

OPEN LETTER To Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

....It was no appeaser but Gen. George C. Marshall, your predecessor, who pointed out recently that the Soviets are "riding in on the crest of a wave"--the wave being "the revolution of the little people all over the world." It was no radical or pacifist, but your former associate in the State Department, Will Clayton, an ultra-conservative business man, who said: "Stalin is winning the cold war. The Communists are awakening the masses, and make no mistake about it, the masses are listening."

---from an "Open Letter" by The Editors of the Progressive, May 1950.

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MICAWEBER are only three courses open to us:

"(a) a return to isolation and armed neutrality, (b) war, or (c) to continue the policy of throwing our weight into the balance wherever there are relatively good chances that it will be effective in preventing the further expansion of international communism."

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Third Reich Nazis born and bred,  
In the West stand guard again?  
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They, the foes of Rommel living,  
Join to honour Rommel dead

So the Rommel legend spread  
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- Comings*  
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1. Make a PEACE DAY of May 20th at the Y.W.C.A.:  
2:30--"War Is Not Inevitable"--Harrop Freeman  
3:45 - 5:00- Discussion groups  
8:00--"How to Achieve Permanent Peace"--Philip Morrison. Both speakers are distinguished members of the Cornell University faculty.

2. Members and friends of the Peace Council are cordially invited to attend our Annual Business Meeting and Review of the Year on Monday, June 1. Cafeteria supper in the Panel Room at Drumlins at 6:15. No admission fee; no collection!

The BOOK END: THE HIGH COST OF VENGEANCE, by Freda Utley, \$3.50. This is an angry book and it is not pleasant reading, but it is a documented analysis of how our German policy is leading us to bankruptcy and war. Says Reinhold Niebuhr of it: "Such an indictment may purge our humanity of the inhumanity to which all nations are prone." Available from our free loan library.

EITHER OR According to O. W. Wagner of the Evangelical and Reformed Church Commission on World Service,

"Ask any ten people in the U.S.A. for the formula of the present world tension and you will get the same answer: 'Either American capitalism or Russian communism must dominate the world.' If they are right, then we are headed for war. If this either-or pattern is the only choice before us then we shall have to fight it out.

"But is that our only choice? The facts would seem to indicate that it is not. A survey of the nations most intimately concerned in the world crisis shows that they are not making their political and economic decisions within the framework of this either-or assumption."

He then goes on to examine post-war policy in Norway, Holland, Belgium, Finland, England, none of which has chosen either American capitalism nor Russian communism. Rather they demonstrate the possibility of forms of economic collectivism safeguarded by bills of human rights. Mr. Wagner concludes his article in the Christian Century (4-12-50): "If preachers (and other creators of public opinion) remain mere parrots for the propagandizing of the either-or fallacy, they will be popular prophets of the profit motive but false prophets of the Kingdom of God. It isn't either American capitalism or Russian communism that must dominate the world, but the Carpenter's Christianity--not a gold piece or a sickle, but a cross."

The QUAKER PROPOSALS FOR PEACE which you are invited to study at the CORNELL INSTITUTE this summer, share the conviction that it is not either-or; that there are creative alternatives. Does anything interest you more than exploring these?

By WESTERN UNION Believing that this evil comes out only by prayer and fasting, smaller and larger groups of men and women met for fast and vigil in more than 70 cities of the United States during Passover-Easter week. One of the largest was in the National Capitol. They sent the following:

Washington, D.C., April 5, 1950.

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(Signed) WORKING COMMITTEE FOR FAST FOR PEACE

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"...I believe that restricting individual liberty is as great<sup>a</sup> danger to democracy as are the totalitarian doctrines which threaten democracy. We cannot secure the United States from subversion by destroying the very concepts of liberty which we seek to protect and strengthen. S. 2311 is an unwarranted and unwise restriction on our civil rights. I am determined, as I am sure you are, to fight the communist

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