

*Third and Final Session of our Fall Forum Series
Friday, November 25. See enclosed announcement.**

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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