

# Looking at WASHINGTON

## "Hasty And Inadequate" Mobilization Is Costly

If the people of the United States want to make an effort to avoid warfare, they should not overlook the fact that this country, in 1917 and 1941, found itself forced to "hasty and inadequate mobilization" to meet the threat of aggression.

The U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey which recently studied the effectiveness of our aerial warfare in Europe and the Pacific, expresses the opinion that larger appropriations for the Army and Navy might have prevented Japan from embarking upon this war, or considerably reduced casualties and expenditures during the conflict.

The report of the experts calls attention to the fact that basic scientific research was neglected during the course of the war in order to concentrate upon the development of specific weapons. Consequently, it says we lagged behind Germany in advance aerodynamics, jet propulsion and the development of guided missiles. Even "the Japanese were ahead of us" in air armament and torpedoes.

Declaring that its recommendation is that the nation spend \$1,000,000,000 annually for research and development, the members of the group conducting the survey declared that its recommendations were not to be interpreted as the beginning of an arms race or lack of confidence in international relationships. However, the concluding words of the report are that "the United States must have the will and the strength to be a force for peace."

**Situation In China Seems To Be Very Badly Confused**  
Madam Sun Yat-sen, widow of

China's revolutionary leader, parrots the propaganda of the Soviet Union when she alleges that "American reactionaries are teaming up with Chinese reactionaries" although we are not in position to pass upon her other allegation that the government party in China is "inflaming the nation to civil war" in the hope that the conflict will incite war between America and the USSR.

The American people, we are free to admit, have heard very little about the aims and objectives of the Chinese antagonists to the government of General Chiang Kai-shek. During the war there was, no doubt, a censorship on development in China where, one may presume, there has not been a truly democratic government or the freedom that is usually associated with political liberty.

The United States, as a nation, had little to do with the form of government adopted by China. The present association between this country and the government of Chiang Kai-shek came about as a result of the war. When the Japanese invaded China, the United States naturally extended aid to the Chinese armies fighting the Japanese. This meant, at the time, the forces of Chiang Kai-shek.

It would be a mistake, perhaps, for the people of this country to assume that the Chinese fighting General Chiang Kai-shek's government are duplicates of the Communists in Russia. Just because the term has been applied to them does not necessarily mean that they have the same social and economic ideas. In fact, we have seen it stated by Americans who visited them, that the Chinese are not really Communists but rather Ag-

rarian Reformers.  
**Says U. S. Must Conquer World Or Work For Peace**  
Senator Brian McMahon of Connecticut, chairman of the Senate Atomic Energy Committee, says that the United States faces the alternative of conquering the world with the atomic bomb, or working for peace through the international plan outlined to the United Nations by Bernard M. Baruch.

The Senator says that "we have the bomb and we feel sure others do not yet have it," and that with this monopoly "we could probably conquer the world and by a regime of harsh suppression, we might be able to prevent others from threatening us with similar weapons."

Declaring that he had not heard a responsible official, either military or civilian, advocate such a program of imperialism, he stated that "there is an under-current of such talk by thoughtless people." He declared that the only way to protect ourselves from atomic warfare is "through some form of effective international control," and insisted that we should "stop deluding ourselves that there can ever be absolute security through international agreements." The best that we can get is a form of control which will "make it difficult for any nation to make atomic warfare" and make it impossible "to launch a surprise atomic attack."

Senator McMahon makes it plain that he believes that the United States should not consider a program of imperialism, but he evidently believes that the nation, in its own self-defense, should be able at all times to defend itself. Even if no other nation develops the atomic bomb, there is always the possibility that some group will come into power somewhere and develop an ambition to conquer this country. Naturally, it would not be wise for us to depend entirely upon international action to take care of the defense of our country.

We have not heard anybody advocate an effort by the United States to conquer the world, with or without the atomic bomb, but such a course would be a sign of national insanity. Even granting, for the sake of argument, that temporary success is possible, the inevitable consequence is a heritage of hatred all over the world, which, in the end, would certainly overwhelm this country.

**Famine Threat Continues Throughout The World**  
The people of the United States must continue to help feed the world, declares President Truman, who says that famine still threatens the world.

Mr. Truman recognized that there are people who are "sick and tired of hearing of starvation and want," but

he said that "in this great country of ours, people can't appreciate what goes on in the countries that have had their farms and their homes and their property completely destroyed."

The United States sent overseas, in its last crop year, 417,000,000 bushels of food grains, when only 225,000,000 bushels were pledged, as late as last November, but the hard facts of the world situation, as outlined by Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, are that in Europe 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 people are living on less than enough to sustain health and conservative estimates put the probable number of famine deaths in India as high as 15,000,000; that in China the situation is nearly as bad as in India.

We call attention to these facts because there is a tendency on the part of most people to conclude that the necessity for sending food abroad has been successfully concluded. The need for conserving food continues and the United States, which seldom sees any part of its population on a starvation basis, must help provide the food to keep people alive until they can rehabilitate themselves from the consequences of war's destructive orgy.

## U. S. To Depend On B-29 In Event Of Any Early War

A leading article in a recent issue of a prominent aviation magazine stated that the B-29 super-fortress was already "obsolete" and readers were told to expect a pilotless, guided rocket war when the next conflict breaks out.

The atom bomb was pictured as something which would be hurled on nations by crewless craft. About the only way to escape sure destruction in that kind of war would be deep concrete cellars with complete facilities underground for eating and breathing, it was stated.

That kind of war will probably arrive but it is improbable that it will happen to us in the next ten years. Even if the United States were drawn into a war in the next decade, which is entirely possible, this country would not be able to wage that kind of warfare.

While the army and navy both have experimental type planes under construction and others in test flights, the mainstay of the Army Air forces is the B-29 in the way of bombers and the P-80 in fighter craft. The P-80 hasn't been sufficiently tested in battle, although the Germans had plenty of Me-263's, the German jet version, in the air six months before the end of hostilities in Europe.

If war broke out and the United States became involved, it is logical to assume that the B-29 would do the atom bombing and the P-80 offer fighter protection. It is reasonable to assume that new models would be tested in the course of the war but the only weapon the United States has in adequate numbers, and will have in adequate numbers in the next few years, is the super-fort.

The Army is testing German rockets but has failed to perfect any large rockets and put them into production. They have yet to devise a method for rockets to deliver atomic bombs on a specified target with any sure degree of success.

The Army does say, however, that it has a weapon in the form of bacteriological warfare that will surpass in effects the atom bomb. In some writers' opinions, this announcement would make the atom bomb obsolete.

If war occurs in the next few years, the bacteria weapon will probably be carried in a B-29 and the big bomber will probably return without casualties—in spite of some of America's fast-moving magazines.

## Save Good Cotton Seed For Planting

All first-year cotton seed from the breeder should be given special attention this fall and saved, rather than be placed in regular market channels, says Dan F. Holler, Extension cotton marketing specialist at State College.

"If the price of cotton remains anywhere near the present level, many farmers in North Carolina who did not plant cotton this year will be planting it next season and there will be a strong demand for good seed," he explains. "Last spring, because of unfavorable weather conditions during the harvesting season, many growers were forced to plant gin-run seed rather than seed of good, known breeding."

"For these two reasons the chances are that the demand for planting seed for cotton will be exceptionally good during the fall of 1946 and the spring of 1947."

Holler suggests that farmers pick their cotton only when it is dry, and that it be turned several times before it is carried to the gin to keep it from heating. This is not only good practice in saving seed but also in getting the best job of ginning.

When the first few bales of cotton are ginned, the cotton is "green." The seed contain large amounts of moisture and this is transformed to the lint, making good ginning difficult. It is especially necessary to have cotton turned and dried out at this time.

After the cotton is ginned, Holler suggests that the seed be handled so that no heating will lower germination of the seed.

## CLASS MEETING

The Judson Memorial Sunday School class of the Hertford Baptist Church met Thursday night, August 15th with Mrs. Clinton Eley.

## CIRCLE NO. 2 MEETING

Circle No. 2 of the Hertford Baptist Church met Monday evening with Mrs. B. W. Pennington as hostess. Mrs. Pennington, assistant chairman, presided. Mrs. Tommy Miller gave the devotional.

Mrs. W. E. Hoffer was in charge of the program with several taking part. The meeting was closed with prayer.

After the business session, presided over by Mrs. R. L. Holmes, a social hour was enjoyed, the hostess served a delicious salad, course and ice tea.

Members present included Messrs. R. C. Skinner, R. L. Holmes,

Tommy Miller, B. T. Wood, Lois Daniels, Estelle Miller, E. A. Byrum, J. W. Hampton, Walter East, B. W. Pennington, W. E. Hoffer, A. A. Perry, V. A. Holdren, T. E. Raper and Miss Laura Pennington. The September meeting will be with Mrs. J. W. Hampton.

## A Wisp Of A Thing

"Aren't you getting careless, Nornah?" asked the master of the house. "These cobwebs on the mantel are disgraceful," he continued as he brushed them into the fireplace. "Now you've gone and done it, sir," replied the distressed maid. "That was the madam's new spring bonnet."

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