



**RETROSPECT** The end of another year, with return of the time for one more of these annual reviews, brings a renewed sense of the continuity of tension under which mankind is living. The events of one year differ a little from those of the years which have gone before. The troubled spots shift on the maps. Yet essentially there is no marked change from the report rendered a year ago. The world still knows no true peace. Worse than that, there is less confidence in the possibility of peace.

The struggle for power between world blocs which have polarized around the United States and the Soviet Union has intensified during the past twelve months. The promise of peaceful negotiations has lessened. The moral authority of our timid essay toward a world organization, the United Nations, has weakened. Violence, apathy and despair grow apace. The number of the homeless, the hungry, the dispossessed, the desperate continues to mount. And from the Nevada desert comes the ominous rumble of an approaching day of judgment. If there are prophets, their voices are drowned by the clanging forges of the global arms race. If there is faith, man holds it in torment.

--The Christian Century, December 26, 1951.

**IF YOU LIVE  
IN NEW YORK**

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**REMEMBER** the issue is **ONE WORLD OR NONE**

**WHAT OTHERS  
ARE DOING**

The Oneonta Community Council is setting up a series of six Radio Forums on Disarmament, the United Nations and the North Atlantic Pact. Rochester Peace Council is sponsoring a public meeting on UMT this month with Dutton Peterson on the program. Buffalo is "in process of formation" and a vigorous program of interviews on UMT with Congressmen and other political leaders has been carried on, largely under Friends' leadership. At CHDQ plans are under way to coordinate information and appeals for cooperation in the UMT campaign as they come from Washington, Philadelphia and New York and then relay them to a network of listening posts across the state from Buffalo to Albany. It is believed that this will be an effective and economical chain of communication. The Syracuse Council observed its **SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY** with a dinner at First Presbyterian Parish House at which Bayard Rustin used his experience with the Cicero riots as a Case History in the application of non-violent techniques to problems of social conflict. What Are You Doing? Send us a report for the News-Letter.

**WHERE YOUR  
TREASURE IS**

One wonders, What Price Victory, and whether we can afford to "win" any more wars.  
"In 1939, 16% of our national budget went into military expenditures. Last year the figure was 80%. This year it will be 90%."  
-from the Lansdowne (Pa.) Newsletter, Dec. 1951.

**AS OTHERS  
SEE IT**

The Crusade for World Government (in England) last month published a list of five weaknesses in NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization).  
As they see it:

1. Rearmament races in the past have always led to war.
2. A Western rearmament drive can only heighten world tensions.
3. The defence plans envisaged are beyond the economic capacity of most member states, and may result in their being helplessly dominated by the strongest member of the group.
4. There is little evidence that the Soviet bloc desires a shooting war with the West.
5. The defence schemes of both the Soviet and Western blocs, although permissible in terms of "international custom" and the UN charter, violate the Declaration of Human Rights.

**PASTORAL  
COUNSEL**

A German mother, frantic with grief and fear at the increasing danger of German rearmament, wrote a letter to Pastor Niemoller, appealing to him for comfort and advice. He replied: "I myself do not yet believe that German rearmament is inevitable. But if it should come, my three sons will certainly refuse military service, and take the consequences, and I can only advise your son to do the same, even though I cannot make such a decision for him."

**TWO GOATS**

More than a dozen persons scattered across the state from Machias to Manhattan wanted to buy a goat and made it possible for us to order two. One went "as a greeting of peace and good will from the Peace Council"; the other in the name of the donor who contributed the whole cost.

**MORE FROM JAPAN** As promised last month, here are additional views on developments in Japan from a variety of sources:

Floyd Schmoa, Director of the "Houses for Hiroshima" project, reported in November that "Students at Kyushu University, made especially aware of violence in the Far East by having American planes headed for Korea taking off from a nearby airforce base, recently went on a 2-day strike in protest of the American-Japanese peace treaty and security pact."

**THE ONLY THING WRONG** A recent visitor from Japan, asked if Japanese people would support the government in its rearmament policy, replied:  
"Right after the war many Japanese saw the truth in the occupation teaching that their war was wrong. However, you Americans who tried to teach us this are now still at war yourselves. Consequently many Japanese now feel that the only thing wrong with their war was that they lost it. In Tokyo and in every prefecture are soldiers' shrines which during the war were very popular. Right after the war when the soldier's prestige suffered, no one went to these shrines. Now, however, people are returning to them."

Professor Iwao F. Ayusawa of the New Japan International Christian University and Clerk of Japan Yearly Meeting of Friends, joined with 34 other members of the Japan F.O.R. in the following statement:

"The Japanese Peace Treaty and the Supplementary Security Agreement recently signed at San Francisco, by allowing the stationing of foreign troops and the installing of foreign military establishments in the country, compel Japan to rearm. Therefore the conclusion of these treaties is fundamentally incompatible with the spirit of our war-renouncing Constitution and will crush the hope of world disarmament towards which it has taken its first step."

**LESSON FROM KOREA** An All-Japan Conference on August 15, 1951, organized the National Congress of Japan for Promoting Peace and adopted a resolution declaring that "liberation by armed force" can only destroy civilization. "Millions of corpses in Korea bear witness to this fact....Therefore, we are determined to defend our Constitution. We will reject rearmament, and refuse to support any military pact between Japan and any foreign power." The Conference believes that the San Francisco treaty is contrary to the Japanese people's desire which they interpret as being strict neutrality. It should be noted in support of this view that there were substantial votes against ratification in both the Lower and Upper House in Tokyo. The Congress is made up of labor unions, railway workers, women's organizations; teachers, farmers, scientists; as well as Buddhist and Christian peace associations, a genuine cross-section of the life of Japan. Total membership in the organizations represented is estimated at three and a half million.

**RESOLVED** "Whereas, the Congress of the United States has passed legislation which makes it possible to have presented to the Congress a plan for universal military training; Therefore, be it resolved, that New York State Grange go on record as opposed to any plan for universal military training. Resolution adopted."

*What are you doing?*

**WHAT WAS THE SHOOTING FOR?** Bonn, Jan. 6. (AP) Western Germany has secretly completed plans for a draft army modeled on American lines to join the proposed European defense force, Western Allied officials disclosed today. The top-secret plans (were) hammered out behind closed doors by former officers from Hitler's Wehrmacht...

Washington, Jan. 9. (AP) Congress got the grim news today that the mobilization program has reached the point of direct choice between guns and butter and the preference is going to guns.

**BOOKS ACROSS THE SEA** PNL likes to help people spin tiny strands of personal friendship across frontiers. Peace News of London suggests: Buy a simple English book and send it to the 16-year-old girls of an English class in Yugoslavia. They need the books and will appreciate them. The address is VI Zenska Gimnazija, Zagreb. And we shall be grateful for a 2-penny card telling us what you sent and when.

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