

THE EYES OF THE WORLD The approach of the San Francisco conference finds the common people of the world desperately seeking leadership. They are not satisfied with the proposals made at Dumbarton Oaks. They are not satisfied by what they know of the agreements reached at Yalta. They believe that something better is possible, and they want something better. Mexico and fifteen of the other Latin American countries desire changes. Liberal opinion in Great Britain is not satisfied. France is openly dissatisfied. So is Canada. So is Holland. So is Belgium. So is China. Most of all, so are the people of the United States. What they want is not a permanent military alliance of victor powers, but a genuinely cooperative and inclusive league of free nations with power to work continuously, creatively and curatively to discover and do away with the causes of wars before they reach the stage of impending hostilities.

--The Christian Century, April 4, 1945.

PNL has, from the beginning, protested the political immorality of presenting a military alliance for world domination under the "good" name of world organization or the false shibboleth of United Nations; and the utter cynicism of the argument "this or nothing." But we are content to state our case in the terms of Mr. Sumner Wells:

"If the people of the United States pin their faith to a four-power military alliance as the sole cure for the ills from which the world is today suffering, they will find themselves compelled to adopt as their national policy, after a few uneasy years, a course of unremitting armaments building and of territorial aggrandizement as the only method by which they can then achieve physical security. History does not record any example of a military alliance between great nations which has endured for more than a short while. The result of such alliances has invariably been that during their continuance the partners have jockeyed for individual influence and for selfish advantage."

SAN FRANCISCO, HERE WE COME !

Will "Victory" be followed by an uneasy armistice or by lasting peace? Is it possible to bring a people's peace out of Dumbarton Oaks? The fate of our children and our children's children depends on us. Share the discussion of these questions on the very eve of the United Nations Conference at our regular monthly Forum with

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Supper Tickets, 60¢

Places definitely limited; call 2-5316
for reservations before Tuesday, April 24.

We enclose a leaflet of very practical suggestions for your personal use as a citizen. We are reliably informed that Senator Vandenburg will welcome support in an effort to secure changes. Remember; it is easier to change the floor plans before the house is built!

For the convenience of our readers we list the "measures for improvement" of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals urged by the Cleveland Conference of the Churches:

(1) Preamble

A Preamble should reaffirm those present and long range purposes of justice and human welfare which are set forth in the Atlantic Charter and which reflect the aspirations of peoples everywhere.

(2) Development of International Law

The Charter of the Organization should clearly anticipate its operation under international law and should provide for the development and codification of international law, to the end that there shall be a progressive subordination of force to law.

(3) Voting Power

A nation, while having the right to discuss its own case, should not be permitted to vote when its case is being judged in accordance with predetermined international law.

(4) Colonial and Dependent Areas

A special Commission should be established wherein the progress of colonial and dependent peoples to autonomy, and the interim problems related thereto, will become an international responsibility.

(5) Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

A special Commission on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms should be established.

(6) Eventual Universal Membership

The Charter should specify that all nations willing to accept the obligations of membership shall thereupon be made members of the Organization.

(7) Limitations of Armaments

More specific provision should be made for promptly initiating the limitation and reduction of national armaments.

(8) Smaller Nations

There should be provisions designed more clearly to protect and defend the smaller nations from possible subjection to the arbitrary power of the great.

(9) Amendment

In order to permit such changes in the Charter of the Organization as may from time to time become necessary, the provision for amendments should be liberalized so as not to require concurrence by all the permanent members of the Security Council.

TIMELY QUOTES From Chancellor William P. Tolley, Syracuse University (in the Christian Century 3-28-45): "The postwar compulsory military training bill proposed by the war department is a sneak punch aimed at a public preoccupied with winning the war."

From Winston Churchill (quoted in New York Times 3-17-45): "No restriction upon the well-established liberties that is not proved indispensable to the prosecution of the war and the transition from war to peace can be tolerated. Control for control's sake is senseless. Controls under the pretext of war or its aftermath which are in fact designed to favor the accomplishment of totalitarian systems, however innocently designed or whatever guise they take, whatever liveries they wear, whatever slogans they mouth, are fraud which should be mercilessly exposed to the British public."

HOW FAR? "How far we have traveled since those innocent days when we shuddered with horror and indignation at young Mussolini's description of the beauty of bombings! Now when our bombers burn fifteen square miles of one of the most densely populated spots in the world, an area of flimsy wooden houses swarming with children, where thousands must inevitably be trapped and burned to death, it is exultingly described as 'the most devastating single blow ever laid by any war upon any city in the world' and 'the greatest show on earth,' and who greets the account with anything but satisfaction?" --Alma Metcalfe, Camden, S. C.

**SPRING
HOUSECLEANING
MEMO**

"I have more food than I can eat -
They faint with hunger on the street.
I have more clothes than I can wear -
Their heads and hands and feet are bare.
My walls are thick and warm and dry -
Their walls are rain the wind and sky.
My heart knows love of noble souls -
Their hearts are hungry, thirsty bowls.
These things let me remember when
Cries of need arise again."

We are particularly grateful for the excellent response to our recent appeal for clothing for Europe. One reader sent us 160 pairs of out-of-date but unused shoes of superior quality. The need is terrific and AFSC stock piles in Philadelphia and New York are diminishing. This office is a collection depot.

POST SCRIPT We are grateful to an alert reader who wrote to the VFW of Gardena, Calif., about Kiyoshi Muranga (PNL 1-17-45) and gladly quote the Post Commander's reply: "The above mentioned Japanese boy is now on this plaque along with the other honored dead and we are forwarding the names of all other Japanese boys who we can secure to the painter for placement on the honor roll."

BOOK END For those confused by the dispute between the "planners for abundance" and the "free enterprise" advocates who fear the managerial revolution, here is a hopeful book. DEMOCRACY ON THE MARCH, by David E. Lilienthal, is not only a report of TVA but post war planning with its feet on the ground. The Journal of the National Education Association calls it the most important book of 1944. Director Lilienthal insists that improved standards of living in one section do not, as is often feared, endanger those of another; that the price of freedom from want is not the surrender of individual freedom; that machines can be made to serve man rather than enslave him. Available in our loan library or sent postpaid for 25¢.

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