

**WATERS OF BABYLON** "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion," so wrote the poet of an earlier and far less terrible exile than the one imposed on 12 million refugees by the imperial ambitions of our modern tyranny. Read the enclosed folder carefully. In it you can see their faces. How shall they sing a new song, if we do not care?

**BOMB OF THE MONTH** There is no question that the "Peace News" of the month is the H-Bomb. On January 31 the President of the U S announced that it will be made. On February 2 Senator Brien McMahon, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, who is in a strategic position to know, addressed the Senate of the United States: "Let me warn, with all the solemnity at my command," that "building hydrogen bombs doesnot promise positive security"; that continuation of the cold war can end as "five thousand years of history teaches us," only in another world war; that if we keep up the atomic arms race "we will find ourselves more and more compelled to imitate the totalitarian rival."

On February 8 the Secretary of State "in a sweeping statement" rejected all suggestions for new American peace appeals to Russia. Instead, according to AP, he based this country's anti-Communist strategy squarely on a policy of power.

On February 8 the Christian Century editorialized: "Man has become god--a god without moral responsibility. He can make the stars. But he makes them in the form of bombs for purposes of destruction. He is a devil-god who wills evil and not good ...If Christianity cannot save man from this horror, then it cannot save man--period. Then the churches are without meaning in our present extremity. Then men as devil-gods are doomed to the fate of devils."

On February 12 Dr. Albert Einstein, under the headline Disarm or Die in a New York paper, warned that if the H-bomb is developed "annihilation of any life on earth is within the range of technical possibilities."

**THE "VOICE OF METHODISM"** Commenting on this sequence of events and its implications, the Christian Advocate hopes "most of all" that the religious aspects of the problem will not be forgotten and then quotes approvingly a statement issued by 30 nationally known religious leaders: "For Christians and the Christian church the issue is not primarily whether the United States can afford to run the physical risk of being subjected to atomic warfare, but whether it can afford the spiritual risk of slaughtering other peoples in atomic warfare, of losing its soul in the hope (probably vain) of saving its skin. It is not a question of what is expedient but what is right; not a question of what man's wisdom concludes but of what the will of God, as seen in Christ, reveals."

**THE VOICE OF WALTER LIPPMANN** "The United States, as the first to make an atomic bomb, the first to use the atomic bomb, the first to declare that it will make the hydrogen bomb, has a peculiar and unavoidable and most solemn moral obligation to mankind. There is no way the American people can divest themselves of the duty to search for a decent and an honorable alternative to a war of extermination. They cannot sit down, fold their hands across their stomachs, saying that they have reached the limits of their wisdom and that there is nothing more they can do except to make more and bigger bombs. The day we did that would mark the death of the American spirit. Though our cities escaped destruction and our bodies remained alive, we should have renounced our hopes, resigned our role, surrendered in the battle...."

**VOICE OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN** In the Senate of the United States, on February 6, Mr. Tydings, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, submitted the following resolution (S.Res.227); which was ordered to lie on the table. Resolved, That the President is authorized and requested to invite the governments of all nations to send representatives to a conference, which shall be charged with the single duty of entering into an understanding and agreement to achieve world disarmament on land, on sea, and in the air by January 1, 1954, except only for such actual occupying forces, with appropriate weapons, and for such agreed period of time, as will be necessary to police the defeated and occupied nations as a result of the recent war, and except only for such armed forces and for such weapons as are to be placed exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Security Council of the United Nations Organization, and except only for such limited forces and limited small arms as are needed to keep law and order within each country, and directly prohibiting the manufacture, storage, and possession of all other weapons, ammunition, and munitions of war, and providing further for the international inspection force authorized and instructed to see that the terms of such world disarmament are rigidly adhered to and carried out, and thereafter maintained by all the countries of the earth.

*Dinner at Drumlins* The Seminar on Atomic Arms now in progress will culminate at a dinner conference at Drumlins, Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Professor Trischka of the University Physics Department will raise the question "Can we defend our Freedoms with H-Bombs?" Members of the Peace Council and all others interested are invited. Cafeteria style.

VOICE OF REASON Of the proposals for peaceful solutions in US-USSR relations prepared by AFSC and published by the Yale University Press, they say:

Howard Mumford Jones: "-Makes more sense than anything else I have seen- I congratulate you and the Committee on this sober statement and analysis."

John Haynes Helmes: "This book is the most helpful contribution I have seen to the solution of the Russian problem. Neither sentiment nor fear, but rather statesmanship of a high order has dictated its conclusions. The book challenges the most serious and earnest consideration."

Albert Einstein: "I have read the pamphlet about the Quaker proposals with great interest and agree with it in all essential points. I think that it covers the whole situation."

James P. Warburg: "In a time when fear dominates the minds of men, this calm appeal to reason and faith should be read by every American citizen. It points the way toward an affirmative American leadership toward peace."

Have you ordered your copy? 25¢ each, postpaid. For study and discussion groups, a study outline and bibliography is available.

A VOICE FROM EUROPE A letter from Niederumelsford this month speaks a mother's joy at seeing her children in warm clothes again. She asks, "Can you imagine how glad I am?" and adds, "Every day my whole family will pray for you and your friends. God bless you and keep you always."

If you are in the city between March 4 and 9 look at the exhibit of European clothing in the Warren Street window of the Merchants Bank. Then go home and decide what you can send to our warehouse for Quaker Overseas Relief.

BLUE POTATOES The Secretary of Agriculture has authorized the dumping of 25 million bushels of surplus potatoes from the 1949 crop. They will be stained blue. After paying \$1.25 per bushel for them the government will offer them for sale at 1¢ per cwt. for cattle feed or fertilizer. No other disposal is possible, says Mr. Brannan, because the cost of shipping them to hungry millions around the world would be "too high." Too high for what? The hungry world knows about our potatoes--our butter and eggs and grain; the hungry world knows, too, about our billions for H and A Bombs. We can re-arm Western Europe but we can't feed it. Who first demanded a choice between guns and butter? And who said "Billions for defense but not one cent for potatoes"? This is the Voice of America.

SEEDS FOR GARDENS OF UNDERSTANDING Do you have children in your home, school, church or neighborhood whose world horizons you would like to widen and whose awareness of others you would strengthen? Encourage them to join our Year-Round Christmas Party. 7¢ will buy a picture book for a small child; 25¢ a story book; 42¢ a set of building blocks; 50¢ a rubber doll; 6¢ a rubber ball; 16¢ a game of checkers. A group can combine to buy a greatly prized set of wood working tools for \$1.33. Let the children earn the money and send it to us. Gifts may be designated for Austria, France, Germany or Japan.

This is successor to the Gifts-that-Grow project through which American children gave in 1949 nearly \$15,000 for 25,400 gardens.

BOOK END The Christian Century insists that Senator McMahon's speech, proposing alternatives to the atomic arms race should be read "word by word, studied clause by clause, in every high school, college, editorial office, discussion club, public affairs group, adult Bible class, minister's meeting, radio forum or other place where citizens consult together in the United States." That just about covers the ground! If you are included in any of these categories we will gladly send you a copy of the speech for such use.

Kiplinger's Washington Letter reports that Messrs. Truman and Acheson are shocked by the public approval of the McMahon proposals. Why not encourage Senator Brien McMahon and "shock" the administration some more by voicing your approval?

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