

A WORLD IN REVOLT Take Italy for example. Read the following excerpts from a "leader" in The New Statesman and Nation, Britain's distinguished journal of liberal opinion, and you will have a foretaste of the material for discussion at our TENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO BE HELD AT THE ONONDAGA HOTEL THIS MONTH.

"Etna is not the only erupting point in Italy. The political crust which Signor De Gasperi has tried to set and harden in the joint interests of industrial monopolists, absentee landlords, the Marshall Aid administrator and the Vatican, is being burst open. And the eruption comes, not from organized industrial labour in the North, but from starving peasants whose immemorial hunger for land is now greater than their respect for the State or their fear of the Church.

"...Following an attempt by the police to disperse peasant demonstrators at San Severo, angry crowds gathered...The police opened fire under circumstances which have yet to be made clear...the 'usual inquiry' is being held...the police claim that they found a hand-grenade and some rounds of pistol ammunition lying about when the crowd scattered, leaving its dead and wounded on the ground.

"...At last the Government seems to be awakening to the fact that there can be no defence of the feudal landlordism of the South. What else can be expected but an uprising when, out of the 1,300,000 acres forming the province of Rome, nearly 500,000 acres are still held by 90 owners, and when it is admitted that, in the Foggia district, landless agricultural labourers have been getting only twelve days' work a month? In the conditions of 'hunger, despair and lingering death' described by Mr. Davidson, there is little need to seek for the Communist agitator. If Communists are grasping the leadership of this peasant revolt, that is the fault of others who have had power to reform and have not used it.

"...So far, these seizures of land by peasants are mainly the result of hunger, poverty and misery. They are not yet fully political. Unless the Government institutes, very speedily indeed, a far more drastic land reform than it shows signs of doing--unless, in fact, it turns against the big landowners who support it--this revolt may soon become a revolution. The political crust in Italy is thin."

Harvard historian Stuart Hughes, writing after his second summer of observation in Italy on the shift to the Right with consequent deepening of the split between the extremes, concludes: "It is sometimes unclear who really rules in Italy. But Italians of all political faiths are quite sure who rules: the large industrial and agrarian interests, the police, the Church, and the United States."

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Why is the world in revolt? What is America's attitude toward a world in revolt? What should it be?

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CONSTITUTIONALLY SPEAKING: The Japanese constitution adopted at the instance of the Occupation Authorities, renounces war as an instrument of national policy. On New Year's Day the press headlined General Douglas MacArthur's statement that Japan has an "inalienable right of self-defense against unprovoked attack." Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney, a leading member of General MacArthur's staff, told the press that the MacArthur message meant that Japan had "the right to conclude defensive alliances," or, if attacked directly "the Japanese can fight back with all the power at their command."

Shall we aid and encourage Japan to violate her own constitution?

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REPORT FROM CHINA "Shortly after the battle of Hsuechow, perhaps the largest and most destructive battle of China's civil war, the Friends Service Unit at Chungmou, in Communist territory, received a request from the Chung Yuan Government to send an emergency medical team to the battlefield area to take care of wounded civilians and Nationalist soldiers. The wounded were scattered through the villages, in the huts of the local people, and had no medical care whatsoever....

"Throughout our whole stay in this area we have worked in close cooperation with the local Communist government, who have given us every kind of help and encouragement. When our six months emergency term was nearly completed they asked us to stay on an additional three months. Since the work was still heavy, we were glad to stay. They have sent us students who, though mostly very young, learned very quickly, and soon were a great help with routine jobs. We could not have accomplished nearly as much without them. They're planning to carry on a clinic after we leave, so the work will not come to a complete end."

Shall we recognize "Red China"?

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Spring Seminar: "A Road to Atomic Peace" --led by Prof. Trischka, S.U. Physics Dept., who had several months' experience at Los Alamos and knows the authors of our text personally. Three evenings during March. Fee, \$2.00. Enrollment limited.

PLEA FROM GERMANY A personal letter from a member of the West German Government says:
"There are still thousands of men and women in the P.O.W. camps and already people are talking of another war. We don't want a mobilization or a new war. I shall devote my work and all my power to fight against the possibility of another war. I would even sacrifice my life for this if it would help save mankind from another disaster and destruction... We don't need American money for such a purpose. I can only ask you and all our friends in the whole world to try their utmost to prevent the Americans to mobilize us."

Shall we Re-Arm Western Germany?
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LAST STAND The remnant of the Chinese Nationalist Government has withdrawn to the island of Formosa. It looks like Chiang's last stand. Our military strategists say that we must defend Formosa, - by means short of war, if possible; with American troops, if necessary. Others point out that to India and the rest of Asia this will spell only old-fashioned mailed-fist imperialism---and cost us our remaining friends in the Far East.

Shall we defend Formosa? Ex-president Hoover says, "Yes"; present President Truman says, "No". Come to the Mid-Winter Institute and ASK THE EXPERTS.

BATTLE OF THE BOMB The AP reports "a raging undercover fight" in Washington over whether to build a hydrogen-powered super-atomic bomb that would dwarf the Hiroshima bomb into "almost pea shooter proportions," in order to beat Russia to the punch. The military men want the bomb. Some atomic scientists and others believe it morally wrong to work on such an engine of wholesale-destruction of lives and lands.

Should America build the bomb?
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WE DID NOT WIN THE WAR "The leaders of the Axis had challenged us to show that our way of life had the vitality, the drive and the inner integrity which alone will entitle it to survival in a world which is grimly, bloodily insisting on re-evaluating all human institutions. In the end, we showed merely that we were physically stronger than our enemies.

"Democracy means change, and the men to whom the President had entrusted the conduct of our war-time affairs were, for the most part, men who dreaded change above all things. So we won the war but we didn't win anything else; and it is what we didn't win that we are now groping for, confusedly and in deep anxiety."

(from A Statement by the Author, Bruce Catton, of THE WAR LORDS OF WASHINGTON.)

Is there a way to Win the Peace?
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FATEFUL TEN On the tenth anniversary of the march into Poland with which W W II began, the president of the leading women's organization in Berlin made a speech reviewing what she called "those fateful ten years." She began by acknowledging the fear that first gripped their hearts; and then the bad conscience that "stood close by" as they remembered all the "lost opportunities." "We should have done this.... We should have done that.... in the years 1933 and later. But we had not! We remained silent and inert... the prevailing mood was fatalism."

The event may prove these, also, to have been pre-war years. Shall we have a "bad conscience" because we have been "inert and silent"?

Are we leaving undone those things which we ought to have done?
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WITHOUT HOPE One of the ablest of European reporters, Percy Winner, in his end-of-the-year letter from Paris quoted a French writer (unnamed): "European man is discouraged because he has been fooled. He came out of the war with two great aspirations: social justice and peace. In proportion as contact with reality increases his deception, he becomes the prey of defeatism. The Europeans work without energy, live without enthusiasm, defend themselves without hope."

Is there hope in America?
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BE AN EXPERT These are all \$64 questions! If you want to help win the peace; if you want to leave nothing undone; if you care, as our German correspondent does; if you have hope, Come to the Mid-Winter Institute and TELL THE EXPERTS!

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