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Factors Working Against War

THIS WEEK of the Moscow talks between the Western envoys and Mr. Molotor has been perhaps the strangest week \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$ peace in our-time, an impression that has been heightened by the sounds of discord and alarm in Berlin, Belgrade. London, Paris and Washington that have accompanied the diplomatic negotiations for a settlement in the Moscow capital.

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If the statesmen meeting in Moscow behind closed doors are listying the basis for peace, then most of the world's people and virtually all of the politicians and observers are due for a surprise when the terms are announced. No one expects anything so sensational as an over-all settlement that would end the cold war between the big powers. A great many feel that if this effort falls the last chance to save the world's peace will be lost.

With the first view we agree, On the second point, we feel there is an und us amount of pessimism.

War is not inevitable until one or both addes in a dispute are convinced it is inevitable. Even if the present talks left the present situation unchanged, neither the United States nor Russia would have reason to think that war now is unavoidable, nor to think that the other side regarded war as inevitable.

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If no agreement or understanding results from these direct negotiations, the United States still has other means short of war to employ in bringing pressure on Russia be-fore it must consider resort to military hos-

tilities in an effort to gain its ends, It can take the issue to the United Nations and seek to apply diplomatic, economic and moral sanctions against the Soviet Union. Or it can simply choose to maintain its present position, engaging in an endurance contest with the Russians and counting on the present strains in the Soviet's sphere to the present strains in the Soviet's sphere to the present strains in the Soviet's sphere to the soon.

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For her part, Russia still has opportunities to advance her influence in Europe
and Asia by political penetration and her
prospects on this score are good enough to
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The over-riding factor which drives both Russia and the Allies toward a settlement, and which reduces the possibility of immediate hostillities in the event these negotiations fall, is that the East-West crisis over Germany is a premature showdown for both sides. Neither the Soviet Union nor the American-led coalition of the West is in a position or a state of preparation where it can undertake a major war without counting on more losses than it wants to estimate. Neither side has a sufficient advantage-to make it eager for a military solution. Both sides have disadvantages and weaknesses that restrain the militar-fixer factors do not spell peace but they work strongly for a compromise that will

What Of The National Guard?

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REDERAL annexation of the National Guard which was recommended this week by a special Defense Department Advisory Committee, must be considered long and carefully.

Justification of this suggested change in American military policy rests on the Board's statement that the Guard and other reserve groups "are not now capable of participating effectively in major combat operations." If that's the case, and Army the companion of the Guard is in order. In fact, few will question that there is need for and room for improvement. However, it remains to be demonstrated to the American public and our lawmakers that the ican public and our lawmakers that the drastic plan offered by the Board is the

right one.

Significantly, Secretary of Defense Forgrestal, who appointed the six-man committee, has announced that the Board's report

tee, his announced that the Boards report does not at present represent the Department's views. He has turned it over to the three civilian chiefs of the armed services for further study.

North Carolina and the other states naturally are Jealous of their rights and interests in the National Guard. They are proud of the long and honorable record of the militia in war and peace, and there would be a disposition to resist this reform

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These are all large questions but the reorganization of the Guard to bring it up to
the desired standard of efficiency is also a
pressing matter. For their part, the states
must study the national security problem
as earnestly as the Defense Department.
They cannot auccessfully meet the Army's
objections to existing dual control of the
gram that will accomplish the purpose of
making the Guard a more effective reserve.

Congratulations To The Chief Charlotte also knows of Mr. Palmer's contributions in other fields. To mention one, he pioneered and directed through its struggling, infant years, the celebrated Shrine all-star football game, an enterprise which has meant so much for the crippled children of the Carolinas, in addition to furnishing the Carofinas with an annual first rate sports show. This city is proud of the pleasant, affared the citizen who has done big things quictly better than the citizen who has done big things quictly that the men he has been associated with in his life's work have seen fit to pay him this unusual tribute.

CHARIOTTES Hendrix Palmer rates congratulations on being elected president emeritus for life of the North Carolina Fire Chiefs Association, and Ture Nava hastens to offer them.

This is more than an honor; it is the expression of affectionate esteem. Hendrix Palmer is a prophet with honor at home, too. This city knows well the wonderful record he 'made with his own Fire Department. He developed it to a high point of efficiency. Chief Palmer can take much of the credit for the fine reputation the Charlotte Fire Department enjoys.

From The Lynchburg (Va.) News

Snake-Bite

THE CHANCES are that a make won't bite you, but then you never can tell. On the subject of a malady about which there are innumerable old wives 'tales and beliefs which defy the most active imagination the last word, we suppect, has now been spoken by a native Lynchburger.

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Dr. Henry & Mosby, director of the Virginia Co-Operative Wildlife Station, says we can dismiss at one the "popular" remedies to counterant a snake's dirty work.

Corn liquor, for instance, doesn't help, although our authority doesn't rule on its effects, salutary or otherwise, in other allments.

Another don't: Sticking your hand inside Another don't: Sticking your hand inside of a chicken which has been split open will not draw the poison, as some say. Likewise, don't pour gunpowder on the snake bite and ignite it. You may burn your hand off but you will not counteract the snake venom. Nor will faith in the magical prop-erties of lodestone do the trick.

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Dr. Mosby says it is surprising how many people — many of them with more than average intelligence — would resort to one of the aforementioned remedies if that rare accident should occur.

He then goes on to explain the rather painful process of snake bite treatment, reminding the vicinity of the process of snake bite treatment, reminding the vicinity to be some the process of the process of snake bite treatment, reminding the vicinity to be some the process.

inding the victim to be sure he has been bitten by a poisonous snake. Like every other malady that flesh is heir to, "the sooner you get to a doctor the better off you will be." What strikes us as most significant in Dr. Mosby's advice is his reference to all the false ideas and superstitions which have assembled themselves about such an experience as snake bite. Unfortunately, snake bite is just one of countless negative experiences where still exists abysmal ignorance in the midst of knowledge. There beliefs in an uncharteff elied, but no accounting for the logic of hocus poeus we find so frequently in this supposedly enforce the contract of the country of the contract of the country of the contract of the country of the countr find so frequently in this supposedly enlightened age.

Some of the Democratic orators in Phila-delphia reminded us of the honest but dip-lomatic pastor who began the funeral ora-tion for an erring brother by saying: "We all hopes you is gwine where we 'spects you ain't." — Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Stung by the remarkable progress of the plane designers, another determined little band of scientists is off somewhere, we pre-sume, developing a faster type of sound.— Jackson (Miss.) News.

The only nice thing about a flood is that it gives you a decidedly virtuous feeling to remember that you gave to the Red Cross.

—Roanoke Times. 'You Mean You Think It's Worth While Unpacking?'



People's Platform

The Facts Of States' Rights

Editors, The News:

MR. HOYT H. EAVES' letters to the editor are always entertaining. They are invariably written with verve and imagination; and even though you may disagree with Mr. Eaves, you cannot but derive pleasure from the ease and dexterity with which he slings words aboud.

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Quote, Unquote

If talk wasn't awfully cheap, about all of the people you know would go broke every day. -Lamar (Mo.) Democrat.

The man who removes his hat in an elevator is proving that he has both good manners and hair. — Nashville Banner.

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

Who's To Be Boss?

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Princes On Way Out

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Drew Pearson's Wreck Nearly Wrecks Insurance Firm Merry-Go-Round

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HERE is more of the Farnell Tromas story—the story of about the Congressions who heave tearned has been who live in glass houses cannot throw stones.

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Thomas Hungry For Headlines

THE police report of the accident states that "Mrs. Haly-burton was taken to Casualty Hospital in Scout Cas 91 and treated by Dr. Richard Gitter of the staff for abrassion to left knee and contusion to chest. Not serious. Not admitted."

tention," that the vehicles were "in apparent good condition," that the road was straight, the surface dry, the weather clear, and that it was daylight. uner ciear, and that it was daylight. How hungry Congressman Thomas is for headlines was cated by a telegram he immediately sent to Rossman ankoop, managing editor, Bergen Evenling Record, Hack-ick, N. J. It read:

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