

LOOKING BACKWARD In a popular magazine (LIFE, June 14) appeared the ad of a great corporation quoting a letter purporting to come from an American prisoner of war over-seas: "Keep everything just as it is..... where there will never be a barbed wire fence between a man and his opportunity....."

A natural sentiment in a homesick soldier but hardly realistic thinking to keep before the American mind. We know that if we keep things just as they are, World War III is inevitable; and we know that now more than 70 thousand American citizens are behind barbed wire in America without charge of guilt or trial of any kind.

REASSURANCE From North Africa "tough, profane Lt.-Gen. Geo. S. ('Old Blood and Guts') Patton, Jr. wrote to a ten year old boy of El Paso, Texas who is eager to do his bit: "Dear Bill..... you can be sure that during your life time there will be more wars."

JUSTICE FOR ALL (as overheard in the club car) Judge: "So you are charged with shooting a colored man in the heel? The fine will be \$50 for not shooting him through the heart." And no one laughed.

ARE YOU READY? Are you ready to help the Japanese rebuild Tokyo?
for Peace? If not, you may be prepared to "win the war," but you aren't going to be much help in the world after it is won!

Sometime in the near future Tokyo will probably be destroyed. The world's third largest city will not be pocked with areas of desolation like stone-and-steel-built London and Berlin. It will be literally gutted and 7,000,000 human beings will be homeless.

To rebuild Warsaw and Rotterdam, Valetta and Coventry, Stalingrad and Nanking will not be easy or inexpensive. But we know we must help do it.

To rebuild Tokyo and Berlin, Genoa and Naples, Cologne and Essen will require of us both understanding and sacrifice - and a much broader conception of world-wide democracy.

Is this too much to ask? Then we might as well get ready now for World War III. The antidote to Total War is Total Democracy.

--ALFRED M. BINGHAM, editor, COMMON SENSE.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE The Japanese say they will free the Philippines this year. But they can't do that. Have they forgotten that we are fighting Japan for the right to free the Philippines in 1946?

The Germans have united Europe. But they can't do that. Have they forgotten that we are fighting Germany to give all the European nations back their sovereignty, then have them throw their sovereignty away, and unite Europe again?

--NICHOLAS BROUGHTON, PACIFICA VIEWS.

RUMOR This is a rumor: It is said here (Washington, July 20) that the President asked Congressional leaders to sound out their constituents on a bill to draft all men and women for service when they returned home. Gossip in Washington has it that both the House and Senate Military Affairs Committee will report such a bill favorably whenever Mr. Roosevelt asks for it.

--PAUL COMLY FRENCH, N. S. B. R. O.

SLATED Mildred Scott Olmsted writes us from Washington (July 21): "Slated for early consideration when Congress reconvenes is the Austin-Wadsworth National Service Bill, authorizing conscription of women." MP Commissioner McNutt has summoned leading officials to discuss over-all conscription. Mrs. Roosevelt is quoted in THE POST-STANDARD, July 27, as saying that if recruiting for women's units falls very short, the inevitable result will be registration and drafting of "certain ages."

Mildred Olmsted continues: "We have six weeks in which to push this work so that a vigorous opposition to conscriptive legislation will be formed before the issue comes up in Congress. You may be in the midst of a well-earned vacation; but won't you help now, in any way you can? The War Department and the American Legion are taking no vacation from urging total conscription. We can't afford to let down.

"We are particularly eager to have our representatives visit Congressmen at their homes, where they are most responsive to public opinion." Can you call or get a group together to call upon your Congressmen; or write a letter to your Representatives or newspaper; or talk to your church group; or send us a bill or check for the work of the National Committee to Oppose Conscription of Women? Or all four? Or do you favor the conscription of women?

PEACE NOW On April 18th Frederick J. Libby, Editor of PEACE ACTION, spoke on the American Forum of the air over 223 radio stations. He advocated "peace by consent" rather than "unconditional surrender", saying, "A negotiated peace is the best way out of a bad situation, and if we do not want Stalin to win this war that is what we have got to do." Judging by the fan mail, at least half the people of the country would support "Peace Now".

ECHOES OF THE Cazenovia proved a delightful place for our summer institute and
INSTITUTE although the attendance was down a little, the spirit and quality
were high. The Round Tables were lively periods of give and take
with honors going to the one on Race. Hideo Hashimoto said: "WRA is made up of
liberal, highminded, New Dealers. But it is difficult to be liberal and progressive
while running a concentration camp. Family conditions, eating, sleeping, lack of
privacy, military police, congestion, barbed wire, and segregation between evacuees
and administrators-- all these factors follow the concentration camp pattern."

Gladys Walser and Bayard Rustin both made notable contributions and were cen-
ters of interest through the week. Henry Cadbury emphasized the religious bases of
peace and led discussions on the church and the war. Scott Nearing proved to be one
of the most challenging members of the faculty. Alfred Bingham summarized the Amer-
ican race situation in this paragraph:

"We talk of the Four Freedoms and keep the Negro in subjection. Second to the
Negro problem in importance are the three million Spanish Americans called Mexicans
who inhabit California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. The "goot-suit" riots in
Los Angeles probably did more to destroy inter-American solidarity and the Good
Neighbor policy than any amount of enemy propaganda. Third is the problem of the
Japanese-American; fourth, the Jew; and fifth, the American Indian."

Maynard Krueger undertook to make the discussion of inflation as simple as
fourth grade arithmetic. Here is his formula:

140 billions is the national income for current year
- 20 billions in direct taxation (non-inflationary)
120
- 70 billions of goods and services at July 1st price level (non-inflationary)
50
- 20 billions worth of (non-inflationary)* bonds sold
30 billions remaining; here is the inflationary problem.

*Bonds bought by borrowing through banks are inflationary.

Alternative Ways of Solving the Problem

1. Reduce the national income to 110 billions from 140 billions
 - a. Reduce prices paid by government to war industries.
 - b. Defer payment on bonds.
 - c. Slash wages or wage rates.
 - d. Make people work overtime without extra pay.
2. Increase output of consumers goods and services, thus making 100 billion
dollars worth rather than 70 billions.
 - a. Ease off on the war and war production.
 - b. Change to peace-time production, more consumers goods.
3. Make people buy more bonds out of their personal wages and income.
4. Increase taxes from 20 billions to 50 billions. The danger in this method
is that people would soon cease to buy bonds; and thus the 20 billions that
they would not put into bonds would have to be transferred to the tax load,
thus making a total of 70 billion dollars of taxes.
5. Hoarding is as patriotic as buying bonds; but a period of rising prices
does not stimulate hoarding. The contrary happens.
6. Rigid control over raw materials and food stuffs. In England, this problem
is better solved by virtue of the fact that the government owns the raw
materials and food stuffs.

If none of the above methods is tried, inflation is automatic. Any one of
these would solve the economic problem, but the real problem is political. The
most direct and honest way to stop inflation is by increasing taxes.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

The BOOK END If you haven't already done so, you will want to read the Hoover-
Gibson study of THE PROBLEMS OF LASTING PEACE. Here a former presi-
dent and a diplomat of thirty years experience share their best thinking with the
American public. A Book-of-the-Month Club choice. Borrow or buy it from us
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