WASHINGTON — The world obtained an intuition of hope on Friday of last week when it received the news that Chou En-lai declared at Hankow that Red China was desirous of living at peace with the United States. When this column was written, we had not learned the details of any proposal made by Chou En-lai as to how peace could be restored to the Far East.

Undoubtedly the heart of mankind hungers above all things for a peaceful world.

Past experience ought to teach us that we should examine carefully any proposal made by any representative Nation before we give acceptance to it.

It ought to be remembered by Americans that the Red Chinese sent hundreds of thousands of their soldiers into Korea to slaughter the Korean people of their country and that in so doing they saturated their hands with the blood of the youth of America.

At the same time the Red Chinese indulged in the hypocrisy that the Chinese soldiers in Korea were mere volunteers and were not acting under the orders of the Red Chinese Government.

Moreover, Humphrey Bogart has had to remain in jail a month for the assertion, supposedly slow to do so, the Red Chinese put their prisoners, the 1400 American airmen being held prisoners, to hard labor and shackles when presumably had taken their hands as prisoners of war and that the Red Chinese admittedly detained in their prisons at this time 40 American flyers on trumped up charges.

The ancient Arabs had a proverb which Kipling appropriately and well has put it, we quote it translated as follows:

"If you feed the crow, it is your fault; but if you feed one twice, it is mine."

We should bear this in mind in our attempt to appraise at its true value any proposal made by Chou En-lai.

Consider Proposal

Despite these considerations, we should receive and consider any proposal which the Red Chinese may make. In so doing, however, we must not permit our love for peace to "mouse-trap" us into any agreement which lessens our capacity to defend ourselves in this hazardous world. If history offers us any lesson, it is that peace loving peoples often suffer the tragic fate depicted in these words of the great English Poet, Rudyard Kipling:

"When the Cambrian measures were forming, they promised perpetual peace;
"They swore if we gave them our weapons that the wars of the tribes would cease;
"But when we disarmed, they sold us and delivered us bound to the foe.
"And the Gods of the Copybook Headings said stick to the Devil you know."

As I see it, there is more than a modicum of wisdom in the advice which Oliver Cromwell gave his soldiers as they were preparing to ford a river near Edgehill, England:

"Trust in the Lord, my boys, and keep your powder dry."

People, Spots In The News

SMALLEST guided missile in production, this "Falcon" shown at plant of Hughes Aircraft Company, which developed and makes it, can seek out and destroy an enemy bomber. It's an air-to-air weapon.

PROMISING young'un shown talking to Notre Dame coach Terry Brennan is Frank Leahy, Jr., son of former UND coach.

QUEEN of International Bread Week was Diana Linder. Knead we say more?

SPRING in Central Park, New York, brings out the show girls, this time on a bicycle-built-for-five, imported from Holland. Policeman's puzzled, but pleased.

Capital Investment On Farm Now Up To $14,000 Average

Behind each of the 8 1-2 million farm operators, hired hands, and family workers on United States farms, there lies an average capital investment of about $14,000, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture economists.

This amount — four times the 1940 average per farm worker of $3,500 — is invested in land, farm buildings, livestock and feed inventories, machinery and equipment, and cash for operating expenses. It does not include approximately $5,000 per worker invested in houses, automobiles household goods, and savings.

Inflation has been the principal factor in the increase in dollar value of farm resources in relation to number of workers—the same resources would have been valued at $9,800 in 1940 dollars. But two other developments also have been responsible for this actual increase in resources per farm worker. Farmers have bought much new machinery and equipment; they have added to their buildings; and they have improved their land a great deal. In addition the number of farm workers has been shrinking and is now about a fourth less than in the years immediately preceding World War II.

Most striking is the increased investment in machinery and equipment. Average value of equipment at the disposal of each farm worker today is nearly

HERE'S HOW . . .

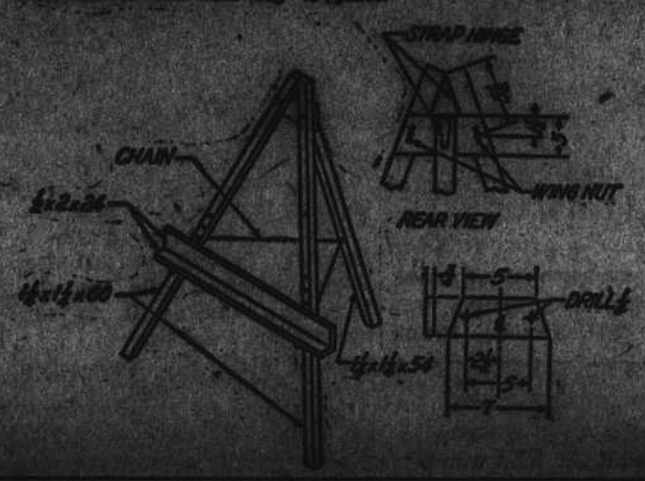
MAKE AN EASEL

A folding easel may be used for painting or for sketching. The canvas is made of 1½-inch boards, so the front legs are 30 inches long and the rear leg 44 inches long.

In each front leg bore a ⅝-inch hole 6½ inches from the top; and 24 inches from the top bore a ⅝-inch hole. Make a hinge plate 2½ by 3 by 7 inches over-all, tapered to 6 inches at the top. Then fasten the rear leg to the hinge plate, and fasten the two front legs together, using a brace cross. Hinge the easel by fastening the hinge plate to the front frame with ⅝-inch bolts, 3½ inches long, using wing nuts.

Use bolts, slightly shorter than those used to assemble the easel, to secure the canvas. The easel may be supported on 5/16-inch bolts at desired height.

To fold the easel remove one of the bolts from the hinge plate.



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