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San Francisco, May 28—We are indebted to Senator Cordon for a comment on this Security Conference which hits the nail on the head, to-wit:

"My hope for the future rests upon the ability of people to get the habit of peaceful solution of their (international) troubles and that takes time. You can not create it by signing documents and attaching red-ribbons and golden-seals. I hope San Francisco may give us a skeleton structure upon which to hang the hope of the habits of peace."

"THE HABITS OF PEACE."

That is the essence of the entire problem. And to acquire that habit not only takes time, but it necessitates the breaking of a habit that has been imbedded in the genus homo for literally millions of years. It dates back in fact to BEFORE the time, G.H. tried a vertical position and started to walk on two legs instead of four. When he didn't like something then,—or somebody,—there was no disposition to sit down and talk the matter over, but it was time to wade in and settle the dispute by FORCE!

And that is still done. It was done at the last baseball game we attended until the police broke it up. And only a comparatively few centuries ago it was a common practice to settle right by might,—to decide an individual's guilt by his ability to FIGHT.

"Trial by battle" instead of by jury was accepted as the proper judicial procedure, long after the "Sermon on the Mount." But INDIVIDUALS finally decided it was both a silly, expensive and destructive practice; so they established a system of laws and courts, and even more important took away the right of the individual to go around armed and gave that right to the police. The question here before the house is whether or not NATIONS haven't reached the point where in their own self-interest they can be as smart!

Well that is the situation here,—as we have frequently pointed out. And as also stated before, we share Senator Cordon's "hope" that San Francisco WILL give us a "skeleton structure" upon which to hang the hopes of habits of peace. It can't be much more than that—a skeleton. And as the time to adjourn comes nearer and nearer, this fact becomes clearer and clearer. In fact as the final agreement looks now, it is as full of holes as a fish-net. But if the holes in a fish-net are not TOO large, one can haul in some big—say the biggest—fish. The middle-sized and smaller ones may be left until later.

But it is well not to forget that main fact, not only here at San Francisco but hereafter. To secure any sort of EFFECTIVE machinery to prevent future wars not only must new international HABITS be formed, but old and instinctive ones must be rooted out,—and that takes time! TIME, hard work, restraint and patience.

We failed to finish up that trip to Berkeley in our last. There were not only truck loads of blood-plasma, there were shipments of the new miracle drug "Penicillin" being made up,—some for the boys overseas but more for the sick and suffering here at home. The big news here is that a new process of manufacture has been developed, and will soon be in operation at the Cutter Laboratories, which promises to supply the urgent demand for this drug, and thus materially reduce the price. As most people know, until recently scores of civilians in need of Penicillin have been unable to get it,—a truly tragic situation!

The new process is the making of the mold—(ever bite into a loaf of bread with green mold on it? Well that isn't Penicillin but it is the basis of it)—in huge metal tanks, instead of small glass bottles.

The most interesting exhibit here consisted of glass slides showing how a dab of this drug, cleared a circular space in a mass of infection. Like the famed sulfa drugs, processes and practices are changing almost daily, and also like them, Penicillin is not effective against certain bacteria. In fact the colon bacilla instead of being devoured by Penicillin does the devouring itself,—goes after the Penicillin like a Dillinger gang after a night watchman. We were interested from a purely personal standpoint for that protracted stay here in San Francisco of many years ago was due to the activities of that bug,—the colon bacillus we mean.

We had hoped the activities of these pressure groups were over, but it was merely a breathing spell. The East Indians are holding another meeting tonight, and the Spanish Republicans fire their first propaganda gun tomorrow!—R.W.R.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 1—We can kid ourselves about the peace in San Francisco but this would merit no advantage. State Secretary Stettinius told the truth about it in his speech, although the most important facts were submerged in headlines and accounts. From what I hear among people, particularly returning soldiers, there is a feeling of distrust at the negotiations and results. It seems to be a broad sentiment taking expression, strangely enough, in criticism of England and her stand, more than of Russia.

THIS feeling is current among people who do not understand the ins and outs of the matter, and I think it is dangerous, because England is going our way, no matter how much she may chisel on the side, while Russia is proceeding in an opposite direction—and steadfastly. Here are the facts of the matter: The greatest accomplishment of State Secretary Stettinius in San Francisco is the alignment of so-called republics on this hemisphere behind the American policy of democracy and freedom. For this accomplishment alone, in my opinion, Mr. Stettinius has earned the right to be considered a great secretary of state. I know most of the stories of his deficiencies, and I have reason to believe his removal is planned by sincere devotees of the Truman administration who believe he does not carry enough weight for the time. Who does?

MR STETTINIUS dragged in Argentina to our sphere of influence, and he promoted a secondary, but most important theme at San Francisco to the Dumbarton Oaks formula—namely the theory of hemisphere defense priorities and cooperation. In short, he lined up the South American republics behind our

split, and as long as we can keep them there and away from Russia we will have accomplished the utmost possible in promotion of our way of life. This is the achievement of Mr. Stettinius which has gone under-estimated.

The defects of his scheme for peace are plain, and as a matter of fact, they are apparent in Mr. Stettinius' own frank analysis. We have the big five voting on peace-keeping, each reserving the right to veto any important decision.

THUS France and China, who have no arms, are able by a combination of their votes to control the big three, who have the power to keep the peace. Thus the responsibility is dispersed while the authority is not shared.

Stalin already is campaigning through French communists to get control of the French government. The communists' army in China is ambitious. If these ambitions of the soviets succeed, Russia, France and China could outnumber the defendants of democracy on the peace-keeping council, and rule the world.

To prevent this, the powers have reserved an obnoxious veto arrangement whereby they can stop any action of the council. But this, too, applies to France and China, who are submissive in the present situation, as well

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MR Stettinius merely deceived us as to the emphasis of this fact in his speech; he did not exclude it. He said:

"In such an event the answer is simple. Another world war has come, vote or no vote, and the world organization has failed," if anyone vetoes anything.

This applies to all of the big five. He also has fallen short in maintaining our right to those Pacific Islands. If we are to keep the peace we must have those complete.

Therefore, you have no peace. You have a tentative and fragile arrangement. It can be abruptly terminated any time France or China, as well as the big three, enter a veto.

This is no peace at all, it is purely a stop-gap for the times. It is a provision for war by the only powers able to make it and France and China. It is apparent whatever final conclusion is arranged at San Francisco will not be able to overcome this anomaly which hopes for peace, but provides for war.

OUR line of thought is being compromised under the theory that half a loaf is better than a whole. I do not think so. If we believe in something I think we should defend it. The time to defend it is now. Our people want this, our soldiers fought for it. Why should we not get it? Whatever the consequences, our hopes are clear and we should not relax our earnestness for them. We cannot do more than lose—and we are doing that now.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 1, 1935 (It was Saturday)

Senior class of 166 receive diplomas at Craterian last night.

Flood and wind ravage drought area states.

Kidnapers of Weyerhaeuser boy believed to be in eastern Oregon.

Cloudy. High 58, low 49 degrees.

Strawberry crop at peak in valley soon.

Price of butter up half a cent.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY June 1, 1925 (It was Monday)

Autos needed to take state militia on trip to Crater Lake during encampment here.

During May .95 of an inch of rain fell here, and valley is the wettest in 13 years.

Strawberries glut Portland market and sell for \$2 per crate.

Ashland council takes no action on normal school site.

Probable showers. High 70, low 50 degrees.

Five inches of snow falls at Crater Lake.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY June 1, 1911 (It was Thursday)

Fast progress made on construction of power plant at Prospect.

Pumice Hill grade on Crater Lake highway opened, but very dusty.

Airplane to be exhibited at end of Oakdale avenue. Eugene Ely, flyer, and plane have arrived for show next Tuesday.



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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Lee Mapes Sticks His Neck Out

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LOCAL DEMOS GIVEN COMMITTEE PLACES

Portland, Ore., June 1.—A finance committee today was preparing a fund raising program for the Democratic party thruout Oregon as result of committee appointments made by officials of the state central committee here.

An executive committee was named, including, fourth district, Sid Brown, Medford.

An advisory board named includes L. P. Mathes, Central Point.

THE GRANGE

Sams Valley Grange will hold regular meeting Saturday night, June 2. Four new members will receive the obligation. Mr. Faber of Central Point will show pictures during lecture hour.

The first Liberty ship, the Patrick Henry, was launched in September, 1941, at Baltimore, Md. She is still in war service.

CHIANG RESIGNS AS PREMIER OF CHINA

Chungking, June 1.—U.P.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek resigned as premier of China today, but retained his concurrent post of president.

Reliable sources said a plenary session of the Kuomintang's central executive committee appointed T. V. Soong, Chiang's brother-in-law, as premier—a post officially known as president of the executive yuan.

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