

## M. K. GANDHI, 1869 - 1948

"A victorious fighter who has always scorned the use of force, a man of wisdom and humility armed with the resolve of inflexible consistency who has devoted all his strength to uplifting his people and the betterment of their lot, a man who confronted the brutality of Europe with the dignity of a single human being and has thus at all times risen superior. The generations to come, it may well be, will scarce believe that such a one as this ever walked upon this earth."  
--Einstein.

"There is only one worthy offering we can make to his (Gandhi's) memory. We are at feud with the Russians. Let us, then, in Gandhi's name, approach them with an offer to talk over our differences and try to discover a road to peace. If Pandit Nehru would consent to act as host it might begin with an informal talk in Delhi between spokesmen of the two Governments, preferably men who have not been involved in their public quarrels.

"They might consider disarmament. They might try first to discover ways of easing the tension between us. What matters is not to draw up an agenda, but to express our willingness to talk. What we do, let us do quickly, while the memory of this great man is fresh."  
--H. N. Brailsford.

**WE ARE YOU!** Our 1948 February Institute was an outstanding success. A happy feature was the participation of about forty college men and women from eight up-state colleges. Too bad you couldn't be here to profit by it. As usual, one man got up and said, "Why don't you tell people about these wonderful programs; there should be twice as many here." Quite true, we agree, even though this year, in the hands of a senior student of Journalism, our advance publicity was far better than usual. How can "we" tell others unless you tell them?

We are telling you now:

Our next Conference will be on Thursday, April 15, afternoon and evening. The program is being tailor-made to fit both high school and adult interests with a "special feature" supper meeting for all. Our resource leaders will be Dr. Garth MacGregor of Glasgow University (Scotland) and Dr. Bernard Clausen of Cleveland (Ohio). Full announcements in early April, but you can begin now to save the date and share the news!

**SHAME** Of the million D P's "SAVED FROM MURDER----CONDEMNED TO DEATH," 5000 were permitted to leave Europe in November. Of these Britain with her terrific shortages of food and shelter took 3538. Fat Uncle Sam welcomed exactly 10. (That's right, T E N.) The Stratton bill, designed to aid the most miserable beings on earth, the displaced persons now dying slowly in the DP camps of Europe, is buried in Congress and political prophets say nothing will come of it. What do plain decent people say? America, America, where is your soul?

The distinguished Swiss Protestant leader, Dr. Adolph Keller, tells us plainly in a Christian Century article why, as Reinhold Niebuhr and many others have pointed out, Europe fears America. Even Germany in the beginning looked hopefully to the U S as a liberator. But our colossal failure to understand the German (and European mind); "administrative methods hardly distinguishable from those of the Hitler gang"; and our continuing lack of differentiation between war criminals on the one hand and those who had resisted or been under the rule of an incredible terror on the other; has made us miss the boat. Is this really democracy, they ask.

Add to all this our starvation policy by which official rations in British-American Zones have fallen to 1,071 calories per day, less than one third our daily diet and that often not available, and we may well expect the widespread strikes and disorders now going on. Worst of all is the exploitation of children's hunger in the name of power politics as reported by Chester Bowles who concludes, "They must have food at any cost, but they are bitter at having to swallow the hammer and sickle or the American eagle to get it." What hope for peace and freedom?

**GRAPES OF WRATH** And here is a letter from one of our "D P's" in a migrant camp:

"Dear Sir:

"All my life I have worked hard so that some day I and my family could have a home and a future, I come to California two and a half years ago. Upon arrival I got employment at Di Georgio farms my wife 4 children set up house keeping in two tin shacks in the Farm Migratory Camp near Arvin Calif. Through great sacrifice we were able to send our two children to a nearby school each day. Though poorly clothed and feed our children still continue to go to school. My wife and I are very unhappy to know these things are true; I do not want charity I want to work for to gain the proper care for my family and enjoy life as other American people do. I don't want to see my children poorly feed and clothed and cold in a small tin house. Since our government released control of migratory camps Big associated farms has gained possession of the camps our rent has doubled our medical clinic taken away and it has put me in an awful strait to pay rent now....."

BOOM Last month PNL's space was largely devoted to evidence of the rapidly  
BUST growing military establishment and influence in America. A "constant  
WAR reader" and one of our most faithful friends through the years brought in  
the following paragraph from the U. S. News with the suggestion that this,  
too, is a menace to peace. He is quite right and we welcome this evidence of reader  
interest and cooperation.

"'After me the deluge'-- In 200 years France never recovered from the ruin  
caused by the wastrel who made that arrogant boast. Today there are Americans  
equally arrogant and destructive. After them, the deluge of ruin for you and  
your children. Higher wages without thought of increased production to earn  
them. Therefore higher costs. Therefore higher prices. And then more demands  
for still higher wages and also profits and ruinous inflation is here-- A few  
people so greedy for profits they 'get theirs while the getting is good,' and  
kick the inflation spiral up another notch. Bureaucrats so hungry for power  
they forget the country they are sworn to serve and pander to pressure groups  
who are destroying America. All of these are draining America of strength at  
the very moment we need strength most. Inflation always leads to collapse.  
And--like a slaving dog waiting for a possum to fall out of a tree--the  
enemies of America and our freedoms are waiting for that collapse, for that  
will be their chance to destroy us. Selfishness today is treason. Isn't  
there a law to take care of traitors? The deluge is not far off. Economic  
forecasters are really alarmed. Prices and costs move higher. Pressure for wage  
rises is growing. If inflation runs its course, experts see disaster--falling  
markets, unemployment, business losses. This year will tell the story. But  
if the country weathers the storm, there is the prospect of fat years ahead."

This point of view is well supported by Irving F. Stone writing in The Nation:

"The classic signs of an impending bust are clear, though just when it will  
happen is still anybody's guess. The flim-flam of inflation continues to short-  
change the worker while swelling the profits of industry. Wage increases added  
\$3,500,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 to workers' money incomes last year, but price  
rises more than wiped out any benefit. The purchasing power of the consumer's  
dollar income fell 8 per cent during the year, and consumer expenditures were  
maintained by a one-third drop in the rate of savings, by a \$3,100,000,000 in-  
crease in consumer credit, and by withdrawing \$3,500,000,000 from accumulated  
savings. 'The use of savings for current living expenses,' the Economic Re-  
port says, 'is an ominous sign.'

"For business itself the post-war inflation was proving more profitable  
than the war had been. The most profitable war year was 1943. Profits be-  
fore taxes in 1947 were \$3,500,000,000 higher than in 1943, while corporate  
taxes were \$3,100,000,000 lower. Profits after taxes were \$6,500,000,000--  
almost 65 per cent- higher in 1947 than in 1943. In some happy instances  
industries seemed to be producing less and earning more, thus cutting down on  
wear and tear. The steel industry, with capacity considerably below the war-  
time peak, was earning considerably more. Iron and steel profits after taxes  
were \$323,000,000 for the first nine months of 1947, as compared with full  
year earnings of \$204,000,000 in 1943, \$194,000,000 in 1944, and \$188,000,000  
in 1945. This hardly indicates that lower taxes are an incentive to higher  
output....."

GOOD NEIGHBORS Mexican rural school teachers are among the "unsung heroes" of the  
struggle for a more abundant life in the villages of that country.  
They are not only teachers but agricultural experts, public health nurses, and ad-  
visors on countless personal and community problems. Their great obstacle is lack  
of materials of every sort.

To provide your school or Sunday School class with an opportunity to demonstrate  
their good neighborliness, we have made arrangements to deliver notebooks and pen-  
cils, balls and games (a volley ball and net is especially mentioned) for a school  
of 40 children. Send gifts to us.

Stephen Gluck of Nottingham High, Class of '47, is our Ambassador of Good Will  
in one such community this winter.

U M T Another reader (bless 'em!) calls our attention to a Negative View of UMT  
in The Masonic Family Magazine by C. Frederic Jefferson, a Rochester attor-  
ney, who was with the army of occupation in Germany after WWI. He describes the  
fight for UMT, stripped bare of its 'sweeteners' and non-essentials, as "a battle for  
the control of the mind of the rising generation. Whom do you want to indocrinate  
your boy? There you have the issue...."

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