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Rays Of Hope For World Peace

WE HAVE lived so long in an atmosphere of international crisis that it will take us some time to become accustomed to the idea that the immediate danger of war and revolutionary upheaval is past even after we are well out of the woods. That thought has occurred to us repeatedly at various stages in the so-called cold war between the Soviet East and the democratic West and it recurs in connection with current diplomatic exchanges which have been initiated by the Western powers in an effort to end the Berlin crisis and revive four-power negotiations for a general settlement.

Even while Western diplomats are trying to bring Secretary Molotov and Premier Stalin of Russia in new talks, the rival powers go ahead with the plans and intrigues by which they hope to obtain the advantage in this struggle between two worlds which are more than two years old. Tension in Berlin, where the Soviets have maintained a land blockade against the Allies since June, continues unabated. All Europe is on edge. In the United States, the revelations of a Russian spy ring keep officials of Washington and the nation alarmed over the Communist enemy in our midst.

Although there are some expressions of optimism over the current revelations of the Russian spy ring in the Western powers, there is very little hope in informed quarters that anything more than a lull in the world battle will result from this earnest effort at peace-making. Deep and deep, the hatred, fear and distrust between East and West are so inflamed, that men cannot bring themselves to believe that a fundamental agreement is possible for many years to come.

Despite all this, there are two great facts in the present world-picture which clearly show that the nations have reached one of the major turning points in the "cold war" and which suggest that we are nearer to the end of the woods than is generally supposed at this time.

These two all-important developments are: (1) Each side in the struggle has suffered a major setback which compels it to reconsider its policy and make new plans; (2) Both the Soviets and the Western Allies have been forced to realize that neither stands to win in a shooting war and that neither is prepared for or in a good position to try the military solution.

On the one hand, the Allies have been brought to a dead stop in Berlin by the Soviet land blockade. They cannot proceed with the creation of a German state until the Berlin blockade is lifted, and they cannot go ahead with the organization of Western Europe until the German question is settled. If they cannot negotiate a settlement with Russia, they must resort to force in an effort to get relief.

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'Soggy-Minded' Liberals Dupes For Communist Line

By SUMNER WELLES
Former Undersecretary of State

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Atomic Gloom

James Marlow

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That was the point. Everyone was in a panic. The bomb burst open the door of the future. What did it hold? Terror or abundance?

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When the atom bomb was first used, there were two reactions: 1. They shuddered at the awfulness of the bomb. And they feared that another war, between nations armed with the bomb, might wipe out civilization.

2. They thrilled with hope of what it might do for the good of mankind — in factories, in hospitals, in homes, in homes, in homes. And where are we now, three years later? We are still in a panic. About where we were on that day of Hiroshima, speaking millions of miles away, we are still in a panic. About where we were on that day of Hiroshima, speaking millions of miles away, we are still in a panic.

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UNREQUITTING
This businesslike understanding, worked out in the bitter opening phase of the campaign, is particularly reassuring after all the family-bowing on this subject in case DeWey prevails in the election. In bi-partisanship alone has assured the Democratic administration of the intentions of Gov. Dewey and so to those who have denied that President Truman was engaged in a frontal assault on a war in order to "re-elect" himself, they were "equal" faces.

BI-PARTISANSHIP MAINTAINED
This intention to maintain bi-partisanship has been plainly indicated by President Truman, Secretary Marshall and Undersecretary Robert A. Lovett in their visit to the Capitol on Friday. Dewey had already publicly disclosed his attitude by his statement on Berlin, but he has repeated it before the Republican caucus in New York on Wednesday. He said that he was not a member of a Walpole group, but that he was in daily touch with him. Dewey regularly consulted in Vandenberg's place.

What is at stake more important, it can now be stated on high authority that bi-partisanship will continue after the election. The Republicans are not going to destroy bi-partisanship by failing to consult the Democrats on foreign policy. The Democrats are not going to destroy bi-partisanship by failing to consult the Republicans on foreign policy. The Democrats are not going to destroy bi-partisanship by failing to consult the Republicans on foreign policy.

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Late Afternoon Tea Party

IT'S A FINE and wholesome development to find Dave Clark and the States' Rights Democrats upholding the right of Henry Wallace to be listed on the Presidential candidates on the North Carolina ballot this Fall. Informed that the State Board of Elections had ruled that not only a petition signed by 10,000 qualified voters was presented in order to get a party on the ticket, but that these petitioners had to be persons who had not voted in the primary, Mr. Clark felt with both barrels and all side arms.

The so-called rule or regulation of the board is in violation of the constitution in its worst form. The board is using Hitler-like tactics in a desperate effort to circumvent the Federal and State Constitutions, and the Federal and State Constitutions, and the Federal and State Constitutions, and the Federal and State Constitutions.

These men, are stirring words. For the moment never mind the question of whether the Board of Elections is right or wrong in its attitude, or that its ruling was based on a court decision arrived at by due process of law. The important, yes, the exciting thing, is that Mr. Clark and the States' Right Democrats are standing up for the principles of the Party to be listed on the North Carolina ballot this Fall and for that un-speakable Glen Taylor and that more un-speakable Glen Taylor to pick up a few votes in North Carolina.

Chumps For The Communists

HOLLYWOOD Communists are back in the picture again. They entered the Russian spy ring scenario which now is undulating like the most important news in Washington when a former Communist Party leader testified yesterday that the overpaid hacks in the screen capital have put up "a very big financial take" for the Soviet Union.

This information comes from Louis Budenz, onetime managing editor of the Daily Worker, Communist Party newspaper, who eventually saw the light, turned against the party and its leaders. Budenz has been drawing a detailed picture of the inner workings of the Bolshevik movement for the benefit of the American public. He checked out when he could no longer find the evidence behind his own great Communist Party is "a fifth column of Soviet Russia."

Mr. Budenz's testimony and other disclosures at the Washington hearing make it clear that one of the most important agents for Communism in this country is the great American chump, who is best typified by the Hollywood Communist or fellow-traveler. He often is called a "misguided idealist" who is drawn into the action with Reds because of his sympathy for the underdog. He is completely taken in by the militant Communist slogans and demonstrations of concern for the down-trodden which serve as a bait for his revolutionary machinations. He is either so naive or so stupid that he cannot see the dangerous, unscrupulous and immoral character of the Communist movement in every land where it has seized power and

Stamped out all vestiges of civil liberty

Numerous individuals who are apparently of high standing in the Congressional investigation of the Russian spy ring disclosed by Elizabeth T. Bentley, a self-confessed espionage agent for the Communists. It is possible that quite a few of these individuals are members of the Communist Party and who did not understand that they were playing into the Soviet's hands as they went to get hurt. They have been accused in public without being given a proper opportunity to defend themselves under the rules of evidence obtaining in a court of law.

This "trial" of Communists and their friends in a Senate chamber is an excellent precedent which violates the constitutional rights of the defendants. It is justified by the Congressional committees on the ground that the Soviet fifth column can be combated effectively only by uncovering a moral and political record of Communists and their dupes. The evidence which has been developed in the last few days will convince most Americans that the Red hunters have a good case.

And the Americans in the last 50 years have improved in morals in proportion to their improvement in mechanics they would be the superior people of Earth. — Charleston News & Courier.

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Speakers Would Like Forgotten

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When the man who is named DeWey is a peddler of Florida real estate so unknown that his old college association and reputation as a speaker are blackballed may be the next President of the United States.

NOTE—Though Dewey started out to be a concert singer and a student study law. The singing business he decided, was too precarious.

Hersey's Draft Plans
NOT ALL the details have been released officially yet, but Secretary of War Henry Stimson has reported on draft plans to a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee the other day. He told the committee that the new selective training machinery would be used to process the first batch of draftees in the fall. The second call would not come before January 1.

Hersey told the Senators and Congressmen there was a strong possibility that the new draft law would be less likely to be used by Army service.