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By Drew Pearson

(The author of this column is given the widest latitude. His views do not necessarily reflect those of The Mirror.)

SAN FRANCISCO—Some 12,000,000 servicemen will eye the conference opening here today; so will their mothers, and wives and all the hungry, weary peoples of war torn Europe, still with a flicker of hope that finally we can shape machinery for lasting peace.

The seeds of the next war will be nourished or uprooted here. Events in backstage lobbies and in the chanceries of Europe right now can spell the difference between peace and war 20 years later.

The seeds of the next war have been planted, but the roots are not deep and they can be torn up—planted by groups in England, the U. S. and Russia, who are playing the type of power politics which can only bring war between the two strongest nations emerging from the present conflict—the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R.

Already blocs in our State Dept. and the British Foreign Office have begun jockeying to build up Germany after the war, as a bulwark against Russia. U. S. admirals have focused the attention of the world on the island bases we are taking from Japan, and Russia becomes suspicious that they will be aimed against her.

No matter how high-g geared and perfected the machinery for peace is devised, it cannot succeed unless it rests on a foundation of good will and mutual trust.

There will be argument about three votes for Russia, six for Britain, 20 indirect Latin-American votes for the U. S. But the question of votes is theoretical if one big nation doesn't want to cooperate.

If the tremendous armed forces of the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R. get fidgety; if Admirals and Generals try to be statesmen; if the State Dept. career boys begin playing balance-of-power politics, all the votes and peace machinery arranged here won't help.

Already there is evidence that the brass hats in at least two countries, plus certain diplomats, are getting nervous trigger-fingers. Already there is a strong suspicion that Stalin can't control his own generals. Already there is more than a suspicion that Roosevelt could not control his admirals.

One such case concerns the Pacific island bases taken from Japan. For more than two years, FDR argued that all islands taken by us should be held by us, but under the United Nations trusteeship, whereby other nations were given plane and shipping privileges there—provided we got reciprocal rights on their islands.

At Yalta, something like that was agreed to by Roosevelt personally. And when he returned, a directive to that effect was sent to State, War and Navy Departments, plus the Interior Department, which administers insular possessions. But, when men of the four departments sat down to work out details, Army and Navy kicked over. State went along reluctantly, leaving only Interior to obey whole-heartedly.

Adm. Ernest King, commander of the fleet, took things into his own hands, made a



WE ASK THY BLESSING

public statement against the President's policy on Pacific islands, went over the head of his commander-in-chief. Though this was a serious thing to do domestically, its international repercussions were far more serious. The Russians, whose intelligence is tops, already knew King wanted to build up a big navy now as protection against Russia later, also that King opposed Russia coming into the war against Japan, wants U. S. to do the job alone.

Russia knows some professional U. S. military and naval brass-hats side with King. (This is not true of Gens. Marshall, Eisenhower and the more responsible commanders.) And this probably played into the hands of Russian generals who are needling Stalin.

History May Repeat

INFORMATION as to what goes on inside Russia is always difficult, but there has been increasing suspicion that Stalin does not control his own generals. This happened repeatedly in Russian history. When the generals built themselves up in wartime, they dominated the Czar.

Today, the men who once were strong in the Soviet have much less to say. Ex-Foreign Minister Litvinoff, great believer in international cooperation, is out of the picture. Foreign Minister Molotov has less authority.

The generals, in turn, are considered responsible for the previous policy of having a messenger-boy Ambassador whom they could easily control at San Francisco. And, it is strongly suspected that they inspired Stalin's demand that the U. S. 9th Army retire from the Berlin suburbs, April 13, so the Red Army could enter first.

Some U. S. war chiefs, by going over the White House heads, are strengthening the Red generals' hand. Russians are suspicious by nature.

Meanwhile, the State Dept., together with the old Cliveden set in England, which wanted

to bleed England and Russia white, quietly pursued plans to rebuild Germany as a bulwark against Russia.

EDITOR'S NOTE—There will be another column on backstage factors at San Francisco showing how the State Dept., three days after the President died, reversed the Roosevelt policy of a tough peace for Germany.

By Pipeline from Washington:

When Senate Democrats met in caucus, their first meeting since the death of FDR, poor management of the Senate restaurants was a main subject of the secret discussion. Apple-raising Sen. Byrd of Va., heads the Rules Committee, in charge of the restaurants, and he was put on the pan.

Byrd was rapped on service, prices, quality plus admission of lobbyists. Byrd refused to argue.

The payoff—Byrd always brings his lunch from home! (Distributed by the Bell Syndicate)



SEN. HARRY BYRD

As boss of the Senate restaurants, he was put on the pan.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1945

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—John, viii. 32.

Peace--With Teeth!

THE PRAYERS of large sections of the world today, April 25, 1945, are as illustrated in Fred Packer's powerful cartoon at the left.

We should hope and work for every possible good to come out of San Francisco; but let us not be starry-eyed in hoping for the impossible.

The evil and greed of the centuries will not be wiped out in a conference of a few weeks. No sane person can say, and San Francisco cannot assure, that there will be *no more wars*.

We still think that the best plan for America is *peace with plenty of preparedness*.

It is unthinkable that America would ever be an aggressor. It is probable, as our best military brains tell us, that America will be the *first target* of an aggressor in any future war.

And the weapons of the next war will be as much improved as the weapons of this were over those of World War I.

Already there is the rocket bomb, which goes faster than the speed of sound and therefore strikes without warning; and this weapon is still in its primitive stage, as are many others, including the 11-ton "earthquake" missile developed by the British.

It is conceivable that the future aggressor will try to cripple America with a single blow.

In that case all our riches (which, incidentally, are the object of ardent envy by the rest of the world) would do us little good unless we were *instantly ready* with superior weapons and *men trained to use them*.

There is one thing money can't buy—**TIME**.

A democratic system of universal military training, based on the Swiss model; plus untiring research to keep us abreast and ahead of other nations in new weapons, would in our opinion be *life insurance* for America and at the same time a stabilizing influence for the peace of the whole world.

The Best Gratitude

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE with the Heroes Phone Fund we have learned that the things our fighting men appreciate most are those that come to them from the grateful hearts of the civilian population.

It is the government's *sacred duty* to care for them; but the benefits that come from the people themselves are voluntary expressions of thanks, voluntary recognition of the debt we all owe to those who have fought our battles.

In this connection, a group of public-spirited New Yorkers has pledged itself to construct three therapeutic swimming pools at Halloran General Hospital—a project which has this newspaper's whole-hearted support.

Known as the Halloran Hospital Swimming Pool Committee, the group is headed by Irving Geist, businessman and philanthropist, and will begin construction of one outdoor swimming project this week, scheduled to be opened July 4.

Construction of another outdoor and one indoor pool will come later—the triple project to cost about \$250,000.

Perhaps no other single thing will do more for the mental and physical well-being of the thousands of wounded men for whom Halloran Hospital is the first port of call on their journey back to normal life.

They will enjoy it all the more because it isn't "G. I."—because it IS an expression of American gratitude in the best American taste and tradition. It should have widespread support, because—

Anything and everything that can be done for our wounded men is still not enough!

Yanks Perfect Art of Invasion

By HOWARD HANDLEMAN
SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (INS)—To Guam from Okinawa

I sailed on a high-numbered transport. The number is important. Two years ago, the invaders of Attu sailed on ships numbered up to 20, showing our unpreparedness.

Vice-Adm. Turner now has an amphibious fleet unparalleled, so tuned to invasion it makes Jap forces of 1941 look primitive.

America had 1,400 ships of 53 types at Okinawa to carry men, planes, tanks, bulldozers, food and ammunition; to dock small craft and repair others on the scene; to shoot mortars and rockets.

At Guadalcanal and Attu, a few

American battleships and destroyers sent a few shells at the beaches. Soldiers and Marines raced ashore in rickety little landing craft infantry, which landing craft vehicle personnel.

Now there are more battleships, firing greater shells; scores of more destroyers; new LCIs, Landing Craft Infantry, which fire rockets and mortars instead of troops.

The infantry lands in LVTs, landing vehicle tracked, grotesque amphibious tractors that seemed "like something from Mars," to Guam. The LCVPs still work, but in later waves and for cargo.

Adm. Turner's amphibious team became great. Its naval gunfire learned to pinpoint shore targets. Its logistics men found all the corners to cut in loading, so on invasion day the right material hit the beaches on time.

Our amphibious forces boast:

"We can land troops anywhere, anytime now." And they can!

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be flown here by Army Air Transport Command to act for the 47th nation.

Edward R. Stettinius, Sec. of State, arrived by plane this morning. Hours before the big transports brought in Anthony Eden and V. M. Molotov. Stettinius, at the airport, said:

"I come with the firm belief that the United Nations are united in determination to establish a world organization. I say this with no wish to minimize the difficulties that we must meet, at this conference and afterward. I believe all peaceful peoples demand this of us, and the governments represented here must not, will not fail them."

Stettinius will greet the delegates at the Opera House tomorrow afternoon. He will introduce, by remote control, Pres. Truman, following whose 10-minute ad-

dress Gov. Earl Warren and San Francisco's Mayor Roger Lapham will be heard around a world still rocking with battle.

Foreign Minister Molotov arrived at 2:06 p.m. (PWT) today and was rushed to the St. Francis Hotel by a heavy guard. It is said bullet-proof limousines were found for him and close associates.

The Russians have the entire 10th floor of the hotel. Elevators stop only for those who show credentials. They also maintain a 2,000-ton freighter in the bay, having two-way radio contact with Moscow.

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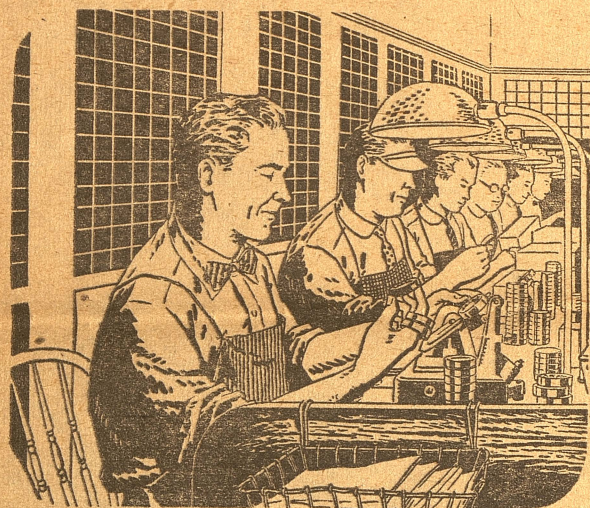
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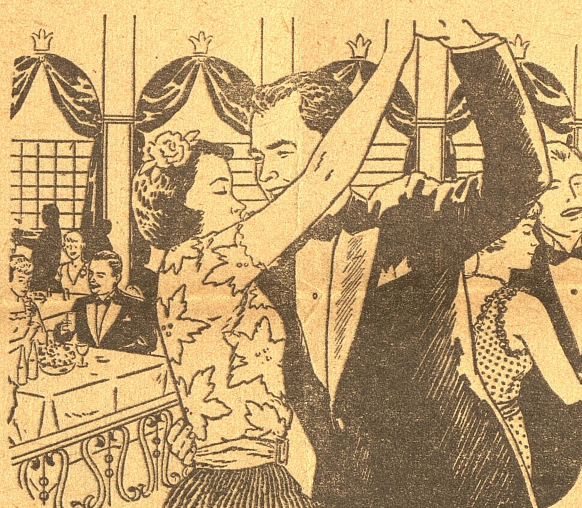


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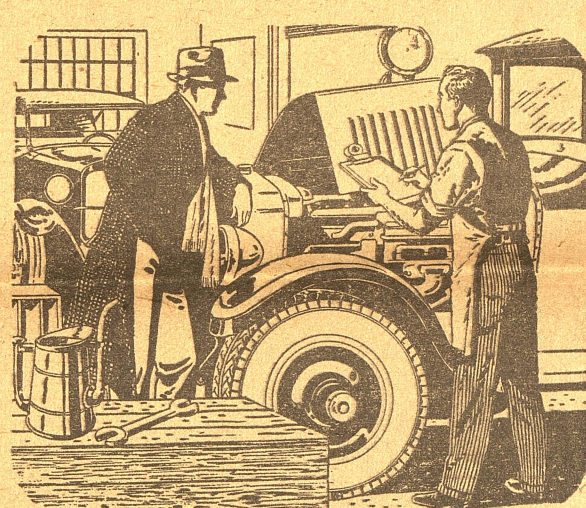
"I didn't invent it, Jim. But I discovered it, almost thirty years ago . . ."



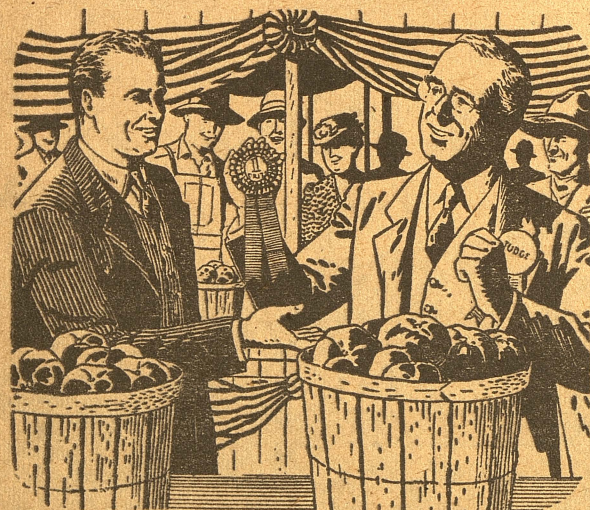
"It was in the first World War. I was '4-F' and I went to work in a roller bearing plant. I had worked some around machinery, and that helped. The pay was mighty good—better than I'd ever seen before.



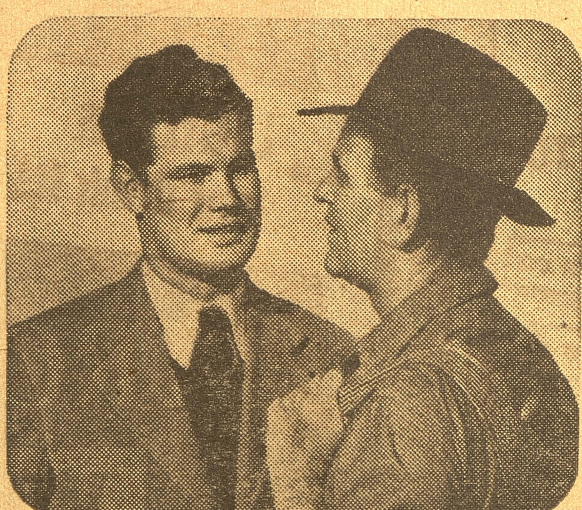
"There was a pretty lively crowd in that shop. We had a party nearly every night. Most of us were young and the money went to our heads. Then, suddenly, the boom ended. I was caught without a dime.



"I finally got a job in a garage—and believe you me, I started saving! When the old man died I had just enough put away to buy the business. Things went well, and I can take it a little easy now."



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Editors Studying Nazi Atrocities

Eighteen prominent editors who took off from LaGuardia Field Monday have joined an equal number of Congressmen and Senators in a tour of German "murder factories" and torture camps, beginning with the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar.

Announcement of the delegation's departure, previously held up for security reasons, was released yesterday. It was followed by a dispatch from Paris announcing beginning of the tour.

The party went to Europe on the invitation of Gen. Eisenhower, who asked the legislators and publicists to report to the American people on the atrocities uncovered by advancing allied troops in the past weeks.

Sen. Barkley headed the Congressional group, which will, it is believed, return in time to report to the San Francisco Conference.

The newspaper and magazine editors were: Brig. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, N. Y. Times; John Randolph Hearst, Hearst newspapers; Stanley High, Readers Digest; Ben Hibbs, Saturday Evening Post; William L. Chenery, Colliers; William I. Nichols, This Week; Joseph Pulitzer, St. Louis Post Dispatch; Walker Stone, Scripps Howard papers; Leonard Nicholson, New Orleans Times Picayune and director of Associated Press; Norman Chandler, Los Angeles Times, vice-president of AP and director American Newspaper Publishers Association; Amon G. Carter, Star Telegram, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Beverly W. Smith, Jr., American Magazine; Gideon Seymour, Minneapolis Star Journal; Ben McElway, Houston Chronicle; Malcolm Bingay, Detroit Free Press; Duke Shoop, Kansas City Star; E. C. Dimitman, Chicago Sun; M. E. Walter, Houston Chronicle.

The members of the United Nations War Crimes Commission also headed for Germany with plans to spend considerable time in Buchenwald, Belsen and possibly Dachau. They expected to question victims with a view to using their statements as evidence in war crimes trials of responsible Germans.

(Photos on Centerfold.)

Paper, Tin to Help Finish the Scrap

Are your waste paper and tin cans at the curb today? It's collection day and the Sanitation Department trucks will be around. To save your waste paper and tin cans is the least you can do, to help win the war. Tie old newspapers, magazines and cardboard in separate bundles. Pack scrap paper in cartons. Don't mix garbage with paper or cardboard.

Don't forget, every Wednesday is Waste Paper and Tin Can day. It's smart to put paper and cans out Tuesday nights.

Free Circus For 7 Lbs. of Clothes

Fifty tons of clothing for the destitute of Europe will be raised by a special circus performance May 5 under the auspices of Franklin Simon & Co. it was announced yesterday by J. Howard Denny, store president.

Each seven-pound bundle of clothing will be worth a free ticket, which can be obtained at "Circus Lane," in front of the

store at 38th St. west of Fifth Ave., from April 26 to May 4, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Bundles for 1,000 tickets to be given to patients at St. Albans Naval Hospital and Halloran General Hospital have been pledged by the store employes.

Seize Big V-Bomb Plant
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