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### The Problem of Peace

THE GREATEST MENACE of peace today is the division of the world into two basically opposed forms of society; a division which transcends all national boundaries, said Hon. L. B. Pearson, Undersecretary of State, in a recent stirring address. One form respects dignity and decency and liberty of the individual and in it government is justified only by the contribution it makes to his welfare. In the other, the individual is nothing but a mere cog in an inhuman machine, where there is no rule of law, and where the omnipotent state moulds the man into conformity with the mass, and if he will not so conform, crushes him.

If these two worlds are to survive, they must find a formula for mutual tolerance and co-operative endeavour within the United Nations, in the hope that this co-operation between governments may lead to friendlier relations between peoples. We must insist that the United Nations be permitted to progress and grow into what it is not now-an organization capable of preserving the peace. In that upward progress every effort must be made to include all states but, if this is impossible, then we must decide whether to adjust our pace to that of the slowest member, which may mean walking backwards, or to go ahead towards a really effective international order with those states who are willing to co-operate for that pur-

That is the most important international decision of all-which may one day have to be made -whether to maintain the universality of our international organization by the retention of the requirement of a unanimity which means the lowest common denominator of action which is inaction—or whether to make the United Nations a really effective organization even if it means going ahead only with those who are willing to make national sacrifices to achieve the great international objective of peace and prosperity.

This last choice can be accepted only as a last despairing resort, because it means that two nonco-operating worlds will face each other, in fear and suspicion, armed with the two most terrible weapons ever conceived in the armory of destruction; (1) atomic and bacteriological bombs to sear and destroy the body, and (2) all the media of propaganda to destroy the soul. One weapon can blot out a half million men in ten seconds. The other can make a whole people believe that black is white; that blood is wine, that a stone is bread; that slavery is freedom and Hell is Paradise.

If we reach this dread position, where the two worlds face each other in open enmity, then peace will rest on one shaky foundation alone; the knowledge that, although victory in war will indeed mean the conquest of a whole world, it would be a world destroyed; that the arch of victory would be erected on a pile of ruins. If peace is to be ensured, however, it must be on a better basis than the certainty of obliteration from defeat and the probability of disaster from victory.

How can we find better basis and present the development and clashing of those two hostile worlds? By making our own way of life and government so demonstrably better than the other that the realization of its superiority will penetrate even the most powerful of curtains. Such a result must be achieved if there is to be one world on any other basis than the jail or the cemetery. But we will never accomplish it merely by attacking other peoples and other systems.

To the forces of despotism and reaction of right or left we must oppose a democracy, a free way of life which is proud, dynamic and assertive; which proves itself by the contribution it makes to man's happiness, and which by its achievements, not merely by its words, demonstrates its superiority over any other form of social and political organization of man. The demonstration must be positive not negative; proud and not apologetic. We should not be on the defensive. We are not looking backwards! Totalitarianism is as old as sin. Democracy—as we know it and not as despots define it is the new creed of life and hope and progress. We are the pioneers and adventurers. The others are the reactionaries.

Success, however, in this eternal quest for something good to oppose the evil nihilism of the revolution of destruction which is threatening half of the world today, can only come through the resolve of the individual free man to make democracy work. He must be possessed of an ambition that exceeds self and of vision which sees beyond his own bench or office or field.

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#### Conditions In Orient and Down Under Described By Interesting Visitor to City

Among the many interesting visitors in Prince Rupert these days is James Davidson, merchant seaman from Sydney, Australia, who is here for a visit with his brother, William Davidson, Eleventh Avenue. Mr. Davidson, who has done a deal of world travelling, in the Atlantic service during the war and mostly in the Pacific since, brought a \*--

Daily News interviewer up to be Japs but it is simply shamedate on conditions in the Orient ful to see the state of starvawhich are anything but pretty tion they suffer." With food these days. However, a happier scarce, clothing situation is alpicture was painted of Australia most desperate and they go and, particularly of New Zea- about in all sorts of rags. After land. Mr. Davidson, who is a the strafing of war there is still native of Scotland, has resolved hardly a safe building in Kobe to quit the sea and make his which is in "absolute ruins" shore home in Sydney, choosing and has little restoration work that city because it has in his done so far. opinion, the finest climate in The really bright spot of Mr. Davidson's travels appears to the world.

Mr. Davidson arrived at San have been New Zealand with its Francisco recently after an long-entrenched Labor governeighteen-day voyage from Syd- ment. The country appears to ney and signed off there from be better regulated economically the Matson Line steamer Marine and is providing a better living Phoenix on which he had been for its people. Mr. Davidson serving. On the way over stops visited Auckland on his last voywere made in New Zealand, at age a few weeks ago. Fiji and at Pago Pago in the Solomons. The ship brought over the last lot of Australian war brides of American soldiers.

War experiences of Mr. Davidson included being torpedoed in December 1940 200 miles off the coast of Ireland in the steamer Bar Hill. The vessel lasted only thirty-five minutes before going to her watery grave. Meanwhile, the crew had taken to lifeboats and were picked up eventually by the cruiser H.M.S. Cornwall. Thereafter followed eighteen months of troop carry- 10 p.m. ing from Australia to the Middle East on the Queen Mary.

Speaking of present day conditions in Sydney, Mr. Davidson 12:15 p.m. said that there was a building problem in Australia similar to that in Canada-lack of men and p.m. materials. The clothing and food situation is as bad as ever and there is still strict coupon rationing and price control. There p.m. is plenty of work.

For really deplorable conditions, Shanghai is the place to find them, says Mr. Davidson. There the most abject of poverty exists and everywhere people are starving. Contrasted to Shanghai, however, is the reinstated British crown colony of Hong Kong, the "best city p.m. in the Orient today." There is plenty of food and clothing there and prices are reason-

Reduced to a low level of subsistence are the unfortunate people of Japan, said Mr. Davidson in describing conditions in Kobe, once great Nipponese port which he visited recently. At the docks, human beings struggled with each other and fought like animals to get to the ship's garbage to devour it. "They may

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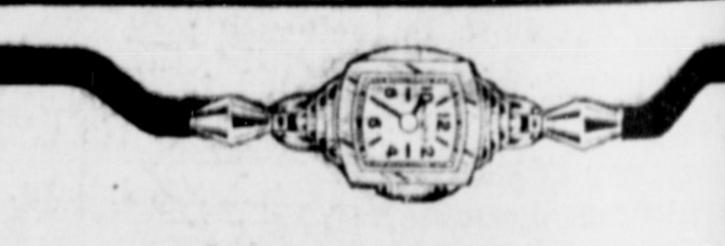
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