

### Peace Conference Previews

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(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles by UN professors to help acquaint students with the background necessary for creating the coming miniature peace conference.)

#### CAN PEACE BE SECURED THRU ORGANIZATION?

In a sense, this question can be answered by the single word, yes. I know, however, that this is no answer at all unless a very long footnote is added to the "Yes." So far as we may be said now to have peace between men and communities and nations, that condition depends upon some sort of machinery, some arrangement of devices which make peace preferable to conflict, or which at any rate make conflict relatively harmless. Courts are good examples of such machinery. They do not prevent conflict; what they do is to see that conflict is conducted by argument and not by battle-axes or pistols or howitzers. People still like to quarrel—or, at any rate, they still think they can get something by quarreling—but they are compelled to do it by rules which they are content to obey with a minimum of grumbling. The constitution of the United States is another sort of machine—an amazingly delicate disposition of forces designed to regularize the incipient quarrels of units with a memory of an earlier "sovereignty" and a good deal of local pride.

I do not need to point out that the record of neither of these organizations has been perfect. In the case of the first, persons occasionally "take the law into their own hands" and resort to force to get what they think the law will not give them. In the second instance,—well, there was the war between the States.

#### Must Have Power.

The inference for international affairs to be drawn from these examples is fairly clear. If an international organization is to be effective in preventing war, I think it must be given power to handle precisely those matters over which controversy normally leads to war. For if individuals resort to personal vindication of their "rights" when the sense of injury is overwhelming, this is even more true of national states endowed as they are with that

mystical but potent property called "sovereignty." To date the only successful examples of international co-operation have been in those fields with respect to which there is a general consensus as to desirable ends—communications, port and river administration, and so forth—and out of which armed conflict is not likely to arise in any case. I do not know that this area of general agreement has been enlarged to any significant degree. On the contrary, I am inclined to think that the current war has made nations even more "touchy" than they were before about "sovereignty" and "national honor." If this is correct, it means that the task of statesmen in finding an area of agreement will be more difficult than it has been in the past.

#### 'Sovereignty' is Drawback.

What this comes to, I suppose, is that any truly hopeful organization for keeping the peace will be very hard to maintain as long as the present system of "sovereign" national states exists. Since I see no prospect of this system changing radically in the near future, I am skeptical as to the promises of a "just and lasting peace" so widely expressed by orators and statesmen. As I see it, peace in the future will be preserved by the use of force or at least by the probability that force will be used by those possessing it. This means that peace is the result of a balance of power. By this term I understand such a recognition of the rights and influence of those likely to break the peace as will seem to them to embody substantial justice. Such a recognition of rights demands of the possessors of power a wisdom and a forbearance in its use not always forthcoming. But so long as the world consists of three score nations each conscious of its rights, its legal equality and its "sovereignty," I see no other way to organize the world for anything like order. My own best hope is that the victors in the present war may put it beyond

the power of our enemies to make war in the calculable future and in the meantime seize every opportunity to remove pretexts for the latter's taking the law into their own hands. If it be said that the balance of power does not keep the peace, my answer would be that it has done it better than any other device.

This does not mean that international organizations for ends less vital than the preservation of peace are not worth while. If they did nothing more than habituate men's minds to the idea of conference and debate and the application of reason, they would be important in preparing men for more daring ventures.

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that this difference will be as easily settled as all former ones.

Churchill's government is meeting more bitter opposition in parliament on the question of Greece. Clashes between British troops and EAM, the militia of left-wing forces, have occurred in Athens as a result of British insistence that EAM be disbanded by Dec. 10. Eden has announced a full-dress debate of the crisis in Greece for Friday.

After having approved Stettinius as new secretary of state to replace Hull, who resigned because of ill health, the senate Wednesday rebelled by declining to act immediately upon President Roosevelt's nominations for four

high state department posts: Joseph E. Grew as undersecretary; William L. Clayton, assistant secretary of state in charge of economic affairs; Archibald MacLeish, assistant secretary in charge of public and cultural affairs, and Nelson Rockefeller, assistant secretary for American republics. Most of the opposition is aimed at MacLeish, a member of the inner circle of the white house. The move may be an effort to assert senate power in determination of foreign policy.

House passage has sent to President Roosevelt legislation extending the statute of limitations in the Pearl Harbor case until June 7, the time during which legal action or court martial may be instituted against Short and Kimmel. The action followed reports by separate army and navy investigating committees which declared there were no grounds for courts martial proceedings.

Altho final results have not been announced, the air conference which met at Chicago did not fulfill completely state department hopes.

According to some observers, the resignation of Adolph Berle, who headed the American delegation, as assistant secretary may have been partially due to U. S. failure to attain its objectives, as well as due to a desire

to let Stettinius form his own department. Berle may be given a post as ambassador.

On the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, allied troops were advancing on all fronts except in China. U. S. troops have been particularly active in the Saar under Patton and on Leyte under MacArthur.

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