

AN OLD REFRAIN This month in Syracuse: a distinguished clergyman was reported by the press to have told an audience of young people that as a Christian he believes in the teaching of Jesus about overcoming evil with good, but as a practical realist he believes that preparations for the war must go on.

An equally distinguished educator told his audience that although war is destructive of all he holds good, and futile in its effects, we must maintain superiority in arms; our best hope is that the cold war will go on without getting hot. For his own satisfaction, he has marked the cities in Russia on which the first bombs should fall.

And a representative of the State Department began an address to the State Teacher's Association with a diatribe against the "cancer of communism," assured everyone solemnly that the only language Joe Stalin understands is that of "practical diplomacy backed by strength" and ended by urging all teachers to use their classrooms so to teach.

There can be no doubt that each of these points of view can be and is honestly held. But history provides an interesting and familiar footnote to each. It spells war.

OUR ANSWER People and organizations who hold a different view have a responsibility to present a different answer. This, S P C is undertaking to do through its educational program. The FORUM opened last week with a modest attendance and a first-class analysis of domestic legislation as it affects foreign affairs. The second session, Thursday evening, November 3 (Museum of Fine Arts) will propose "An Alternative to Atomic War." Frederick J. Libby will speak out of the rich experience of thirty years as head of the National Council for the Prevention of War. Can you afford to miss this opportunity?

Preview: AT 7:30, PRECEDING THE FORUM, FOR THOSE WHO CAN COME EARLY, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL FEATURE FILM AND EXHIBIT. COME AND SEE!

Our SEMINAR on Russian-American Relations, based on the AFSC report and under the skilled leadership of Professor Byron Fox of the Maxwell School, will be held on four successive Tuesday evenings beginning October 25th, at the YWCA.

THE RATIO Raymond Wilson, who opened our Forum Series, points out that a careful analysis of national expenditures shows that our country has invested in the machinery designed to maintain peace through reason, opinion and persuasion \$1.00 for each \$1,000 we have put into the machinery with which we threaten destruction. What is that text about sowing and reaping, or the one about where your treasure is?

ANNIVERSARY On every side we are reminded that these have been anniversary months: The tenth, of the outbreak of the war for the defense of Poland(!); the fourth, of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Now the President's announcement of the Russian bomb marks another milestone.

On the first, London Peace News comments: "Ten years ago tomorrow the war broke out. Today we are busily preparing for another. This is a speed record. Generally we have to wait a generation. (Moreover) General Montgomery has said that a military defeat of Communism would result in the further spread of Communism. This marks an historic precedent. Never before has a nation been exhorted to fight for a cause which they are told is fore-doomed to failure. This is a record-breaking age."

And from Japan comes a message to Americans from the Mayor of Hiroshima:

"The people of Hiroshima ask nothing of the world except that we be allowed to offer ourselves as an exhibit for peace. We ask only that enough people know what happened here,...and how,...and why,...and that they work hard to see that it never happens anywhere again....We the people of Hiroshima are sick at heart as we look out at the world and see that nations are already fighting the initial skirmishes....."

On the Russian bomb, the POST-STANDARD editorialized as to who should have the right to decide how to use our scientific know-how and concluded: "It is the sole realm of morality and religion that must eventually decide that. And the final application must, after the guidance of the two, rest in the individual conscience."

CAN IT HAPPEN HERE? An active member of the American Veterans Committee and of Americans for Democratic Action, L.A. Nikolovic, warns, in a recent article, that civilian employees in private industry are now subject to review by an Industrial Employment Review Board in which a panel of three officers sits in judgment on the loyalty of workers in firms having Government contracts. Hearings may or may not be allowed and, if allowed, may be secret. Men have already been fired without being able to find out what the charges were. What is the meaning of political freedom if the job by which a man lives is at the mercy of crack-down control by military brass without the least safeguards of American justice? It is later than you think!

Kirby Page will preach at the First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, October 30.

THE BLESSED GIVING TIME Each year a number of our readers are glad of suggestions of ways in which to give individual expression to their oneness with mankind by sharing something of their abundance with those who have not. Here are three carefully selected channels for giving thanks at Christ's mass:

1. There is still 100% hunger on OKINAWA (October 1949) and Americans have a peculiar responsibility. The best way to help here is to send a goat. Cost, \$50. We will collect and pool smaller gifts if some one wants to start a new invasion of Okinawa. Remember "a goat is more than a goat." She is 4 M's: Milk for children, a Mother for kids, Manure for worn soil, Morale for shattered souls.

2. The Quaker Center in Berlin, where our candles went last year, is asking for individual packages to help with the Christmas parties for young people's groups, rest home, children's homes and refugee camps. Special needs are: Cocoa, coffee, sugar, milk in tins, hard candy, Christmas napkins, wrappings and ribbons, handkerchiefs of all sizes, toilet soap. Nylon stockings of any size are a special prize. For Christmas delivery, boxes must go before November 15. When you are ready call Lena Gray for addresses and postal information.

3. And of course we can still supply names of needy families for CARE food parcels. The need in the Russian zone is especially acute now and fortunately we have responsible addresses there. One woman writes that the fat ration is 2 oz. per week; meat, 1 pound for 6 months.

FROM A QUAKER

WORKER IN GERMANY:

THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE LIFE OF MAN

"The Bible says, 'The chief of all things necessary for the life of man are water and fire, and iron, and salt, and flour of wheat, and honey, and milk, the blood of the grape, and oil and clothing.' The German people have plenty of water, and salt, and iron that twists from hideous ruins. They have a minimum of the flour of wheat, and honey, and milk, not much oil, and not much fire except for the excruciating memory of incendiaries. There is blood of the grape, but most of it is being exported. What remains is pretty expensive. And there is much too little clothing in Germany today. Send us all you can.

"For clothing is one of the chief of all things necessary for the life of man."

Our collection center is at 722 North Salina Street. By courtesy of the Merchants Bank, donors of small packages may leave them at the convenient Drive-in Office at Fayette and Genesee Sts. Be sure that all packages are securely tied and clearly marked.

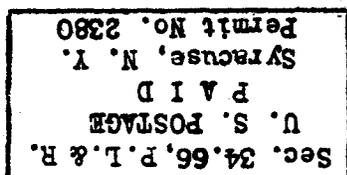
HOW MUCH IS A POUND? Many commentators have observed that the devaluation of the pound sterling has done nothing to solve, but only postpones settlement of, the basic economic problem. A correspondent from the London School of Economics is more specific:

"I have now had time to think upon it with rather more attention and I can only say that I feel the situation to be tragic. Already I read that the price of bread, which, with potatoes, is the staple foodstuff in U.K. today has already increased in price. And so it shall continue with other food products since much of our food is basically a dollar import. So rises the cost of living. Then the demands for higher wages and the Trades Union Congress has already told the Government that if the cost of living rises they will be unable to stem the request for wage increase. Indeed they have intimated that they would uphold such demands. Thus the old, old story, higher wages, higher prices, higher wages, higher prices...on to hyper-inflation. What then? Shall it be the story of this half century all over again....war! How I pray not but people have had enough in Europe. They are tired but see no end. We have promised them relief and broken our promises, remade our promises and rebroken them.

"The ordinary people demand little from life yet we are unable to give it to them. We destroy their peace and security and then present them a bill 'for services rendered.' There is nonsense in all this."

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