

THE MEANING OF PEACE Peace is not something to be negotiated. It is not of the market place. It is not to be bought or sold, for a haggled price. Peace is not security to be grabbed by expansions of power, each expansion of one necessitating an expansion of the others until they clash. Peace is not something to be imposed by force. Peace is organic harmony, growing out of the factors that unite men--their common needs, rights, loves, yearnings, ideals, despairs.
--Dorothy Thompson, in her syndicated column.

NOTHING MORE CLEAR There is nothing more clearly in the interest of the American people than for their Government to retain the initiative which it has now taken, and to press with all of the vigor and energy of which it is capable for the establishment without further delay, before the conclusion of the war, of the nucleus of that world organization without which world anarchy cannot in the future be averted. For without it the people of the United States can have no assurance that they will not again be forced into a world war far more disastrous even than the war which they are now finally, after a supreme struggle, about to win.
--Sumner Welles.

NEVER HAS WORKED There is a considerable body of opinion which insists that the only "realistic" method for maintaining peace is through a military alliance with Great Britain and the Soviet Union--with China as a shadowy fourth partner--without regard to the need for any general international organization. There is no policy proposed which could be less "realistic" than this. No military alliance between great powers has ever lasted for more than a very brief period.
--Sumner Welles.

ALICE AT DUMBARTON OAKS "There was a table set out under a tree and the March Hare and the Hatter were having tea at it; a dormouse was sitting between them fast asleep, and the other two were using it as a cushion, resting their elbows on it, and talking over its head.

"Very uncomfortable for the Dormouse," thought Alice, 'only as it's asleep I suppose it doesn't mind.'

"The table was a large one, but the three were all crowded together at one corner of it. 'No room! No room!' they cried out..... 'There's plenty of room!' said Alice indignantly.

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"Have some more wine," the March Hare said in an encouraging tone.

"I don't see any wine," said Alice.

"There isn't any," said the March Hare.

"I didn't know it was your table," said Alice. 'It's laid out for a great many more than three.'

"Take some more tea," the March Hare said earnestly.

"I've had nothing yet," said Alice, 'so I can't take any more!'

"You mean you can't take any less," said the Hatter, 'it's very easy to take more than nothing.'

Like the Mad Tea Party

It would seem that the sleeping Dormouse at Dumbarton Oaks is the peoples, who will only awaken when a spot of hot tea - or hot future war - is dropped on their nose. And it is necessary to invoke the skeptical, critical, and forthright spirit of Alice, whom even Wonderland could not deceive.

Dumbarton Oaks, like the Mad Tea Party, was laid out for a great many more than three with China in somewhat the role of Alice.

The wine of peace was offered - but there wasn't any; and the tea of security was offered to those who havenot had any, with the admonition that it is always easier to have more than nothing.

Now, it is that spirit of "more than nothing", of "anything is better than nothing at all," which constitutes the greatest danger for the peoples of the world. The peoples of the world want a world organization of nations and peoples for peace. The danger is that they will again mistake illusion for reality, put their trust in that illusion, and one fine day find out that the beginning of the wrong thing is not the beginning of the right thing and that nothing added to nothing equals nothing.

--Dorothy Thompson's On the Record, in the New York Post.

THE CHURCHES SAY: "We recommend that the Churches support the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals as an important step in the direction of world co-operation, BUT because we do not approve of them in their entirety as they now stand, we urge the following measures for their improvement:--"

This statement was adopted by the Cleveland Conference of the Churches on a Just and Durable Peace and introduces a series of nine carefully considered recommendations. If your church is not distributing the full report of this Conference, send us a dime for a copy. Be fully informed to follow the proceedings at the San Francisco Conference in April.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER The Mexican Government has suggested twenty eight changes in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. They will be presented at a conference to be held in Mexico City shortly. Nine other Latin American nations have joined in some or all of the proposals. Most of the suggestions are an attempt to make a real world organization instead of a power alliance. There is objection to the expression "peace-loving states" and a desire that membership be "universal and obligatory."

--From our Washington Correspondent.

TWO MESSAGES from WORKERS DEFENSE LEAGUE 1. "Strong opposition to the New York State Fair Employment Practice Bill has developed. The bill can pass, providing you do your share now. Passage will be a historic advance for labor and minorities, setting an example for other states.

"WATCH the newspapers and WRITE to your state Senator and your Assemblyman, asking them to give strong support to the Ives Bill for a state F.E.P.C.

(For Syracuse and vicinity these are: Senator Richard Byrne; Assemblymen: Leo W. Breed, Clelland Forsythe, Frank Costello, Albany, N.Y. Ask some of your friends to do the same.)

2. "The Army's colossal scheme to gain full power over civilian economy by faking a manpower shortage and shackling labor with a draft, is exposed by Aaron Levenstein, economist, member, WDL Free Labor Committee, in the March issue of COMMON SENSE.

"Levenstein used Army figures to show how the military faked a shortage quoting the Army's need for 900,000 draftees and 700,000 civilian workers, and adding figures the Army left out: Normal adult population growth, 500,000; available by lay-offs, 300,000; employable army returns to civilian life, 400,000; other sources, 250,000. The total shortage is but 150,000, easily obtainable by voluntary means. We suggest:

"WIRE OR WRITE to your two senators opposing the May-Bailey work-or-jail bill or any other form of labor draft legislation. Phone a few friends; ask them to do the same."

SHALL WE LET HITLER SET THE FASHION? That's what we'll be doing--if we imitate him by setting up universal conscription. It Means: Militarization of our young men; subversion of American democracy; a permanent military bureaucracy; a long step toward facism; the greatest contribution this country could make toward a new armament race which can only end in further wars.

Wouldn't it be better to attack the causes of war by:

1. Limiting armaments for everybody, instead of increasing them
2. Adjusting boundary questions according to the wishes of the peoples involved, instead of by imperialistic considerations
3. Freeing subject peoples everywhere
4. Making economic agreements to give every nation its share of the world's goods
5. Attacking the nationalism that destroys international goodwill
6. Rooting out facism with jobs, security and the rights of man.

THIS IS THE WAY TO PEACE.

WHAT CAN WE BRING OUT OF THIS WAR?

Be sure to hear NORMAN THOMAS' answer to this most important of all questions on Monday, March 12. You can help the office tremendously by sending in your reservations early. Invite your neighbors, too!