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United Nations and the Oil Moguls

We all know the United Nations Organization was set up to preserve world peace. Its sponsors told us it could handle any international problem and should have a sufficient armed force to put down any revolt against its authority.

But, according to the Associated Press, representatives of this country and Great Britain, speaking at Lake Success, a delightfully cool spot in New York state, insist that the United Nations is not big enough to "administer the rich oil resources in the Middle East."

Only the oil plutocrats of Britain and the United States can do that job. It means hundreds of millions of dollars in profits for them.

It may mean another World War for Britain and the United States. The oil moguls are not worrying about that. Plain people fight wars, but their representatives are not capable of "administering the rich oil resources of the Near East." —Labor.

General Warns Against Militarism

General Merritt A. Edson, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II, is about to quit the "fighting Marines" and take a job as chief of safety in

Vermont. The reasons he gives for the change are really the important part of this story.

"I am returning to civilian life because of the assumption of power by the military in Washington," said the general. "When we have reached the point where the military are directing, instead of supporting, this country's policy, we are far along the road to losing what this country has stood for."

What the World Needs

Erwin D. Canham in The Christian Science Monitor.

From all we have seen (in this editorial air trip around the world), one conclusion stands out. It is that the world is desperately wounded, seriously disorganized. There is no visible pattern of progress. Anxiety and uncertainty prevail almost everywhere. And almost everywhere—indeed, everywhere we have been—people are looking to the United States for help.

Obviously, the American people cannot shoulder all these burdens. We cannot provide the material resources that these nations seem to want. And if we should pour out from our abundance a great new tide of material aid, it would not be enough.

For far more than material aid, the world needs hope; it needs encouragement; it needs confidence; it needs what may accurately be called a spiritual lift; it needs a change in its present anxious and desperate thinking. And the problem that confronts unwarmed America today, I believe, is how we can help give this spiritual lift along with the material aid, which would then be a considerable and sometimes even profitable investment.

To Make Another Try?

Twice the Allies maneuvered around and armed Germany, the first time in the late thirties to make the country a buffer state against Russia. Are we, after floundering around for two years, now making ready to duplicate that fatal step? There are rumors, maintaining that we are about set and ready to build up Germany.

If that is what we are making ready to do, it is too bad that we did not listen to Hitler back yonder. We could have joined him, he would have saved thousands upon thousands of American lives, including those of some of our own young men who used to walk our streets.

I regret often that I have spoken; never that I have been silent.—Publius Syrus.



Before the B-29 crews take off on the flight that drops an atom bomb on Hiroshima, the chaplain offers a prayer for the safety of the mission. Seen in this sequence of "The Beginning Or the End," M-G-M's much-discussed atom bomb story now being shown at the Watts Theater are Barry Nelson, Henry O'Neill and Robert Walker.

Smokey Says:



SPRING SHOWERS MAY LAST AN HOUR—BUT A CARELESS BLAZE MAY LAST FOR DAYS! One smoldering ember can start a woods fire—be sure it's out.

Interesting Bits Of Business In the U.S.

Prewar patterns of seasonal buying by retail stores appear to be back in effect, with the exception of longer term buying commitments for durable goods and staples. General price levels in the furniture market are down about 10 per cent, with buyers noting improved quality and workmanship. The federal government has disposed of more than \$18 billion in war surplus property since 1944. RCA is developing a transmitter using television principles to transmit full pages of printed matter at a rate of more than a million words a minute. Plant-wide shutdowns for employee summer vacations are gaining in popularity. Some gas stations will not be able to fill your tank every time you need it since gasoline rationing to dealers has been put into effect in many areas. Shortage is caused by record consumption and "leakage" by truck fleets. Women's fur-trimmed coats will be more plentiful this winter when manufacturers expect to use fur in 40 percent of all cloth coats—reason? dropping of the excise tax on such garments.

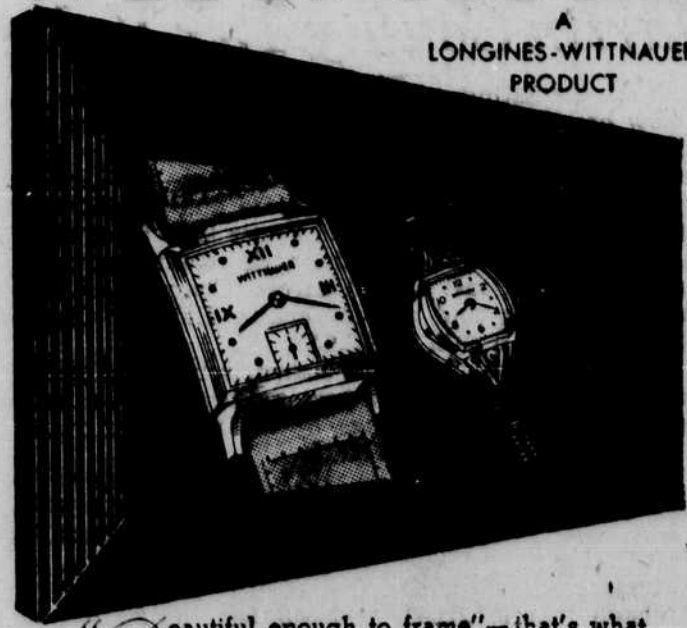
More Marry And More Divorced

A report issued recently by the United States Public Health Service shows that more couples were married and more divorced in 1946 than in any previous year in the nation's history. The service estimated there were more than 2,300,000 marriages and 620,000 divorces last year. Marriages increased about 680,000, or 42 percent, over 1945. The divorce total advanced nearly 120,000, or about 24 percent.

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