

# Hoffman Outlines Basic Offensive For World Peace

## Russia's Threat Will Not Be Effectively Met By Hot War

Los Angeles.—Calling for a "bold and imaginative peace offensive," Paul G. Hoffman has outlined here a specific American program for winning, if not world brotherhood, at least world sanity.

"By peace I do not mean a uneasy arrangement resulting from the appeasement of Stalin," Mr. Hoffman said. "I do mean, as a minimum, a condition where the people and rulers of the world will deal with one another without resorting to either force or a threat of force."

As present director of the generously endowed Ford Foundation and former administrator of the Marshall Plan, Mr. Hoffman spoke with the urgency of intimate familiarity with world affairs. He also spoke as a businessman who concedes readily that for too many years he took American liberty for granted, overlooking its relationship to world ferment.

Today he is keenly conscious of "the determination of masses of men everywhere to better themselves." That Soviet Communists seek to exploit this determination only emphasizes, in the view of Mr. Hoffman, America's opportunity to encourage it, promoting by example that concept of free society which "offers unlimited horizons for spiritual, intellectual and material advancement."

Russia's threat, he stressed, will not be effectively countered by hot war.

"Whether civilization could survive such a holocaust," he said, "I do not know. I do know that such a war would put our free society and our free economy in the greatest jeopardy. It has been conservatively estimated that the cost of another world war to the American people alone would probably run a billion dollars a day and that our casualties would be measured not in terms of tens of thousands but in millions."

Prolonging the cold war, on the other hand, might destroy the free system "by slow freeze," he said. What Mr. Hoffman sees as needed is a new kind of drive for peace to counteract the So-

viet Union's "completely new kind of war"—the kind even defined by Lenin as "a persistent struggle, bloody and bloodless, violent and peaceful, military and economic, educational and administrative."

"I don't hold," Mr. Hoffman said, "with those who say that if we want to win against the Kremlin, we must fight fire with fire." Why not? Because, for one reason, such methods are of doubtful morality. But even more, because "different ends require different means." Russia aims at conquest of the free world. It aims at freedom.

To defend the still-new ways of freedom, Mr. Hoffman emphasized, military defense is requisite. "In my opinion, defense spending to whatever extent necessary must have first claim on our dollars."

Western military strength, he is convinced, can serve world peace. "The momentous proposal made by the western powers for general disarmament should give hope to all people that our military power will force universal disarmament for the first time in history."

On the political front: "We must use our influence to promote political unity within the free nations and among them. Wherever there is a breach between the free nations, you will find the Russians wedging in to widen it."

On the information or propaganda front, he said, the challenge is underscored by the way Russia has outdistanced the West with promises. "We need to counter those big lies with big truths—and we have to tell the truth with the same energy and force the Russians use in telling their lies," he said.

It is on the economic front that Americans have their best opportunity to make freedom propaganda effective. This front, Mr. Hoffman said, seems to be unfortunately misunderstood by most Americans, including leaders in both major political parties.

Careful investment abroad is what is needed. This should not be called "foreign aid," which, Mr. Hoffman spoke of as "a completely misleading phrase." Investments overseas should not be made, he said, for charity, but because some of them will strengthen American prosperity by strengthening world prosperity; others will increase world security; others will secure the future while it is still relatively uncostly to do so.

Mr. Hoffman gave it as his

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INTREPID CAPTAIN HENRIK KURT CARLSEN is congratulated in London by Matthew Drysdale, Chairman of Lloyd's, after the world's greatest marine insurance organization had presented him with the Lloyd's Medal. The courageous skipper of the Flying Enterprise will be given a traditional ticker-tape reception in New York City. (International)

# Seeks Cancer 'Cure'



AT WORK in his Berlin laboratory is Prof. Dr. Guenther Enderlein, 80-year-old bacteriologist, who claims he has developed a medicine which will effectively treat cancer. The serum has been tried in cases of Hodgkins disease, tuberculosis and rheumatism. However, West German scientists caution against claims that the medicine possesses any "miraculous" powers to cure. (International)

# Social News

**Here From Chapel Hill**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker Saunders of Chapel Hill spent the week-end here, with Mr. Saunders' mother, Mrs. Nannie Saunders. They attended the funeral of Mr. Saunders' aunt, Mrs. Kim Saunders in Washington Sunday afternoon.

**Home From Hospital**  
Mr. J. E. King returned to his home on Main Street last Saturday after undergoing treatment in Martin General Hospital for several weeks.

**Home From Hospital**  
Mr. Willie B. Watts returned to his home yesterday following a weeks stay in Martin General Hospital.

persons found guilty of traffic violations on the streets and highways of the state during January.

# Fumigating Soils In This Area For Nematode Control

## More Farmers Showing Interest In Plan To Combat "Root Knot"

North Carolina is one of the leading states with an active program of soil fumigation for the control of nematodes, root-knot and other soil pests which are costing the nation's farmers millions of dollars each year in tobacco and other crops.

This conclusion was reached by R. A. Biron, chemical engineer of Midland, Michigan, who recently returned from a trip through the South and Southeast where he studied the programs in various states to fight this devastating parasite.

Biron, whose work has taken him to many sections of the United States, and who has spent 24 years in agriculture and agricultural chemical activities, has been a leader in pushing soil fumigation. He recently was speaker at a soil fumigation school held at Greenville, N. C. Impressed by the soil fumigation work being carried on by state extension men and county agents, Biron said:

"I find that many meetings are being held in North Carolina this winter to arouse the tobacco farmer to the realization that "root-knot" caused by nematodes can be controlled with proper application of new chemicals now available.

"The damage of nematodes to tobacco, cotton and peanut crops in the South each year will run into millions of dollars. North Carolina has carried on extensive research and field activity in fighting these devastating soil pests."

Two types of nematodes that do damage in North Carolina are root-knot, forming knots or bead-like galls on the roots, and lesion or meadow nematodes, which cause the condition called "bare root," Biron explained. The small secondary roots of the plant are destroyed by the meadow nematode.

"The southern areas with their longer growing seasons are very favorable to nematode development."

"Many growers had what they called 'sick land'. They started with fertilizer and gradually, year by year, built up the amount of it used in order to maintain their crop production—not realizing that what they called 'sick land' was nematode trouble." Research brought out the fact that much of this so-called 'sick land' was really nematode-infested.

Biron developed the thought that in any given program of insect control on crops, it is economically impossible to do an eradication job. Instead, control can be used to cut the nematode population to such an extent that a crop can be successfully and profitably grown.

"Under present limited acreage allotment per farm for tobacco production, and generally higher production costs, the farmer needs to secure high yields if he is going to stay in business," Mr. Biron pointed out. "With a small additional cost for soil fumigation the tobacco growers can realize a substantial increase in income.

"Let's look at it this way—a tobacco grower has his acreage allotted. He has the land, labor, equipment, and production costs all fixed. By slightly increasing his production cost through using soil fumigation, he controls nematodes, wireworms, and some other soil pests, with the result that he usually has a profitable crop year."

In the proper application of chemicals, Biron suggest that the following steps be followed:

1. Do a good job of fitting so that a good seed bed is prepared.
2. Do not fumigate dry soil. Soil moisture content must be high at the time of fumigation.
3. Calibration of the fumigating equipment is most important. Follow instructions carefully in setting and checking equipment for calibration before application.
4. A good seal of the fumigant in the ground should be secured. A spike-toothed harrow and a drag will aid considerably in getting a good seal.
5. Do not disturb fumigated soil for 7 days, unless heavy rains fall. Then, disk the soil after 7 days, and again at the end of 14 days, to aid in aeration.

Chemicals companies have developed poisons to control nematodes, wireworms, and certain other soil pests. It is a water-clear solution that contains ethylene dibromide, the active ingredient

that destroys the pests. "It is a poison of concentrated solution containing 83 per cent dibromide—a stronger formulation than previous ethylene dibromide formulations," Biron said. It will be very much in use during this season.

According to Biron, the two common methods of soil fumigation are over-all and row application. The over-all treatment may be made with either a plow-sole applicator, which sprays or drips the fumigant into the furrow during

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# Thousands Face Speeding Charges

Raleigh—Nearly 4,000 North Carolina motorists faced court action for speeding last month the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today. In its first monthly summary of traffic violations for the new year the Department reported 3,561 speeding convictions; 2,206 convictions for reckless driving and 1,538 for driving without an operator's permit.

For failing to stop for a stop sign or red light 644 motorists were convicted; 305 answered charges for driving with improper lights; 228 were caught and convicted for passing on hills and curves; and 112 were convicted for failing to give a hand signal.

Failing to give right-of-way brought 104 convictions. Miscellaneous violations carried the month's total to 10,211.

Out of state drivers accounted for another 1,335 convictions, bringing the grand total to 11,546.

opinion that had we spent a billion dollars in China on a five-year land reform program started in 1945, China would be a free nation today. There would not have been a Korean war. Estimates put the cost of the Korean war thus far at from 25 to 50 billion dollars.

In 1952 Mr. Hoffman said "a four-year program of reasonable dimensions—perhaps 500 million dollars" could give us the opportunity in India we missed seven years ago in China.

To the military-political-propaganda-economic fronts, Mr. Hoffman appended for his Los Angeles listeners a fifth—the home front—and urged a home-front cherishing of "a free and unafraid society at work."

"We have become," he said, "too apt to measure a man not by what he is for, but by what he is against. I am struck by the fact that so many of our public men feel that they have to spend so much of their time running around explaining that they are against communism. I for one would like to know what they are for. That is something that every citizen has a right and even a duty to know."

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