

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

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

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

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

PEACETIME
CONSCRIPTION

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

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

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

IT SHOULD BE
ACCEPTED

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

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

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

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

BREAD AND
PEACE

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

HAPPY DAY !

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

--from a small boy in Germany.

TRANSLATION
SERVICE

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

BOOK END

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

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