

DEC. SEVEN "We've had very enthusiastic reports on Wellock. It seems that people are enjoying him everywhere and that he himself is enthusiastic ..... You'll have a good time with him, I am sure. K.N." Such are the reports of Wilfred Wellock's reception in other cities. He brings our Forum Series to a close on Saturday, December 7. You can safely invite your friends and neighbors. You cannot safely ignore this opportunity for a serious examination of the predicament of modern society. Hazard Hall, Y.W.C.A., 8 p.m.

THANKS--- Let's compare our holiday experience with that pictured in the following GIVING--- eye-witness report: "Last week Helga Holbek visited Sleighton Farm School for girls. Many of the girls were sewing on their own clothes. One little group, however, under the direction of a Swedish woman, Mrs. Jacobson, was making white flannelette baby jackets for the AFSC. When the girls learned that Helga had come from France, had seen the babies who received some of the clothing, their faces lighted up. Here was a link between what they were doing and the unknown destination of their work. Helga explained that often mothers brought their babies wrapped in newspaper, so imagine what it means to receive a little warm, soft jacket. The Sleighton Farm girls could.

"This week Helga has visited several sewing groups... The women asked many questions and one could tell immediately that the French scene, formerly vague, remote and merely a place on a map for most of them, had become real. They said it was the first time they had met some one from the field who could describe in detail the distribution of the clothing. Helga's description of going to the camp at Gurs, mud more than ankle deep, four layers of beds in a dark room, the cold, the wind, the sand, the despair, and then the joy because there were some clothes for a family of children, a suit for a man who immediately felt his dignity restored by having decent clothes, - brought reality into the roomful of the AFSC sewing women. And for one who lives closely to the source of reports, mimeographed sheets, returning AFSC staff, it brought a new meaning also. Here one felt was the very essence of what the AFSC exists to do, in its efforts to light a candle rather than to curse the darkness."

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS Two items: 1. We still have not quite reached the final 100 mark in PNL subscriptions and the special offer of 5 for \$1.00 will hold good this month. Last year a number of readers found that News-Letter subscriptions made good Christmas greetings. Why not you? Let's finish the job right! 2. Our announcement of a way to send a friendly greeting behind "the iron curtain" with an outfit of clothing for a Russian boy or girl met a ready response from one European refugee here. "Both a boy and a girl," he said. But we haven't enough for either yet. Select your item from the following list, and send us the price; write your own brief message; we will forward it.

Outfit for Boy			Outfit for Girl		
Underwear	2 sets	\$ 2.80	Underwear	2 sets	\$ 2.80
Stockings	2 prs.	1.20	Stockings	2 prs.	1.20
Sweater	1	2.00	Sweater	1	2.00
Trousers	1 pr.	3.25	Skirt	1	2.75
Overcoat	1	8.00	Overcoat	1	8.00
Shoes	1 pr.	1.50	Shoes	1 pr.	1.50
Rubbers	1 pr.	.85	Rubbers	1 pr.	.85
Mittens	1 pr.	.65	Mittens	1 pr.	.65
Cap	1	1.25	Cap	1	1.25
\$21.50			\$21.00		

EASTWARD the Course of EMPIRE Our attention is so largely Europe-centered these days that we do not give enough attention to equally important developments in the Far East. Many of you will recognize Theodore D. Walser as a Presbyterian missionary who lived twenty-five years in Japan. In a recent thoughtful and very careful study, he says: "We have got to make up our minds whether we want revenge on Japan or peace in Asia. We cannot have both, as former President Hoover reminded us." After a thorough search of the available evidence Dr. Walser concludes that our dominant objective in Japan is revenge. He reports the little known fact that six American members of the defense council withdrew from the "war criminals" trials because their continuation would be "a reflection on American justice" and urged a congressional investigation. A representative of a New York textile trade journal, after a trip to Japan, reported that "the destruction of the Japanese cotton industry has exceeded even my fondest hopes." (Read that quotation again!) Food riots, smuggling, theft, increasing tensions between conquerors and conquered, breakdown in G.I. morale ("housebreaking, assaults on women, drunkenness, thievery, and malicious beatings of Japanese"), starvation, vermin and hopeless confusion in transportation-- these are heart breaking evidences of economic chaos and national despair.

They are not a foundation for peace. Having seen the ghastly consequences of the Potsdam Pact in Germany, must we go on to the same bitter end in Japan?

Esther Rhoads (AFSC representative in Japan) writes: "Tokyo is 75% destroyed by bombing.... It is claimed that 80% of the homes in Osaka were burned ( a city of

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3,000,000). Kobe was much the same....The children's wards in the hospitals are tragic--many nameless abandoned babies in the last few weeks, --others in terrible condition, lying listlessly on none-too-fresh bedding, being fed gruel of rice and potato (no milk)... The resignation of a half-starved child is awful..."

But what would you do? readers and friends often ask us. It is a fair question. And we try to suggest alternatives. In his lecture last month, Martin Hall outlined a policy toward Russia that most of his audience applauded. In their brilliant analysis of the Chinese Civil War and American policy, THUNDER OUT OF CHINA, two representatives of Time-Life-Fortune in China throughout the war, insist that we cannot pursue the 1945 policy which led to direct intervention of our marines in the Chinese civil war in unconditional support of Chiang K'ai-shek. Such a policy may lead to a partition of China - North and South - in Russian and American Zones; neither would be free, friction would grow, and eventually explode in war. Or this policy might lead to the total victory of Chiang K'ai-shek and a dictatorship which the authors describe as "a historical monstrosity" and, like Japan formerly, a menace to the whole world.

A second and equally impossible policy would be isolationist, leaving all China to Communist control. Because of the bitter enmity we have earned from the Chinese Communist Party this would mean living in a state of constant armed watchfulness.

"The only practical policy for us to pursue is a third: the encouragement of a multi-party government in China that will be a vehicle for the changes the land needs. It means that many men of the Kuomintang whom we now regard as friends must be dropped; it means that to re-establish our nonpartisan status, American intervention must cease and American troops must be withdrawn. The encouragement of such a multi-party government depends above all on a prior understanding between the Soviet Union and the United States of America. We hold the key. So long as any party in China feels that there may be an appeal to a partisan court outside China that will judge in its favor, the really constructive forces of the nation will be hamstrung.

"We must come to an agreement with Russia either by direct negotiation or by a conference that includes, along with us, the two great parties of China. First we must make clear to the Russians that what we want is a China in which the friends of Russia will have as large and free a voice as the friends of America, that a union of the two parties is as much our object as theirs. Second, we must try to have Russia join us in a negative agreement-- that if civil war goes on in China despite our most sincere efforts to end it, then a cordon of immunization will be maintained by all the world; if civil war continues, Russia and we ourselves must pull out lock, stock, and barrel from China-- our troops, our equipment, our financial aid."

But this would be only a first step. The second is unstinted, unsparring use of American economic strength for the physical and social reconstruction of China, on the condition that it be used by a government in which all parties, Kuomintang, Communist and Democrats participate. China cannot rebuild without our help. Such an arrangement is not impossible if the first step is taken.

But suppose we cannot get Russian agreement?

"We must match the dynamic of Russian foreign policy with an equally vigorous dynamic of our own. Our program cannot be the type of program we have pursued in the past or the type of program we are pursuing in Eastern Europe or the Near East at the present moment. We cannot defend democracy by defending it where democracy does not exist. We cannot defend a system of oppression, feudalism, and corruption anywhere in the world and tell people we are doing so in defense of their democratic rights. No peasant, be he Chinese, Iranian, or Indian, will believe that the system that makes him a bondsman to hunger is democratic or free.

"We ourselves must become the sponsors of revolution. Our policy must offer the masses of Asia the same things that Russian revolution promises them-- bread and equality in their daily life."

BOOK END For This We Fought: In the heat of deep personal conviction, Stuart Chase explores the issues we all face in the greatest turmoil since the break-up of the Roman Empire. What can we do about the disillusionment that has set in so deeply? Must we drift from "victory" into defeat and atomic catastrophe? From our free loan library or postpaid, \$1.00.

At last month's Forum, Martin Hall enthusiastically recommended the Foreign Policy Association's Headline Book, Russia, - Menace or Promise? by Vera Dean. Mrs. Dean's brilliant work in the interpretation of foreign affairs is well known. In addition to advance orders we still have some copies of this title on hand. 25¢ each.

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