

WISE WORDS from THE PRESIDENT Speaking at a press conference at the end of June of the Red-scare hysteria, he pointed out that there have been such postwar scares after each war; they have always subsided and the country has not gone to "hell". (His word.) Important point is that the President is aware of the situation and doesn't intend to let the executive department get out of hand. We hope he doesn't.

BUSINESS AS USUAL Since the reform of the German currency a year ago, industrial production in Bizonia has risen to more than 90% of the 1936 level and business is booming, reports Percy Winner. BUT during the same period unemployment has risen from about $\frac{1}{2}$ million to $1\frac{1}{4}$ million; something like 10% of the workers in the area. The London New Statesman points out the resemblance to the situation in the early twenties: "It is monopolist capitalism and not Western Germany which has made an amazing recovery." We suspect that we may be restoring capitalism but we doubt if we are winning many converts to democracy by this policy.

Pertinent to this view, although apparently entirely unrelated, is the following from a dissenting opinion from Justice Douglas in the California Standard Oil case: "The economic theories which the Court has read into the anti-trust laws have favored rather than discouraged monopoly. As a result big business becomes bigger; monopoly flourishes; cartels increase their hold on the nation; the trusts wax strong.... the lessons Brandeis taught us on the curse of bigness have largely been forgotten in high places....."

Such policies breed war and fascism; such policies we appear to be exportingand....chickens often come home to roost.

PEACEWAYS The American diplomats. . .are not seeking peace in the spirit of peace is the contention of a Wall Street Journal editorial. The Journal will scarcely be accused of "dragging in communist propaganda by the tail" hence we quote the editorial's introduction:

"Suppose you were to lean over your back fence and tell your neighbor you thought him a crook, a liar, a shyster, a man whose word was of no earthly value.

"Then suppose after this preface you were to ask him to meet you half-way on a deal for cleaning the snow from your front driveway or clipping the boundary line hedge

"Would you expect your neighbor to rush to you with an amiable handshake and invite you in for a pot of tea while you discussed your mutual differences?

"This is not a far-fetched analogy to the approach we are taking in our present 'diplomatic' discussions with Russia."

Citizens who realize that brass hat diplomacy, militarism, hysteria and war must be conquered if civil liberties are to be preserved in America have a personal responsibility in these fields. --The Open Forum.

NEW FACTOR Those of you who remember Rayford Logan's warning at our Mid-winter Institute, of the growing threat of regional alliances to the breakdown of hope for one world under law, will be interested in the following note from the journal, INDIA TODAY, regarding the conference of nineteen Eastern nations held January 20 to 23 of this year at New Delhi, called by Prime Minister Nehru to discuss the aggression of the Dutch against the republic of Indonesia:

"Historians will mark January 20, 1949, as the day when a corner-stone was laid for a new international structure. Observers remarked solemnly that the conference had stirred the 'conscience of the Eastern world' from Cairo to Canberra. They noted with admiration the dignified and efficient, but firm handling of the problem. They all agreed that 'a new factor in world politics had emerged.'"

The Atlantic Alliance weakens the United Nations; strengthens competing regionalisms. An inter-regional war is not likely to be much pleasanter than an international war.

A THIRD FORCE Arguing that the world situation is not so simple as East vs. West, USA vs. USSR, that there is still the far-flung British Commonwealth, Major Haden Guest, M.C., M.P., proposes in ONE WORLD (London), a policy of "armed neutrality," like that of Switzerland "for the British Commonwealth, the nations of Western Europe and their colonies." There would be risks and dangers but "much less than anything which could happen to a belligerent." Moreover, such a policy would "increase the difficulty of war making on a world scale by any power" and would "demonstrate to all the nations of the world. . .that we believe in peace as the foundation of a progressive civilization."

SOUTH AFRICAN STRUGGLE "The churches of South Africa, with the exception of the Dutch Reformed, have formally protested the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages bill now before Parliament, (saying) 'The contracting of marriages between partners of different races is not contrary to the law of God as declared by Jesus Christ . . . We regard such marriages as likely to produce unhappy results . . . but not as in themselves forbidden.'

"Minister of Lands Strydom in his address to a Nationalist party function declared that 'steps will have to be taken to prevent the loss of color-consciousness.' He held that in certain industries and universities color-consciousness has already too largely departed."

--Christian Century 7/6/49.

PRAY FOR PEACE At a recent informal gathering of Peace Council members and representatives of churches it was suggested that we publish a prayer for peace to be used by individuals and groups. The following intercession was prepared for us by the Rev. Melvin Abson of Emanuel Episcopal Church.

A DEVOTION FOR WORLD PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
Is. 2:4.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."
Matt. 4:9.

"We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have too many men of science and too few men of God."
General Omar Bradley, Nov. 11, 1948.

Eternal God, wonderful in counsel, excellent in wisdom, we pray for statesmen and leaders who seek to abolish war amongst the nations, and all who labor in every land for justice and peace. Inspire their minds, enlarge their vision, direct their councils, that humble and wise, fearless and unwavering, they may stand for truth and justice. Raise the minds of people everywhere above the mists of suspicion and hatred into the pure light of trust and goodwill, that justice, honesty and peace may be established amongst the people of every nation in the world in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord of Life and Prince of Peace. Amen.

O God, the Father of our race, we pray for the growth of brotherhood rooted in Thy Fatherhood among the nations. May each nation find its own freedom in giving itself to world comradeship, and in serving the common good of all.

Hear us Holy Father

Unite all peoples of the world together in peace and concord. Destroy the influences that create bitterness and division. Purge diplomacy and enterprize of all that is base and mean. Help us all to show forth Thy glory in the work of our hands and in the joy of serving each other.

Hear us Holy Father

Guide those who take counsel for the abolition of war, for the prevention and cure of sickness and disease, the ending of poverty and preventable human misery and the improvement of the conditions of life of all poor and neglected people.

Hear us Holy Father

Save the world from unscrupulous ambition, the lust of power, and from the burden and fear of armed force. Prosper all those who labor to check the spirit of discord and encourage the spirit of goodwill among the nations.

Hear us Holy Father

Silent Self-dedication.

Lord's Prayer.

"Grace, mercy and peace be with us all." Amen.

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