

END and BEGINNING On the eve of the one thousand nine hundred and forty-eighth anniversary of the birth of a Jewish boy who was to become the saviour of the world, fierce fighting broke out in the desert of southern Palestine, in the immemorial conflict between Jew and Egyptian; the wife of the leader of Nationalist China was in Washington begging desperately for a last chance; in Indonesia the Dutch Empire, with resources made possible by American aid, were once more throttling the aspirations to freedom of a less-known area and people; the colossi of the modern world glared at each other across the grim barriers of blocaded Berlin. And all these were but symbols....

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

WATCHWORD for 1949 At the beginning of a new year in which we are swept by a wave of fear and hysteria; in which liberty is in danger of being done to death in the house of its friends; in which the defenders of freedom make the mistake of commanding loyalty, forgetful of the simple fact that it can not be commanded but can only be deserved; we are grateful to so dignified a journal as the BULLETIN of the American Association of University Professors for reminding us (and themselves!) of Jefferson's great sentence on the right of dissent in the First Inaugural: "If there be any among us who wish to dissolve this union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

This is true Americanism from an unimpeachable source; this is the faith that removes mountains of fear.

PLYMOUTH ROCK 1949 Not many of the Twentieth Century Pilgrims called D P's are being allowed to set foot on our famous rock of liberty. Fortune magazine calls the present legislation "frankly discriminatory on racial lines" and goes on to point out "there is every reason to boost immigration." The Christian Century illustrates the bogged down state of the administration of the law by reminding us that only 802 refugees arrived in November; 850 in December. With almost one quarter of the time for admission of the authorized 205,000 gone, less than one twentieth have been admitted.

AF of L, CIO, Church World Service, the Federal Council of Churches, the United Council of Church Women, are calling on the new Congress for amendments in the law and improvement in its use.

Will you?

By proclamation of the Mayor, January 9 - 15 will be

WORLD GOVERNMENT EDUCATION WEEK

Among the organizations cooperating under the general chairmanship of Mr. Everett W. Hatch, vice-president of the Syracuse Savings Bank, are: the Council of Churches, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Union, Inc., the United World Federalists, Rotary Club, and Syracuse Peace Council. Major public events of the week are:

Monday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m.--Dean Paul Shipman Andrews, "A More Perfect Union" at Edward Smith School. Admission free.

Tuesday, Jan. 11,--Cord Meyer, Jr., at the annual Civic Award Dinner of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Syracuse. \$4.50 per plate.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11, 6:15 p.m.--JOHN S. HOLLISTER, JR., of the INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER of the SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PARISH HOUSE. \$1.00. FOR RESERVATIONS,
CALL LENA GRAY, 2-5316.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., at the Y.W.C.A. -- Panel discussion--
"Peace and Freedom - the Federal Union Way"

Moderator: Headmaster Charles Bradlee

Speakers: Mrs. Ruth Redington, Mr. Theodore Simonton, Col. C. A. Edson.
Admission free.

Friday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., at the Art Museum--Mr. Edgar Ansel Mowrer--
"World Government Now." Admission \$1.00.

For speakers or general information call United World Federalists office, 136 S. Salina St. 3-8213.

Supplementary to this intensive program will be an address by Clarence Streit, President of Federal Union, Inc. at the Museum of Fine Arts, on Thursday evening, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. General admission \$1.00; high school students, 50¢.

52-1=51 Our Christmas Campaign got started ahead of itself with a Christmas card containing a check for \$100 given by her daughter in memory of Florence Vann Fowler, a founder and enthusiastic supporter of the Peace Council in its early years. This not only represents a week, 1/52 of our 1949 budget; it represents the kind of continuing loyalty and confidence that encourages us to go forward into all the weeks of a new year.

Remember, the Finance Committee wants to make a complete report at the Birthday Dinner on January 11.

CURRENCY REFORM IN GERMANY So many questions are asked about the effect of the currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany that the following information from a Memmonite paper may be useful:

32 million savings bank accounts existed before the reform of June 1948. 19 million of these accounts were wiped out. Millions of owners of these small accounts have lost all their savings in one day. Those able to work are still able to make out but there are 14 million refugees squeezed into rump-Germany. Of these not more than 15% are able-bodied men; the others are women, children and old-age people. These require assistance but the reform, considering economic factors only, wiped out the reserves of charity organizations like Hilfswerk and left them without resources. They have appealed to the authorities in vain. This is the human side of the situation.

There is a political angle. The gap between rich and poor has been widened and the masses are apt to blame the Western Democracies for it. It supports the Hitler teaching that England and America are plutocratic countries without social conscience. Now they hear the same propaganda from Communism. Economically the reform has been a success but something ought to be done to correct the social mistakes.

GUNS OR BUTTER Discussing the admittedly serious but little understood or realized relation between world population and food supply which is undoubtedly a basic factor in the war problem, a publication of the National Peace Council of Britain quotes Sir John Boyd Orr, the world's chief food expert, as saying that we can solve the problem only if we abandon war preparations and throw the world's steel and industrial resources into the effort to double world food production in twenty five years. The choice of "guns or butter" has become a bitter reality for half the world's people. It is a stark truth that the world can no longer exist half stuffed and half starved.

IT'S AN ART On October 16 Prime Minister Nehru flew from London to Paris and spent two and one half hours in conference with Secretary of State Marshall. He also met Andrei Vishinsky, Eleanor Roosevelt, Trygve Lie, and others. On October 18 the New York Times headlined: "Nehru Goes to See Vishinsky in Paris" and, somehow, omitted the fact that Nehru met the U.S. Secretary of State. Why?

THIS IS YOUR CHOICE From Parliament, pulpit and press, we are told that the West must choose between preparation for war and submission to Communist dictatorship. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** The choice today is between war AND communism, on the one hand; peace AND democracy on the other. --London Peace News. This is your choice, too.

A LITTLE STATE SHALL LEAD THEM The sovereign state of Costa Rica has disbanded its army! The president proposes to have more school teachers than soldiers! Before you smile at the insignificance of the little country's act, read twice what the United Press said: "the edict dissolving the army came as a bombshell to the diplomats." Not funny! And let your mind play with the magnificent possibilities if the example should spread.

W C F M A justifiable lack of confidence on the part of the American public in the channels of information provided by our commercial press, radio and screen is evident (e.g. the recent election). It is noteworthy, therefore, that on October 20th the nation's first cooperatively owned radio station, WCFM, the "Spokesman of American Liberalism," broadcast its initial program from its studios located in the heart of downtown Washington. An open channel for liberal thought and expression--WCFM presents an entirely new concept in radio. It is owned and controlled by the listening public, the two thousand people throughout the nation who have subscribed.

The names of Marquis Childs, Leon Henderson, Mordecai Johnson, Eduard C. Lindeman, Jerry Voorhis on its masthead are an index of the character of the new cooperative venture. Express your interest to your local station. Ask when and where you can hear WCFM.

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THE FAITHS WE CHERISH "We will be misled into believing that America can be strong by military force alone, when in truth the foundation of our strength and amazing vitality is not in material things at all, but rather in the spirit of this nation, in the faiths we cherish," says David Lilienthal, Chm. of the Atomic Energy Commission.

SHALL WE HAVE A NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY ALLIANCE?

Share in discussion of the pros and cons at our Mid-Winter Institute.

THE WEALTH WE SPEND "The national budget for the next fiscal year is as terse a commentary as possible on the status of the world four years after the worst war in history, and probably the penultimate one," editorializes the Post Standard. We quote in part: "More than a third of it--fourteen billion, three hundred million--has been allocated for the nation's defense,... which leads one to believe that the world has not had a bellyful of war to date, and that, therefore, all the goods, all the energy and the talents of people everywhere must be funneled into this international pastime, leaving a small portion for the normal existence of the race.

"That is what really saddens and feeds the fires of cynicism.... Anyone who can glance over the budget and not be roused to wrath and tears over the defense allocation has just about succumbed to the 20th century's mad dash to hell by the largest super-highway available....

"Yet no amount of correct reasoning can take away the sting of the immediate post-war rise of the military to almost combat importance in our affairs. The ascendancy of military forces in any country and in any age breeds force, taints national thinking with force and finally, like a crutch, is always there when patience gives out, and the conference table has ended in a fiasco. It is much too handy to have a loaded gun around when someone displeases you.

"As we go into the new fiscal year, a peace year, we might remind ourselves daily that a third of all the wealth we produce in this enlightened era must be tossed to the mechanism of the destruction of what is left of civilization."

SHALL WE HAVE A NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY ALLIANCE?

Hear both sides of the questions and voice your own. February 18-20.

THE SCHEMES WE NURTURE Evidence accumulates that the war scare last summer was largely synthetic and at least partially inspired in Washington. Sources for such an interpretation are found in Hansen Baldwin (N.Y. Times, Dec. 2), the Hoover Commission Report in December; and Devere Allen, editor of Worldover Press who wrote, also in December, of "a sweet little plan now taking shape in Washington" not to accept any concessions from the Russians nor be maneuvered into a settlement in Berlin "before next spring." The idea is to wait for the re-arming of Western Europe; wait until our overseas air bases are all fully ready for war; until Marshall Plan aid can be diverted to military expenditures. Then deliver an ultimatum to Russia!

It is not claimed that "this ghoulish" scheme has the support of top military officials, but that it exists and is being extensively promoted and "tactfully pushed on Mr. Truman."

This is why London Peace News asks: "Can Truman Tame the Militarists?" And insists, rightly, we believe, that "Truman's big issue during the next few months is whether the civil branches of the U.S. Government are going to control foreign policy, as the Constitution provides, or whether the military branches will consolidate their dominance. And unfortunately, nobody can be sure the President sees the question independently, since he has been so closely under the tutelage of the military planners."

SHALL WE HAVE A NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY ALLIANCE?

Think the problems through under the best leadership available.

THE THINGS WE MIGHT DO A recent editorial from the New York Times testifies to the disgraceful workings of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. In six months, less than 2,615 displaced persons have arrived in this country or are en route, out of an authorized 205,000 over a two-year period. The New York Times editorial says: those inequities in the law which block the admission of displaced persons, "were deliberately put there by men who knew what they were doing. They can be taken out by other men who also will know what they are doing."

Whatever may be the changes in the food situation abroad, and remember that even in the best categories it nowhere approaches our lowest standard while some specialized groups are worse off (see Jan. PN), the January report from Quaker Overseas Teams says: **CLOTHING AND SHOES ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED -- MORE SO THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE END OF THE WAR.** Our depot is at 722 N. Salina St. The Friends Meeting will furnish sweater or sock yarn at less than store prices (or free if necessary) to knitters. Ask us.

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PHIL TORRANCE SAYS:	Cash received to date	-- \$1,624.95
	Pledges received to date	-- 1,189.00
	Amount assured by solicitors	-- 1,000.00
	TO BE SECURED	-- 1,386.05

HARD FACTS A good deal more than meets the eye of the casual reader was and is involved in the Indonesian affair. It makes of Queen Wilhelmina's specific pledge of freedom for Netherlands Indies, given six years ago, yet another "scrap of paper," and so still further weakens confidence in national honor and international agreements; it makes a mockery of UN and so further weakens the world's already feeble hopes of international organization; it deeply involves the United States which has supplied great part of the equipment of the Dutch Army and has contributed huge sums to Dutch recovery at home thus releasing funds for imperialist adventure abroad, and so putting in question the integrity of our democratic professions; it plays directly into the hands of international Communism by undermining still further the faith of the Asiatic people, determined to be free, in the professions and practices of the West. Millions of men and women, fabulous wealth in natural resources, and the peace and freedom of the world are involved.

Said the Australian delegate to UN: "What Hitler did to the Netherlands in 1940" the Dutch are now doing to Indonesia. Hard words, but the revival of the Nazi practice of repudiation of commitments and defiance of world opinion is a hard fact. The war to destroy Nazism was not victory, and this is the hardest fact of all.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF PHILOSOPHERS Last fall in London, Bertrand Russell, reputed to be the greatest living philosopher in the Western World, recommended immediate war against the Soviet Union. As reported in the Observer his argument is: now, before Russia has the A-bomb, or submission. He admits that it would be a war of extraordinary horrors but believes it would be the war to end wars. It seems to us that we have heard this line at least a couple of times before but what interests us here is the speculation that the Soviets must be very grateful for this clear cut confirmation of their suspicions about Western policy. Out of our own mouths we supply their best propoganda; we certainly can't complain about its accuracy!

"SORRY, FELLOWS No Draft Today" headlines the Daily Orange in reporting the Army announcement that no draft calls for February and March will be made. Reasons reported by the press include: the high rate of enlistment in recent weeks has 'jammed' the Army; the large number of lay-offs in industry is forcing unskilled labor into the Army; the Army claims 'the dilemma' is caused by the budget limitation of 15 billion. Is it just possible that the move is intended to put pressure on the President to lift the military budget ceiling, and so provide the "happy solution" for which officials are said to be seeking? Other plans under consideration include cutting out two-year enlistments and raising recruit standards. So much for that vitaly necessary draft law!

THE HAVE NOTS From a private correspondent: "Yes, it is incredible that men who are responsible for the people dare speak of a new war, but they are certainly the men who have not suffered, who have not known the horrors of the occupation, nor the executions, nor the concentration camps, who have not been cold, who have not been hungry, who have not lived under bombardments! Here in France we have all that in our memories, and the whole, entire people no longer wish to see it again, no longer wish that they speak to them of war, no longer wish to fight. They ask only to live in peace, to rebuild the ruins and work; for in total war the people are always conquered. Also the people of France are anxious about the present statecraft of the government. For us, life at this moment is difficult. Prices mount and scarcity is organized instead of the abundance which exists in a country as fertile as France which profits only the holders of monopolies and the traffickers. Money is the master of the situation, and it is a great misfortune. Nevertheless, we do not lose courage nor confidence in the future nor in man. God wants to lead us and to save us! It is the wish which we make for the year 1949 which approaches. May it be a year of great happiness and True Peace. Dear Friends, we salute you very cordially,"

Dear Friends, Does this challenge you as it does us?

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Should we have a North Atlantic Military Alliance?

YES, said Dr. William Sollmann, recalling that, tragic and terrible as it is, Bismarck's law of "blood and iron" still holds. YES, said Ted Silvey, reluctantly, to buy time for ERP to do its work through economic means.

NO, said Rayford Logan, it confesses the bankruptcy of UN and will only lead to interregional instead of international wars with the same terrible result. NO, said Elmore Jackson and Henry Cadbury, voicing the AFSC point of view.

NO, said Frederick L. Schuman, professor of Political Science at Williams College, writer on foreign affairs and former political analyst for the Federal Communications Commission.

Such an alliance began to take shape with Churchill's speech at Fulton, Mo., in 1946. It has developed through the Truman Doctrine, the military aspects of the Marshall Plan, Conscriptio, "and all the rest." The reaction of the Men in Moscow is simple and obvious: America prepares for war, she encircles the Soviet Union with a long string of foreign military bases; she seeks ultimately to destroy us.

This looks plausible from Moscow; not so plausible from Syracuse or Washington. But although we can not afford to evaluate our policy in terms of others' estimates, neither can we afford to ignore such estimates.

Communism is an aggressive and expanding force, but it is not true that it has expanded by military force. Russia's expansion in Eastern Europe is by virtue of unsuccessful aggression against her; in North China, by political and moral force, not by military means. Against such an advance a military pact is both irrelevant and ineffective.

In criticism of American Foreign Policy: East-West trade is essential to recovery; our present policy is to restrict it. Our resources are adequate for ERP or Rearmament of Western Europe, not both. Moreover, the latter defeats the former. In such an attempt the free enterprise system will become less and less free, less and less enterprising, as Government takes over more and more. The proposed regimentation of our economy is the logical concomitant of our foreign policy. Likewise, we may expect less and less liberty and less and less democracy. We are in the process of losing the things we cherish most in the very act of protecting them. Jim Bristol's story is apt here. He tells of an African tribe who were given a sundial. They proudly learned to tell time but as their regard for their treasure grew they determined to protect it by building a shelter around it. No sundial!

Abroad the effect of a Military Alliance may well be the opposite of that intended. It will surely provoke counter measures; it may promote war. If so, Russia may be expected to occupy all Europe and in an attempt to solve the problem by bombing we shall be involved in monstrous acts of barbarism even more barbarous than those we oppose, without being likely to win the war.

The extraordinary and increasing ineptitude with which our foreign policy has been conducted of late gives an enormous advantage to Russia in terms of propaganda. Apparently in our policy of peacemaking we must prevent peace from breaking out! So far we have been very successful in this. Russia keeps making proposals to which Washington must say no, no! Millions of simple-minded people draw the obvious conclusion. Seldom have so many blunders been made by so few in so short a time! Each is a victory for Russia and succeeds only in making us look foolish. Our state was likened to that of a man crossing America on an express train. As the train flashed by station after station the man exclaimed at each: "O, my goodness, O, my goodness!" Finally a curious seat-mate asked him if there was something the matter with the stations. "O no," replied the traveller, "but I got on the wrong train!"

There should be a reconsideration of our whole pattern of policy; instead, and because the Senate has discovered that the proposal is unconstitutional, we are more likely to get a North Atlantic Treaty consisting only of empty words which all governments will hold as proof of America's unreliability and so prove a diplomatic defeat. If, added to this, as seems likely, there is a separate arrangement for military lend lease, it in turn, will be interpreted as determination to launch World War III.

"The leaders and people of both countries have permitted themselves to be hypnotized by hate and fear. The cold war will go on until in the fullness of time and the providence of God we destroy each other or we decide 'Let us have peace!'"

FOR THE NEGATIVE, also: Sumner Welles, former Under-Secretary of State (12-7-48):

"By the negotiation of an exclusive Western military alliance outside of the United Nations, as though there were no Article 51 in the Charter, the United States is paving the way for a world division that may destroy the United Nations.

David Lawrence, Conservative columnist, (1-14-49): "Present prosperity is underwritten by billions being spent for armaments. Ending of 'cold war' could bring economic upheaval in United States. Peace is still worth price of possible recession."

Demaree Bess, chief European correspondent for Saturday Evening Post, (1-29-49): "But there seems to be a growing tendency over here (in Europe) to feel that the original enthusiasm (for the Marshall Plan) may evaporate if our program falls under military domination. For the strongest support for European cooperation has come from those who look upon it primarily as a substitute for war."

SCHOOL OF PEACE EDUCATION

Spring Term

Course I. "God's Will in World Affairs," by "Professor" Kirby Page of California. A one-day conference under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee in three sessions, including dinner (\$1.00) at Park Church Parish House. Tuesday, March 29. No admission fee. Collection.

Course II. "The Third Alternative," by "Professor" Wilfred Wellock of England. An afternoon seminar at Hendricks Chapel and an evening lecture at the Museum of Fine Arts under the auspices of the Syracuse Peace Council. Friday, April 8. No admission fee. Collection.

Course III. "A Message from the East," by "Professor" Bayard Rustin, now in India. Co-sponsored by AFSC and SPC. Afternoon and supper conferences exclusively for Teen-Agers. Tuition, including supper, \$2.00. At the YWCA. Evening lecture and forum open to the public. Tuesday, May 24. An offering will be taken.

SPECIAL from the FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION "Congressman Rankin has proposed H.R. 2681 which would provide \$90 a month pension for veterans of both World Wars at age 65. Estimated cost first year \$100,000,000, increasing to several billion later. Believe this dangerous extension military and veteran influence in both government and economy. Many Congressmen feel helpless because no vocal opposition. Urge maximum expression immediately, not only yourself but your friends, business associates, neighbors, church and civic groups. Keep up efforts until bill is disposed of."

SHOE, SHOE, GREAT hordes of people in Europe have gone shoeless through freezing BUTTON MY SHOE! cold this winter. Children have outgrown and outworn their shoes; grownups have walked sometimes a hundred miles to return to their homes, arriving often with only rags tied about their bleeding, swollen feet. Men returning from concentration camps, or discharged from the armies, need shoes so they may find work again. Children wear boards tied to their feet.

Here's a suggestion from the Chairman of our Clothing Committee: Go to your favorite shoe store, explain the need and ask for a gift of odd pairs no longer salable, or the outgrown shoes that are often left by parents of small children. Assure the manager of the reliability of the distributing agency (AFSC). The plan has been tested by two of our members who have recently done this very successfully. 722 N. Salina Street, please!

W F B L "Stories to Remember," thirteen week series, prepared by the Institute for Democratic Education, is devoted to problems on inter-group tension. Saturdays, from 9:30-10:00 P.M. We invite you to listen and learn.

THE FINANCIAL CORNER An up-to-the minute report of the finances of the Syracuse Peace Council shows the following financial situation on the basis of the \$5,200.00 budget:

1. Cash received on budget on present fiscal year,	\$1,925.40
2. Pledges received on budget,	1,042.00
3. Estimated unpledged income,	1,000.00
4. Amounts still to be subscribed,	1,232.60

Many of you, who have received our letters and pledge cards, have not yet responded. May we direct your attention to that amount still unsubscribed and urge you to act as quickly as possible.

One additional suggestion and we will cease to press you for funds (until our cash gives out). The suggestion: Many have already paid in cash \$5.00 or \$10.00 who could, and probably would, pay in cash the same amounts again within the fiscal year if asked. How about planning another cash gift when you have it to spare about the first of October? You will have our heartfelt gratitude if you keep this in mind during the coming months.

Thank you again for your wonderful and generous response to our campaign and for your tangible showing of interest in the work of world peace and world relief.

Signed: C. P. TORRANCE, Chairman of Finance.

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CALL FOR PHILIP PEACEMAKER ! The second session in our Spring School of Peace Education will be held on Friday, April 8. For those of you who are near enough to attend a program is enclosed. "Professor" Wilfred Wellock is a former member of Parliament, journalist, world observer and profound student of social and economic problems. He will analyze the factors making for world upheaval and those making for world stability and will insist that there is an alternative to the present world dilemma.

You ought to hear him. More important still, you ought to bring some one else to hear him.

TOWN MEETING TONIGHT ! Special to Syracusans concerned with Civil Rights and to York Staters who are watching "Bill to Bar Red Teachers" in the State Legislature;

"Students and teachers in America have already rejected the Communist party. It is my view that if ever the American Government is undermined, it will be undermined by the apathy of its citizens, not by the advocacy of overthrow....(The dismissal of Communist professors from the State University of Washington) is a dangerous and heavy-handed way to select truth. It dismisses truth before it is heard, it says that the issue of truth is closed. It implies that there is already an absolute American truth which makes all other impossible. It says that the test of truth is where it comes from. This is simply the Communist argument applied in reverse...."

"Our teachers serve democracy best when they protect our young people from subversion, by making them think for themselves, and when they guarantee to America that the daily encounter with truth is free and open.

"To refuse to encounter because of public fear is to betray the search and to yield to a failure of nerve."

--President Harold Taylor, Sarah Lawrence College

TO CHURCH MEMBERS: Before your next PNL arrives, on May 3 in First Methodist Church, Syracuse, there will be held under the auspices of the Syracuse Council of Churches and of Church Women, a "Little Cleveland" conference to report and discuss the findings of the National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order.

In his opening address at Cleveland on March 8, John Foster Dulles said clearly and explicitly:

"There are some who talk about war as though it were an unpleasant but necessary remedy for existing ills. The fact is that another World War would plunge all of humanity into a pit too awful to contemplate and make it almost impossible to achieve the good ends for which, no doubt, the combatants would profess to be fighting. It was World War I that delivered the 200 million people of Russia to the dictatorship of the Communist Party and World War II is delivering perhaps 700 million more people to that control. In a war climate, human liberty wilts and totalitarianism spreads like a green bay tree. No one who is sincerely anti-communist can be complacent about war unless passion dominates his reason."

The Cleveland Conference took no action on the Atlantic Pact. Nevertheless, in the judgment of a large number of delegates, the net political effect was that in the main Protestantism continues to support the bi-partisan foreign policy of the United States, including the Atlantic Pact.

Church leaders feel deeply and sincerely that another war would be un-Christian and self-defeating. But the notion that military power can "contain Communism" or prevent war seems to us a denial of history, of high religion, and of common sense. Fear does not cast out fear, nor Satan, Satan. Rather we agree with the famous Dutch physician and psychologist, an authority on the treatment of mental war-casualties, who wrote in Look Magazine some months ago:

"The answer to how to build a positive peace cannot be found in military strategy and atomic science. The militant way of life always fails. It always turns into a vicious circle of defense, aggression, and renewed attack. Mobilization of armies in this country means countermobilization of armies elsewhere. This is an eternal law. But making peace without fear and suspicion encourages peace. That is the other aspect of the same eternal law."

THE ATLANTIC PACT IS A SUICIDE PACT. Yet at the end of March only one Protestant church body, the Methodist Women's Division of Christian Service, had spoken against it and reports from Washington indicate that there is almost no organized opposition in sight.

We believe, with Prof. Walter Horton of Oberlin, that "The churches' greatest service is to be alive in and demonstrate the power of a higher order of life than that of the secular society about it."

In that view of their responsibility we hope that all our church readers will give careful study to the question of the Atlantic Pact, give prayerful reconsideration to their Christian faith, and make themselves heard at Little Cleveland, Syracuse, May 3.

EVERY MEMBER ADD A MEMBER In response to the suggestion from our Public Relations Counsel last month 80 new names have been sent in. To each of these we are sending announcements and a personal invitation to join SPC. We could use another 80 names this month!

PRESENTING Claude Rains, Madeline Carroll, Ralph Bellamy, House Jameson, Leon Janney and other stars in QUAKER WORLD SERVICE -- Saturdays at 6:45 p.m. Station WNDR (1260) --15 minutes devoted to dramatic demonstrations that love in creative action can overcome hatred, prejudice and fear. LISTEN IN !

from NACHBARSCHAFTSHEIM, BERLIN "All of you who sent candles of any kind may know that their glow warmed the hearts of many people. A never-to-be-forgotten sight was the group of 150 former Rest Home guests as they stood singing carols before the open fire. A small white candle was given to each guest and as each was lighted the glow increased until the whole room was warm with light and friendliness."

Lydia Adolph adds, "The candles are such an essential these days. At present we use about 300 each week just at the Center. A very special thank you."

WITHOUT COMMENT We quote a widely reprinted letter received not long ago by an instrument manufacturer in Bloomfield, N. J.:

Joseph J. Dulberg

Robert F. Wilson

Industrial Procurement Negotiators
Du Pont Circle Building
Room 908
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

During the period from 1942 through 1945, our World War Two era, it was my pleasure to work with your plant, as the Labor Man Power Supply Officer for the War Department, New York Ordnance District.

Now, with the Berlin Airlift, the Chinese debacle, and other tensions, it is apparent that defense plans will mean large defense orders just as in 1941 we had Preparedness Orders, which soon mushroomed into War Orders.

I am now in a position in my Washington office to be of assistance to a selected group of manufacturers, either on a commission, or retainer basis.

Associated with me will be Mr. Robert F. Wilson, former official of the War Production Board, and industrial management consultant on Washington affairs.

If you would care to consult with us we are at your disposal. Now is the time to lay plans for participating in the 20 billion dollar Armed Forces budget, that looks inevitable.

Very Sincerely Yours,

RFW:JJD

Joseph J. Dulberg.

Since the above--China has collapsed completely--Truman has suggested Global extension of American "know how," and within thirty days the North Atlantic Alliance, the first in the history of American life, will embark us on the expenditure of 2 billions of dollars in the way of armaments. For \$10.00 per month retainer, we will serve your interests in these breath taking developments.

Joe

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Society of Amer. Military Engineers
American Ordnance Ass'n.

The BOOK END: The first order for copies of "New Evidences of the Militarization of America" came from Secretary Forrestal's office; the second was from the Cultural Attache' of the Soviet Embassy! The Attache' later invited the editor to lunch. Order your copy from us. Luncheon invitations not guaranteed! Price 25¢.

All present regretted that only 120 people heard Kirby Page's compelling message and call for personal commitment to peace making at the opening session of our School for Peace Education last week. Here is a way to enlarge the audience. For those who want to share the wealth of factual information on which he drew, or who want to build for peace by extending his message to others, we have on hand a limited supply of the pamphlet packets (50¢ for 5) and of "Now Is the Time To Stop the Third World War", also 50¢. Both for \$1.00. The packet contains the famous "What Does God Want Us To Do About Russia?" answered in terms of American foreign policy. You need this material. It ought to be in your public or school library; on your church reading table. Is this too much to do? Order today.

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A School of Peace Education



I. GOD'S WILL IN WORLD AFFAIRS

KIRBY PAGE of California

MARCH 29

A one-day conference under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee

Two Sessions: at *Park Central Parish House*

6:00 p.m. Dinner Conference

"How to Defend Democracy"

8:00 p.m. Address and Forum

"How to Deal with Russia"

Dinner reservation before March 26, \$1.00.

Admission free. An offering will be taken.

II. A THIRD ALTERNATIVE

WILFRED WELLOCK of England

APRIL 8

Auspices: The Syracuse Peace Council

4:00 p.m. Student Seminar at *Hendricks Chapel*

"Bases of A Stable World Order"

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper YWCA \$1.00

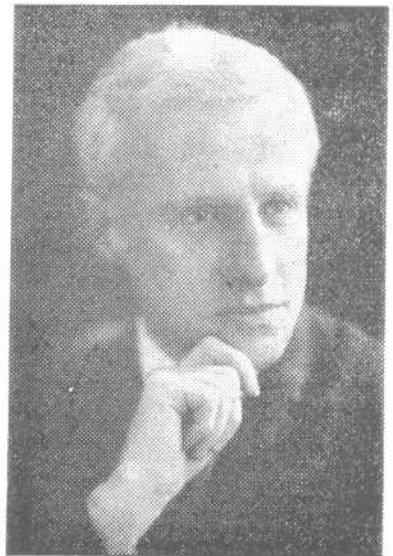
"FOR and PPU in England"

8:00 p.m. "Factors in World Upheaval and

World Order"

Address and Forum, *Museum of Fine Arts*

Admission free. An offering will be taken.



III. IS THE WORLD BIG ENOUGH FOR
ALL OF US?

BAYARD RUSTIN of New York City

MAY 24

(recently returned from Europe and India)

A Teen-Age Conference at the YWCA

Co-sponsored by AFSC and SPC

3:30 p.m. Registration and Round Tables

6:00 p.m. Dinner, and Symposium led by Spahr Hull

8:00 p.m. Address and Forum, open to the public

"War or Peace—What Can a Man Do?"

Registration, including Dinner, for high school students only,
\$2.00.

At the evening session for adults an offering will be taken.

For ALL RESERVATIONS call 2-5316 or write

The Syracuse Peace Council, 841 University Bldg.



THE ATLANTIC PACT IS A SUICIDE PACT. Yet at the end of March only one protestant church body, the Methodist Women's Division of Christian Service, had spoken against it and reports from Washington indicate that there is almost no organized opposition in sight.

We believe, with Prof. Walter Horton of Oberlin, that "The churches' greatest service is to be alive in and demonstrate the power of a higher order of life than that of the secular society about it."

In that view of their responsibility we hope that all our church readers will give careful study to the question of the Atlantic Pact, give prayerful reconsideration to their Christian faith, and make themselves heard at Little Cleveland, Syracuse, May 3.

EVERY MEMBER
ADD A MEMBER

In response to the suggestion from our Public Relations Counsel last month 80 new names have been sent in. To each of these we are sending announcements and a personal invitation to join SPC. We could use another 80 names this month!

MAY DAY SLOGAN ! "Friendship of the peoples of the Soviet Union, the United States and England is the best guarantee of a firm peace. Long live the brotherly alliance of the peoples of England, the United States and the Soviet Union in their struggle for peace!"

Sounds all right, doesn't it?

(but see top of page 2).

LAST CLASS ! SCHOOL'S OUT ! The final session of our spring "School of Peace Education" promises to be of exceptional interest. Many of our people know Bayard Rustin personally and will want to give him a warm welcome.

In 1948 Bayard received the Jefferson award from the Council Against Intolerance in America as "one of the Americans who had done most in the recent past to better relations between colored and white citizens."

On February 25, 1949, he returned from a five month tour of Europe, the Near East and Asia. He was invited to India by Gandhi's son and had several interviews on world problems with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Following the Teen-Age Supper and before the opening of the evening forum, Bayard will lead a song session. To those of you who have heard him sing, this will be invitation enough; to others it will be a new experience of song.

P.S. Won't you try to send at least one teen-ager to the afternoon and dinner conferences? It will be your best contribution to peace education this spring.

SPRING CLOTHING ROUND-UP It is impossible to overestimate the continuing and desperate need for clothing overseas. Marjorie Hyer, a member of the Syracuse Friends Meeting who returned last week from Germany where she has been working with DP children, reported on the pitiful plight of the 15 million "expellees". These refugees, forced out of their homes by Allied agreements, are not DP's. They are not eligible for IRO help and constitute the biggest problem in Germany today. The conditions in their camps are terrible, Marjorie says; thirty-two persons, for instance, live in one room. In an old air raid bunker in Dusseldorf, without a single window, live 300 of these wretched refugees. Among them are half naked children--citizens of tomorrow--who have lived here for three years.

Lisa Albrecht, one of the German women visitors here last month, told of 2400 such children in her neighborhood of Bavaria "not one of whom had a whole pair of stockings."

These are reasons why we are so grateful to the Syracuse Rotary for the Clothing Drive it is conducting this month. You can leave your bundle at the Merchant's Drive in Bank, at the nearest fire-station, or call 2-5316 and ask for a pick up. Mail parcels as usual to our storeroom, 722 North Salina Street.

SPRING FOR ALL THE WORLD ! "Give us freedom from fear of war. That is enough." This appeal from a Finnish volunteer reconstruction worker was reprinted in the Congressional Record not long ago. School boys in Germany are often very nationalistic and bitter against other countries, reports a schoolmaster from Augsburg. And why not? Letters from American boys and girls do much to help change the attitude. A Japanese school girl writes: "I am afraid you may not like this letter, but I am not your enemy....Out of all this cruelty and hatred, could we not arrange peace for all? How do we arrange that it might be spring for all the world?"

How are American young people going to understand the fear, the bitterness, the longing of the children of war torn lands? How are they to learn how to answer the plea of those youth across the seas "that it might be spring for all the world?"

WORLD AFFAIRS CAMPS (enclosed folder) are one answer, and an excellent one. Plan now for a teen-ager in your family, church or school to attend. Some scholarship aid available. You can help in three ways:

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ANYBODY WANNA BUY A GOAT? Okinawa, fought over and forgotten, is one of the worst sinkholes of post-war misery in today's world. "Heifers for Relief" has been asked to ship 2,750 goats. They will provide milk for babies, children, the aged, tuberculars and lepers. We sent a goat to Japan last year. Is there some church or club that would like to give Nanny 1949? She will cost just \$50.

- THINGS TO DO: 1. The N.C.A.C., which cannot afford a clipping service, will be grateful for dated and labeled clippings about conscription, pro or con, from papers and magazines. Send them to this office.
2. Two senators have recently complained that they are not hearing from the country on the Atlantic Alliance. They would appreciate reasons for the writer's views. Pick your own Senators! (or Congressmen) State your own views!

CAKE Take One Cold War
MIXTURE Add Peace Time Conscription
 Stir in Universal Military Training
 Season with the Colossal Arms Program
 Frost with an Atlantic Alliance

Relax and Let it Explode!

PROGRESS The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. This is our 20th Century's claim to distinction and to progress.

--General Omar N. Bradley

PRESS AND PEACE Certainly it would be inexcusable scapegoating to blame sensational journalism for the sad state of the world today, but it is not unfair to upbraid the press for its avidity to exaggerate and distort absolutely every difference of opinion between this nation and the Soviet Union or between any other two countries.

The mere suggestion that it might be possible to work out our problems without resort to force, to restore the Big Three unity which won the war and to build the United Nations into the agency for peace we all hoped and expected it to be, is enough to cause one to be called a Communist, or at best a deluded fellow traveler, hoodwinked by Stalin's little helpers who presumably are everywhere, even though you and I never may have seen any of them.

Unless we can ignore all of the warnings of our atomic scientists who for three years have been eating their hearts out trying to tell us that another war would mean the destruction of western civilization, a peaceful way out must be found. The American press as a whole is not helping us find that way. Instead, the majority of American newspapers and radio commentators are in the vanguard of those who are rapidly convincing a majority of the American people that war is the only solution.

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BOOK END Sir Bernard Pares was a great Englishman who devoted most of his life to the study of Russia. He was opposed to communism but he realized the importance of and believed in the possibility of friendly relations with Russia. His firsthand experience is summed up in an admirable book, Russia, Its Past and Present, just published for 35¢ by the Mentor Library. The gap, he says is one of knowledge. It must be bridged; the alternative is disaster. Postpaid on receipt of price, from this office.

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To the members and friends of the Syracuse Peace Council:

This is a condensed report of the program of the Peace Council for the season 1948-1949. The complete program is available on request in our printed folder A YEAR OF GREAT DANGER.

The year's work has been marked by several distinctive features:

I. AN ENLARGED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The enlarged Executive Committee of 20 (formerly 13), authorized at the Annual Meeting a year ago, has been tried with real success and will I hope be continued. It has made possible better division of committee responsibilities and has assured a quorum for business at each of the monthly meetings, which have been held regularly. Appreciation is due all those who have given of their time and effort to this important committee. It is gratifying to find so many able and interested persons willing to serve.

II. FORUM COLLECTIONS. After prolonged consideration it was decided to base the economic support of our Forum Series on a freewill offering instead of on ticket sales. This plan somewhat increases the element of risk and tends to centralize responsibility in the office. On the other hand, it relieves us all of the necessity for ticket selling and of the payment of a federal tax. The plan has succeeded, the offering at each such meeting being slightly above the direct costs. The offerings do not cover the continuing overhead of the office and general promotion involved. Figures for the fall series of three meetings show a total cost of \$225.41; collections of \$238.11; net gain, \$12.70. The average attendance at the public meetings of the year was 125.

III. INCREASED SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY. In addition to the faithful efforts of the program and publicity committees, the work of two committee chairmen requires special mention:

The Rev. C. Philip Torrance has taken hold of the financial problem and organized a way of dealing with it more vigorous and systematic than anything ever tried before. This willing acceptance of responsibility has relieved the Chairman of a tremendous burden and is greatly appreciated. A budget of \$5,200 was set up. All efforts to date have brought in \$2,140. We have outstanding pledges of \$808, and reasonable expectation of about \$1,000 more "in sight." This leaves \$1,200 to be secured by contributions or by curtailment of our work. The members and friends of the Council will decide.

Mrs. Irlavere Simmons, as Chairman of our Clothing Committee, has given uncounted hours of backbreaking work to sorting and packing clothing. To handle old clothes in such quantity requires real concern which no one who has not done it can fully appreciate. A particular responsibility was supervising the handling of about a ton received from Rotary Old Clothes Campaign. We are also deeply indebted to Mr. Emil Evertz for space in his warehouse for storage, and to the many volunteers who have helped with packing. In all, we have shipped this year about 5½ tons of clothing, shoes, soap, and candles.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS MADNESS. The following items are representative of the great diversity of activities which makes the Peace Council office a beehive or ant hill, as you choose of industry:

We have been regularly represented on the Board of the Council of Churches; we took part in the International Student Week End on the Campus, and in the University College course on "World Conflict and Politics"; we have benefited by excellent cooperation with student committees and staff at Hendricks Chapel; our Speakers Service has functioned modestly with special interest centering in a few PTA invitations; our library and literature service has been neglected but continues to be a real part of our community offering; we helped the State Baptist Youth Fellowship to make a community survey of opinion on peace and war questions; we shipped overseas 163 individually packed boxes in a teacher-to-teacher project sponsored by the Syracuse Teachers Association; again, the Teachers Association responded to our request and furnished specially prepared gift boxes to 25 needy Hungarian teachers who had been referred to us; we have placed 332 CARE and similar orders; our individual package service has responded to 15 appeals from overseas; we provided film strip on youth programs in Poland for the Onondaga Council of Girl Scouts; we arranged an informal supper conference for church leaders on the Atlantic Pact and arranged the publication of a nationally prepared "Open Letter to the President and Congress" on the Pact, over 17 local signatures; our four Teen-age Conferences have been small but stimulating and appreciated, the interest and enthusiasm of Goodyear-Burlingame and Vocational High Schools is noteworthy; we secured over 240 names and addresses of school children in 5 foreign countries for the World Citizenship program of the University Radio Workshop broadcast over WAER; as features of our educational program WNDR carried the six "Quaker World Service" broadcasts that won first prize in a national competition of 700 radio programs to further international understanding; WFBL has carried a thirty-minute broadcast by Lew Ayres entitled: WHOSE TIME HAS COME. We found ourselves listed in an eight-page directory of world peace organizations and workers published by the Osterichische Friedensgesellschaft in Vienna; the Monthly News Letter and Peace Action Bulletins continue regularly.

We are painfully aware that we are not stopping war and war making; that we move very slowly up the long uphill road of peace building. But we keep on, and we hope that you will keep on with us.

"We will continue....we will strengthen....and we must embark on a bold new program....for the achievement of peace, plenty and freedom," said the President in his Inaugural Address. Peace and Freedom are also our goals. With your help, we will continue, we will strengthen, but we must also embark on a bold, new program.

TEN DAYS TO REMEMBER In the good old summer time it is time to think again about vacation with a purpose. What purpose could be better in 1949 than to improve understanding of international relations and study ways to peace? Examine the enclosed program carefully; note all that it has to offer and make your plans to be at Cornell or Albright. Reservations are already coming in but there will be room for more. Let's have a good party this year! Some scholarship-paying jobs are still open. If interested, write "Red" at once.

OVER THERE Nothing could be more fallacious than the argument that Western Europe is in the position of a householder who is resolved to protect his possessions by providing his windows with steel shutters. The sort of shutters which the North Atlantic Treaty furnishes are not burglar-proof against Communism. On the contrary, the cost of their erection is likely to make conditions more, rather than less, favourable for the spread of Communist ideas. Through ^{out} discussions of the Pact there seems to run a confusion between aggression by the Red Army, which (if only from prudential motives) Russia would seem highly unlikely to undertake except under great provocation, and the spread of Communism, which existed before the Soviet revolution, rallied 200 million people behind it after the First World War, some 600 million more after the Second, and will continue to advance wherever, as in China, the old social order collapses. Against such an internal enemy military power is no answer.

--The New STATESMAN AND NATION, The Week-end Review, 3/26/49.

SUGGESTION TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES or TO ANY CHURCH "Everything possible must be done by the Netherlands people and its Government renouncing all self-interest (our underlining) to restore confidence among the Indonesians, including the Republic, by an unreserved and generous fulfilling of the promises which have been given."

--Declaration of the Dutch Church, 1949.

SOAP OPERA We are not selling soap but if you do use Swan you can share each cake Swan Song! with some one overseas. It's this way: for each Swan wrapper turned in, Lever Bros. will contribute a cake of soap through CARE. Few gifts can be more appreciated and its so easy for you to do: Just send the wrapper to us with your name. We'll do the rest. Thank you!

TIME HAS NOT COME! The Lew Ayres Broadcast: "Whose Time Has Come" announced for WFBL June 4 was postponed because of a faulty record and through no fault of the station. It will be presented at a later date. Announcements will be sent locally. If you want to be sure of receiving one, let us know.

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

BOOK END How many times have you been asked, "Well, what would you do about it? What would you have done with Hitler or what would you do with Stalin?" Do you want to know how to deal with dictators? How to answer such questions as "Shouldn't we defend our freedom? What if we were invaded? Would you let them walk over you? You have to shoot mad dogs, don't you?"

Here it is in 20 pages with all of A. J.'s inescapable logic in a new approach and fresh, vigorous style. 10¢ each. Order now. Read at once and pass it on to a friend.

Commenting that "the threat to human survival is probably more grave today than at any time since the first atomic bomb dropped," the Christian Century has just completed publication of a highly important series of articles by two atomic scientists who worked on the original Manhattan Project. They put forward a completely new approach to the problem of control and give the layman a greatly needed opportunity to understand the total nature of the problem. If you do not have the Christian Century, reprints from our office 25¢. Order early, please.

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WISE WORDS from THE PRESIDENT Speaking at a press conference at the end of June of the Red-scare hysteria, he pointed out that there have been such postwar scares after each war; they have always subsided and the country has not gone to "hell". (His word.) Important point is that the President is aware of the situation and doesn't intend to let the executive department get out of hand. We hope he doesn't.

BUSINESS AS USUAL Since the reform of the German currency a year ago, industrial production in Bizonia has risen to more than 90% of the 1936 level and business is booming, reports Percy Winner. BUT during the same period unemployment has risen from about $\frac{1}{2}$ million to $1\frac{1}{4}$ million; something like 10% of the workers in the area. The London New Statesman points out the resemblance to the situation in the early twenties: "It is monopolist capitalism and not Western Germany which has made an amazing recovery." We suspect that we may be restoring capitalism but we doubt if we are winning many converts to democracy by this policy.

Pertinent to this view, although apparently entirely unrelated, is the following from a dissenting opinion from Justice Douglas in the California Standard Oil case: "The economic theories which the Court has read into the anti-trust laws have favored rather than discouraged monopoly. As a result big business becomes bigger; monopoly flourishes; cartels increase their hold on the nation; the trusts wax strong.... the lessons Brandeis taught us on the curse of bigness have largely been forgotten in high places....."

Such policies breed war and fascism; such policies we appear to be exportingand....chickens often come home to roost.

PEACEWAYS The American diplomats. . .are not seeking peace in the spirit of peace is the contention of a Wall Street Journal editorial. The Journal will scarcely be accused of "dragging in communist propaganda by the tail" hence we quote the editorial's introduction:

"Suppose you were to lean over your back fence and tell your neighbor you thought him a crook, a liar, a shyster, a man whose word was of no earthly value.

"Then suppose after this preface you were to ask him to meet you half-way on a deal for cleaning the snow from your front driveway or clipping the boundary line hedge

"Would you expect your neighbor to rush to you with an amiable handshake and invite you in for a pot of tea while you discussed your mutual differences?

"This is not a far-fetched analogy to the approach we are taking in our present 'diplomatic' discussions with Russia."

Citizens who realize that brass hat diplomacy, militarism, hysteria and war must be conquered if civil liberties are to be preserved in America have a personal responsibility in these fields. --The Open Forum.

NEW FACTOR Those of you who remember Rayford Logan's warning at our Mid-winter Institute, of the growing threat of regional alliances to the breakdown of hope for one world under law, will be interested in the following note from the journal, INDIA TODAY, regarding the conference of nineteen Eastern nations held January 20 to 23 of this year at New Delhi, called by Prime Minister Nehru to discuss the aggression of the Dutch against the republic of Indonesia:

"Historians will mark January 20, 1949, as the day when a corner-stone was laid for a new international structure. Observers remarked solemnly that the conference had stirred the 'conscience of the Eastern world' from Cairo to Canberra. They noted with admiration the dignified and efficient, but firm handling of the problem. They all agreed that 'a new factor in world politics had emerged.'"

The Atlantic Alliance weakens the United Nations; strengthens competing regionalisms. An inter-regional war is not likely to be much pleasanter than an international war.

A THIRD FORCE Arguing that the world situation is not so simple as East vs. West, USA vs. USSR, that there is still the far-flung British Commonwealth, Major Haden Guest, M.C., M.P., proposes in ONE WORLD (London), a policy of "armed neutrality," like that of Switzerland "for the British Commonwealth, the nations of Western Europe and their colonies." There would be risks and dangers but "much less than anything which could happen to a belligerent." Moreover, such a policy would "increase the difficulty of war making on a world scale by any power" and would "demonstrate to all the nations of the world. . .that we believe in peace as the foundation of a progressive civilization."

SOUTH AFRICAN STRUGGLE "The churches of South Africa, with the exception of the Dutch Reformed, have formally protested the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages bill now before Parliament, (saying) 'The contracting of marriages between partners of different races is not contrary to the law of God as declared by Jesus Christ . . . We regard such marriages as likely to produce unhappy results . . . but not as in themselves forbidden.'

"Minister of Lands Strydom in his address to a Nationalist party function declared that 'steps will have to be taken to prevent the loss of color-consciousness.' He held that in certain industries and universities color-consciousness has already too largely departed." --Christian Century 7/6/49.

PRAY FOR PEACE At a recent informal gathering of Peace Council members and representatives of churches it was suggested that we publish a prayer for peace to be used by individuals and groups. The following intercession was prepared for us by the Rev. Melvin Abson of Emanuel Episcopal Church.

A DEVOTION FOR WORLD PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
Is. 2:4.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."
Matt. 4:9.

"We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have too many men of science and too few men of God."
General Omar Bradley, Nov. 11, 1948.

Eternal God, wonderful in counsel, excellent in wisdom, we pray for statesmen and leaders who seek to abolish war amongst the nations, and all who labor in every land for justice and peace. Inspire their minds, enlarge their vision, direct their councils, that humble and wise, fearless and unwavering, they may stand for truth and justice. Raise the minds of people everywhere above the mists of suspicion and hatred into the pure light of trust and goodwill, that justice, honesty and peace may be established amongst the people of every nation in the world in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord of Life and Prince of Peace. Amen.

O God, the Father of our race, we pray for the growth of brotherhood rooted in Thy Fatherhood among the nations. May each nation find its own freedom in giving itself to world comradeship, and in serving the common good of all.

Hear us Holy Father

Unite all peoples of the world together in peace and concord. Destroy the influences that create bitterness and division. Purge diplomacy and enterprize of all that is base and mean. Help us all to show forth Thy glory in the work of our hands and in the joy of serving each other.

Hear us Holy Father

Guide those who take counsel for the abolition of war, for the prevention and cure of sickness and disease, the ending of poverty and preventable human misery and the improvement of the conditions of life of all poor and neglected people.

Hear us Holy Father

Save the world from unscrupulous ambition, the lust of power, and from the burden and fear of armed force. Prosper all those who labor to check the spirit of discord and encourage the spirit of goodwill among the nations.

Hear us Holy Father

Silent Self-dedication.

Lord's Prayer.

"Grace, mercy and peace be with us all." Amen.

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"IS THE WORLD BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US?"

was the question discussed at the American Friends Service Committee's 1949 New York Institute of International Relations held on the Cornell University campus, Ithaca, July 29 to August 7. In that period, 135 attenders from 15 states and several foreign countries - with the help of an expert faculty - studied the question from the standpoint of physical and ideological conflicts which affect world peace. In general the faculty agreed that the world is big enough to provide a better life for its two billion inhabitants - but some profound changes are necessary.

JOSEPH BARNES (foreign correspondent and editor): "Is the world big enough for communism and western democracy?" Russia is not nearly as strong as we think; it is not in the same league with the U.S., either industrially or militarily. U.S. fear of communism largely is a rationalization of insecurity over our domestic weaknesses. Russia, too, feels insecure in the face of its own tremendous internal problems. Personal talks with Russians reveal no aggressive desires; rather, their thoughts are turned toward their home, their jobs. Russians look east, and not west. In fact, Russia's geographic center of population has moved eastward 500 miles in the past 40 years. Western democracy's only real answer to communism is to give its members strength and freedom, and make the western world really function for human good.

BHARATAN KUMARAPPA (Indian delegate to the UN Social Commission): "Is the world big enough to allow India to work out her own future?" India is determined to control her own domestic life. She believes that the test of any civilization is the kind of individual it produces, and not the quantity of its industrial output. For that reason, village industries are being developed, although large-scale enterprises also are encouraged in order to more quickly improve living conditions. India is determined to stay out of competition for world markets which, in Gandhi's mind, is the cause of world conflict. Though cleaving to Gandhi's non-violence, India is now building up her army for defense purposes, using the soldiers for relief and reconstruction work in peacetime. India's future, and the world's, will depend largely on the use of non-violence in settling differences.

WILFRED WELLOCK (former member of Parliament and economist): "Is the world big enough for expanding industrial markets?" The last war destroyed the old pattern of "backward" countries producing raw materials for manufacture by "modern" countries. Today, the old colonial areas are in revolt and are fast industrializing. No longer can the U.S. and England expect to find vast markets abroad for their industrial output. They either must adjust their domestic economies to achieve better internal balance, or expect severe economic crises.

A companion problem is the regeneration of workers who have been dehumanized by large-scale industry. Mass men with mass minds, responding only to materialistic incentives, these workers have by-passed culture and religion; eventually they will by-pass democracy. Recreation of social and economic life for individual benefit will require decentralization of large cities into small communities and establishment of small-scale industries controlled largely by the workers themselves.

MARIE LOUISE MOLL (Austrian social worker visiting U.S. under auspices of the Society of Friends' World Committee): "Is the world big enough for personal freedom?" In the struggle between authoritarianism and individual liberty, the whole world watches America as the last stronghold of free men. Unfortunately, much of the campaign to control thought and action in the United States today is reminiscent of Germany in the 30's. The future of personal liberty will depend on how much each individual cares for his own freedom and for the freedom of those who have no voice.

GEORGE M. DOCHERTY (minister of North Church, Aberdeen, Scotland): "The biggest problem of man is man." Man is compounded of good and evil; his major task is to overcome himself. Man has become separated from God; he wants to usurp God, indeed to become a God himself.

Modern civilization is satanic. It has the appearance of good, but it is only make-believe. Failure of the church to meet the challenges of the day has created an increasing group of "seculars" who believe in no God; in contrast, pagans - the church's historic concern - believe in some god, even though they are false deities. Demonstrating the value of religion to these "seculars" is the modern minister's biggest problem. In this, the life and teachings of Jesus help make God intelligible and point the way to creative living for all mankind.

BAYARD RUSTIN (youth secretary, Fellowship of Reconciliation): "Is the world big enough for continued use of violence in international affairs?" Events of the past forty years clearly reveal that those who live by the sword perish by it. Our present reliance on military might is the result of fear - and fear makes us do idiotic things. Culmination of our get-tough-with-Russia policy is the North Atlantic Pact. To this, Russia has countered by having communists in various countries declare that they will revolt if war starts against Russia.

At this critical impasse, the U.S. must have the courage to disarm and to rely on a policy of good will. This course involves obvious risks - but the risks of continued militarism are even more obvious and certain. There can be no peace while the basic economic, social and political problems of our world are unsolved. But unless the armaments race is ended, there will be no time, energy or resources left to solve these problems.

MAYNARD KRUEGER (University of Chicago economist and Socialist Party candidate for vice-president): "Food, ideals, boundaries and survival." The world's total resources are adequate for its needs but are badly distributed; in this we find the cause of continued conflicts. We either must shift the world's population or give up man-made geographic boundaries and economic barriers. Fundamentally, the United States must stop doing things on a "good business" basis. In the war, goods moved where they were needed, regardless of ability to pay; that principle also underlies a secure peace.

Too many countries measure their economic status in terms of blast furnaces; this is particularly true of former agricultural areas which are rapidly trying to industrialize themselves. In part, this stems from the historical fact that a nation with blast furnaces has always defeated agrarian nations in war. We need the conditions which will allow each part of the world to function within a proper balance of industry and agriculture, imports and exports.

These policies will not be initiated unless people who believe in them make their voices effectively heard - and this means that they must get into politics. A new, dynamic political party is needed in the U.S. - a party supported by the middle classes, by the cooperative movement, and eventually by labor.

WING-TSIT CHAN (professor of Chinese culture at Dartmouth): "China today". The upheaval in China is due to the corruption of the Nationalists and the promises of better life held forth by the communists. When people are hungry, they are interested in food and not ideas.

Success of the communist program in China will depend ultimately on industrialization, through which the standard of living can be improved. This will require huge quantities of machines. For this reason, there is some question about the extent of Russia's involvement in the Chinese communist drive. Russia is having a great deal of trouble providing for its own industrial requirements and cannot meet China's needs at the same time. America can make a friend out of China by furnishing her now with light and heavy industrial equipment.

EDUARD C. LINDEMAN (professor of social philosophy, New York School of Social Work): "How can we find the good life on this planet?" Our aim for mankind must be unity and not uniformity. The right to be different is the distinguishing factor in human personality. We have already become totalitarian in economic life. Now, through a verbal religious war, we are moving toward intellectual and spiritual totalitarianism.

Resisting this trend requires discipline. We must live knowing that our world is imperfect, that we cannot have more than a partial realization of our ideals. Further, we must be willing to work gradually for world improvement, choosing the proper means to attain the desired end. These means include institutional correction and social and economic planning.

Our answer to communism must be a greater recognition of our responsibilities at home. But if the U.S. must go totalitarian in order to fight it, it would be better not to resist communism at all.

BY-PRODUCTS: Valuable as are the formal lectures and discussions, the worth of an Institute must also be measured in terms of the feelings of community and brotherhood which it engenders. To see a heterogeneous group - people from many national, professional and personal backgrounds - become welded into a closely-bound company in a period of nine days is always an exciting experience.

The fellowship of the worship period helps; so do the picnics and the meal-time chats. One very high point in the Ithaca Institute was the evening spent listening to Bayard Rustin sing spirituals and other folk songs, and tell of his experience in peace and reconciliation work. Even the most matter-of-fact attender must have been lifted to a higher place.

The secret of the Institute is its ability to fuse a desire for better understanding of our world with the feelings of good will which lie in each human - and to produce a newer and richer approach to man's continuing search for peace.

-- George Loft, Special Correspondent to PNL from the Institute.

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AN OLD REFRAIN This month in Syracuse: a distinguished clergyman was reported by the press to have told an audience of young people that as a Christian he believes in the teaching of Jesus about overcoming evil with good, but as a practical realist he believes that preparations for the war must go on.

An equally distinguished educator told his audience that although war is destructive of all he holds good, and futile in its effects, we must maintain superiority in arms; our best hope is that the cold war will go on without getting hot. For his own satisfaction, he has marked the cities in Russia on which the first bombs should fall.

And a representative of the State Department began an address to the State Teacher's Association with a diatribe against the "cancer of communism," assured everyone solemnly that the only language Joe Stalin understands is that of "practical diplomacy backed by strength" and ended by urging all teachers to use their classrooms so to teach.

There can be no doubt that each of these points of view can be and is honestly held. But history provides an interesting and familiar footnote to each. It spells war.

OUR ANSWER People and organizations who hold a different view have a responsibility to present a different answer. This, S P C is undertaking to do through its educational program. The FORUM opened last week with a modest attendance and a first-class analysis of domestic legislation as it affects foreign affairs. The second session, Thursday evening, November 3 (Museum of Fine Arts) will propose "An Alternative to Atomic War." Frederick J. Libby will speak out of the rich experience of thirty years as head of the National Council for the Prevention of War. Can you afford to miss this opportunity?

Preview: AT 7:30, PRECEDING THE FORUM, FOR THOSE WHO CAN COME EARLY, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL FEATURE FILM AND EXHIBIT. COME AND SEE!

Our SEMINAR on Russian-American Relations, based on the AFSC report and under the skilled leadership of Professor Byron Fox of the Maxwell School, will be held on four successive Tuesday evenings beginning October 25th, at the YWCA.

THE RATIO Raymond Wilson, who opened our Forum Series, points out that a careful analysis of national expenditures shows that our country has invested in the machinery designed to maintain peace through reason, opinion and persuasion \$1.00 for each \$1,000 we have put into the machinery with which we threaten destruction. What is that text about sowing and reaping, or the one about where your treasure is?

ANNIVERSARY On every side we are reminded that these have been anniversary months: The tenth, of the outbreak of the war for the defense of Poland(!); the fourth, of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Now the President's announcement of the Russian bomb marks another milestone.

On the first, London Peace News comments: "Ten years ago tomorrow the war broke out. Today we are busily preparing for another. This is a speed record. Generally we have to wait a generation. (Moreover) General Montgomery has said that a military defeat of Communism would result in the further spread of Communism. This marks an historic precedent. Never before has a nation been exhorted to fight for a cause which they are told is fore-doomed to failure. This is a record-breaking age."

And from Japan comes a message to Americans from the Mayor of Hiroshima:

"The people of Hiroshima ask nothing of the world except that we be allowed to offer ourselves as an exhibit for peace. We ask only that enough people know what happened here,...and how,...and why,...and that they work hard to see that it never happens anywhere again....We the people of Hiroshima are sick at heart as we look out at the world and see that nations are already fighting the initial skirmishes....."

On the Russian bomb, the POST-STANDARD editorialized as to who should have the right to decide how to use our scientific know-how and concluded: "It is the sole realm of morality and religion that must eventually decide that. And the final application must, after the guidance of the two, rest in the individual conscience."

CAN IT HAPPEN HERE? An active member of the American Veterans Committee and of Americans for Democratic Action, L.A. Nikolovic, warns, in a recent article, that civilian employees in private industry are now subject to review by an Industrial Employment Review Board in which a panel of three officers sits in judgment on the loyalty of workers in firms having Government contracts. Hearings may or may not be allowed and, if allowed, may be secret. Men have already been fired without being able to find out what the charges were. What is the meaning of political freedom if the job by which a man lives is at the mercy of crack-down control by military brass without the least safeguards of American justice? It is later than you think!

Kirby Page will preach at the First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, October 30.

THE BLESSED GIVING TIME Each year a number of our readers are glad of suggestions of ways in which to give individual expression to their oneness with mankind by sharing something of their abundance with those who have not. Here are three carefully selected channels for giving thanks at Christ's mass:

1. There is still 100% hunger on OKINAWA (October 1949) and Americans have a peculiar responsibility. The best way to help here is to send a goat. Cost, \$50. We will collect and pool smaller gifts if some one wants to start a new invasion of Okinawa. Remember "a goat is more than a goat." She is 4 M's: Milk for children, a Mother for kids, Manure for worn soil, Morale for shattered souls.

2. The Quaker Center in Berlin, where our candles went last year, is asking for individual packages to help with the Christmas parties for young people's groups, rest home, children's homes and refugee camps. Special needs are: Cocoa, coffee, sugar, milk in tins, hard candy, Christmas napkins, wrappings and ribbons, handkerchiefs of all sizes, toilet soap. Nylon stockings of any size are a special prize. For Christmas delivery, boxes must go before November 15. When you are ready call Lena Gray for addresses and postal information.

3. And of course we can still supply names of needy families for CARE food parcels. The need in the Russian zone is especially acute now and fortunately we have responsible addresses there. One woman writes that the fat ration is 2 oz. per week; meat, 1 pound for 6 months.

FROM A QUAKER

WORKER IN GERMANY:

THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE LIFE OF MAN

"The Bible says, 'The chief of all things necessary for the life of man are water and fire, and iron, and salt, and flour of wheat, and honey, and milk, the blood of the grape, and oil and clothing.' The German people have plenty of water, and salt, and iron that twists from hideous ruins. They have a minimum of the flour of wheat, and honey, and milk, not much oil, and not much fire except for the excruciating memory of incendiaries. There is blood of the grape, but most of it is being exported. What remains is pretty expensive. And there is much too little clothing in Germany today. Send us all you can.

"For clothing is one of the chief of all things necessary for the life of man."

Our collection center is at 722 North Salina Street. By courtesy of the Merchants Bank, donors of small packages may leave them at the convenient Drive-in Office at Fayette and Genesee Sts. Be sure that all packages are securely tied and clearly marked.

HOW MUCH IS A POUND? Many commentators have observed that the devaluation of the pound sterling has done nothing to solve, but only postpones settlement of, the basic economic problem. A correspondent from the London School of Economics is more specific:

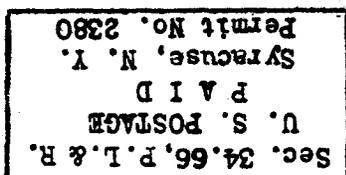
"I have now had time to think upon it with rather more attention and I can only say that I feel the situation to be tragic. Already I read that the price of bread, which, with potatoes, is the staple foodstuff in U.K. today has already increased in price. And so it shall continue with other food products since much of our food is basically a dollar import. So rises the cost of living. Then the demands for higher wages and the Trades Union Congress has already told the Government that if the cost of living rises they will be unable to stem the request for wage increase. Indeed they have intimated that they would uphold such demands. Thus the old, old story, higher wages, higher prices, higher wages, higher prices...on to hyper-inflation. What then? Shall it be the story of this half century all over again....war! How I pray not but people have had enough in Europe. They are tired but see no end. We have promised them relief and broken our promises, remade our promises and rebroken them.

"The ordinary people demand little from life yet we are unable to give it to them. We destroy their peace and security and then present them a bill 'for services rendered.' There is nonsense in all this."

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GREETINGS

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*Third and Final Session of our Fall Forum Series
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SNAKE John S. Hoyland, English Economist Speaking: "The Apocalyptic date was
PIT August 6, 1945.

"But we did not know then, as we all know now, that human history changed catastrophically and for ever, with that demonic crime.

"One aspect of this change is that we in Britain must make it the main point of our national policy to keep out of war.

"We were told in October, 1945, by the most distinguished atomic scientist on our side of the Atlantic that if ever we go to war again with a properly prepared enemy--and he put the period needed for such preparation at six months, and this was four years ago--our cities and the populations in them will last fifteen minutes.

"This means that in effect, though we have not realised it yet, since Aug. 6, 1945, there have been only two kinds of people, peace-builders and suicidal lunatics.

"Before that apocalyptic date it was possible to argue about the rights and wrongs of war as an institution, and of any particular war. Since that date such argument is merely insane hissing in a snake pit.

"It is as mad to argue about the rightness of war, as about the rightness of earthquakes, or bubonic plague....."

GONE , Commenting on the "Air-Force Navy squabble," our distinguished contempor-
GOOSE ary, The New Yorker, says:

".....The next war is a lost war, no matter who you are--or think you are.
The next war may be won on a technicality by the American Navy or by the Russian Air Force or by the Iranian Cavalry or the Pakistan Pansers, but it is already lost by the children and women and elderly clerks in the radioactive burned cities, by the men and boys on the crumpled and radioactive carriers, by the ladies and gentlemen in the embassy ruins, by the embattled diplomats clutching their portfolios in the hastily abandoned halls of the security council. It is a gone goose, the next war. We hold a very poor opinion of it, and of the men who doggedly pursue and praise it, in their minds, in their hearts, in their board meetings, in their senate chambers, and in their stunted imaginations."

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Wall Street exists to make money and no sentimental considerations can be allowed to obscure this high purpose. The market goes up when Wall Street feels confident that the continuation of the war is going to bring further orders for steel and aeroplanes and rubber, and goes down whenever Wall Street has periodic uneasy doubts whether war orders will keep coming in.

--Robert Waithman, News Chronicle, Oct. 3, 1939.

Leading U. S. purchasing agents after a five-week course in purchasing management at Columbia University issued the opinion today that there are only two avenues along which a depression is likely to develop:

- (1) The possibility that we will talk ourselves into one;
- (2) The eventuality that Russia will declare and practice peace.

--United Press dispatch from New York, May 7, 1949.

P. S. The Department of Commerce has approved the immediate export to the Soviet Union of \$500,000 worth of oil field equipment.

FIVE YEAR
PLAN

Dr. Arthur H. Compton distinguished atomic physicist, Nobel Prize winner, Chancellor of Washington University, speaking to an alumni audience after the announcement of the Russian bomb, gravely reported that the man who started the atomic program (Lawrence of California) is going back to his laboratory to work on national defense. ".....we must decide in the next five years whether we are willing to fight an atomic war with Russia," says Dr. Lawrence. Perhaps we had better make up our minds sooner than that. Newsweek predicts that Moscow may move on Tito within from 30 to 60 days.

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ALTERNATIVE TO ATOMIC WAR Fred Libby's thesis in speaking to this question at the second session of our Fall Forum last week was "Universal disarmament or universal obliteration." This is the conclusion of the Christian Century in its editorial on the meaning of the Russian bomb; it is the finding of the atomic engineers, Daniel and Squires, who assert: "Ours is a proposal for aggressive disarmament"; Norman Thomas has long insisted that it is "The Only Hope for Peace," and the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, declared on September 25 that Russia's possession of the bomb is proof of the need for total disarmament by all nations. Recalling the failure of the counsel "if you want peace, prepare for war" this Catholic paper affirms that today it "must voice its faith in disarmament, the third and most scorned and ostracised path" open to nations.

In Great Britain last month, a distinguished group of public leaders, including the Vice President of the Atomic Scientists Association, Dr. Kathleen Lonsdale, the widely known writer and publicist, Vera Brittain, member of Parliament and World Government leader, Henry Osborne, the Director of the National Peace Council, Leslie Smith, Lady Marion Parmoor and others wrote the Prime Minister and the Soviet Ambassador: "We urge our Government to take the lead by deciding neither to make nor borrow atomic bombs; to request the American Government to withdraw its bomber bases from Britain; to open our centers of research to international inspection."

This is not merely "pacifist" propaganda. Captain Liddell Hart, who is certainly no pacifist, in a recent article in the British Picture Post points out: "If you allow anyone to stoke up a boiler until the steam pressure rises to danger point, and you then close the safety valve, the real responsibility for the result of the explosion will lie with you...."

Substantial support for this point of view is coming from many non-pacifist sources these days. James P. Warburg, international banker and former director of Propaganda Policy for OWI, has been quoted here before. He believes, as quoted approvingly in The Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science, "that peace is ... only possible by outlawing psychological as well as military and economic warfare..." Edmond H. Taylor, who spent the war years in Asia with OSS, faces the issue squarely; and it is well to remind ourselves again and again of Einstein's dictum, "There is no military defense against atomic bombs and none is to be expected. Preparedness is futile and, if attempted, will ruin the structure of our social order."

In reality when we give up the weapons of modern warfare we are not giving up America's defenses. We are giving up the terribly dangerous illusion of defense. And in giving up the illusion we free ourselves and our resources to build the real and only possible defenses of our cherished liberties, which lie in a dynamic faith in the processes of democratic change, freedom from fear of challenging ideologies, and economic well-being at home and around the world.

PEACE PROGRAM To implement this point of view in public education for peace, fifty representatives of peace organizations met at Pendle Hill for a three-day conference at the end of September. The program included a review of some of the lessons to be learned from the disarmament conferences between 1921 and 1936, a discussion of the relation of disarmament to the United Nations and to world government, a consideration of the goals to be undertaken, and recommendations for initiating a campaign beginning with like-minded organizations already committed in principle to working for general disarmament.

Those at the Pendle Hill Conference were agreed on aiming for universal total disarmament with encouragement for the United States to take a bold initiative in that direction.

WAR IS PEACE Under this title the Wall Street Journal, last summer, scoffed at the present American policy based on the "old philosophy that world power begets fear and fear begets peace." The Journal then raises what it calls the "more encompassing question":

"Does the way to peace, in all wisdom and in truth, lie in turning the world into two camps which are not only separated ideologically but which are armed to the teeth? We have already accepted the division--the very phrase 'cold war' acknowledges the existence of enemies. Shall we keep them at peace by being more warlike?"

"If it be so, then the world has wasted many centuries searching for the way to peace instead of war. For the goal has been at hand right along. War is peace, and the way to preserve the peace is to keep the war, cold or hot, going on forever."

LAST WORD BRING A FRIEND TO HEAR MURIEL LESTER. SPREAD THE NEWS:- THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE; CHRISTIAN FAITH AND AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, ALIKE, REQUIRE THAT THE EFFORT TO REALIZE THAT ALTERNATIVE HAVE A-1 PRIORITY IN OUR LIVES.

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TWICE TOLD TALES for CHRISTMAS

I. Told by Muriel Lester:

When victorious Russian troops marched into Vienna near the end of the war, living there was an F.O.R. family, Roman Catholic, as many European F.O.R. members are. A son from the family had been killed on the Russian front. At home lived the parents, their second son, and their beautiful teen-age daughter.

The troops' entry was orderly, but the family knew that after the occupation was completed there would be a few days during which soldiers would be allowed to do whatever they pleased. It is generally so with invading armies--not just Russian, but British and American as well. What, then, was the family to do with its treasures and valuables? Strip its home quite bare and hide or bury things that the soldiers might carry away? And what was to be done with the daughter? How could she be safely concealed? Should she, as some neighbors were suggesting for their daughters, take poison rather than suffer Russian outrages?

Fully realizing the seriousness of their plight, the family prayerfully considered what to do. The point became clear to them that the invading troops were boys who were hundreds of miles from home, who had been conscripted into the Russian army, and ought during their stay in Vienna to be offered some home life. The decision therefore was to hide or bury nothing, for the daughter to remain at home as if friends were coming, and for the family to ready the house and the cupboard for the expected guests.

In a few days the expected lawlessness began. The clack of military boots, the thunder of doors being crashed with rifle butts, human shouts and screams were often heard. Inevitably footsteps sounded up the front steps of the house of the expectant family.

When the Russians reached the front door, expecting it to be locked and therefore a barrier to be beaten in, they found it open. This utterly surprised them and took the first prop from under their previous designs.

Looking in the door they saw a man descending the stairway. Not in flight or fear but with calm and ease. Out came another prop.

He came straight to the door, welcoming them. "Won't you come in? We have been expecting guests and are delighted to have you with us!" They stepped inside.

The next thing they noticed was a crucifix on a shelf across the hall from them. Several of them crossed themselves. After all, one-third of the Russians are Christians.

"Won't you remove your coats and caps and stay awhile? The rest of the family is waiting to meet you. And I believe there is some coffee that will soon be ready in the kitchen." The coats and caps came off and in the process, of course, guns came to rest on the floor.

In came the visitors, minus guns, to meet the rest of the family, including the daughter. Coffee was soon served. Questions about the families of the Russians soon elicited questions about the young man whose picture stood on the piano. "He was killed during the war." To the question, "Where?" came the hesitant, but nevertheless candid, reply, "In Russia."

The mother sat down at the piano and commenced playing folksongs. Although she began with the Austrian ones, the similarity of folksongs in various parts of Europe elicited an enthusiastic response from the Russians. Soon the whole party was singing and the mission of the Russians forgotten.

Thus time flew until finally the soldiers remembered that they must be back in barracks in a short while. Hurriedly they put on their hats and coats and picked up their guns. Thanking the family for a wonderful time, they asked if they could return. To which the answer was, "Please do. And bring your friends!"

II. Told by our Finance Chairman:

If Russia has the bomb, and America has the bomb, then the only answer to the problem of this twin-horned dilemma is world peace. Our work as a Peace Council, as usual, is obvious. To do even a small part in this tremendous task the Council must have your financial help. We are asking approximately 800 readers of this paper to make a sacrificial contribution to maintain this work. If every reader would send in an annual gift or pledge of ten dollars, the mind of this community and the mind of our nation would begin to arrive at the mind of peace.

You have received the initial publicity and opportunity for pledging in this campaign for the support of our work for another year. In the reconciling spirit reflected in the tale told above, will you not act upon these requests immediately? To talk of world brotherhood can be a waste of time, but to act upon it means to gain the precious time needed to bring into realization that world of peace on earth and good will to men which you and I want.

PLEASE SEND BACK THAT PLEDGE CARD RIGHT AWAY.

BETTER YET, SEND YOUR CHECK ALONG WITH YOUR PLEDGE CARD.

Surely you 800 readers can furnish the Syracuse Peace Council the \$5,200 it must have to maintain this very vital work.

C. PHILIP TORRANCE,
Finance Chairman

CHRISTMAS PEACE I In his New Republic column Harold Ickes comments on the fact that Russia has the bomb. "There is room in the world for the living together, in peace, of conflicting ideologies. There always has been... The only chance of living out our lives free of fear of others is so to comport ourselves that we do not cause others to fear us...."

"Only the mutual understanding and love that is the result of a determination to do unto others as we would that others should do unto us, will make either an individual or an international life worth living."

CHRISTMAS PEACE II In his comment on the announcement of the Russian bomb, popular columnist Drew Pearson grew reminiscent and quoted his own column written just after the explosion of the first American bomb in 1945. "Only diplomacy of the most revolutionary kind, based upon the Sermon on the Mount can counteract the revolutionary weapon of the atom bomb. Many of us have forgotten that Christ was a revolutionary. Sometimes the world has forgotten this just as woefully and completely as it has forgotten the principles which He taught."

SWITZERLAND OF ASIA? The Japanese constitution written under our direction forswears forever the right to make war. But look at the map and you will easily see why the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington are opposing the idea of a disarmed Japan. They want Japan as a larger Philippines; an American protectorate. They intend to hold it, with American air bases and a Japanese army. And the Russians, strangely, bitterly accuse us of violating the Potsdam agreement and the statutes of occupation.

YET ONCE MORE! "Staff officers of a number of western European armies have been discussing the difference that the raising of even five German divisions would make to the defense of western Europe against a possible attack from the east." The officers favor a German army to help adjust the manpower balance in any conflict with the Soviet Union. Without it "there are just not enough troops in the west to hold the Russians," - according to Drew Middleton in the New York Times.

Will there be with five German divisions? On which side would they fight? The Christian Century reminds us that from the day Germany was permitted to rearm before, the return to World War was only three years away.

FIRE WITH FIRE? "In order to solve the Russian problem," writes TRB, the distinguished Washington columnist, "it is felt necessary to revive the German problem. Everyone who has covered Pentagon conferences has heard generals comment wistfully at one time or another on how nice it would be to have a German army around again. It would do two things, see: cut US occupation costs; help hold back Russia."

But Percy Winner, reviewing the European scene, raises an embarrassing question "Hasn't the Western policy of building up a reactionary nationalist Germany as a weapon against the East old and not altogether comfortable precedents?"

Commenting on "the qualification about World War III having become when rather than whether," in America, he adds, but "For Europe the war has not yet become a fatal inevitability; the prospect of Europe as its battleground and Europeans its foot-soldiers has not yet been accepted by the masses;..."

It is for such reasons as these that a responsible observer at UN reported last week that the German situation is worsening steadily.

WHILE MILLIONS STARVE The U S government has in storage about 200,000,000 bushels of wheat for which American taxpayers have paid \$450 million. Comparably vast quantities of corn, rice, eggs, milk, butter, cheese, are also hoarded and space for the 1949 crops is lacking. Storage costs run to \$237,000 a day! (As of 6/30/49 the accumulated storage bill was over \$76 million.)

For what? To "support prices"? But now the fear is that the vast reserve will "undermine our economy." Alice in Wonderland economics! And imagine the deterioration of morale and of opinion toward America in the rest of the world where hunger stalks and such facts are known, as they are. Mr. Morgenthau, who was once Secretary of the Treasury and ought to understand these things better than we do, has proposed, via the New York Times, that we give it to hungry people! Incredible simplicity! If thine enemy hunger....

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