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Attitude Against Postwar Service Sways Congress



Public Joins Influential Organizations in Objections to Training; Need for Interim Security Force Argued.

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In the days that followed President Truman's message to Congress urging universal military training we, in Washington, waited to see if there would be an echo to the President's words spoken so earnestly but with so little effect on the audience before him. There was an echo all right but it was an emphatic rumble of negation.

I wasn't surprised—I read my listeners' letters. It was interesting to see the way the members of Congress reacted to the President's message as he delivered it. I watched them with one eye on the text of his speech as I stood squeezed into the crowd in the gallery of the house.

Varied Reaction To Proposal

Here are some of the sentences which I checked as bringing response:

... above all else, we are strong because of the courage and vigor and skill of a liberty-loving people who are determined that this nation shall remain forever free. (Applause) Well, that was a general, non-compromising sentiment. Nothing to do with the subject in hand.

There was the statement that we didn't lack faith in the United Nations organization, "on the contrary with all we have, we intend to back our obligations and commitments under the United Nations charter." (Mild applause, this time.)

The came the response to the first direct appeal for the measure in hand. The President said: "The surest way to guarantee that no nation will attack us is to remain strong in the only kind of strength an aggressor can understand—military power." Applause again but I had the feeling it was for the sentiment and not the suggested means of implementing it.

When he said that "the basic reason for military training" is to guarantee safety and freedom from an aggressor, there was another demonstration, but not quite as energetic and many members, I noted, refrained from any applause at all.

The last note is the most emphatic. "Good applause" followed the President's affirmation that "until we are assured that our peace machinery is functioning adequately, we must relentlessly preserve our superiority on land and sea and in the air." But that is just what the congress is not willing to do because it believes the country is not willing to have them do it. I am sure that because I know they have been receiving, as I have, far more letters against military training than in favor of it.

Must Sell Public Program

Today, a man who keeps his fingers on the pulse of congress assures me that there will never be a universal military training act until a great deal more "selling" has been done by those who believe in it, than has been attempted so far.

This man, like the writer, is a convert to the cause, so his expression was the reverse of wishful thinking. Both of us, though members of the American League, never favored their program for universal service urged upon congress, beginning shortly after the last war.

"There is too much organized opposition," my friend said, "such powerful influences as the federal council of churches, some influential members of the Catholic church, virtually all of labor so far (and this includes the CIO and the AFL which often nullify each other's efforts) the colleges and the unorganized group which might be called simply 'the mothers.'"

Where do the returned veterans stand? It is too early to say. If they follow in their fathers' footsteps they will eventually vote for preparedness. It is the tendency of men who have seen service to place a high value on thorough preliminary training. But they will not become vocal until they join the ranks of the World War I veteran organizations or build others of their own.

There is, however, another force which may change the picture—a change in the international set-up which will inject the element of

fear into the people's attitude and since fear starts the adrenalin flowing that usually means action.

Meanwhile, there are those who feel that complete preparedness not only is essential in the interim, even though a future world security organization is moving swiftly to fruition, but that it will also act as a stimulus toward such a goal.

The argument runs briefly: We must prepare to enforce peace, or prepare to fight a war. Many members of congress realize this and would undoubtedly support the President's program if they felt they could do so without flying in the face of the majority opinion of their constituents. I do not intend to use this column as a platform upon which to debate the issue now but I would like to present a viewpoint expressed by a medical man which made considerable impression on the comparatively few Washingtonians who heard him address a recent meeting in the capitol. The speaker was Dr. G. B. Chisholm, one of the world's foremost psychiatrists, who served as chief medical officer of the Canadian army and is now deputy health minister of Canada.

'Maturity' Needed For Peace

His thesis is that "this is a sick world, with an old, chronic but ever more extensive and serious sickness. Its sickness has recently become acutely dangerous and the future is uncertain indeed." It is a sickness which has made us "the kind of people" who fight major wars every 15 or 20 years. The cure is education. Just as individuals become neurotic because they are not mature, and thus are unable to cope with the situations they must meet, so the world has developed a behavior pattern which produces something which nobody wants: war.

We must have enough people who can show tolerance, be patient, and above all have the ability to compromise. These are qualities of maturity, Dr. Chisholm points out, and people, mature in this sense, would not want to start wars, and would prevent other people from starting them.

But the doctor realizes that education will not produce such maturity in one generation. But such a state must be realized or we face one of two alternatives. Either we must become a race of trained killers, or a race of slaves.

Until we can achieve education sufficient to avoid such horrible fates, "for so long as it may take to change the bringing up of children enough in this world, our close watch on each and everyone in the world should not be relaxed for a moment." The first step in eradicating war is an attainable stopgap, Dr. Chisholm believes. Security must be achieved and the valid fear of aggression eliminated. This means legislation backed by immediately available combined force prepared to suppress ruthlessly any appeal to force by any peoples of the world. The administration of such a force is a delicate problem but it can be devised if and when the great power really wants it.

The second step would be to provide the opportunity for all peoples to live on economic levels which do not vary too widely, either geographically or by groups within a population. This means a redistribution of material. This is possible since there are enough resources in the world to go around.

It is impossible in this space to do justice to Dr. Chisholm's views but the main points are these: he feels that man has developed one consistent pattern of behavior which causes him to indulge in a major war at frequent intervals; that going to war represents immaturity; that immaturity can only be cured by education beginning at childhood with an accent on the "sciences of living"; that until we achieve maturity we must unite ruthlessly to suppress the efforts on the part of any nation or anyone in any nation to start a war.

Psychiatrists may not solve the problem of world peace but it is safe to say that immature laymen won't either. Meanwhile, what congress must decide is how dry the country wants to keep our powder.

BARBS... by Baukhage

Television will be a great help to the police. One way will be exposing the rackets of confidence men.

War must make people generous. The "march of dimes" contributions to fight infantile paralysis increased 25 per cent last winter but the War Community fund had a tough battle after the fighting stopped.

It takes an orchid seven years to produce its first bloom and once around the dance floor can finish it.

The only American foreign service man (state department) ever arrested on charges of espionage was completely vindicated and promoted to a responsible position. His arrest was just a plain mistake, but he had to be tried.

Your BUDGET

- 1—Tokyo was formerly named (a) Mindoro, (b) Yedo, (c) Shanton, (d) Samar.
- 2—What was the first Pacific island to be captured by U. S. following the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor? (a) Guadalcanal, (b) Luzon, (c) Saipan, (d) Mindanao.
- 3—In what sport is a woman endowed by nature for excellence? (a) tennis, (b) swimming, (c) bowling, (d) archery.
- 4—The British Trades Union congress has 7,000,000 affiliated members. How many are women? (a) 500,000, (b) 1,000,000 (c) 1,500,000, (d) 2,000,000.
- 5—St. Augustine, Florida, is the oldest city in the United States. How old is it? (a) 340 years, (b) 380 years, (c) 420 years, (d) 460 years.

ANSWERS:

- 1—(a) Yedo.
- 2—(a) Guadalcanal.
- 3—(b) Swimming, due to a woman's greater buoyancy than a man's.
- 4—(c) 1,500,000 are women.
- 5—(b) 380 years old last September 8th. It was founded in 1565 by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés.

HOUSEWIVES PREFER GLASSED FOODS



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FOODS. Mrs. John Q. Homemaker, USA, is definitely glass conscious when it comes to buying groceries. According to a recent survey by Elmo Roper's nation-wide organization, glass foodstuffs are becoming increasingly popular. The study covered women from coast-to-coast and individual items such as fruits, vegetables and beverages. Glasped fruits and baby foods, for example, received the vote of 62 per cent of the homemakers interviewed, while about 15 per cent had no preference. Prime reasons for their choice: "I can see what I'm getting; I can stop leftovers in the container; and glass imparts no foreign flavor to foods."

Removes Spot

Cornstarch rubbed into a grease or mud spot on a rug and allowed to remain for a few days will remove the spot when the cornstarch is brushed out.

Eternal City

Rome was known as the Eternal City even among the ancient Romans themselves. It was so called because the people thought that no matter what happened in the world, no matter how many other empires might rise and fall, Rome would go on forever.

don herold says:

I must go down with my ship!



I think men are the silliest sex.

As an example of masculine nonsense, take the old tradition that a captain should go down with his ship. Good sense would prescribe that just because you are losing a good ship is no reason for losing also a good ship captain.

Every war is the result of centuries of male mistakes. World War II was partly the result of a lot of masculine mistakes by a bunch of cagey old males after World War I.

Some day there may have to be a terrific worldwide evolution of women—who will take their great statesmen over their knees and spank them like bad little boys—and end war.

Clean Light Umbrellas With Soap-Suds Shampoo

Light-colored umbrellas that become dingy or spotted with soil often may be cleaned successfully at home by means of a soap-suds shampoo, textile specialists say. Before washing, open the umbrella and brush the fabric with a clothes brush to remove loose dust or dry mud. Any spots which look like grease spots should be sponged with cleaning fluid.

Hold the open umbrella over a tub and go over the outside with a soft brush dipped in thick, lukewarm suds of mild soap. Give special attention to the center fold of each section where the fabric usually shows the most soil. Handle and wash gently to avoid strain on the stretched fabric. An easy way to rinse the umbrella is to hold it under a spray of lukewarm water, or it may be rinsed by pouring clear water from a bowl over it. Leave the umbrella open to dry.

An umbrella allowed to knock about the floor of a closet or automobile does not keep its good looks long. To make it last and give good service, shake well after using in the rain, leave open until dry, then fold and hang in a clean, dark closet to prevent fading. Umbrellas put away damp, especially in summer, are likely to mildew.

Fat Adds to Flavor Of Choice Meat Cuts

Since most persons prefer lean meat it follows that the less fat there is in a cut—a roast let us say—the more eating it would provide. A time back, specialists of the department of agriculture looked into this angle for the benefit of butcher shop customers. They used beef sides which graded choice, good, commercial, and utility for their research. They divided these into three parts, namely, the separable lean, the separable fat, and the bones and ligaments. According to their findings, which were made known recently, the consumer would get about two pounds of separable lean meat out of a four pound standing rib roast of the choice grade cut. The commercial grade roast, however, would yield about 2 1/4 pounds. In previous days it is likely that the parts of the roast which were not lean meat often went into the garbage can. The conclusion from these figures is that the home cook taking any lean meat—the part of the outstanding roast which her family eats—out of the commercial grade cut than from a choice grade roast of similar size. But the figures do not show that the fat makes the lean meat of the choice grade more tender and juicy.

Stock Market

Of all the speculators who follow the doings of the stock exchange today, only 5 per cent can hope to come away with more than they put in, experts say. Of the remaining 95 per cent, 30 per cent just about break even most of the time. Sixty-five per cent lose all the time. This latter group is always putting money in but never taking any out. Members are always playing hunches or tips for a quick ride instead of investing in equities of merit. They usually have a limited capital, from \$500 to \$2,000, and buy as much as they can on margin. Because of that, they are always at the mercy of unforeseen developments, such as bad news about lateral earnings, strikes or any of several other causes, which periodically upset the market for a little while and cause a lot of frightened traders to sell.

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JOBS FOR ALL

OUR VETS- OF EVERY FAITH- WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER- TO WORK TOGETHER

Creeping Cloth

To prevent light, thin cloth from "creeping" when cutting it, baste a heavy piece of paper to the underside, then cut through both paper and cloth.

Hatched Early

Early hatched chicks grow faster, feather faster, live better, and usually make more money than late hatched chicks.

Midsummer Sunlight

Midsummer sunlight has six times the value of midwinter sunlight in ultraviolet effect on human health.

Lasting Pillows

To insure longer life for pillows, fluff them gently each day to force air around the feathers.

Destroys Game Food

Burning the woods destroys the food of birds and game.

Overcrowding Chickens

One of the outstanding faults in brooding chicks is overcrowding. Not over two chicks should be started for each square foot of floor space.

Wash Off Whitewash

Never paint over whitewash. First wash off all the whitewash and allow walls to dry thoroughly before applying paint.

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