Washington Digest **U. N. Converts Modern War Plant Into Peace Factory**

By BAUKHAGE-

the manufacture of international good will. A hun-dred committee meetings are be-ing held in the rooms where once the delicate machinery turning out instru-ments of warfare

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nerrily and efficiently. Here delegates to the assembly of the United Nations, split up into groups, tackle the various subjects allotted to them just as the committees of congress discuss the bills and agree upon their form before they are submitted to the "commit-tee of the whole house" for consideration and action. The difference is that the assem

bly, unlike congress, cannot pass laws, it can only express the will of the majority. Its value is to register, before the world, world opinion as expressed by the nations which make up the United Nations. This is the up the United Nations. This is the first step toward a world govern-ment whose chief purpose is to po-lice the world against war. While the committee meetings were taking place the security coun-il while the committee heath with

cil, which compares roughly with the senate, held some of its meetings in the same building, for unlike the as-sembly, which meets only once a year, the security council is a con-tinuing heat. inuing body. The Council of Foreign Ministers,

which also is meeting in New York, United Nations. is a body entirely separate from the

Saddle U. S. With U. N. Expenses

It was characteristic of the desire to maintain a "realistic" attitude (let us hope) which resulted in the emphasis on fiscal matters, causing newspapers on the first day's comee meetings to display a head

Like this: U. S. OPPOSES PAYING HALF OF U. N.'S BILLS

OF U. N.'s BILLS At the meeting of the budgetary committee, Senator Vandenberg got in a sly dig when he suggested that if the other nations felt the Amer-ican economic system was so good that it could put up half the money to run the organization perhaps they might adopt a similar system. Capi-talist America would pay 49.89 per cent of U. N.'s bills while Communist Russia. although much greater in cent of G. N.'s bills while Communist Russia, although much greater in size and population, would provide 6 per cent in the plan submitted. Of course, any amount balanced against the price of war is small.

Powerful Committees Are in the Making

The work of the committees of the esignably covers a wide scope, since besides offering the sounding board for world opinion and con-trolling the pursestrings of the whole organization, the committees likewise supervise the several impor-tant subsidiary agencies, some of which will become extremely pow-

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—At this writing, committees of the United Nations are still meeting in the great modernistic factory building, now converted into a plant for the manufacture There is also the language barrier. Probably there are no more com-petent performers among the vari-ous types of experts than the trans-lators at these international gather-ings. Much has been written of their remarkable ability to translate, without taking a single note, long para-graphs of some speakers who get so deep in their subjects that they for-get that the translator is waiting patiently to translate one segment before the speaker goes on to the

next. Prize of them all is Pavlov, the lean and scholarly looking young man who appears to wrap himself about Molotov or Vishinsky and with his lips close to the listener's ear pours in the words so rapidly that it would appear they synchronize with the movement of the speaker's

lips. But even a perfect translation may produce a different meaning, just as the same word may mean two different things in the same lan-guage to two different pairs of ears. You may recall the famous Molotoy outburst at the opening of the assembly, the speech in which the Russian delegate demanded disarmament, objected to the Baruch atomic energy plan and went right down the line walloping everything in sight. As I remarked earlier, there was more smoke than fire in that tirade and American Delegate Austin, suspecting as much, made the terse comment on the speech, "smart but tough."

When the translations came back from the report in the Russian press Austin's words became "smart but

Now it may be that "tough" is a tougher word in Russian than it is in English because the Russians' or-dinary conduct in such and some oth-er matters, all the way from danc-ing to breakfasting on vodka, may be what we would consider tougher than the Anglo-Saxon approach.

Americans Conscious Of Foreign Policy

kept out of domestic politics simply because the politicians knew that the people knew as little as they did as to what it was all about and didn't care any more. Then came the famous Wilson versus Lodge fight over mous Wilson versus Lodge fight over the League of Nations, which was really something far deeper than that, a fight of two powerful person-alities and two different concepts of government—not world government but domestic government. Lodge and Wilson, became so definitely committed to their own respective views that they couldn't afford to compromise.



CLOUDBURST HITS TEXAS TOWN . . . Two young women of Beaumont, Texas, were forced to leave their flooded homes on the back of their pet pony. A cloudburst covered a large portion of the city with water ranging from several feet to inches deep. Most of the water receded within four days.



LIFE ON THE ISLAND OF GUAM . . . Navy dependents living in the tropical village of Sinajana on the island of Guam have been furnished with a thriving community under the U. S. naval military government. The Guamanian version of the "little red school house" is being presided over by Mrs. Louise Garrison, Hono-lulu. Mrs. Doris Estes, formerly of Auburn, Me., pages through a magazine in the living room.



HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

WASHINGTON. - If you think WASHINGTON. — If you think times are tough today, drop in at the public library and ask for the back files of any newspaper for the fall of 1919 or the early part of 1920. That period was just about as long after World War I as we now are from World War II and the headlines are amazingly similar.

In fact, with the mere change of a few names, a glance at 1919-20 headlines would almost convince you that you were reading the news-papers of today.

We were having the same troubles with Russia then-only a little worse, with Ameri-ean troops in Siberia and Mur-mansk. The northern Adriatic, manne. The northern Auriance, as now, was the chief bone of contention at the Paris peace conference. Only it was Fiume instead of Trieste which caused riots in the streets of Rome and Palemente. Belgrade. .

"Jews Massacred, Robbed by Poles," was another tragic but familiar headline. "Foresees Jewish state in Palestine. Judge Julian Mack tells of atrocities and asks for migration to Jewish home-land."

"Pershing denies large quantities of war goods destroyed in France." "Rep. Emerson offers resolution

asking war department to what ex-tent soldiers were overcharged in France." . . "War department criticized for offering \$4,000,000 worth of fabrics for sale at pub-lic auction." . . "Sergeants arrest-ed in Paris charged with theft of American stores." American stores."

When it came to strikes, race domestic scene of 1919 was even more alarming. Labor troubles caused far more bloodshed. The alleged Communist menace was much worse.

May day celebrations in Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and New York produced riots, "citizens' armies" and an untold number of skull and political fractures.

By July 6, 1919, the army stood at 704,845, with 235,000 of these in at 705,550, with 255,000 of these in Europe. Eight months later when the Junkers and German army seized power in Berlin, forcing the Ebert government to flee to Dres-den, the American army of occupa-tion totaled a nervous 18,000.

Meanwhile, the war department was recommending a universal military training program of three months for all 18-year-olds—more or less as today.

Unchecked by governmental pleas and voluntary programs, prices spiraled. Shoes were three times their prewar price and women's stockings were offered at "2-\$25 a pair." Coffee prices jumped 7 cents a pound and, although the government declared 11 cents a pound a fair price for sugar, it was

selling for 30 cents within a year. "Food now costs N. Y. residents 86 per cent more than six years ago," announced the New York Times. Only a national "buyers' strike" in 1920, with prominent society women feeding their

families on a dollar a day while their husbands were wearing overalls to their Broadway offices, changed the trend.

New York clergymen were mak-ing a survey of churches in an attempt to ease the housing shortage.

Headlines on August 16, 1919, don't seem out of place today. "Di-rector General of Railroads Hines sees danger of ccal gouging. Cau-tions senate that rumors on shortCLASSIFIE DEPARTMEN

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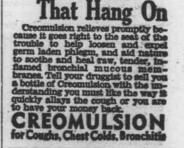
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sharp."

Most Americans do not realize how far this nation has gone in the establishment of a foreign policy establishment of a foreign policy built on popular desire. In the past, the foreign policy of the United States always had been a rather vague thing to people in general, something evolved behind a screen of formal phrases in the ancient high colligned offices of the old states high-ceilinged offices of the old state department building, where they still have marble fireplaces that really work in some of the rooms.

In the early days the subject was

erful when and if they carry out the duties planned for them. For instance, the many plans for im-proving living standards and social relations throughout the world, which is the purpose of the econom-ic and social council, and the project ed trusteeship council, and the project-ed trusteeship council which will oversee the relationship between the dependent countries and the nations held responsible for their control and welfare.

Another important function of the assembly is initiating amendments to the charter, and this session bristied with talk among the smaller countries for amending provisions governing the power of the veto in ecurity council. . . .

Russians Vie to Last Minute

Early in the meetings of the general committee (the steering com-mittee) and in the assembly itself, it became evident that the Russian were following a general plan of pro-cedure which was not unlike that which had appeared and still is ap-pearing in all the controversies. The

One of the problems of the United ations is to find out whether the ustians prefer to export caviar or communica.

Did you ever think when your mother made you use an atomizer to clear your head of a cold that "atomizers" might lay a million geopie cold? Is this progress?

After that, each party considered It fair game to rip the other up the back when it came to a discussion on foreign affairs and the fine old tradition (which was really a negative thing) "foreign affairs ends at the shore line," was split wide open.

And then the bloody conflict of World War II made people realize that Democratic and Republican blood when it flowed on the battlefield was the same color and caused the same gaping wounds at field home.

The campaign which we have just witnessed, while it was character-ized with the same old fuss and fury of the past, omitted the question of foreign policy except when it was raised by persons already discredit-ed by both major parties.

That is the hope, as I see it, for American dominance, for the dominance of the American idea of hu-man freedom. We have learned that when it comes to facing the world, we meet it shoulder to shoulder as Americans and nothing else.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

The difference between a Com-munist and a fellow-traveler is that one knows where he wants to go and the other is being taken for a ride. Paul Scott Mowrer says that Rus-sia has solved the problems of the economic cycles (the booms and busts of capitalism) by achieving a permanent depression.

FIVE HUNDRED NEW DEPUTIES . . . Ready for action, more than 500 recruits were sworn in as special deputies by Sheriff George Han-ley of Milwaukee to help the police department handle the Allis Chal-mers strike at the plant at West Allis, Wis. The plant was closed on election day, but opened the following day with the picket line still active and cases of trouble from different groups of strikers as well as those who passed the picket line.



CELEBRATE COMING OF THE "NEW JAPAN" . . . They have a brand new holiday in Japan as part of their "brave new world." It is called the festival of the reconstruction of the new Japan. It was jumgurated in Tokyo to celebraic the reconstruction of the capital and the new Japanese constitution which was promulgated November 3. Thoto shows the Omikeshi shrine, which was carried in the parade. Such shrines are brought from the temples only on rare occasions. LIFE-SIZE . . . Amanda Allers-meyer, New York City, has select-ed her Christmas doll early. She found out that Santa Claus had ordered a large number of life-sized dolls, an indication that this Christmas dolls will be big.

age may pave way for price ad-vance.". . . "Begin jailing Ger-mans as war offenders." . . . "Amendments to food control act supported and fought before congress committees."

> All this and prohibition too. "Thousands return to Europe, blaming prohibition here."

Not only were there strikes, but also there were the same, familiar strikes. Telegraph and telephone workers, maritime and a steel strike lasting into the fourth month. . . Omaha faced a general strike. . . In the spring of 1919, 10,000 men were locked out of the Willys-Overland plant in Toledo, a strike committee controlled Winnipeg and police were using machine guns in Connecticut strike riots.

In the fall of 1919 a United Mine Workers' strike closed all bituminous coal mines and produced a news story headed "Lewis says mines' demands are 'subject to negotiation' - puts blame on operators."

No, history is just the same. History always repeats after a war.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Gordon Clapp, who succeeds Da-vid Lilienthal as head of TVA, has been a thorn in the side of job-hungry Senator McKellar for years. Clapp believes in the revolutionary Clapp believes in the revolutionary practice of raising a man from the ranks when he does a good job, rather than handling McKellar polit-ical plums. . . Charles Bay, U. S. ambassador to No. way, came home to vote—and perhaps to look for greener diplomatic pastures. . . William Pawley, U. S. ambassador to Brazil, is at Mayo clinic.





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ANSWERS MOLOTOV . . . War-ren R. Austin, chief U. S. dele-gale to the U. N. general assem-bly, has taken the lead in answer-ing Russia's foreign minister, Mo-lolov, on plans to police stomic energy and other issues.