



**THE SUFFERING JEW** The areas of the world's suffering and need are so vast that it is difficult for the mind to hold them all. We have repeatedly expressed our concern for the starvation in Europe and the famine in India. But here is another of the great areas of tragic human suffering for which we have planned all too little. The complete extermination of the entire Jewish Community of Occupied Europe before the end of the war is threatened.

A bill is now before both houses of the Congress calling on the President to establish a Commission whose sole responsibility would be to rescue those who can yet be saved. There are practical and concrete methods which can accomplish this.

Write to Rep. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee asking that the bill be reported out favorably.

**POSTSCRIPT** Interest in our Forum discussion of "Our Eastern Neighbors" last week makes timely the following analysis of the Cairo Declaration prepared by Norman Thomas for the Post War World Council:

"In some ways the Cairo Conference was more explicit than that of Teheran. It brought assurance to the world, and particularly to the peoples of the Far East, that Japanese imperialism would be destroyed. Not imperialism, mind you, but only Japanese imperialism.

"And I heard a smug-voiced commentator say that this agreement 'settled the Asiatic question.' What hypocritical nonsense. There were empires before the cruel aggression of Japanese warlords.

"Apparently we are to go back to the status quo. Indo-China will remain to corrupt French democracy; the teeming millions of the Dutch East Indies will be returned to the fairly humane but very thoroughgoing exploitation of the burghers of little Holland. Burma and Malaya will go back to the British Empire which lost them by processes which make up one of the least creditable episodes in the history of that Empire. England will take back Hong Kong even though it will have little trade or strategic value as against the new China. The government which has found it possible to free the fascist, Sir Oswald Mosley, while it still holds Gandhi and Nehru in jail, the government so largely responsible for the terrible famine whose death rate is one hundred thousand weekly in Bengal alone, will still hold India.

"Does anyone believe for an instant that this is the road to lasting peace? Is there any American who does not know that even temporarily to reestablish and maintain the Dutch, French and British Empires will cost the lives of unnumbered thousands of our sons? The very proclamation of the Big Three on Asia is so much ammunition for Tojo. He can say truly to the Burmese, Malaysians and others: 'We Japanese have promised you and even begun to give you a degree of independence which the arrogant white man disdains to mention.' To his own people Tojo can say, 'You are promised nothing in defeat except imprisonment in islands too small to support you.'

"A grammar school boy ought to understand that merely to strip Japan of empire will by no means guarantee American security. It will leave us 85 million cunning Japanese enemies, a China growing more powerful decade by decade with endless possibilities for Japanese or Chinese leadership among the millions of Southeast Asia, who will be held under the white man's yoke. This is the road not to peace, but to war.

"Am I therefore arguing that unwilling people should be left under Japanese tyranny? By no manner of means! I am arguing that what should have been promised was Asia for the Asiatics, with generous arrangements for cooperation of Asiatics with the rest of the world. I am arguing that the Japanese people should be guaranteed a place in an economic and political order in which empire will not be necessary to give them access to food supplies and markets essential for their prosperity.

"There is no other road to peace, and it ought to be the glory of America to proclaim that fact."

**FOREMOST** We are enclosing a copy of **PEACE ACTION** this month not only that you may share Frederick Libby's editorial but especially that you may read a flier's letter to his mother on page 3. It has something important to say to each one of us as "Omens of World War III" increase.

**BOOK END** **AMERICAN RUSSIAN FRONTIERS**-- an examination of American Russian relations in the post war world by a score of experts, all of whom have been in Russia and all of whom write from an American point of view. 116 pages, profusely illustrated. In our loan library and a strictly limited number of copies for sale at 50 ¢ each.

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