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Old Pitfalls Stand in Way of Future Peace

Survival of German Myth, Desertion of Democratic Elements Would Weaken Postwar Security Structure.

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SAN FRANCISCO. — California sunshine is pouring down on the bay, a great white fog has begun to drape the distant, gray-green hills in the folds of its floating robe.

It has been a day of conferences and interviews where the great tragedies of little countries—Albania, Korea, Poland—and the little differences between great countries have been tossed at us, in vibrant earnest voices, in stiff and proper accents. It would be easy to lose sight of woods for the trees. But as I sit here leafing over faded notes of another such conference, I know that the tremendous goal for which these delegates have striven is so much higher, so much wider than all the little controversies that it still is just what the chambermaid in my hotel said it was.

She was gray haired. She had a son on Saipan, she told me, and when I asked her what she thought of this gathering she laid down an armful of linen and looked up. "I guess this is just about the most important thing that ever happened," she said, "trying to stop wars."

How important this meeting will prove to be depends on how well the world avoids the pitfalls which wrecked its last attempt to treat war as we treat disease; not as something that we irreversibly consider as an act of God, like a tornado, but something to which mankind is exposed through ignorance and indifference and which can be prevented.

Why did the League of Nations fail? What are the pitfalls which the United Nations must avoid?

Germans Thought Armies Unbeaten

I have been talking over that Paris conference with a friend whom I met there—a quarter of a century ago. He lived with the League of Nations through its early uncertain days, on until its death of malnutrition. Together we agreed on certain fundamental mistakes made in the past which must be avoided if the result of the San Francisco conference is a success. The object of the United Nations is the same as the object of the League of Nations: to stop aggression before it starts. Last time, efforts were directed specifically toward Germany as the one potential aggressor. Germany has been so utterly defeated that she cannot strike back for a long time but our conduct toward Germany after the last war can be related to all future attempts at aggression.

The first mistake made last time, namely, allowing the myth to grow up that the German army was not defeated, that other causes enforced capitulation, cannot be made again since the German army is now destroyed. But there is danger that another myth may grow which will encourage Nazi-fascism elsewhere.

Even if the so-called German government headed by Admiral Doenitz formally capitulated to the Allies instead of having the various generals surrender separately, the Nazis might well claim that they themselves never did surrender.

A very good legal case might be made out supporting the thesis that Doenitz was not the authorized head of the German government and that government still existed in exile. Whether Hitler and Himmler are dead makes no difference. No proof can be adduced that Doenitz is the authorized successor to Hitler. There has been no recognized revolution which could be recognized first, de facto, then de jure.

We do not know that Hitler authorized Doenitz as his successor.

We do know that he had publicly indicated certain successors.

I saw and heard him do it in the Reichstag meeting in the Kroll opera house in Berlin on September 1, 1939, when he announced that he was going to the front to join the army already invading Poland.

I saw him turn from the lectern and indicate, first Herman Goering, sitting high on the praesidium as his successor, if he failed to return and second, the tall and lanky Hess sitting in the first row on the rostrum.

There has never been any other official designation of succession by the German government. When Hitler made that pronouncement Doen-

nitz played no role in the Nazi party—he was just another naval officer.

Therefore it would be easy for whoever claims official fuhrership to have moved into Norway while it was still in German hands, take a long-distance submarine and find asylum and support in some country which would conceal his identity and where sufficient sympathy for Nazi-fascism existed, to carry on underground activities and foster the myth of the immortality of Nazi-dom just as the myth of the German army's invincibility was kept alive.

That is one thing that apparently is not realized. It is important. It must be watched.

Now there are a number of other pitfalls which I might mention but I won't spend too long over these faded notes with fresh breezes from the Pacific reminding me that we are living in the land of tomorrow and not yesterday.

But alas, some of the dark shadows of yesterday have stretched down the years to today.

Selfish Interests Stunt Democracy

One of the great mistakes which the peace-loving nations of the world, as they now call themselves, made the last time was that they failed to help the democratic elements in Germany against the very reactionary or national elements which made World War II possible.

At present there is no question about elements in the German government for it is under Allied military rule. That problem is some distance in the future. But here at San Francisco and wherever the executive council or the assembly of the organization planned here may meet, the same question will arise.

We have a concrete example in the question of Argentina, not too important in itself, but interesting insofar as it reveals whose selfish political and economic interests affect world affairs.

Certain countries wanted to renew normal business relations with Argentina. Great Britain has a great interest in Argentina because of her trade and Canada because the financing of many institutions there was handled through Canadian banks.

The representatives in the Mexico City conference yielded to this pressure and when they came to San Francisco could not reverse their position. Russia looked on, chortled, and said: Democracies aren't so democratic after all if they invite a fascist government to join up with them.

This is not too important but it is an example of what must be avoided if the United Nations really champion the cause of democracy throughout the world.

But the strong hope of avoiding the pitfalls of the last time lies in the interest, the participation of the people. The people of America. As I sit here in San Francisco and see the earnest effort of these men of all creed and color, I feel they have the will to peace.

But their voices all cry in the wilderness unless the people support them.

I look over these gray-green hills and think—into thine hands, the hands of the people of America.

In order to provide agricultural information to servicemen and veterans of this war who are interested in agriculture, the USDA has arranged to place kits containing samples of available information in separation centers, hospitals, libraries and vocational guidance and retraining centers of the army, navy, air forces, and the Veterans administration.

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Among the materials being offered are several general publications designed to help the agriculturally inclined serviceman or veteran decide whether or not he really does want to become a farmer.

Accredited correspondents outnumbered delegates six to one but most of the delegates never saw a newsman. And most of them couldn't have talked anyhow since the majority of them couldn't speak English. English and French were the official languages but probably Spanish was the most generally understood, judging from response to speeches in that tongue.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Extend the Meat With Noodles and Gravy (See Recipes Below)

Point-Easy Patterns

Some of our homemakers feel that rationing has become so tight, it is difficult to set a tasty dish before the family. It's true we are learning to use a great variety of foods, but all these can be made delicious as well as pleasing as to appearance.

Humble meats like hamburger and liver can be dressed attractively and made to taste like high-point foods. Imagine golden brown, wafer-thin pancakes, filled with a well-seasoned meat mixture. Good? Of course, pass the seconds, please.

You can stuff small slices of liver with your favorite celery or onion dressing and braise them in a savory tomato sauce. There's little better.

If you have taken it a little bit easy on the main course, you can always go the limit with the desserts. Cream pies are luscious even though their whipped cream toppings are missing. Frothy egg whites are just as pretty and tasty.

Fresh vegetables and fruit platters are ideal for adding color to the table. Try a freshly cooked snowy white cauliflower in the center of a platter and surround it with slivered green beans and tomato cups with golden corn kernel centers. If it's a fruit platter you've set your cap for, then you'll like melon (preferably cantaloupe) with its center scooped out and filled with a fruit gelatin salad, and garnished on the platter with slices of pineapple mounted with fresh berries or grapes.

Hamburger Filled Potato Pancakes (Serves 6 to 8)

1 pound hamburger
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons fine, dry bread crumbs
2 tablespoons fat
4 cups grated raw potatoes
2 tablespoons grated onions
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup flour
2 tablespoons milk

Combine meat, 1 teaspoon salt, milk and bread crumbs. Mix well and shape into thin patties. Brown in hot fat. Combine potatoes, remaining salt, pepper, eggs, flour and milk. Mix well. Remove meat from frying pan. Add more fat. Place a small amount of the potato mixture into hot fat. Top with meat patty. Then cover with more potato mixture (potato mixture should form a thin coating). Fry slowly until brown. Turn and brown on other side.

These Hamburger Filled Pancakes may be served with sauerkraut. Place the kraut in the center of a platter and arrange pancakes in a border around it.

Lynn Says:

Meat Memos: Extend low-point meats with breading, garnishing and fillings to make them appetizing and point-saving.

Bacon can be dipped in beaten egg and bread crumbs, then fried and served as an appetizing meat course.

Honeycomb or pocket tripe becomes savory when given the egg and bread crumb treatment. Serve it with broiled bacon and tomatoes for flavor contrast.

Ground lamb patties take on flavor value when served with grilled fresh pineapple and tomato slices.

Small shoulder roasts will stretch further when stuffed with bread, celery, parsley or onion dressing. Make plenty of rich gravy for a fill-in feature.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus

*Curried Shrimp with Noodles
Slivered Carrots and Green Beans
Fresh Pineapple and Strawberry Salad
Corn Sticks
Beverage
Date-Nut Bars
*Recipe given.

*Curried Shrimp with Noodles. (Serves 4 to 6)

6 tablespoons butter or substitute
6 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 pound cooked shrimp
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped parsley
1/4 teaspoon rich meat flavoring
1 tablespoon chopped green pepper
1/2 pound fine noodles

Make a cream sauce of the first five ingredients. Add shrimp, cleaned and cut in halves or quarters, depending upon size. Add seasonings, and lastly, cooked noodles broken into small pieces.

Garnish with parsley and whole shrimp.

American Eggs Foo Young. (Serves 4)

1/2 cup cooked fish such as salmon
1/2 cup green peas, cooked
3 stalks raw celery, diced
1 onion, minced
1/2 cup green pepper, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1/2 teaspoon seasoning sauce
6 eggs, beaten

Spicy tomato sauce or other well-seasoned sauce

Mix fish with peas, celery, onion and green pepper. Add seasonings, seasoning sauce and beaten eggs. Mix well. Have fat hot in skillet. Pour small ladeful of mixture into skillet and brown on one side, turn cake and brown on the other. Serve with spicy tomato sauce.

Another good, light dish for supper fare is this omelet which combines point-saving foods with tempting goodness:

Mashed Potato Omelet. (Serves 6)

1/2 cup milk
1 cup mashed potatoes
1 teaspoon onion juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
4 eggs, separated
Bacon

Mix heated milk with mashed potatoes. Add onion juice, salt and pepper. Mix in well beaten yolks of eggs. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Pour into a greased frying pan and cook on top of stove until bottom is brown. Brown top under broiler. Serve with crisply fried bacon.

Fruit Platter.

Fresh pineapple, sliced
Grapefruit in sections
Peach halves
Grapes, seeded or marachino cherries

Small wedges of cantaloupe or other melon
Cream mayonnaise
Head lettuce
Red apples

Peel grapefruit and remove pulp by sections, then cut in half crosswise. Arrange platter by placing cups of lettuce all over the platter. Into each cup place a slice of fresh pineapple, cored and peeled (or canned slice of pineapple).

On top place melon wedge and then grapefruit sections. Arrange strips of red apple on top and then sprinkle with cherries or slivered grapes. Serve with dressing made by mixing mayonnaise or salad dressing with sour cream and sprinkle with chopped nuts, if desired.

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1 cup jelly or jam

Dissolve Fleischmann's Yeast in lukewarm water. Cream shortening, sugar and salt; add well-beaten eggs, nutmeg, flavoring and lukewarm milk. Add to yeast. Add 3 cups flour and beat well. Add remaining flour; turn out on floured board and knead lightly until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl. Cover and set in warm place, free from draft, until light, about 2 hours. Turn out on floured board and shape into round rolls. Dip in granulated sugar and set on well-greased baking pan 1/2 inch apart. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Make an indentation in center of roll, fill with jelly or jam. Let rise again until light, about 15 minutes. Bake in moderate oven at 400° F. about 20 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

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One of the hardest things to get in the sun-kissed state was a glass of orange juice. They told us it was all being dehydrated and sent abroad.

Returning to San Francisco after 20 years the city looks as if it had changed more than in the previous 20—and that included the period of reconstruction after the fire.