

# Looking at WASHINGTON

## RUSSIA TESTS TWO BOMBS; THE U. S. TESTS TEN

A little more than two years ago, President Truman reported that "within recent weeks an atomic explosion occurred in the U. S. S. R." Last week it was announced that the Russians had succeeded in exploding "another atomic bomb."

No details were available and it was not explained how the United States acquired the information. It is known that each atomic blast sends clouds of radio-activity through the atmosphere, which can be detected with instruments thousands of miles from the scene of the explosion. This may have been the source of the information but there is the possibility that seismographs, operating close to Russia, detected the explosion, or it may have been spotted by high-flying B-29s in the Arctic region. Again, espionage agents inside the Soviet Union may have reported the blast.

It is expected that the Soviet will lose some propaganda advantage, based on the views expressed by Premier Stalin, in February, when he contended that Russia was busy with peaceful economic development, not leading to an atomic armament race. In addition, the reported explosion may give evidence that the Russians are making decided progress in the atomic weapon race and may have some effect upon Western Europeans who are not overly anxious to co-operate with the Western powers in creating a European army.

The scientific experts, who try to figure out the relative position of the United States and Russia in the atomic bomb race, say that the President's announcement makes it clear that Russia has tested only two bombs. This is much slower than the United States, which has tested at least 10 models of atomic weapons and is continuing tests in Nevada. Moreover, we have designed at least 12 different types of atomic weapons, each designed for a specific purpose.

## WILL U. N. TRY TO PROMOTE IMMIGRATION?

The United Nations Organization, which, with its many ramifications, tackles about every job in the world, is interested in plans to promote the immigration of 1,700,000 Europeans to overseas countries.

At the recent meeting in Naples, Italy, delegates from 27 nations, including this country, discussed plans for coping with surplus population and manpower problems. The group, organized by the International Labor Office, is concerned mainly with raising working and living standards throughout the world.

Everybody recognizes the problems that face over-populated countries but not everybody in the world believes that every under-populated country has the obligation of accepting additional immigration. Those countries which desire additional immigrants can certainly take steps to secure them but what about the United States, where immigration is restricted by law?

The question arises whether the United States, in accordance with its membership in the United Nations, would be bound to accept a determination of that organization and open its doors to the immigrants that the U. N. thinks it should receive. This is not so far-fetched as it may sound because already, in a California case, the court has decided that a treaty obligation, made through the United Nations, is superior to the laws of this country.

Declaring that we should not repeat "in China the same folly in

1951 that we committed against Russia in 1918," he warned that if we do, "Western civilization will come down in ruins and no amount of atom bombs will enable it to survive."

It may be, as the British politician suggests, that the Western powers made a mistake in their attempt to intervene in Russia by force of arms in 1918 and it may be that, in 1951, we are taking some risk in connection with our attitude toward the Communist regime in China.

The answer to Mr. Bevan's warnings requires that somebody propose a different course of action that carries a greater guarantee of safety to the free nations of the world. So far, acceptance of Communist Russia or Communist China boils down to acceptance of the Communist economic theory of the restrictive program upon human freedoms that they compel others to accept by force arms. Up to this time, neither of these Communist powers has shown any inclination to compromise or co-operate in a way to permit free peoples to preserve their liberty or security.

There may be a few individuals in this country, and in other countries, who would favor a preventive war against Russia and China in order to stamp out the possible spread of Communism. They are in a vast minority, however, because most of the peoples of the free world ardently desire peace for the harmonious development of the world and its peoples. They do not desire this worthy goal to an extent which makes them willing to surrender their future into the guardianship of the military regimes that police the Communist states.

It seems to us that before Western nations can consider a partnership with Communist nations, there must be satisfactory evidence of a desire on the part of the Communist nations to be partners rather than masters. Everywhere the Communists have advanced, they have used force, either in police action or military pressure, to compel reluctant peoples to adopt the Party line.

Such compulsion would mean the end of free institutions as we know them and, consequently, until there is certainly that Russia and China want to "play ball" in the modern world on a live-and-let-live basis, there is not much use in talking about mistakes in the past or possible peace in the future.

## VULTEE AIRCRAFT EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO FREEDOM CAUSE

Directors of the Crusade for Freedom have telegraphed their "personal appreciation" to both management and labor at the Fort Worth, Texas, Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation's plant for that unit's contribution to the 1951 Crusade campaign.

Under the leadership of Lloyd Turner, an employee, Consolidated's plant workers there contributed more than \$10,000 toward erection of at least two more freedom stations abroad through which Radio Free Europe will expand its fight against communism.

The telegram, signed by both General Lucius D. Clay, and Harold E. Stassen, national directors, told the employees they had "made a significant contribution to the fight against world communism."

Meanwhile, contributions continued to pour into Crusade headquarters in the Empire State building. From Massachusetts, a couple sent \$2 and their "hopes and honest prayers," while a high school history class in New Jersey gave \$5.43 in one week and said they planned to make weekly contributions.

A retired Indiana minister mailed a \$10 check to "help you in this good work," and an Ohio mother of two children, whose father is in the Merchant Marine, contributed \$20 with this comment:

"If this check can buy a couple of bolts for your proposed transmitter, or a balloon or two to send messages of hope on the winds of, or over the air waves of, freedom, I shall feel more than justified."

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## BIBLE VERSE ANSWERS

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- 1. Genesis 9:16.
2. God.
3. Noah.
4. After the flood.

# NEWS AND VIEWS

By ALEXANDER S. LIPSETT (An ILNS Feature)

Coincident with plans for an all-out union campaign against 19 Senators and at least 66 Representatives in next year's congressional elections, the 70th AFL convention has authorized a boost in the per capita tax and a national drive for a voluntary \$1 minimum contribution from each of the federation's 8,000,000 members.

That is a sizable goal and should greatly benefit the 1952 program of Labor's League for Political Education. It also is a decisive departure from the method of financing union political action solely through membership gifts.

Voluntary contributions, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union and chairman of the LLPE finance department, told the convention delegates, amount to only \$600,000 in 1950 when the quota was \$2 per member. This is a far cry, a very far cry indeed, from full membership participation. Mr. Dubinsky's union alone, with its more than 400,000 members, could have done better.

Whether a lower voluntary quota will show better results remains to be seen. In any event, the one-penny-a-month compulsory raise in the per capita membership tax should net about \$1 million, or in excess of what the AFL national office spent in 1950 for its various publicity activities. On that score the council's annual report listed about \$200,000 for printing the AFL's two principal publicity media and \$652,733.90 for publicity, salaries and expenses (this presumably includes radio time and services).

The purge list of 19 U. S. Senators, described by the LLPE as "shortsighted, anti-labor, and members of the Taft-Hartley class of 1946," is interesting and instructive. It is composed of 5 Democrats and 14 Republicans—a reasonable nonpartisan approach. As campaign time rolls around, there will be more to say about the record of these and other members of Congress singled out for defeat.

But by reading in that list such names as Senators William F. Knowland, Calif.; H. Alexander Smith, N. J.; Ralph E. Flanders, Vt., and even Harry F. Byrd, Va., I could not help recalling the concluding sentence from the introduction to the AFL Executive Council report:

"We need, desperately, citizens with moral courage to uphold principles regardless of consequences. Only such citizens are fit for public service and able to use wisely the great power which our economy gives to all entrusted with authority.

These are statesman-like words. The last thing labor wants and American national life stands in need of are spineless public figures, unable or unwilling to assert their beliefs and be counted. We already have too many of such. It is the test of good citizenship and constructive trade unionism to weigh the council's admonition before accepting a recommendation which unwittingly paves the way for yes men and legislative puppets.

There are "two deadly millstones around the neck of organized labor in America today: the wage freeze and the escalator clause," writes the East Tennessee Labor News, Knoxville, in a refreshing editorial.

"The wage freeze is patriotically tied to price ceilings in the name of national defense. No more vicious course designed to keep workers from getting a fair wage for their hire has ever been devised by any Congress or any administration. . .

"Escalator clauses (are) a clever device recommended by administration officials and accepted by some unions and employers. Accepting an escalator clause in a contract is like jumping in a rut out of which there is no way to climb.

"You tie your wages to a nebulous thing called 'Cost of Living Index.' Even if the cost of living index were absolutely accurate—which it isn't—only a damn fool would agree with his employer that he would work for a fixed way the rest of his life. That's what an escalator clause amounts to."

Unfortunately, these convictions are held at present by too few of the country's unionists. On the contrary, a majority of workers, particularly in the mass production industries, have been taken in by promises and sleight-of-hand tricks which threaten to undermine labor's steady advance.

For as the editorial continues: "Historically, organized labor in America has been gaining in strength and getting just a little more and a little more of the profits of industry as the years go by. That has meant there was less left for Cadillacs and mansions staffed by servants, and yachts and winter homes in Florida. The workers were getting more of a break."

Yes, the working people ought to keep these facts everlastingly in mind.

Do you measure your neighbor by the same rule used to measure yourself?

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE: Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. W. Cruse, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at his address, care Hunter's Grocery, R. F. D. No. 2, Providence Road, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 18th day of October, 1952, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned. This the 18th day of October, 1951.

W. I. WILLIAMSON, Administrator. (10-18, 26; 11-4, 11, 18, 25c)

## NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Mecklenburg County. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Hazel S. Franks, Plaintiff, vs. James C. Franks, Defendant.

The defendant, James C. Franks, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by Hazel S. Franks, the plaintiff, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years' separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County at the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, within twenty-seven days after the 2nd day of November, 1951, to answer, demur or file other pleadings to the complaint of the plaintiff filed in the said action, and if he fails to appear and answer, demur or file other pleadings to said complaint within the time specified herein, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 11th day of October, 1951.

J. LESTER WOLFE, Clerk of Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. (10-11, 18, 25; 11-1p)

## Uncle Sam Says



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## WHO KNOWS ANSWERS

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1. The Dead Sea, in Palestine, which is 1,286 feet below sea level.
2. Molokai, in the Hawaiian Islands.
3. 196,950,312 square miles.
4. A formation suspended from the roof of a cave, caused by dripping water.
5. A formation rising beneath a stalactite, caused by the same reason.
6. An instrument for measuring the stars.
7. Caffeine and alcohol are classed as stimulants, nicotine as a poisonous alkaloid, morphine as a narcotic.
8. Gas pressure from inside the well.
9. Death Valley, in California, which is 280 feet below sea level.
10. Time flies.

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