

NO ROOM Outside the doors of the World's Great Inn this Nativity-tide, are still  
 IN THE INN upwards of a million of the children of God, waiting....waiting....  
 waiting....for their brothers to take them in. And certainly no one  
 has greater responsibility than we--who, in such a very real sense, are the Masters  
 of the Inn. Please read the enclosed leaflet with care.

Advance Notice

For your convenience

12th

Anniversary Dinner

PAUL HUTCHINSON - Editor: Christian Century  
 will report on his recent trip around the world  
 and share his observations with us.

First Presbyterian Parish House  
 6:15 January 10th \$1.00

Reservations required.

AS OTHERS Nothing seems more important right now in the fields of foreign policy  
 SEE US and international relations than that Americans should get a perspective  
 on themselves. Right or wrong, these are some of the ways in which  
 others see us--and they are not exceptional.

I.

"The announcement of the formation of the new 'Cominform' or the re-forming of the old Comintern, has naturally occupied a good deal of space in our papers in the last few days. To get 'jittery' about this is only to play into the hands of those who want to wage a war of nerves. I think some of us see as much danger to world peace--please forgive me for saying this so frankly--in some speeches in U.S.A. and in the hunt for 'Reds' reported to be taking place in your civil service and elsewhere. It would place 90 per cent of British Friends and about 85 per cent of the British public on the 'suspected' list. The Communist gospel may be good or bad--I believe it to be a compound of both and it certainly is not my political faith--but we shall not eradicate it or subdue it by vociferous declamations. Rather I would commend the sober London TIMES as guide. On October 7 it said: 'The right reply of the democracies to the rival claims of Communism in their and other countries is to demonstrate unmistakably by their deeds and the fruit of their deeds that the brutal surgery of revolution and dictatorship can offer no social or economic remedies that cannot be produced with greater satisfaction by freer means.'"

II.

Germany's Neues Deutschland: "The most repulsive thought-snooping celebrates a frightening triumph. Stool pigeons get a hearing; anonymous charges are admitted; human beings are ruined overnight and a state of fear established...The Rooseveltian principle of freedom from fear for which tens of thousands of Americans lost their lives fighting Hitler-fascism has been turned into its opposite."

III.

"A banker begged to see us. 'I am a liberal,' he said. 'I know little of politics, but I know that America is blackmailing Italy, Italy is blackmailing America, and as the result democracy is dying here! You are driving us into extremes of Right and Left! We vote conservative because we believe that only by going Right can we prove to America that we are worthy of aid. That must mean that America thinks that the Right can protect Italy against revolution! Is it possible that America can be so stupid? The Right can protect us against nothing! And much as I hate the Communists, I beg you to tell America that they have no intention of taking Italy over today!'"

"Recovery is our one hope for saving Italian democracy,' Saragat said. 'And the Marshall Plan is our one hope of recovery. But if the Marshall Plan is a means of bolstering the Right, it will fail. None of us can support it.

"America,' he added, 'must learn to speak to the people. Molotov attacks Italy and the people support him. Byrnes defends Italy and the people mistrust him because you haven't learned how to approach the people themselves. It isn't enough to be no worse than other nations. You must be the best. But today, your actions in Greece and Spain are as bad as any nation's. And your aid must be freed from political intervention.

"America is decisive for us, and still our ideal. But you are losing. Until you can make democracy mean something in economic terms, our workers will look on democracy and you as a mockery.'"

IV.

Robert P. Martin, veteran of nine years in the Orient, now the New York Post's Shanghai correspondent, commenting on the growing hatred of Americans in China ("A Chinese Village Goes Red") whose war-weary peasants blame us for the continued civil war; He describes a parade of Chinese school children, shouting, "Americans, leave China," and "Down with American fascism." He quotes two Chinese peasants: "When we fought Japan, China had no air force. The only planes which ever bombed the Japanese were American. They must be bombing us because Chinese cannot fly such big planes." And another: "Why do you permit your fascists to determine policy?"

UMTimetable "In every town big enough to have an American Legion post, the campaign to put over Universal Military Training has started. The Legion, with high Army backing, got down to business on Armistice Day with the old jingoistic speeches. The next day, Legion headquarters in Washington issued a memo to members outlining an intensified program aimed at forcing quick congressional action when the regular session starts in January.

"This is the Legion's plan of action: 1. On December 1, the Legion's National Legionnaire will devote its entire issue to UMT. 2. During December, local Legion UMT committees are instructed to address meetings, circulate petitions, get letters and telegrams to congressmen and secure all possible favorable publicity. 3. In the two weeks after Christmas, these committees are to poll Congress and send reports to the Legion's lobby headquarters in Washington, where the lobbyists, led by General John T. Taylor, can correlate the results. 4. The Legion will ask the President and state Governors to proclaim January 6 to 12 as UMT Week, when, according to the Legion directive, 'mass meetings....parades, publicity stunts and all possible means will be used to bring support for UMT to a peak....'"

**BREAD AND PEACE** A Christmas card arrived this week with the suggestions that instead of swapping shirts and neckties among our cousins, we might honor the Prince of Peace more fully if we made our offerings to some of "the least of these," His brethren. Following is the testimony of a U.S. Army General, reported by a Baptist clergyman:

"As far as the people are maintaining life at all, it is due to the fact that they are securing food beyond their ration allotments. We (the member of an interfaith commission of clergy who toured Europe at the invitation of the U.S. War Department) discussed this with the U.S. army general who is in charge of the entire rationing program. To demonstrate the food problem he had a ration meal prepared for us and we ate it for our dinner one night. To eat such a meal once was an unpleasant experience. To live on it is to starve.

"We asked him whether it is possible without assistance for a person to live upon such rations. He assured us that nothing but starvation lay ahead for those who had to live on only the ration. He said that any people who look as though they are getting along are getting extra-ration food. We asked him the source and he said that the main source was the relief supplies that were being sent to Germany, and that if by any chance the supplies now furnished through private agencies were to stop, there would be no hope whatever for the people."

This office represents two such agencies--**THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE** and **CARE**. We will gladly be your Christmas messenger. If you want to solve that last minute shopping problem by making a gift in the name of a friend, we will gladly send an appropriate red and white Christmas card of acknowledgment to any address you will designate.

**GIVE THEM HOPE** 16 mm. sound film, black and white, 30 min. An American Friends Service Committee film showing stark need for relief of a people in the throes of post war agony. Available Jan. 10-26; now being scheduled. Consult Ray Fuller for time.

**LISTEN IN** to the live discussions, "**LEST WE FORGET - THE AMERICAN DREAM**," by the Syracuse & Onondaga County Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination, each Wednesday at 10:00 P.M. over **WNDR**. The program features well-known personalities of stage and screen.

**BOOK END: SOVIET IMPACT ON THE WESTERN WORLD**, E. H. Carr: The fate of the western world will turn on its ability to meet the Soviet challenge by a successful search for new forms of social and economic action in which what is valid in individualist and democratic tradition can be applied to the problems of mass civilization.

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