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## Stalemate

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possibility into account. And undoubtedly they have given thought to the military importance of seeing to it that such a war is started at a time and under circumstances most favorable to us.

That can be brought about only if we start the war!

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Day after day, for more than a year now, we have been trying to arrange a truce to end the fighting in Korea. Before that, we had been trying, for six years, to work out a live-and-let-live arrangement with Soviet Russia. Those efforts proved as fruitless as have the negotiations at Panmunjom.

And so we are at a diplomatic, as well as military stalemate; it seems obvious that it is impossible to deal with the Russian government.

If we cannot deal with the Kremlin, if the masters of the Russian people do not want peace, what hope is there?

There appears to be only one—that we can deal with the Russian people.

That, it will be said, has been and is being tried; for we have such instruments as the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe to tell the Russian people the truth.

That is true. It also is true that, generally speaking, the Communist propaganda deals in half-truths and lies and ours in facts. But that does not remove the basic weakness of the messages beamed by the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe—that these messages are propaganda, pure and simple. They are as much a part of our struggle with the Kremlin as are armies and navies and air forces; the only difference is that these propaganda agencies use ideas and words as their weapons.

The weakness of these messages is that telling the Russian people the truth is not their primary purpose; their primary purpose is to help us bring about the defeat of the Russian nation. They are an effort to weaken Russian morale, not a genuine effort to reach an agreement with the Russian people.

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Most Americans have religious convictions. America is a land of churches. It still calls itself a Christian nation.

Yet in this crisis Americans have been able to think of only one solution—a continuation of the stalemate based on force, a stalemate that ultimately almost surely must lead to war.

They have an alternative. They might try the only solution that seems to remain, the one solution not tried, the solution that might prove most practical. They might try Christianity—the kind practiced by the First Century Christians.

For if our only hope is to deal with the Russian people, then we have a problem in human relations. And what human relations expert has ever devised a more workable method than that of the vigorous, young Galilean whose teachings, two thousand years ago, shook the Kremfins of that day!

What might not happen if the church people of America—if those of even a single American denomination—should decide to devote all of their money and all of their efforts and all of their prayers to getting across to the people of Russia the truths and the spirit of Christianity! Some such message as this:

"You are our brothers. We are yours. As individuals, we have no quarrel with you. As individuals, we believe you have no quarrel with us. Why, then, should we kill each other? Should we murder one another simply because our governments cannot agree? We, as individuals, are going to do all in our power to prevent this useless slaughter.

"If you will join us in this crusade for peace, then war need not come."

"But whatever your decision, whatever our governments may do, whatever the result of war, if it comes—always we shall remember that you are our brothers..."

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Who is to say that might not be the solution? But it would not work if it were mere clever propaganda. It would not ring true if its purpose were simply to win the cold war for the United States. Such a message, unless it came from the heart, would be the sheerest hypocrisy—and would boomerang.

It would work only if it were really meant. It would work only if those who sent the message were seeking not victory for America, but peace for all mankind. It would work only if they were as anxious to save Russian lives as American; if they

thought of Russians and Americans as equal sons of God.

It would work only if those things were true, because one of the paradoxes of Christianity is that a man can win only by losing. And another, that Christianity is a positive force only when it is animated by the spirit of "love thy neighbor as thyself".

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All the schemes of all the so-called practical men have been tried, time and time and time again—and always they have betrayed us into war.

A man-to-man application of the principles of Christianity to international problems has, at the least, the virtue of never having been tried.

## This Week With

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milk, self-rising flour, and turnip greens.

Following are some questions and answers on corn meal:

Q. Why do we need enriched corn meal?

A. Enriched corn meal will contribute to better health. One-third of the cereal foods eaten in North Carolina are made from corn.

Q. What is enriched corn meal?

A. It is corn meal to which extra food value has been added in the form of vitamins and minerals.

Q. Is the enrichment of corn meal something like the enrichment of flour?

A. Yes. The enrichment of both is recommended by leading doctors and nutritionists.

Q. Does enriched corn meal and grits, look, taste, and cook differently?

A. No. Just like other corn meal and grits.

Q. How is corn meal enriched?

A. By the use of a little machine which mixes the enrichment into the meal as it streams out of the mill.

Q. Will enriched corn meal and grits help to protect health?

A. Yes, the added vitamins and minerals will help to prevent pellagra, anemia, and other nutritional diseases.

Q. Flour is enriched. Then why is it necessary to enrich corn meal and grits?

A. Because many people eat little flour and bread and much corn meal and grits, so they do not benefit from the enriched flour.

Q. Does whole corn meal need enrichment?

A. Yes, corn lacks by nature enough of several important food values which enrichment adds. Corn requires unusually large amounts of niacin from other sources for its complete digestion.

Q. Have degerminated corn meal and grits lost vitamins and minerals in the milling process?

A. Yes. North Carolina laws require the enrichment of degerminated corn meal and grits, but not that made from the whole corn.

Q. How much does it cost to enrich meal?

A. About 3 cents per bushel.

Q. Why are we establishing a corn meal enrichment program in North Carolina?

A. We hope that North Caro-

## STRICTLY PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

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Strangely, it is the newspapers that prate loudest, on their editorial pages, about "human dignity" that most insistently refuse, in their news columns, to accord this bit of recognition of the dignity of the individual.

And why "Mary Jones" rather than "Miss Mary Jones"? Why, especially, when the same paper, in the same paragraph, says "Mrs. Ruth Brown"? If they're going to put the Mrs. on to show that Ruth Brown is married, why not the Miss to show that Mary Jones isn't? Besides, what difference does her marital state make to the average reader? Who cares?

And why, a thousand times why, when a reporter is writing about a man, does he go out of his way to refer to the man's wife, and call her "Ann" or "Sue" or "Jane"? Why not simply "Mrs. Smith"?

Scores of recent news stories about General Eisenhower have made a point of referring to Mrs. Eisenhower, but never that way. Always it has been "his wife, Mamie", or just "Mamie". It's a bit impertinent, it seems to me; certainly it is silly.

— SP —

This column referred recently to the use of "evening" for afternoon and other old mountain expressions.

To these, Paul Carpenter adds one:

"They run the shoat over me".

It means, he explained, that a man is overwhelmed by something.

Who knows how that one started?

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