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SHOULD U. S. RECOGNIZE COMMUNIST CHINA?

We are not among those who look with favor upon members of the U.S. Supreme Court when they sound off on issues of a public, political or partisan nature and we have observed the tendency of Justice William O. Douglas to give his viewpoint on issues that are not judicial or pertaining to the law.

Quite recently, the jurist returned from a journey into the Far Eastern areas, and in an interview at San Francisco, suggested that the United States recognize Communist China. He advocated such a course as a means of breaking the political ties between China and Russia, saying it would be a "real political victory" for the free world and a means of capitalizing on the struggle between Chinese nationalism and Russia's drive to solidify the Far East.

Naturally, the air was immediately filled with angry denunciation of the jurist. Politicians of both parties lambasted him, including Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, who comes up for re-election next year. The idea of Justice Douglas is not popular at this time and by jumping on it with both feet the office-holders expect to convince the people "back home" that they are militant defenders of the American way of life, deserving enthusiastic support at the polls.

Not many Americans will bother to take a sensible look at the question. Most of our staunch and true brethren will likewise mutter imprecations against Mr. Douglas, thus escaping the necessity for an intelligent survey of world conditions that is a prerequisite to the establishment of a peaceful world for which they also exhort.

Now, what any one thinks of Justice Douglas has little to do with the fundamental issue that he raises. Denunciation or praise of the jurist, without considering the prothat are supposed, at least, to enable the sovereign people of our great country to pass on national and international policies.

ARMS SPENDING POSTPONES DEPRESSION

After practically every major war in which this country has been engaged, there has occurred a serious business depression, with heavy losses in money, productivity and standard of living.

So, economists and others sometimes wonder what has happened to the depression that was scheduled to follow the end of World War II. This is a fair question because the answer will affect not only the business men of the nation but the millions of families which make up the population of the United States.

Several years ago, the writer was somewhat interested in the subject. A survey at that time gave no indication of any sudden deflation. There were factors in operation which did not exist at the end of World War I and, since that time, the Government has put into motion a tremendous defense program which means continued business activity at an above-normal rate. Consequently, there does not seem to be much prospect of a serious depression as long as the defense program is being accelerated.

The arms program, by the way, is going to be much bigger than we thought even a year ago. The peak for arms orders will not occur in 1952, as originally expected, but will more likely come around in 1953 or 1954. The defense budget for the current fiscal year is likely to move up from sixty to seventy billion dollars and, while the amount is uncertain at the present time, spending for defense is likely to continue at that rate for two or three years.

CAN WORLD LIVING STANDARDS

BE RAISED?

Nowhere in the world do the people of any region enjoy the comforts and conveniences that are generally used in the United States. Not all of the people in this country, however, can afford the gadgets and devices that cost money and, consequently, the standard of living, high as it is, could

be higher. The people of the world, scattered in various regions and in relative stages of development, have different standards of living. Some of the causes relate to lack of dependable wealth but other causes, such as ignorance and superstition, play a part in keeping peoples backward. There is vast room for improvement in world living standards and if these could be brought on a par with those in the United States the resulting boom in business would make preceding areas look like loafing epochs.

There is much to be done before the back-

ward areas will develop a need for modern things. There is much to be done before they will possess the wealth with which to make these things available to their people Zealand were apprehensive on a scale comparable to such use in the about the lack of restraints U. S. Here is a field of labor sufficient to in the "Treaty of Reconciliaengage the thought and attention of states- tion" with Japan, the United men for centuries, with resulting profit to States agreed, as a matter the entire world.

The lifting of standards of living, all ecute a defense treaty with around the globe, is a business which re- the smaller Pacific powers. quires peace, not war. The threat of an- Each of the three nations other global war constitutes a menace to the recognizes that an armed atcontinuing improvement of living stand- tack in the Pacific area on ards, and hence to mankind itself. Never- any of them would be "dantheless, peace cannot be had for the asking, gerous to its own peace" and It must be the product of co-operative na- that, therefore, it would "act tions, especially those nations that possess to meet the common danger" the potential for war.

AFRIKA KORPS VETERANS ORGANIZE

Those who consider the future course of Germany are now concerned over the possible revival of rampant militarism. After doubt but that the Senate World War I, when it was hoped that de- will take favorable action. mocracy would make progress in Germany. Accordingly, it might be well the world witnessed the gradual build-up of to review the security com- ards." a military spirit which inevitably produced mitments of the United World War II.

At the present time, there are German organizations of veterans that take an at- task of defending its contititude that is more aggressive than Allied nental area and outlying posofficials like, because of the potential threat to the further development of German de- is also bound to: mocracy.

For this reason, it is interesting to note that veterans of the Afrika Korps, probably and Austria. the most famous single German fighting force of the last war, will hold a reunion this month dedicated to the principles of moderation and democracy.

Gen. Ludwig Kruell, who commanded armored formations in the Korps, is sponsoring an association free of militant nationalism and expresses the hope that his the Western hemisphere. organization will "show the world that we are good citizens and good Europeans, who are ready to play our part correctly in a democratic state.'

The General also expresses the hope that, in time, the new association will be able to Cape to the shores of Africa. fire . . . ' make contact with its foes of World War II, notably Great Britain's Eighth Army, which for two and one-half years fought the 'Afrika Korps across North Africa and El Alamein to Tunis. That there may be some chance of such a reapproachment comes from the opinion of American and rangements are now under "No," responded the other gen-British veterans of the African campaign, negotiation, including the ad- ially. "Just the pockets." who say that the Afrika Korps had a reputation in the desert of fighting clean.

"MOTHBALLING" SHIPS SAVES MONEY

The forty-five-thousand - ton battleship Iowa has been taken out of "moth-balls" and put into service at San Francisco.

Speaking at the ceremony, Fleet Admiral Japan, following the execution of the treaty ending the give his minutes the proper ofposal, obscures the intellectual processes role in our victory over the Japanese in the Pacific, pointed out that the "mothball' process has been the "cheapest insurance ever offered the American people."

The cost of building a battleship like the Iowa would be around \$250,000,000 today, although its original cost was about half that amount. More important than the financial gain, however, is the time saved in and nineteen minutes but it live out of water. The first day the construction of such a vessel.

By "mothballing" its warships, at the end ord. even if it did so. of World War II, the Navy has managed to maintain a reserve of sea power, readily made available in time of crisis. The process is much less troublesome than the old craft company will study it, at a time, plan of burying guns, etc., in grease, and, as we understand it, just as effective in preserving ships. Moreover, it is comparatively easy to put the warships back into active service.

PREDICTS GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

For the benefit of the few who think that the world is going to the dogs and that the future is not worth its coming, we call attention to the observation of Charles F. Kettering, whose fame as an inventor and engineer, plus his 75 years of life, entitles him to have some basis upon which to form an opinion.

Mr. Kettering declares that "the next century offers opportunities that never existed before." He is not worried about the future because he has seen "some of the greatest things that ever beset mankind" and knows that, somehow, they turned out fairly well. Finally, he asked the sixty-four dollar question: "How can we feel we are going to Hell when we have gone all this wav in the past fifty years?"

This article could go on almost indefinitely, citing the differences that exist in present-day human life and that of several centuries ago. There is no use to go back to the prehistoric age to realize that men and women have made considerable progress in the world. There is no reason to doubt that the future years will resent an accelerated rate of improvement.

The law is not what legislators think i is but what the jurists say it is.

If everybody would quit hurrying, life would move along intelligently.

Newspapers without reporters usually wind up without subscribers.

Who invited Soviet Russia to San Francisco anyway, and why?

Boxing is fast becoming a dangerous mode of life.

Appointments for a "good time" are rare-

U. S. GUARANTEES PEACE

Because Australia and New of mutual protection, to ex-

in accordance with constitutional processes."

This treaty must be ratified by the United States Senate, but there is little States in the present-day world. In addition to the sessions, the United States

(1) Defend its occupation forces in Germany, Japan

(2) Assist in implementing United Nations obligations to oppose aggressors throughout the world.

(3) Under the Rio Treaty. to act with the other American Republics in defense of genteel aunt in Boston.

stretching from the North a soft, soft whisper: "Fire . .

(5) Back up mutual defense obligations assumed with the Philippine Islands under a security pact recent- to be dressed so well?" asked a ly signed.

Additional security ar- you wife pick your clothes?" dition of Greece and Turkey to the North Atlantic Pact. expected to take place in volve commitments in con- out bothering about formalities. war in the Pacific area.

U. S. TO ADOPT BRITISH JET

A twin-jet British bomber recently crossed the North Atlantic ocean in four hours was not out to make a rec-

way to Baltimore where ex- three hours, and so on until it be fatal." perts of an American air- would live in the air for a day having been licensed to build models of the bomber for the over a bridge, while the fish, U. S. Air Force.

our exuberant patriots who But, oh, the pity of it, the fish frequently declaim upon the slipped, fell off the bridge into thesis that we do everything the river, and was drowned. hetter than any "foreigners." Despite the vast expenditure of billions of dollars, since the end of World War II, we an article in a music shop, but import a bomber plane as a could not understand the purpose model and many military ex- for which it was used. perts tell us that the Russians have some types of aircraft asked the shop assistant. that are better than ours.

Americans to overlook the by lady violinists." blah-blah neddled by profes- The man from the country gave as a people. We have no ing with us as well." monopoly on goodness, intelligence or patriotism and the sooner we exhibit an adult world at large.

collection plate does not shall we do?" make one a philanthropist.

steaks are on sale—this is one for the deep freeze.

The trouble with substi- SCHOOL BURNS tutes for beef steak is that they taste like substitutes.

health but a good menu can School-just a few days before do wonders also.

controls should not mind ed but was badly damaged by price increases.

WILL YOU SMILE

Flattered

"This robbery was carried out very cleverly," said the judge. "Come now, judge, no flattery, please," replied the blushing pris-

Say Something

"I've been asked for references for our last maid. What on earth can I say in her favor?"

"Well, she has a good appetite and sleeps well."

He Knows His Economics

for more spending money.

"You don't know the value of dollar, son," sighed the father. "as of last week it was 62 cents, ple." as compared with 1939 stand-

Permission

"You can't marry her without permission," said Father Smith. "Why not?" said the swooning swain.

"Because she's a minor." The young man looked stumped for a minute, then asked: "You mean I gotta ask John

L. Lewis.

Always A Lady

"Speaking of how people react to emergencies," says a friend, "I'll have to tell you about my

"Late 'one night her home (4) Under the North At- caught fire. Auntie dressed carelantic Treaty to join its as- fully, donned hat, coat and clean sociated powers in protect- white gloves, and walked sedately ing a part of the world out into the street, repeating in

For Husbands Only "How do you manage always

man of an acquaintance. "Does

Parliamentary

In a town on the Pacific coast Canada this month, and, fi- an earthquake shock was felt, and nally, a military arrangment when the municipal building with Japan which will in- rocked, the City Fathers left with-

Japan, following the execu- regulations, was hard put to it to ficial tone. Finally, he evolved this masterpiece:

"On the motion of the city hall, the council adjourned."

Hard Luck A man tried to train a fish to he kept the fish out of the bowl for one hour. The second day, The bomber was on the for two hours. The third, for to tell you that the fall would

One day the man was walking which had become fond of its This may surprise some of master, followed close behind.

Just The Thing

A man from the country saw

"What is that thing for?" he

"That, sir, is a chin rest," he

It is time for intelligent was told. "It is used quite a lot

sional patriots and develop a a cry of joy. "Give me one," he practical attitude toward said. Then, after a slight pause, world affairs. We are not he added. "No, I'll take two. perfect, either as a nation or We've go the wife's mother stay-

Just Like Mother!

In a primary class, a teacher mentality in connection with was putting her small charges our own accomplishments the through a make-believe afterbetter it will be for us, our noon tea, to teach them table associated nations and the manners. At the conclusion of the repast she wanted to see how the children would excuse them-Putting a few cents in the selves, so she said: "Now what

There was a moment of silence, and then a bright-eyed little We see where frozen whale tyke down front pined up. "Well. we could sit around for a while and smoke cigarettes and gossip!"

lightning during a brief storm, a Republican \$600,000 fire swept through the paign? A diet may be good for the main section of the Gallatin High the school was scheduled to open. A recently completed addition, People who opposed price costing \$137,000, was not destroy-

VIEWS and

Charles F. Kettering, retired inventor:

"The next half century offers opportunities that never existed before."

Robert Schuman, French Foreign

Minister: "It is extremely difficult to speculate on what the Russian delegates will do."

The high school lad had asked Ralph B. Nesbitt, Presbyterian

preacher: "There is no doubt that there has been a slackening of the "Yes. I do," replied the lad, moral fiber of the American peo-

> Nichollas Hobbs, psychologist: "The science of psychology puts dora Herald-Index. into the hands of psychologists instruments and techniques of tremendous social power."

Ray D. Spencer, former head of bomb-shelter program: "Military experts have estimated that seventy per cent of

attacking planes, in large-scale raids, will get through our screens."

Daniel A. Reed, Member of Congress from New York:

dollar is going into Federal, state City Star. and local taxes."

Francis T. Murray, director of athletics, University of Pennsylvania: "Sports are a normal, useful

Education commissioner: "You cannot put a generation into educational cold storage and then later put them into an educational hot-house."

William O. Douglas, Justice, U. S. Supreme Court:

logical course."

Report, Senate Crime Investigat-

ing Committee: "The public now knows that the tentacles of organized crime reach into virtually every community throughout the country.

Eric Johnston, head of Economic

Stabilization Agency: "I don't have to jump off the Washington Monument in order

BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God, whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

1. Who spoke these words? 2. Where are they found in the

3. Where were they spoken? 4. Was the speaker a Jew or Gentile?

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1. Where is the "African Niagara" located?

2. Who is King of Norway? 3. Who wrote, "True worth is in being, not seeming . . . ?" 4. When was the Treaty of Rio de Janeiro signed?

5. What husband and wife have entered politics together? 6. Where is the Housatonic river?

7. Which is the largest bay on the U. S. eastern coast? 8: The Premier of Japan is at tending the San Francisco con vention. What is his name?

9. Who is the new Secretary of the Navy? 10. Who was Gov. Thomas E Gallatin, Tenn. - Set off by Dewey's runningmate in the 1948

Presidential cam-(Continued On Page 8)

General price rise expected in wake of freight-rate increase.

Farm income might equal 1947's record of \$17,800,000,000.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Naturally

We'd be a little more inclined to accept his statistics if the statistician could produce 2.63 persons .- Buffalo News.

Nothing?

Nothing opens a person's eyes quicker than falling blindly in love.-The Jester.

Slogan?

Who will run in '52? If Harry tarries, Dwight might. - Decatur Herald.

Chactic Past

Do you remember, before anyone knew about flower arrangements, when you went to a pienic someone always stuck a bunch of flowers in a fruit jar and put it in the center of the table?-El-

Only Time

The only time a traffic light shows green in both directions is during the testimony of two drivers who have had a collision-The Sentry.

Revival

A move is afoot to revive the Keystone Kops, who will be remembered for jumping up into the air three times before taking out after the crook- a technique "It is currently estimated that imitated by Washington as it prethirty per cent of the taxpayer's pares to control a price.-Kansas

"Pin Money"

The words "pin money" originated in the Fourteenth Century when pins were so expensive that manufacturers sold them in open and human part of civilization." shops only two days a year and husbands provided money for this Earl James McGrath, Federal luxury for their wives. - New York Times.

International Observation

It took a lot of tail pulling by the Russians for America to work up its strong policy. Even the most skeptical Russian might be surprised at what changes would "Recognition (of Communist come in the international scene China) will require straight-for- and in American temper if Rusward and courageous thinking by sia would cease to be fidgety all Americans, but it is the only and would sit still. - Manchester (England) Guardian.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

It is possible to go wrong in many ways, but right in only one. * end . -- -- -- Aristotle.

Extremity of right is wrong. -John Clarke,

that hath wrong, hopes. We are not satisfied to be

He that hath right, fears; he

right unless we can prove others to be quite wrong.

-William Hazlitt. There is always a right and wrong way, and the wrong way always seems the more reason-

-George Moore. Right is the opposite of wrong: and wrong consists in inflicting injuries on other people.

-Robert Briffault. **BRIEFS: VERY BRIEF**

\$42,000,000,000 in reparations already paid by Japan.

Scientists see man-made waystation to moon not far off.

Lower world consumption of cotton foreseen for 1951-52. Jess Larson to serve as chief

U. S. buyer of defense materials.

Pentagon in ferment over tactical air arm.

European steel producers act to increase ore supply. Record 33,000,000 enrollment

forecast for nation's schools. New cooling device increases transformer's output by 350 per

New oil discoveries in Mexico lifts country's known reserves.

General George C. Kennedy ends long air career. F. H. A. orders nation-wide

cuts in field staffs. Coal exports expected