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America's Contribution for a Permanent Peace
By Tricia Lawrence

Books, encyclopedias, magazines, and newspapers have used millions of words on this subject so having a limit of only five hundred words, this must be merely an outline.

my opinion, is insistence upon the "democratic way." The word "democratic" comes from two Greek words meaning "people" and "I rule." More than any place in the world America has made progress in having a country ruled by its people. It has, more than any other country, projected this idea into international relations. America is attempting to wipe out bitterness after World War II. We are trying to help other people, whether winner or loser, to return to normal living and the pursuits by which they were once able to enjoy life. The settlement of the trouble

the United States had with the Chinese during the Boxer Rebellion provided that they should pay us millions of dollars for damages. The United States promptly declared that the money should be used for the education of the Chinese people.

About fifty years ago when Spain sank an American battleship off the coast of Cuba our Army and Navy were victorious. We took away all their possessions that were in "our sphere of influence," and also seized the Philippine islands. We didn't hold these people as subjects as other nations have. Cuba was given her independence a few years later and now the Philippines have their freedom. Hawaii became a territory and now statehood is being considered which will make it the same as any other state in the Union.

It is this American attitude of building up communities to a state of civilization and freedom, to live according to their own ideas as long as they do not impose upon others, rather than treating them as subjects or slaves, that makes our country different from others of the past and in some cases, now. This attitude, America is trying to impress upon other nations which are also trying to contribute for a permanent peace.

What we are doing now is offering a helping hand to all of them as long as the people are allowed freedom of expression. Our democracy has done what no other nation ever has done on a similar scale or with the same motive.

Democracy, the rule of the people, for and by the people, as practiced in America, is not

only the hope of all informed peoples, but the only force offering all of them, regardless of color or creed, both material and spiritual assistance and also inspiration to keep to the principles of brotherhood and the moral code of christianity given to the world nearly two thousand years ago.

The members of the American Legion, by their efforts and sacrifices for peace and democracy, their insistence since World War I to "be prepared," and their great support of the cause of freedom, have earned the everlasting gratitude of everyone. This in itself is one of many contributions America has made for a permanent peace through democracy.

America's Contribution for a Permanent Peace
By Marion Green

America is doing much for a permanent peace in her own land and in other lands.

In the occupation of Japan there are about 100,000 people in uniforms. They are to occupy and govern. There are also about 2,000 not in uniform. These people have jobs of helping the people, acting as teachers and supervisors is another. In Japan the main purpose is to secure world stability for Japan. The main plan is to demilitarize and to democratize Japan. As much as possible Japan's people will bring this about themselves. This will make them feel less harshly toward the United States. The planning is done by the Far Eastern Commission which is represented by eleven countries. The administration is under the direction of Douglas McArthur.

The new Germany will be much different in the coming years. It will not be corrupted with military rule as it has been in the last thirteen years. Germany will be made "fit to live with." Many countries have claims against Germany for property destroyed during the war. Most of the claims will not be paid back, but the German people will pay some of it back when they get on their feet.

The United States foreign policy seeks a just and lasting peace through political stability, economic progress and social advancement. For this reason the United States has sponsored and supported the United Nations. United Nations' goal is political stability. To have political stability peace-loving nations should have the right to speak their grievances, to have legal disputes among nations settled, that weapons of mass destruction should be subject to rigid control.

Atomic Energy Commission is being backed by the United States. It was voted to have this commission in the General Assembly of United Nations on January 24, 1947. There are about twelve countries represented on the commission. This commission has been meeting since June 14, 1946. The commission is getting absolute control over raw materials used in the manufacture of atomic energy. The commission must control competition. If national rivalry over raw materials takes place it will be very dangerous. If the power of control is given to international groups it will solve the problem.

The United States along with other countries are in favor of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation organization which helps the oppressed of Europe and Asia. It has surveyed and to get all surplus food and winter clothing for the terrible winter of 1946 and 1947. During this winter UNRRA had brought relief and help to thousands who doubtlessly would have perished from the cold and lack of food.

The war refugee is getting much aid from occupation forces and the United States. America has had clothing drives and many other things to help the refugees of Europe. All these acts will create a sense of good will towards the United States in the minds of the people.

There still remain many things to be done, but I believe we'll have peace.

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