

**ATOMIC AUGUST ANNIVERSARY** August 1945 was widely hailed as the beginning of Year One of the Atomic Age. August 1946 will be its first anniversary. The report on **ATOMIC WARFARE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** published this year by the Federal Council of Churches is an important document for all men and women of religious faith.--And you can play an important part in making it known.--  
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It was the "Christian Democracies of the West" that burst the atom bomb upon an unsuspecting world; Can the Church Renounce War --- Now?

**GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA** There is great enthusiasm for the AFSC Institutes of International Relations on the West Coast this summer. If ours in New York is as good,--and of course we think it will be better, you'll miss a lot by not being there-- August 1-10. I'll see you in Keuka! Cordially, Norman Whitney

**MUST WE FIGHT RUSSIA?** Consider the causes of friction between Russia and the United States, the possible results of such friction in terms of a third world war, then look over the suggested remedies on the enclosed leaflet.

**PEACE COMES TO GERMANY** Two dispatches from Germany on the same day a few weeks ago - one splashed on all the front pages and the other buried when not actually suppressed - threw revealing light on what has become one of the major scandals of the "peace," our occupation policy in Germany. The first dispatch officially confirmed for the first time the miserable state of morale and the collapse of discipline among American GI's in Germany. General McNarney reported that drunkenness, venereal diseases, infractions of discipline, participation in black market activities, and a complaining attitude were increasing beyond anything hitherto experienced. He ordered a tightening of discipline, more drill, and swifter punishment for offenders.

These are only surface palliatives as evidenced by the second dispatch from Germany on the same day - the one that was all but suppressed. General Lucius D. Clay called newsmen to his headquarters and **BEGGED THEM TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THE PRESENT OCCUPATION POLICY MUST BE REVERSED IF THE PRESENT MESS IS TO BE CLEARED UP.**

The Potsdam settlement, based on the insane premise that a peaceful, democratic Germany would be assured by dividing the Reich into four watertight compartments, each administered by a different conqueror, has now collapsed. GI's with ordinary common sense can see with their own eyes what a criminal folly they are called upon to enforce. For instance, the British zone of occupation is rich in coal, but the coal can't be produced because there isn't enough food to keep the miners fit enough to work. The Russian zone has an enormous food potential but can't get farm machinery. The American zone is "stagnant," to use General Clay's word, because there isn't any coal to fuel industry - and so it goes through Germany.

The result has been a deepening frustration among the Germans - especially among the democratic, anti-Nazi forces - which in turn has spread to the occupation forces. If Gen. McNarney is interested in improving "morale," he had best begin with the basic causes.

**POW's** "The American delivery of German prisoners to the French and British for forced labor already is being cited by the Russians as justification for them to retain German army captives for as long as they are able to work. The bartering of captured enemy soldiers by the victors throws the work back to the Dark Ages." So reads a statement by an official of the International Red Cross recently quoted in the Chicago Tribune. Russia has enslaved hundreds of thousands of prisoners of war; England plans to keep 200,000 for forced labor; reports of French treatment of POW's rival those of the bitterest days of the Nazi concentration camps. United States is not keeping any for herself but is turning them over to the other "conquerors" to be stripped of their clothing and put to forced labor under conditions that violate almost every provision of the Geneva Convention.

**WHAT ARE THE WILD WAVES SAYING?** "Dear Sirs: Your bulletin of February 8, 1946 has reached me belatedly, and I was very much interested in its content. "I have just returned from San Francisco, California where I served with the WAVES. During my 21 months of service, I have had the opportunity to meet many people - not only Americans, but Russians, Dutchmen, Englishmen and Chinese. I am convinced from talking with these people, with constantly associating with them in the work I was doing, that they want, like us, only a fair chance to pursue their lives normally, and that they have as much (or more) cause to hate war as we do.

"They realize as well as we do what the horrors and disastrous results of another war, aided by the atomic bomb, would be. That is why I believe that drastic and hasty amendments to the United Nations Charter must be made. These nations, unless completely blind, can see the path down which we have started - one that will lead to utter ruin of all nations-, and will listen to this desperate plea of Senator Taylor's for a World Republic.

"Please notify me if there is anything I can do to assist in this cause. I should like to hear more about what you are doing. Sincerely,"

Enclosure  
 Must We Fight Russia?  
 Peace by American Committee  
 1407 15th St. N.W.  
 A.F.S.C. Peace Epistle, 7 days June, 1946.  
 Letter from Mary Allison here  
 220 Parsons Drive  
 March 13, 1946 (SPL folder)

REUNION The many friends of Bayard Rustin in this area will be glad to know that  
 IN KEUKA he has been added to the faculty and will be at Keuka throughout the  
 Institute. Welcome home Bayard! We hope you'll be singing for us again!

THE MARCH "In Germany the situation is so bad that six ships of 10,000 tons each  
 OF FAMINE would be required every day for six months in order to supply the popu-  
 lation with enough food to ward off still more wholesale starvation..."  
 (2000 tons a month is now allowed.)

"Victims of Hitler's concentration camps were slowly reduced to starvation on a  
 diet of 1500 calories a day, but people in Vienna are receiving today only 760 calori-  
 es," so reported Dr. Robert Boehringer, Director of the Joint Relief Commission for  
 the International Red Cross.

German prisoners of war at Fort Custer, Michigan, have donated over \$10,000 to be  
 used by the International Red Cross. The money, given voluntarily, was saved by the  
 prisoners out of the 80¢ daily wage to be used specifically for families of concen-  
 tration camp victims, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

The National Council of British Women adopted a resolution recently expressing  
 their willingness to accept any necessary cuts in already skimpy rations to feed the  
 hungry millions of Europe...

An American observer with UNRRA in China reports seeing thousands of common graves  
 in Hunan Province with signs reading: "These people died in the Great Famine of 1946."

The Chinese Food minister reports that 14 to 15 million Chinese are starving to  
 death, with 150 million undernourished.

Famine in India and in Indo-China is just as bad. In contrast, the U.S. fed its  
 farm animals 100,000,000 more bushels of wheat than usual in the past year, and  
 Americans average almost 3400 calories a day...

The voluntary rationing proposed by the President is so inadequate as to be almost  
 irrelevant. What is needed is a greatly increased program of "set-asides" of essen-  
 tial foods and materials at the source, but this is election year, and Congress is  
 wary. America is playing politics with starvation.

WANT TO HELP STARVING MILLIONS ABROAD? Here are a few suggestions:

1. IF YOU'RE A HOUSEWIFE

Never throw a piece of bread or a tea-  
 spoonful of fat away.  
 Make sure the garbage consists only of  
 bones, eggshells and the unedible parts  
 of fruits and vegetables.  
 Don't overeat. Never over-serve a guest.  
 Don't fry meats, poultry, fish. Bake,  
 boil or stew them.  
 Use fresh fruit for dessert, not pastries.  
 Serve homemade salad dressing, vinegar or  
 lemon juice, not rich salad dressing.  
 Use meat drippings to flavor vegetables,  
 dressings, sauces.  
 Serve open-faced sandwiches. Or better  
 still, serve a vegetable salad, such as  
 potato or bean, in its place.  
 Give each person only one small slice of  
 bread at a meal.  
 Cut out dry cereals as much as possible.  
 Use potatoes (a fine breakfast dish) and  
 oatmeal.

2. IF YOU'RE A MAN

: Don't overeat.  
 : Eat all they serve you at a restaurant.  
 : Stay away from pastries. Order fruit  
 : instead.  
 : Plant a vegetable garden.  
 : Be a one-man information bureau. Spread  
 : the word around that the world food  
 : situation is critical.

3. EVERYBODY--

: Cut down on waste. The department of  
 : agriculture estimates that one slice  
 : of bread in every loaf is wasted. This  
 : alone would give 2,500,000 people in  
 : Europe three-fourths of a pound of bread  
 : a day.  
 : Remember that people are starving, that  
 : many will die unless help comes soon.  
 : And remember that that help can only  
 : come from you.

The suggestions come from government food officials questioned on  
 what the individual can do to help in the areas where every day is just  
 another day of hunger. --from The Post-Standard

Remember our food and clothing depot at 722 North Salina. Share something  
every month by bringing or sending us a package every month. But saving is not  
 enough. Write Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, Washington, D. C. that  
 you want America to share more fully, immediately, by larger set-asides of essential  
 food supplies at the source or by rationing of needed items.

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