Europe and Asia, threatening the world peace and security, and rapidly surrounding itself with a black curtain of anxiety, suspicion and hatred?

The answer to all six is the same: The United States.

This is a hard pill to swallow. Most Americans won't take it. But before you decide examine some of the witnesses:

SECRETARY FORRESTAL, speaking of the National Security Act: It provides for "the integration of all elements in the nation, not merely of the Army and Navy..... It provides for the integration of foreign policy with national policy, of our civilian economy with military requirements.....provides us with a working co-partnership of foreign policy, military policy, national resources and productive capacity."

CHARLES E. WILSON, president of G.E.: "The thought may be unpleasant, but through the centuries war has been inevitable in our human affairs as an evolutionary force... .. Let us make this three-way partnership (industry, government, army) permanent and workable and not just an arrangement of momentary convenience."

JAMES RESTON, New York TIMES: the proposed single Department of Defense "must be geared legally, mentally and militarily to strike the first blow, without violating the Constitution, if that can be done, or by changing the Constitution if that is necessary."

GENERAL ARNOLD, while Chief of Air Forces; all citizens must be "united in a joint effort which touches every phase of national and private life." He declared that our security depended "on our ability to take immediate offensive action with overwhelming force."

DAVID LAWRENCE, conservative editor of United States News, two years ago: "The rule of force is today dominant. President Truman speaks it. General Marshall speaks it. Secretary Patterson speaks it. Our whole government is beginning to adopt the philosophy that the United States must have a big army, navy and air force. What for? ...It must be that the philosophy of force, instead of reason, and that military demonstration, instead of the language of reason and justice or self-denial, is foremost. This is the only solution that Hitler found for Germany's troubles. He distrusted other nations. Now we are beginning to distrust other nations, too, and build a military force to speak for us in the world. Militarism is beginning to infiltrate rapidly into our democratic system...."

GENERAL H. C. HOLDRIDGE, West Point graduate, formerly in the Adjutant General's office, writing as an insider in Trends and Tides fills in the details with dates, places and names. (Too long to quote. We can get you a copy for fifty cents.)

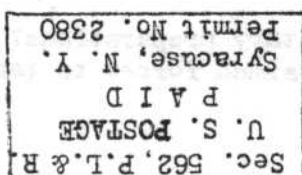
HANSON BALDWIN, military expert for the New York Times, documents the case under six headings in an article "The Military Moves In" in Harpers, December, 1947. (Ask us for a reprint, 15¢.)

ALBERT LINSTEIN, in association with 20 other educators, farm leaders, clergy and retired government officials: "Not only are military men moving into key positions in government, but the army and navy are extending their influence into science, education and industry." We have reprints of this complete and very important statement at 10¢.

P N L devotes its major space this month to call your attention to this subject, not gladly or cheerfully, but soberly and earnestly, believing that it is the vital responsibility of every peace-seeking, freedom-loving citizen to satisfy himself of the facts, face the situation honestly and courageously, and act accordingly.

That it will require courage to stand against this trend in our national life and policy was pointed out by Justice W. O. Douglas in a notable address in Chicago early in January. "Yes, it takes courage to stand between an unpopular minority and the community,.....The lawyer may feel uneasy....The editor may be tempted....Even the clergyman may be under pressure....But those who are devoted to the democratic ideal expressed in our Bill of Rights will take the direct and daring course....institutions become great by the greatness of the men who championed them, by the greatness of the advocacy that defends them. A people indifferent to their civil liberties do not deserve to keep them, and in this revolutionary age may not be expected to keep them long....."

"To allow this to happen is to lose by default. Far better to lose pleading the cause of decency and of justice. Then we win greatness even in defeat, and leave behind a rich heritage for those who later rebuild on the ashes of our lost hopes."



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M. K. GANDHI, 1869 - 1948

"A victorious fighter who has always scorned the use of force, a man of wisdom and humility armed with the resolve of inflexible consistency who has devoted all his strength to uplifting his people and the betterment of their lot, a man who confronted the brutality of Europe with the dignity of a single human being and has thus at all times risen superior. The generations to come, it may well be, will scarce believe that such a one as this ever walked upon this earth."
--Einstein.

"There is only one worthy offering we can make to his (Gandhi's) memory. We are at feud with the Russians. Let us, then, in Gandhi's name, approach them with an offer to talk over our differences and try to discover a road to peace. If Pandit Nehru would consent to act as host it might begin with an informal talk in Delhi between spokesmen of the two Governments, preferably men who have not been involved in their public quarrels.

"They might consider disarmament. They might try first to discover ways of easing the tension between us. What matters is not to draw up an agenda, but to express our willingness to talk. What we do, let us do quickly, while the memory of this great man is fresh."
--H. N. Brailsford.

WE ARE YOU! Our 1948 February Institute was an outstanding success. A happy feature was the participation of about forty college men and women from eight up-state colleges. Too bad you couldn't be here to profit by it. As usual, one man got up and said, "Why don't you tell people about these wonderful programs; there should be twice as many here." Quite true, we agree, even though this year, in the hands of a senior student of Journalism, our advance publicity was far better than usual. How can "we" tell others unless you tell them?

We are telling you now:

Our next Conference will be on Thursday, April 15, afternoon and evening. The program is being tailor-made to fit both high school and adult interests with a "special feature" supper meeting for all. Our resource leaders will be Dr. Garth MacGregor of Glasgow University (Scotland) and Dr. Bernard Clausen of Cleveland (Ohio). Full announcements in early April, but you can begin now to save the date and share the news!

SHAME Of the million D P's "SAVED FROM MURDER----CONDEMNED TO DEATH," 5000 were permitted to leave Europe in November. Of these Britain with her terrific shortages of food and shelter took 3538. Fat Uncle Sam welcomed exactly 10. (That's right, T E N.) The Stratton bill, designed to aid the most miserable beings on earth, the displaced persons now dying slowly in the DP camps of Europe, is buried in Congress and political prophets say nothing will come of it. What do plain decent people say? America, America, where is your soul?

The distinguished Swiss Protestant leader, Dr. Adolph Keller, tells us plainly in a Christian Century article why, as Reinhold Niebuhr and many others have pointed out, Europe fears America. Even Germany in the beginning looked hopefully to the U S as a liberator. But our colossal failure to understand the German (and European mind); "administrative methods hardly distinguishable from those of the Hitler gang"; and our continuing lack of differentiation between war criminals on the one hand and those who had resisted or been under the rule of an incredible terror on the other; has made us miss the boat. Is this really democracy, they ask.

Add to all this our starvation policy by which official rations in British-American Zones have fallen to 1,071 calories per day, less than one third our daily diet and that often not available, and we may well expect the widespread strikes and disorders now going on. Worst of all is the exploitation of children's hunger in the name of power politics as reported by Chester Bowles who concludes, "They must have food at any cost, but they are bitter at having to swallow the hammer and sickle or the American eagle to get it." What hope for peace and freedom?

GRAPES OF WRATH And here is a letter from one of our "D P's" in a migrant camp:

"Dear Sir:

"All my life I have worked hard so that some day I and my family could have a home and a future, I come to California two and a half years ago. Upon arrival I got employment at Di Georgio farms my wife 4 children set up house keeping in two tin shacks in the Farm Migratory Camp near Arvin Calif. Through great sacrifice we were able to send our two children to a nearby school each day. Though poorly clothed and feed our children still continue to go to school. My wife and I are very unhappy to know these things are true; I do not want charity I want to work for to gain the proper care for my family and enjoy life as other American people do. I don't want to see my children poorly feed and clothed and cold in a small tin house. Since our government released control of migratory camps Big associated farms has gained possession of the camps our rent has doubled our medical clinic taken away and it has put me in an awful strait to pay rent now....."

BOOM Last month PNL's space was largely devoted to evidence of the rapidly
BUST growing military establishment and influence in America. A "constant
WAR reader" and one of our most faithful friends through the years brought in
the following paragraph from the U. S. News with the suggestion that this,
too, is a menace to peace. He is quite right and we welcome this evidence of reader
interest and cooperation.

"'After me the deluge'-- In 200 years France never recovered from the ruin
caused by the wastrel who made that arrogant boast. Today there are Americans
equally arrogant and destructive. After them, the deluge of ruin for you and
your children. Higher wages without thought of increased production to earn
them. Therefore higher costs. Therefore higher prices. And then more demands
for still higher wages and also profits and ruinous inflation is here-- A few
people so greedy for profits they 'get theirs while the getting is good,' and
kick the inflation spiral up another notch. Bureaucrats so hungry for power
they forget the country they are sworn to serve and pander to pressure groups
who are destroying America. All of these are draining America of strength at
the very moment we need strength most. Inflation always leads to collapse.
And--like a slaving dog waiting for a possum to fall out of a tree--the
enemies of America and our freedoms are waiting for that collapse, for that
will be their chance to destroy us. Selfishness today is treason. Isn't
there a law to take care of traitors? The deluge is not far off. Economic
forecasters are really alarmed. Prices and costs move higher. Pressure for wage
rises is growing. If inflation runs its course, experts see disaster--falling
markets, unemployment, business losses. This year will tell the story. But
if the country weathers the storm, there is the prospect of fat years ahead."

This point of view is well supported by Irving F. Stone writing in The Nation:

"The classic signs of an impending bust are clear, though just when it will
happen is still anybody's guess. The flim-flam of inflation continues to short-
change the worker while swelling the profits of industry. Wage increases added
\$3,500,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 to workers' money incomes last year, but price
rises more than wiped out any benefit. The purchasing power of the consumer's
dollar income fell 8 per cent during the year, and consumer expenditures were
maintained by a one-third drop in the rate of savings, by a \$3,100,000,000 in-
crease in consumer credit, and by withdrawing \$3,500,000,000 from accumulated
savings. 'The use of savings for current living expenses,' the Economic Re-
port says, 'is an ominous sign.'

"For business itself the post-war inflation was proving more profitable
than the war had been. The most profitable war year was 1943. Profits be-
fore taxes in 1947 were \$3,500,000,000 higher than in 1943, while corporate
taxes were \$3,100,000,000 lower. Profits after taxes were \$6,500,000,000--
almost 65 per cent- higher in 1947 than in 1943. In some happy instances
industries seemed to be producing less and earning more, thus cutting down on
wear and tear. The steel industry, with capacity considerably below the war-
time peak, was earning considerably more. Iron and steel profits after taxes
were \$323,000,000 for the first nine months of 1947, as compared with full
year earnings of \$204,000,000 in 1943, \$194,000,000 in 1944, and \$188,000,000
in 1945. This hardly indicates that lower taxes are an incentive to higher
output....."

GOOD NEIGHBORS Mexican rural school teachers are among the "unsung heroes" of the
struggle for a more abundant life in the villages of that country.
They are not only teachers but agricultural experts, public health nurses, and ad-
visors on countless personal and community problems. Their great obstacle is lack
of materials of every sort.

To provide your school or Sunday School class with an opportunity to demonstrate
their good neighborliness, we have made arrangements to deliver notebooks and pen-
cils, balls and games (a volley ball and net is especially mentioned) for a school
of 40 children. Send gifts to us.

Stephen Gluck of Nottingham High, Class of '47, is our Ambassador of Good Will
in one such community this winter.

U M T Another reader (bless 'em!) calls our attention to a Negative View of UMT
in The Masonic Family Magazine by C. Frederic Jefferson, a Rochester attor-
ney, who was with the army of occupation in Germany after WWI. He describes the
fight for UMT, stripped bare of its 'sweeteners' and non-essentials, as "a battle for
the control of the mind of the rising generation. Whom do you want to indocrinate
your boy? There you have the issue...."

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IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME Time to think about vacation plans! Early comment on the summer institute programs (enclosed) is enthusiastic. One sponsor said: "I have never had an opportunity to commend a program so well-balanced and completely promising. The list of speakers provides a symposium of the whole world." Norman Whitney said of the High School Institute at Ithaca College Camp last summer, "I was there the whole week. It was decidedly the most exciting and inspiring of the five institutes I attended in 1947." And "Red" Schaal asks PNL to announce that there are opportunities for self-help. Jobs in the office or book store, as recreation leader or door-man (furnish your own uniform!) are available for full or half scholarships. In addition SPC-FOR will pay half of the fees for two teen-agers this summer. Apply to Lena Gray at this office.

Have you war-worries? The Institute may not remove them, but it can help you understand them intelligently. Are you looking for positive peace plans? The Institute will have constructive suggestions to offer. Are you just tired and discouraged at the bigness of the whole problem and your own littleness? The fellowship and worship of the institute will give you strength and courage in the awareness of your kinship with others.

COME TO CORNELL! SEND A TEEN-AGER TO SPENCER! INVEST IN THE FUTURE!
STOP HUMAN EROSION NOW!

THE FOUR P'S: "Feverish preparations are being made for war. Most of the nations of the world are spending vast sums on armaments--guns, ammunition, tanks, airplanes, ships. Hundreds of thousands of men in nearly every country are being taught to march and fight.

Laboratories are experimenting with new and terrible poison gases, to be used not only against military forces but against civilian populations. Thus the second World War has already begun to claim the attention and energies of millions of people in the world.

"And yet--nobody wants to fight. The people do not want war, for all know its horrors and its terrific cost. Why, then, do men go on preparing for it?"

These words were published by the Foreign Policy Association in 1937--they are just as timely today. In April 1948 the same Association, in another of its very valuable Headline Books, said, "In recent years we have become increasingly conscious of the importance of economics in international affairs."

It may be worth while, therefore, for peace-makers to take a quick look at the current scene through the eyes of Mr. Nathan Robertson of the Associated Press. He says: "This is the year of the big pay-off-- the year when the boys who get rich on war get away with the biggest haul of all--with the blessing of their Government."

In evidence he submits these tables prepared by the Treasury Department:

THE RISE OF CORPORATE PROFITS

Here is a table showing how corporate profits have jumped during the war and postwar years, how much of these profits have been distributed in dividends, and how much held by the corporations as undistributed profits: (Figures are in billions of dollars)

Year	Corporate Profits Before Taxes	Corporate Profits After Taxes	Dividends Paid	Undistributed Profits
1929	9.8	8.4	5.8	2.6
1939	6.5	5.	3.8	1.2
1941	17.2	9.4	4.5	4.9
1942	21.1	9.4	4.3	5.1
1943	24.5	10.4	4.5	5.9
1944	23.8	9.9	4.7	5.2
1945	20.2	8.9	4.8	4.2
1946	21.1	12.5	5.6	6.9
1947	28.5	17.3	6.8	10.5

HOW IT WORKS

This table shows how the new tax law increases the incomes available to people in various income levels after they have paid their taxes. These figures apply to a married couple without dependents. The figures are not changed much in the upper levels by dependents.

Net income before personal exemptions	% Increase in incomes after taxes under new law
\$ 1,500	3.2
5,000	4.
10,000	7.2
25,000	20.1
50,000	30.1
100,000	45.4
250,000	59.1

These are facts about which comfortable people are likely to be indifferent, incredulous, uncomprehending, or cynical. But these are facts that go far to create the domestic stresses and strains in which war breeds, and to provoke those international injustices and fears from which wars rise. The question for us is: How long can the world expect to exist HALF STUFFED AND HALF STARVED?

FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY, from Secretary of War Stimson's diary, Nov. 25, 1941,
A DIFFICULT PROPOSITION: "The question was how we (the Cabinet) should maneuver
them (Japan) into the position of firing the first shot
without allowing too much danger to ourselves. It was a difficult proposition."
--quoted by Historian Charles A. Beard in the Yale University Press
book, "President Roosevelt and the Coming of the War."

THEY SAY: 1. The Washington news letter circulated by the "oldest commercial bank
in Central New York" refers to the Pentagon building: "Lights burn
long and late. Top brass is perfecting final plans for a resumption of selective
service, for partial industrial mobilization....President Truman's recent speech
touched off a rush by reserve officers to return to active duty. Pentagon is
swamped with their applications."

2. ".....Kansas City,.....In a tired, flat voice, the President spoke of armaments:
"You know, my fellow citizens what armaments mean: great standing armies,
great stores of war materials. They do not mean burdensome taxation merely;
they do not mean merely compulsory military service which saps the economic
strength of the nations; but they mean also the building up of a military class...
"So soon as you have a military class, it does not make any difference what
your form of government is; if you are determined to be armed to the teeth, you
must obey the orders and directions of the only men who can control the great
machinery of war.

"Elections are of minor importance, because they determine the political
policy, and back of that political policy is the constant pressure of the men
trained to arms, enormous bodies of disciplined men, wondering if they are
never going to be allowed to use their education and their skill and ravage
some great people with the force of arms. That is the meaning of armaments..."

The speaker was Woodrow Wilson. The date: September 6, 1919.

3. "We are confronted by a war crisis. Almost imperceptibly, we have moved from our
post-war ideal of world cooperation to an acceptance of acute national rivalries.
At the highest official levels and among ordinary people, talk of the next war
is commonplace. Governments proceed as if war were inevitable. Yet there are
no essential factors in dispute, determining the physical conditions necessary
to life, which need lead to war between the United States and Russia. Although
there are ideological issues which are causing great difficulty, it is a gross
error to believe that they can be solved by resort to war." --Albert Einstein.

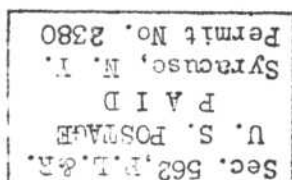
4. "There is a world economic crisis and a world political crisis. In dealing with
the first, through the Marshall Plan, we are on the road to peace. In dealing
with the second, through the Truman Doctrine, we are on the road to war. The
basic premises of our political policy require re-examination."--James P. Warburg.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER "Between these two religions there can be, in the nature of the case,
no compromise. They are essentially contradictory: there is no meet-
ing-place, no half-way house, between them. To weaken by a jot or
for an instant in our determination to safeguard our values would be, quite literally,
to betray civilisation; and I have no doubt that the communists, on their side, think
the same. Well, then, there is nothing for it but to stand firm and fight it out;
by which I am not thinking, God forbid, of atom bombs, but of steadfastness in act,
of frankness in speech, and above everything of an utter devotion in thought and prac-
tice to our own ideals, and a heroic effort to spread them, by force of example,
throughout the world; always with the maximum of friendliness and the minimum of
attribution. We shall see which side will win. We cannot know; but what I do know is
that if we lose, and lose we very well may, our struggle will have an eternal real-
ity as something good in the world's history."

--Victor Gollancz in "Our Threatened Values."

N.B. The Peace Council office will be closed on Saturdays during July and August.

P.S. Has any one "a good and detailed" dictionary of the English language, or a
History of American Literature, to spare? It is needed by a teacher of English
in an Academy of Commerce in Poland.



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WELL BEGUN! The lecture hall at the Museum of Fine Arts was crowded to capacity for the opening lecture in our Fall Forum Series by Amiya Chakravarty on "Conditions for Peace as seen from India." Both the offering and the critical comment were generous and enthusiastic. A first-timer asked, "Do you often have speakers of this quality?" We tried to look modest and he went on, "If so, I'll certainly be interested in your program." Then, "Is this a new organization in the city?" Told that this is our thirteenth year, he went away shaking his head and wondering audibly, "Where have I been all this time?" but assuring us that he'll be on hand for Sorenson.

WILL YOU?--AND YOUR FRIENDS who would probably be just as delighted to discover us? Remember it is The Museum, Friday evening, November 26. Reginald Sorenson, M.P., "Conditions for Peace, as seen by a British Laborite."

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WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE MORROW? A woman brought \$10 into our office the other day and asked us to send a CARE package to a needy family overseas. The group she represented had sent one package to Czechoslovakia but was not quite sure now that it would be wise to send another there. When we suggested that one of the most desperately needy places today is Berlin, she paused for a moment and then said slowly, giving her reluctant consent, "Well, I suppose we must be broadminded but, in a way, they did bring it on themselves, didn't they?" She was a good, sincere, thoroughly kind woman. Like most of us.

In a primary school in the north of Berlin an investigation (reported by the Protestant relief agency, Hilfswerk) of social condition and home life of boys showed: 41 boys, age 12-14 in one classroom. Of these 41, 9 had no parents; 21 had no father; 11 no mother. Of the 30 mothers, 28 went to work every day. 23 spent the whole day without any grownup care or attention. Only 4 boys had a bed of their own; the rest sleeping in a room with from 2 to 6 persons. 22 had no blanket; 14 no bed linen. 7 boys had no shirt; 14 no shoes, 7 had borrowed shoes. 37 had no overcoat. Only 5 had two warm meals a day; 28 had one warm meal daily; 8 had a warm meal only occasionally. 37 went to school without breakfast; all were under weight. None of the boys lived in a home which was regularly heated.

Now look at the corresponding and related facts: 32 of the 41 boys admitted having stolen; 31 wood and coal; 3 money and other things.

A similar survey of a girls' school in the east of Berlin showed almost exactly parallel conditions.

And here is a typical home situation, from the same source. The W family, six persons, --husband, wife and four children-- live, cook, and sleep in one room. The man has open TB; he cannot leave the only bed of the family. Neither can they move him into a hospital. The wife works in a factory all day and sleeps at night on the table. The children are bound to be infected soon and therefore are not allowed to go to school or to play with other children in the street.

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We'd like to spread such genuine Christmas happiness to all our waiting families; you can do it. Send \$10 for a CARE package; or send a smaller amount for us to pool with others and share-a-family. We will send you the name of your family so that you can write a personal letter. If you want to make your gift in the name of a friend, we will send the friend a card reading:

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NO ROOM IN THE INN? You have heard about "the DP problem." You read, in the Christian Century, for example, "...the first humanitarian priority on the Christian conscience of the world ought to be the plight of twelve million refugees in Europe. Every congregation in America, and particularly every Protestant congregation, should now be at work trying to secure employment and housing for at least one refugee family. Christian compassion requires that we do what we can for our helpless and suffering fellows. This is particularly true when our country carries a substantial share of the responsibility for their condition, as it does in this case."

But it is something far away and too colossal for you to do anything about; so you, and we, try to forget an exile that makes ancient Babylonian captivities seem like Sunday School picnics. We can not hear them cry. But we hear the telephone ring and a neighbor begins telling us about her husband's sister, a widow at 42, whose husband has been among the "missing" since 1945. There are two children, Ingrid and Gunther, born in Danzig. They have been moved three times; the last time meant eight days in a box car. They have nothing left. How much longer can they hold out? These are D.P.s. The N.Y. Times calls the discriminatory Wiley-Revercomb Act "a disgrace to America" and it should be changed. Meantime the law requires guarantees of jobs and housing before such families will even be considered for the all-too limited quotas. These are D.P.s at Christ's Mass Tide in a world whose Inns are all full.

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As you know, the Army would like to have a permanent measure succeed the
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