

HOPE IS NOT DEAD It is reported that the Hindus have pledged themselves at all costs to carry out Gandhi's seven-point program for peace with the Moslems. Taken together these are a series of practical assurances of security which the Moslems can clearly recognize as genuine. It is significant that Gandhi, as a Hindu, makes no demands on the Moslems. It is the Hindus who are to repent and give pledges of safety and welcome to their fellows in inviting them to return freely to their communities. Is it possible that Gandhi has heard the advice to "First cast out the beam which is in thine own eye"? The Post-Standard editorializes on the willingness and desire of a great leader to suffer as a propitiation for the sins of his fellow countrymen that good may come out of evil, and reminds us that this principle of sacrifice is the "core of Christian worship."

Is it possible that this is what General MacArthur meant when he declared that the way out "must be of the spirit if it is to save the flesh"?

Hope is not dead while there is one man who can so demonstrate the power of the spirit. But where is our Gandhi? Out of what little Nazareth, out of what lowly stable?

These words were written before the assassination. There seems no need to change them now-- only to add three sentences from an AP Dispatch released in Tokyo, Jan. 31.

"He had come through time and circumstance and his oft-repeated ideologies to be regarded as the very symbol and apotheosis of peace. That he should die through violence is one of those bitter anachronisms that seem to refute all logic.

"In the evolution of civilization, if it is to survive, all men cannot fail to eventually adopt his belief that the process of mass application of force to resolve contentious issues is fundamentally not only wrong and useless, but within itself contains the germs of self-destruction."

-signed, DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

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WHAT HERITAGE? A letter from a young man in London last month said: "Europe is sinking into an even greater mess and if the powers (so called) continue on their mad road then destruction must be the inevitable end. To hear of President Truman talking of being prepared to meet atomic warfare after 1953 was appalling. If he had lived in Europe during the last few years he would not have dared utter such terrible things." Such messages, not infrequent, point up from the angle of a European perspective a truth that Americans naturally find it very hard to see for themselves.

There are three major areas of concern this winter for the watchers and workers for peace: 1. The recovery of Europe to which Dr. Hutchinson's address at our January meeting (reported in last month's PNL) gave particular attention. 2. The Meeting of East and West around the world which we shall explore with some thoroughness at our Mid-Winter Institute at the Onondaga, Feb. 27-29. (You have already had a program. Have you made your reservations?) 3. The "State of Society" here in America which may, in the long run, prove the greatest and most dangerous factor of the three. In the manner of a well-remembered American, "Let's look at the record."

Do you remember or have you read of the rise of German industry, commerce, militarism-imperialism in the early years of this century? The Kaiser - World War I, - Hitler - World War II - ? Do you remember or have you read of an expanding Japanese "Co-prosperity sphere" built up behind an increasingly dominant military control of the national life and leading to six major wars in fewer than fifty years?

Less than 5% of the world's population lived in either Germany or Japan. The other 95%, including us, rightly looked on these growths of imperialism, racism, militarism as threats to the peace of the whole world. Of course there are other elements in the history of the last half century, but it is a general truth of history that when the military replaces the civilian in policy making, that country, and in our day the world, is endangered.

Agreed?

Then let's consult the catechism presented by Scott Nearing in the January issue of World Events:

1. What nation today has a navy bigger than all other navies combined?
2. What nation today is steadily adding to the only known stock-pile of atom-bombs?
3. What nation today is tops in the development of buzz bombs, jet planes, bacterial poisons and death rays?
4. What nation is today spending the largest sums on military preparations?
5. What nation is today permitting representatives of the armed forces to take over the direction of domestic and foreign policy?

6. What nation today is arming its neighbors (in Latin America), intervening in the internal affairs of Europe and Asia, threatening the world peace and security, and rapidly surrounding itself with a black curtain of anxiety, suspicion and hatred?

The answer to all six is the same: The United States.

This is a hard pill to swallow. Most Americans won't take it. But before you decide examine some of the witnesses:

SECRETARY FORRESTAL, speaking of the National Security Act: It provides for "the integration of all elements in the nation, not merely of the Army and Navy..... It provides for the integration of foreign policy with national policy, of our civilian economy with military requirements.....provides us with a working co-partnership of foreign policy, military policy, national resources and productive capacity."

CHARLES E. WILSON, president of G.E.: "The thought may be unpleasant, but through the centuries war has been inevitable in our human affairs as an evolutionary force... .. Let us make this three-way partnership (industry, government, army) permanent and workable and not just an arrangement of momentary convenience."

JAMES RESTON, New York TIMES: the proposed single Department of Defense "must be geared legally, mentally and militarily to strike the first blow, without violating the Constitution, if that can be done, or by changing the Constitution if that is necessary."

GENERAL ARNOLD, while Chief of Air Forces; all citizens must be "united in a joint effort which touches every phase of national and private life." He declared that our security depended "on our ability to take immediate offensive action with overwhelming force."

DAVID LAWRENCE, conservative editor of United States News, two years ago: "The rule of force is today dominant. President Truman speaks it. General Marshall speaks it. Secretary Patterson speaks it. Our whole government is beginning to adopt the philosophy that the United States must have a big army, navy and air force. What for? ...It must be that the philosophy of force, instead of reason, and that military demonstration, instead of the language of reason and justice or self-denial, is foremost. This is the only solution that Hitler found for Germany's troubles. He distrusted other nations. Now we are beginning to distrust other nations, too, and build a military force to speak for us in the world. Militarism is beginning to infiltrate rapidly into our democratic system...."

GENERAL H. C. HOLDRIDGE, West Point graduate, formerly in the Adjutant General's office, writing as an insider in Trends and Tides fills in the details with dates, places and names. (Too long to quote. We can get you a copy for fifty cents.)

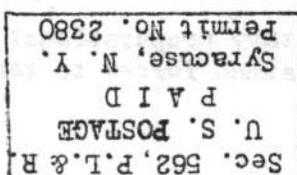
HANSON BALDWIN, military expert for the New York Times, documents the case under six headings in an article "The Military Moves In" in Harpers, December, 1947. (Ask us for a reprint, 15¢.)

ALBERT LINSTEIN, in association with 20 other educators, farm leaders, clergy and retired government officials: "Not only are military men moving into key positions in government, but the army and navy are extending their influence into science, education and industry." We have reprints of this complete and very important statement at 10¢.

P N L devotes its major space this month to call your attention to this subject, not gladly or cheerfully, but soberly and earnestly, believing that it is the vital responsibility of every peace-seeking, freedom-loving citizen to satisfy himself of the facts, face the situation honestly and courageously, and act accordingly.

That it will require courage to stand against this trend in our national life and policy was pointed out by Justice W. O. Douglas in a notable address in Chicago early in January. "Yes, it takes courage to stand between an unpopular minority and the community,.....The lawyer may feel uneasy....The editor may be tempted....Even the clergyman may be under pressure....But those who are devoted to the democratic ideal expressed in our Bill of Rights will take the direct and daring course....institutions become great by the greatness of the men who championed them, by the greatness of the advocacy that defends them. A people indifferent to their civil liberties do not deserve to keep them, and in this revolutionary age may not be expected to keep them long....."

"To allow this to happen is to lose by default. Far better to lose pleading the cause of decency and of justice. Then we win greatness even in defeat, and leave behind a rich heritage for those who later rebuild on the ashes of our lost hopes."



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