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Who Wants To Fight?

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The Last Hope For Peace

COLUMBIAN SAM GRAPTON is a liberal in the true American sense and he gives an admirable expression of his faith in refusing to give up the hope for peace. In a recent article in "The News," he suggests a meeting of the leaders of rival nations and a review of facts and differences between Russia and the United States. Senator Pepper of Florida, another liberal proponent of this week that President Truman seek a meeting with Generalissimo Stalin to confer on an "American peace plan."

This agitation for further overtures to Russia was offered in a 40-year military pact with England and the United States. She refused. Why?
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3. Bernard M. Baruch rose in the United States and made the most astounding offer ever made by one nation to another. With the backing of our Government, Mr. Baruch offered Russia the atomic secret—the secret which cost us billions and which (like it or not) we ourselves might conquer the world. Mr. Baruch offered that secret to Russia—free of charge—based on the intelligent and mutual interlocking arrangement. Russia refused the atomic secret on those terms. Why?

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Alciabiades And Wallace

PRESIDENT TRUMAN made trouble for us by digning up Alcibiades, the old Greek two-timer, just before Henry A. Wallace went before a Senate committee to charge the Administration with creating a "peace crisis" and to declare that its irrepressible policy is leading America into war with Russia.

As A Man Thinketh, So Itcheth He

DR. HAL M. DAVISON, of Atlanta, re-igning president of the American Society of Allergists, has a tale to tell of these newfangled allergies which are springing full-blown from perplexedly beaten breasts hitherto barren of ailment.

Home Ownership

Total mortgage debt outstanding on non-farm homes rose to an estimated \$30,000,000,000 in the end of 1947, the Institute of Life Insurance reports. It adds a warning note: "There is considerable concern that some families who acquired homes at prevailing prices are being offered their budget beyond prudent limits." Home ownership is wonderful, something to be encouraged and abetted in every reasonable way. But here, as in other fields, champagne appetite on bear capacity offer leads to unhappy consequences. Young hopefuls might do well to remember that many of those now residing in imposing mansions are still paying off modest environments.—Montgomery Advertiser.

Two Old Males Were Discussing Men

Two old males were discussing men. Asked one: "Which would you desire most in a husband—brains, wealth or appearance?" "Appearance," replied the other, "and the sooner, the better."—Rogersville (Tenn.) Register.

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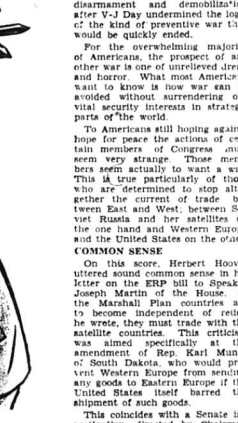
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THE number of persons in the United States who believe in a war with the Soviet Union must be very small. The number would include not only the usual extra-special hate glands who seem to find joy in the persecution of Communist affronts to their honor.

It might still include some military men who believe in the use of a preventive war. However, some of these men might have been surprised to learn that America's swift disarmament and demobilization after World War I destroyed the hope of the kind of preventive war that would be quickly ended.

To Americans who are hoping against hope for the overthrow of certain members of Congress must seem very strange. The members seem actually to want a war. This is true particularly of those who are determined to stop together the current of trade between the West and West, between Soviet Russia and West, and between the one hand and Western Europe and the other hand.

On this score, Herbert Hoover uttered sound common sense in his letter to the FBI. It is Speaker Joseph Martin of the House. It is Senator Charles McNary of Oregon to become independent of relief, he wrote, they must trade with the satellite countries.

This criticizer of the trade investigation, directed by Chairman Homer Ferguson of the special Senate committee on the trade relations between the U. S. and the Soviet Union, was not called by emotional and near-hysterical demands that all trade with Russia be completely stopped.

Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman has resisted these military authorities. Few airplanes, common sense that marks the Hoover statement. Harriman understands that the cutting off of all our relations would be taking a long step toward eventual war.

Senator Ferguson has a chance to perform a real service if he insists on making an investigation that is honest and detached. His committee should be able to come up with an answer that will satisfy all the parties.

The fact is that the amount of war material, so called, going to Russia is infinitely small. Some property declared surplus by military authorities, few airplanes, engines and a few radar sets have been included. But the important fact is that the amount of surplus plus and in all probability it is, from the American point of view, colossal.

Alongside the eleven billion dollars worth of surplus, the amount of Russian military equipment to fight the Germans during the war, it is nothing. The amount of surplus material, including models of anything available in World War II, so there can be no surplus of anything.

Those who talk about chopping off all trade with the East never mention what we are getting from the USSR. About 30 per cent of our requirements for strategic materials—manganese, iron, steel, and so on—are supplied in this country. Fifty per cent of the trade is in furs. This surplus is being cut off.

It is vital to continue and extend the trade with the East. If there is to be recovery and stability in Europe. That trade, so long as it is not a threat to our strength and protect our security, should not be called an appeasement.

He wasn't sure; he said he didn't know enough to say what would be a good idea. We should make a request for a conference. Pull stop, while we both thought it over.

At last, at this moment, with the sun filtering into the pleasantly bright Washington office, suddenly felt what a dead end the passion for world co-operation which we had come to. For Saltonstall is no ordinary Senator. His interest in world peace has been deep—he is once a sponsor of the National Conference on World Peace.

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