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PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

During the past week several outstanding Americans have voiced a common concern. They are disturbed by the way the U. S. is adopting a "war" attitude, leaving the Russians to monopolize "peace."

"Much more than semantics is involved. The Russians don't publicize their war preparations. They do effectively propagandize in Europe and Asia that they are for "peace." We Americans publicize our "defense" or "war" effort. Our voice for peace is pitifully small.

Former ECA Director Paul Hoffman believes the free world has reached a point, militarily, where we can "thwart the plans of the Kremlin for world conquest." He urges America to launch a drive for universal disarmament.

"The whole free world wants peace," says Hoffman. "Let us say so longer and louder than the Kremlin."

Columnist Stewart Alsop, now in France, does not believe the free world is yet in a position to thwart Soviet aggression. But he is discouraged by the way in which the Moscow peace line has permeated the thinking of French citizens.

John Cowan, chairman of the board of Look, which has been encouraging growth in the facilities of the library and the use of those facilities.

He believes there is not "one chance in a thousand" that Russia would agree to effective international control of armaments. If she agreed, of course, that it would be fine. But if "Russia refused the American offer,

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and kept refusing it, as she probably would, then the world would be repeatedly reminded that it is Russia which is the aggressor and the warman."

Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, believes "all this rather loud talk about secret weapons and atomic power" leaves the peace itself on a very shaky basis.

"The world has never yet seen lasting peace on the basis of armament rivalries and races," said Canham. "That is why the understanding between Allies is so important. Understanding is the stuff of which peace is made."

These things have all struck a vital and disturbingly dormant chord in American foreign affairs. The President, Secretary Acheson, and other high officials periodically state our high and peaceful goals. But that is not enough; we are sincere in our desire for peace and understanding between Allies."

It is time to counter the military hysteria which now grips this country with the reasoning expressed by these men. Prepared we must be, but if military expenditures and concomitant taxation continue at their present rate for several years, we are going to prepare ourselves right into economic chaos.

Some "defense" spending can and must be put to ideological effect if we are to achieve our objective of world peace.

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"Can It Be That Such A Lovely Girl Is Lonely?"



OUR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

People's Platform

Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor.

Placed By Editorial

Editors, The News: A TARHEEL naturally would be pleased by your editorial of Sept. 18, "Getting At The Facts." I was born in the Dismal Swamp.

Refreshing Editorial

Editors, The News: Your editorial on "Freedom and Revolution" is a splendid job of sound logic and fairness. It is especially refreshing reading in these times, when it seems to be popular to lay the cause of all sorts of our present-day evils at the door of Communism.

Colleges In A Crisis

Editors, The News: I AM sending this note to you as one of our generous friends who helped make possible the successful conclusion of our recent Davison Development.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE soybean market took a strange nose dive last month, which took suspiciously as if someone tampered in soybeans again.

MacArthur Reversed

CONSCIENTIOUS Gen. Omar Bradley was cross-examined by friends of General MacArthur in a closed-door session of the Armed Services Committee the other day.

Someone Spilled The Soybeans

MacArthur had been forbidden to bomb Rashin, a transportation center on the Korean-Siberian border. Cain asked why.

Russian Air Superiority

BRADLEY also told Senators that the biggest threat to U.S. forces was still the Russian Air Force. Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon asked whether we could hold the Air Force to its word.

Phoey On Russians Atoms

IT IS A DEFINITE pleasure for the aged and weary, such as me, to see things gradually crawling back to normalcy.

Baseball Crazy

Editors, The News: I SIMPLY cannot understand the way this whole country goes absolutely hysterical about baseball.

Eisenhower Sparks Movement For Genuine European Union

STEWART ALSOP

ON A RECENT visit to Paris, Mr. Winston Churchill had a number of conversations with the leaders of the European movement.

This reaction on the part of the great English leader, who is himself the godfather of the European union idea, was natural enough. For it is a reasonable guess that all along is a sort of grand European coalition, with England at its head.

It is surprising, for example, to hear a man like Mr. Jean Monnet, the chief French planner, remark calmly, "Oh, yes, we shall have a United States of Europe by 1953."

U. S. SOLDIERS CONVERTED In a way, it is even more surprising to learn that professional soldiers, including General Eisenhower, are talking with the earnestness of laymen.

PHOEOY ON RUSSIANS ATOMS AND BALUCHISTAN --PLAY BALL! BY ROBERT C. RUARK

IT OR OVERLIE it on a delicate technicality of parliamentary law. The ending was happy, for a sporting standpoint, even to the use of the word "brooks" because the Brooks didn't deserve it.

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