

**B-36 Must Have Off-Shore Bases**

Without any intention of opening the controversy over the B-36, General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff says that the Joint Chiefs of Staff are in accord on the need for bases off the mainland for large-scale bombing operations and recognize the necessity for providing fighter protection for the big bombers.

The General emphasized the impossibility of relying "solely on mid-air refueling" in large-scale operations for the B-36. He emphasized that no one service can possibly wage inter-continental war and urged the necessity for teamwork by the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Acheson Urges Import-Mindedness

Urging the United States to change its thirty-year-old trade policy, in order to allow other nations to pay for what they buy in this country instead of having the American taxpayer foot the bill in the form of loans and gifts, Secretary of State Dean Acheson says that the United States must become "really import-minded."

The Secretary found nothing "favorable" in a trade balance under which we sold \$13,000,000,000 worth of goods to the rest of the world last year and bought only \$7,000,000,000 in return. The \$6,000,000 gap not only creates serious problems for other nations, in their effort to secure dollar credits, but it represents a gift of the material resources of the United States.

The word "gift" may not be strictly accurate. It applies in the fullest sense, however, to much of the assistance that we are now giving temporarily to Western Europe. In respect to the balance the buyers promise to pay, but in view of their inability to pay what they owe us now, there is not much to be gained by running up the total of their indebtedness.

The "Small Business" Build-Up

Investigators of a House Committee, set up to look after the interests of small business, called attention to the National Tax Equality Association and the National Associated Business Men, Inc. The former raises about \$500,000 annually and the latter about one-fifth that amount, with most of the money coming from what is generally termed "big business."

The NAB "professes to be the champion of small business," but its thirty-two state secretaries, who receive about \$200 a month, are paid by the most prosperous NTEA.

The organizations' lobby would wipe out the exemption from taxes enjoyed by farm and other coops, and the NTEA pays considerable attention to what it calls "double-taxation." This, of course, does not do much damage to individual firms or partnerships but does require the corporations of the land to pay on their incomes before dividends. The fact that the stockholders pay on the dividends received makes the so-called "double-taxation."

Wright Patman, head of the Committee in the House, says that while the lobbying groups profess to assist small firms, they really play the game of the larger corporations. What the professional promoters attempt is to stir up the feeling of small business men and to work up sentiment in favor of proposals which will carry out the purposes of their lobbying.

There is no suggestion that the two organizations have violated the law. It seems that both are registered under the Lobby Act. This does not mean that every small business man in the country is aware of their close connection with the large corporations, or that sometimes the speakers who come around to talk about the American way have a special axe to grind.

No Easy Way to Win a War

"A war of the future will be waged on civilians as well as soldiers," declares Dr. Horvin C. Kiefer, who adds, "Such a war can be lost just as quickly and conclusively by break-down of industrial production as by loss of military battles."

The doctor, who is director of the Health Resources Division, National Security Resources Board, was speaking to the Association of Military Surgeons and dealing with the consequences of global war, atomic bombs, biological warfare and "perhaps even more diabolical weapons."

The idea that wars of the future will be won by use of the new weapons, aimed at the civilian population and by breaking down the industrial potential of a nation, is rather popular and one finds it often expressed. Nevertheless, there is nothing in the military history of the world to suggest that it will happen.

The quickest way to defeat an enemy is to render his fighting forces hors d'combat. Raiding of what happens in the area behind the lines, the smashing of its fighting forces renders a country helpless. Of course, it is possible by attacking the sources of production to initiate a war of attrition but a struggle of this kind is apt to be prolonged.

Despite the heavy bombing to which Germany was subjected during

the last war, the production of weapons and military essentials was maintained at a surprisingly rapid rate. In fact, the collapse of Germany, as a fighting power, came about when the Russians, with the British and American forces, outnumbered the German armies in the field, had them overwhelmed with superior weapons and the paraphernalia of warfare.

Mr. Stettinius devoted his book on his public career to the defense of the late President Roosevelt at Yalta. His argument is along this line: "When the conference was held, in February, 1945, Soviet Russia was in actual possession of Eastern Europe and in potential possession of Manchuria and the islands to the North of Japan. The Western Allies did not have physical power to prevent the Russians from taking over these two parts of the world."

Says Yalta Was Diplomatic Triumph
Not many people in the United States know what transpired at the famous conference, held at Yalta, between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Joseph Stalin. The facts as to the agreements reached were necessarily secret at the time and since the end of the war, the discussion has been from the vantage point of the present rather than from the outlook at the time of the conference.

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., former Secretary of State, who recently died, contends in a book published after his death that Yalta was a "diplomatic triumph for the United States."

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gory and Miss Reba Spivey. The high score prize went to Mrs. Banks, floating to Mrs. Keel and low was awarded Mrs. Goodman. A salad course was served.

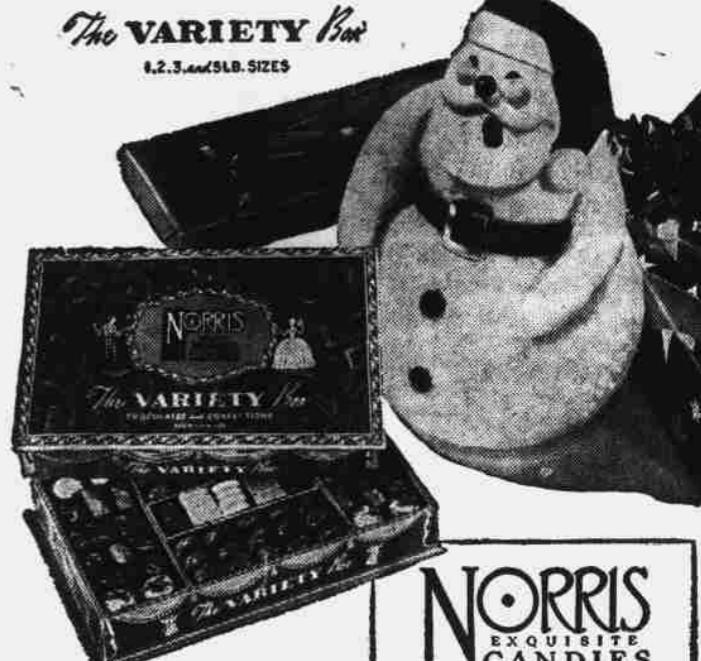
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