

# Washington Digest

## Attitude Against Postwar Service Sways Congress



### Public Joins Influential Organizations in Objections to Training; Need for Interim Security Force Argued.

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

In the days that followed President Truman's message to congress urging universal military training we, in Washington, waited to see if there would be an echo to the President's words spoken so earnestly but with so little effect on the audience before him. There was an echo all right but it was an emphatic rumble of negation.

I wasn't surprised—I read my listeners' letters. It was interesting to see the way the members of congress reacted to the President's message as he delivered it. I watched them with one eye on the text of his speech as I stood squeezed into the crowd in the gallery of the house.

### Varied Reaction To Proposal

Here are some of the sentences which I checked as bringing response:

"... above all else, we are strong because of the courage and vigor and skill of a liberty-loving people who are determined that this nation shall remain forever free." (Applause). Well, that was a general, non-compromising sentiment. Nothing to do with the subject in hand.

There was the statement that we didn't lack faith in the United Nations organization, "on the contrary with all we have, we intend to back our obligations and commitments under the United Nations charter." (Mild applause, this time.)

Then came the response to the first direct appeal for the measure in hand. The President said: "The surest way to guarantee that no nation will attack us is to remain strong in the only kind of strength an aggressor can understand—military power." Applause again but I had the feeling it was for the sentiment and not the suggested means of implementing it.

When he said that "the basic reason for military training" is to guarantee safety and freedom from an aggressor, there was another demonstration, but not quite as energetic and many members, I noted, refrained from any applause at all.

The last note is the most emphatic. "Good applause" followed the President's affirmation that "until we are assured that our peace machinery is functioning adequately, we must relentlessly preserve our superiority on land and sea and in the air." But that is just what the congress is not willing to do because it believes the country is not willing to have them do it. I am sure of that because I know they have been receiving, as I have, far more letters against military training than in favor of it.

### Must Sell Public Program

Today, a man who keeps his fingers on the pulse of congress assures me that there will never be a universal military training act until a great deal more "selling" has been done by those who believe in it, than has been attempted so far. This man, like the writer, is a convert to the cause, so his expression was the reverse of wishful thinking. Both of us, though members of the American Legion, never favored their program for universal service urged upon congress, beginning shortly after the last war.

"There is too much organized opposition," my friend said, "such powerful influences as the federal council of churches, some influential members of the Catholic church, virtually all of labor so far (and this includes the CIO and the AFL which often nullify each other's efforts) the colleges and the unorganized group which might be called simply 'the mothers.'"

Where do the returned veterans stand? It is too early to say. If they follow in their fathers' footsteps they will eventually vote for preparedness. It is the tendency of men who have seen service to place a high value on thorough preliminary training. But they will not become vocal until they join the ranks of the World War I veteran organizations or build others of their own.

There is, however, another force which may change the picture—a change in the international set-up which will inject the element of

fear into the people's attitude and since fear starts the adrenalin flowing that usually means action.

Meanwhile, there are those who feel that complete preparedness not only is essential in the interim, even though a future world security organization is moving swiftly to fruition, but that it will also act as a stimulus toward such a goal.

The argument runs, briefly: We must prepare to enforce peace, or prepare to fight a war. Many members of congress realize this and would undoubtedly support the President's program if they felt they could do so without flying in the face of the majority opinion of their constituents. I do not intend to use this column as a platform upon which to debate the issue now but I would like to present a viewpoint expressed by a medical man which made considerable impression on the comparatively few Washingtonians who heard him address a recent meeting in the capitol. The speaker was Dr. G. B. Chisholm, one of the world's foremost psychiatrists, who served as chief medical officer of the Canadian army and is now deputy health minister of Canada.

### 'Maturity' Needed For Peace

His thesis is that "this is a sick world, with an old, chronic but evermore extensive and serious sickness. Its sickness has recently become acutely dangerous and the future is uncertain indeed."

It is a sickness which has made us "the kind of people" who fight major wars every 15 or 20 years. The cure is education. Just as individuals become neurotic because they are not mature, and thus are unable to cope with the situations they must meet, so the world has developed a behaviour pattern which produces something which nobody wants: war.

We must have enough people who can show tolerance, be patient, and above all have the ability to compromise. These are qualities of maturity, Dr. Chisholm points out, and people, mature in this sense, would not want to start wars and would prevent other people from starting them.

But the doctor realizes that education will not produce such maturity in one generation. But such a state must be realized or we face one of two alternatives. Either we must become a race of trained killers, or a race of slaves.

Until we can achieve education sufficient to avoid such horrible fates, "for so long as it may take to change the bringing up of children enough in this world, our close watch on each and everyone in the world should not be relaxed for a moment." The first step in eradicating war is an attainable stopgap, Dr. Chisholm believes. Security must be achieved and the valid fear of aggression eliminated. This means legislation backed by immediately available combined force prepared to suppress ruthlessly any appeal to force by any peoples of the world. The administration of such a force is a delicate problem but it can be devised if and when the great power really wants it.

The second step would be to provide the opportunity for all peoples to live on economic levels which do not vary too widely, either geographically or by groups within a population. This means a redistribution of material. This is possible since there are enough resources in the world to go around.

It is impossible in this space to do justice to Dr. Chisholm's views but the main points are these: he feels that man has developed one consistent pattern of behaviour which causes him to indulge in a major war at frequent intervals; that going to war represents immaturity; that immaturity can only be cured by education beginning at childhood with an accent on the "sciences of living"; that until we achieve maturity we must unite ruthlessly to suppress the effort on the part of any nation or anyone in any nation to start a war.

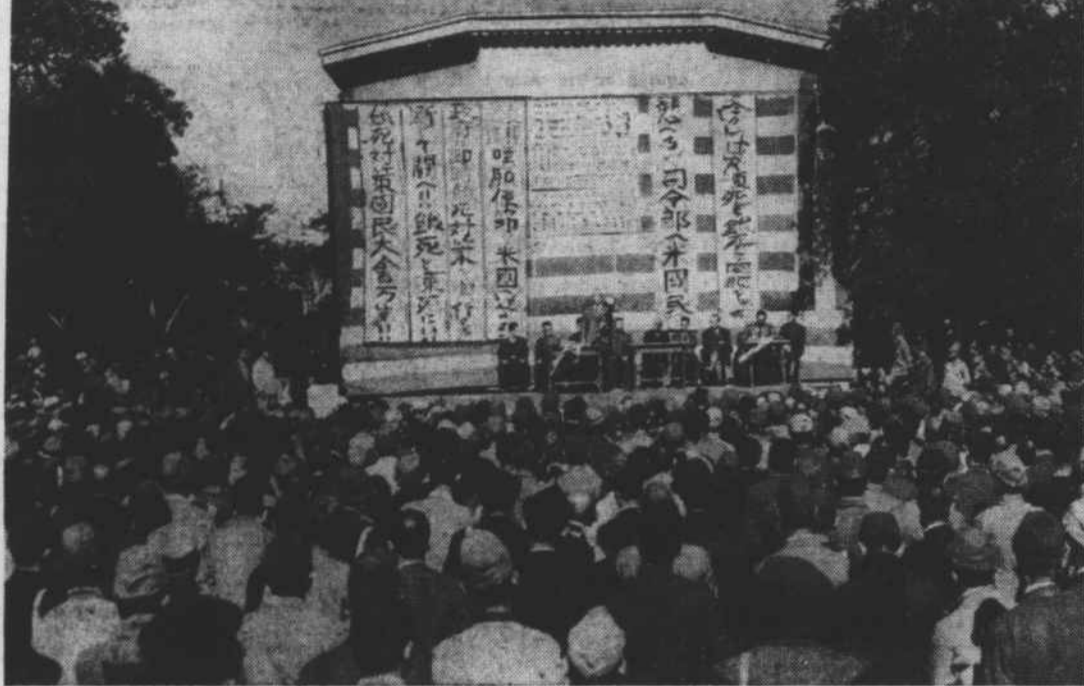
Psychiatrists may not solve the problem of world peace but it is safe to say that immature laymen won't either. Meanwhile, what congress must decide is how dry the country wants to keep our powder.

## Elephants Now Used to Clean Up Blitzed Hamburg



Kieri, 35 years old, is one of the elephants placed into service to aid in the cleaning up of much-bombed Hamburg, Germany. Kieri is being assisted in the job by Many, a 25-year-old mate, barely visible on offside. They are pulling the remains of an automobile from a blitzed building. An elephant can haul 3,000 pounds without much effort, and never seems to tire, even after long hours of work.

## Japanese Object to Strict Food Control Program



A huge throng of Japanese face a bannered platform in Hibiya park, Tokyo, during a demonstration against the current food shortage. The park is in downtown Tokyo, adjacent to the palace grounds. The Japanese objected not only to lack of food, but to any control over their food supplies.

### Chinese Army Styles



With his "G.I." umbrella protecting him from the rain, this grinning Chinese sentry of the 70th national army stands guard at one of the docks at Kilrum, where the Chinese troops were landed by units of the U. S. 7th fleet.

### Visible Speech Device for Deaf



At a demonstration at the Bell laboratories in New York, Edgar Bloom Jr., totally deaf man, talks with Miss Harriet Green over a telephone to which a cathode ray translator is connected. The device, known as "visible speech," translates sounds into patterns of light on the screen.

### Truman's Big Turkey



President Harry S. Truman is shown with a 48-pound turkey presented to him on behalf of the turkey growers of Minnesota. It won first prize in Minnesota turkey show.

### Hull Awarded Nobel Peace Prize



Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull has been awarded the Nobel Peace prize. Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Hull as they read congratulatory messages in their Washington apartment. The former U. S. secretary of state was selected due to his outstanding work in the early organization work of the United Nations conference.

### Washington Merry-Go-Round

DREW PEARSON

### TIRE RATIONING

If you are an automobile owner in search of tires, here is one thing to keep your eye on. The tire industry is pulling all sorts of wires backstage to lift export restrictions.

At present they are permitted to export 400,000 truck tires and 100,000 passenger tires during the last quarter of this year. They would like to export a lot more. In the first place, they don't have to worry about OPA ceiling prices when selling abroad. Secondly, they can build up their postwar markets by getting in on the ground floor.

So they would rather sell more tires abroad. But if they do, they sell less tires at home. And today a tire certificate issued to a person desiring to buy a tire is nothing more than a hunting license. He can go out and hunt for a tire. If he's lucky enough to find one, his certificate entitles him to buy it.

### DEPARTMENT OF PEACE

When the house foreign affairs committee heard testimony on the Randolph bill to create a department of peace, the star witness was a 64-year-old former mule-driver from Morgantown, W. Va.

Chairman Sol Bloom and members of his committee listened with rapt attention as Raymond M. Davis read a 16-page statement on why the United States should take the lead in establishing a new cabinet post to spread the gospel of peace throughout the world.

After he finished, white-thatched GOP Rep. Charles Eaton of New Jersey declared:

"Mr. Davis, you may be un-schooled, as you tell the committee, but you certainly are not uneducated. That is one of the finest documents I have ever listened to."

World Peace is not just a hobby with the West Virginia coal man, though he describes it as such. It is a burning ideal. A self-made business man who now operates two coal mines employing more than 500 workers, Davis had made many speeches at his own expense throughout the country urging a government department of peace. He also has written a proposed constitution for the United Nations that has attracted wide attention.

The state department thought well enough of his ideas to invite him to the San Francisco conference as an observer.

Rep. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, freely admits that Davis was the chief spark plug behind his peace resolution.

"When I was looking at the rear end of a mule all day in West Virginia coal mines," says Davis, "I never thought that one day I'd be instrumental in having such an important piece of legislation introduced in congress."

Note—The second initial of Davis' name stands for "Moses." Perhaps what we need are more plain, garden-variety Moses' of the Davis type, instead of striped-pants diplomats, to lead us out of the international wilderness.

### BOWLES HOLDS INFLATION FLOOD

OPAdministrator Chester Bowles is one of the most abused men in Washington. Everyone is badgering him. Congressmen demand that their constituents increase the price of this or that. Farm groups want to raise the price of milk or cattle. Business groups want to abolish all ceiling prices.

Probably the common man doesn't appreciate it, but here are some things which will happen if Chester Bowles loses his battle to stop the inflation flood:

1. Every person putting his money in life insurance does so with the idea of getting his money back—100 cents on the dollar. But if there is inflation, the insurance dollar will be worth 75 cents, 50 cents, or even 30 cents.
2. Every person on a retired pension, whether a railroad employee, a college, a school or a big corporation employee, will see his income shrink if there is inflation.
3. Every widow living on money left by her husband will see that income shrivel.
4. Every school teacher will have great difficulty having her salary move up when the value of the dollar moves down.
5. Every civil servant, whether working for city, state or federal government, will be in the same boat as the teachers.
6. Every college endowment, every charity or other enterprise with fixed invested capital stands ready to have its investment evaporate with inflation.

### CAPITAL CHAFF

When Eugene Meyer, publisher of the Washington Post, celebrated his 70th birthday, his family gave him a party on Sunday, the Post staff gave him another one on Monday, and on Wednesday he was guest of honor at a luncheon.

One high government official is certain, from studying a list of Presidential appointments, that Harry Truman does not intend to run for President in 1948. "Obviously," he says, "Truman's preparing to run for governor of Missouri."

## CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

MISCELLANEOUS  
EASY TO KILL ROACHES, lice, fleas, etc., with Greener's Insect Powder with DDT. Ask your dealer or write Department W, Greener's, INC., Chikawite, Va.

SEEDS, PLANTS, ETC.  
Postpaid Large bulbs, bloom next spring. Free bargain RIDGE NURSERY. CORAL RIDGE NURSERY, North Carolina. Wilson

Let's Finish It—  
Buy Victory Bonds!

## HELP BUILD UP Cold Resistance

with HIGH ENERGY TONIC  
If you catch cold easily—because you lack all the natural A&D vitamins and energy-building natural oils you need—you may be amazed how Scott's Emulsion can help build energy, stamina and resistance. Try it! See why many doctors recommend this good-tasting, high energy, food tonic. Buy at your drugstore.

### SCOTT'S EMULSION

YEAR-ROUND TONIC

HELEN TRAUDEL  
Guest Soloist  
REGINALD STEWART  
Guest Conductor  
The Ford Sunday Evening Hour  
8 to 9 P. M.  
Eastern Time  
STATIONS  
WIZ—WINN  
WVHL—WARM  
WLS  
WGN  
and other  
stations

Olivia de HAVILLAND  
star of the Warner Bros. picture, "Strawberry Blonde," recommends Calox Tooth Powder for teeth that shine.  
CALOX TOOTH POWDER

## 10-NIGHT

Dependable ALL-VEGETABLE LAXATIVE  
NATURE'S REMEDY  
GET A 25-BOX

USE 666  
COLD PREPARATIONS  
LIQUID, TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS  
USE ONLY AS DIRECTED

## FEMALE MISERY

(Also Fine Stomachic Tonic)  
Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is famous to relieve not only monthly pain but also accompanying nervous, tired, highturning feelings—when due to functional periodic disturbances. Taken regularly—it helps build up resistance against such distress. Pinkham's Compound helps nature! Follow label directions. Try it!  
Lydia E. Pinkham's VEGETABLE COMPOUND

## PAZO for PILES

Simple  
Relieves pain and soreness  
PAZO IN TUBES!  
Millions of people suffering from simple Piles, have found prompt relief with PAZO ointment. Here's why: First, PAZO ointment soothes inflamed areas—relieves pain and itching. Second, PAZO ointment lubricates hardened, dried parts—helps prevent cracking and soreness. Third, PAZO ointment tends to reduce swelling and check minor bleeding. Fourth, it's easy to use. PAZO ointment's perforated Pile Pipe makes application simple, thorough. Your doctor can tell you about PAZO ointment.  
SUPPOSITORIES TOO!  
Some persons, and many doctors, prefer to use suppositories, so PAZO comes in handy suppository form. The same soothing relief that PAZO always gives.

## BARBS... by Baukhage

Television will be a great help to the police. One way will be exposing the rackets of confidence men.

War must make people generous. The "march of dimes" contributions to fight infantile paralysis increased 25 per cent last winter but the War Community fund had a tough battle after the fighting stopped.

It takes an orchid seven years to produce its first bloom and once around the dance floor can finish it.

The only American foreign service man (state department) ever arrested on charges of espionage was completely vindicated and promoted to a responsible position. His arrest was just a plain mistake, but had to be tried.