

Universal Disarmament Only Way To End War, Thomas Says

There is only one real issue in the world today—that of war and peace, and only one sure way to avoid another war—universal disarmament. This was the theme of the talk which Norman Thomas, noted political leader and long-time head of the Socialist party, gave for Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club last night.

Fear of the awful results of another world-wide war will not necessarily keep us from that war, Thomas stressed. He said fear alone had never stopped wars in the past, and added that either nations are led into war by "mad men" or "stumble and bumble" into wars which spread to the rest of the world.

"Our only hope is disarmament," he said emphatically. We must bring out in public the necessity of disarmament, discuss disarmament from all sides, discuss the role of the United Nations—that imperfect but necessary instrument working for peace—we must take every step now to eliminate the possibility of another war."

World Leadership

The speaker said that President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plans, his appointment of Harold Stassen to take charge of disarmament planning and his arms inspection plan had put this nation once more in the position of world leadership for peace and heightened our prestige abroad. Thomas added that Stalin succeeded very well in making many believe that this country was war-mongering and declared "if we should appear to be against the liquidation of weapons, there would be a great revulsion of feeling against us; we must make it plain to even the most illiterate that if peace plans fail, it is because other countries cannot agree on controls."

Thomas said that "we are the only nation which seems to be helped by war" and stressed that in the eyes of the rest of the world, we emerged strong and rich from World War II. He declared that to a great extent, our present prosperity is due to spending for past wars and for arms thought necessary because of the cold war and added "it is a mad world when it takes a war to end, temporarily at least, a nation's unemployment."

Thomas discussed the coming presidential campaign and declared that major discussion during that campaign should be on how to end the cold war and not on domestic issues.

He discussed various proposals for disarmament, saying most plans call for disarmament on the level of conventional weapons first, with action on atomic weapons to follow later. This is a reversal of the first proposals which followed World War II, he noted.

Thomas opened his talk by saying that at the turn of the century people of this nation believed "life was just a ramp on which we just moved upward," that man was motivated solely by economic motives and that we would keep out of war

because "wars don't pay." It was soon learned that certain conflicts raised passions which transcended economy, he pointed out, and this nation, after two worldwide wars and the cold war, now views democracy in a negative light.

The speaker traced events of the past 40 years, pointing out how incredible they are in many respects, and said he did not feel they necessarily pointed to "inevitable doom." "Man is both noble and ignoble," the speaker declared and added that man has made "incredible progress in solving the deepest secrets of nature, and has proved that life need not be all war, hate and destruction."

Thomas pointed to man's progress in the field of civil liberties, noting however that civil liberties always suffer severely in this nation during wars, progress in the field of suffrage, in education and in race relationships, where he added that progress was slower than it should be.

"Amplifying his ideas on civil liberties, Thomas said too many are stumped into giving up their civil liberties in the belief that this is necessary in order to preserve national security and added "the gap between civil liberties and national security is not so wide that we cannot serve both." It was here that he referred to McCarthy, Cohn and Schine, and said there was a "marked deterioration" of United States prestige abroad at that time and that "this materially weakened our national security."

Thomas stressed that man should turn his entire attention to "a transfer of conflict out of war and to a mechanism for settling conflicts other than by war." He said conflict in itself would not end—conflicts such as that between justice and justice, democracy and totalitarianism, but that war must not be the result of these conflicts.

He ended his talk by declaring that man should turn his ingenuity and power to such matters as controlling poverty and disease and said "can't man meet this new challenge and find ways of dealing with conflicts on some other terms than war, which can serve only as a minister of death?"

During the question period Thomas said it is "not out of the realm of possibility that Russia will accept Eisenhower's peace plans" and earlier had said there were signs of changes in Russia and that leaders were apparently trying to conciliate the people of that nation. He said the Middle East "is the most anxious spot in the world" because of the need to resettle some 800,000 Arabs and to end boundary disputes in that part of the globe.

RV Retirement Home Organization Picks Executive Director

Walter M. Higgins, formerly associate administrator of Willamette View Manor in Milwaukie, Ore., yesterday was retained as executive director of the newly-formed Rogue Valley Retirement Home, Inc., which is making plans for the establishment of Rogue Valley Manor.

Higgins met yesterday noon with the board of trustees of the organization, and will be in charge of plans for the retirement manor organization. He plans to open an office soon at the First Methodist church here, and will work full time on promotion and development.

The Rogue Valley Manor will be organized along lines similar to those employed at Willamette View Manor, which is a cooperative living organization for retired and semi-retired individuals who have purchased apartments. It will be built in the Medford or Ashland area, according to present plans.

Members of the executive

board include M. N. Hogan, chairman; the Rev. Meredith Groves, Eugene, district Methodist superintendent, vice-chairman; Dr. Raymond Balcomb, minister of the Medford First Methodist church, secretary; George Flanagan, treasurer; Dr. D. K. West, minister of the First Presbyterian church; the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, and the Rev. Ross Knotts, minister of the Ashland Methodist church, clergy members, and Herb Sampert and Walter Garner, both Medford, lay members.

New members of the larger board of trustees were elected at yesterday's meeting, and will be announced when all have been notified of their election. A meeting of the full board of trustees is scheduled for next Monday.

Higgins will make his home here, and will be joined soon by Mrs. Higgins and their three children.

Slain Millionaire's Wife To Be Questioned On Private 'Eyes' To Check Mate's Love Life

New York — (U.P.) — Investigators were expected today to question Mrs. William Woodward Jr. about private detectives she hired to learn about the love life of her slain sportsman husband.

Mrs. Ann Crowell Woodward, 32, killed her turban husband with a close range blast from a shotgun early Sunday morning at their Oyster Bay, Long Island, estate following a party for the Duchess of Windsor.

She told Nassau County District Attorney Frank Gulotta that a "reflex action" set off by fear of burglars caused her to fire into a darkened hallway where Woodward, 35-year-old heir to a \$20,000,000 banking fortune and owner of the famed racehorse Nashua, was standing.

Treated for Hysteria
Gulotta said he probably would question Mrs. Woodward, the blonde "Cinderella" daughter of a Midwestern street car conductor, again today in Doctors hospital where she is being treated for intermittent hysteria.

Gulotta said he is of the opinion that the slaying was "accidental" although subsequent developments might change his mind. He has announced that he will submit the case to a grand jury because "the citizens of this community should pass on all the facts rather than I as an individual."

The district attorney and the Nassau chief of detective, Stuyvesant Pinnell, have been informed that Mrs. Woodward hired private detectives to get information on her husband's "love life" for a period of months every year since 1948.

One of the operatives said the society beauty gave the detective agency a list of women whom she suspected as compet-

itors for her husband's affections but no evidence of dalliance on his part was ever turned up.

Paid in Cash
Last June Mrs. Woodward, who met the detectives on street corners and paid them in cash, was quoted as telling a detective: "Recently my husband has become very independent with me. He doesn't tell me anything any more, where he goes or when he's coming home."

"The shooting apparently took place under certain circumstances," Pinnell said. "Unless we find out that something happened to directly create the urge to kill, we must go along with the story as we have it now."

Mrs. Ingeborg Sorensen, who was employed as cook by the Woodwards until three weeks ago, told Pinnell the couple slept behind locked bedroom doors all summer although other doors in the house remained unlocked. She said Mrs. Woodward "would sometimes get up in the middle of the night and pound on his door, screaming for him to open up."

"Very Suspicious Woman"
"She was a very suspicious woman," Mrs. Sorensen said. Friends of the Woodwards in the "Duchess of Windsor" set said the couple had separated temporarily on several occasions.

Boy Scouts

Cub Pack 5
The first meeting of Pack 5 was held Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Jefferson school auditorium. The meeting was attended by about 120 Cubs, parents and friends. A moving picture on Cubbing was shown, and plans were made for future Cub activities and meetings.

All future pack meetings for Pack 5 will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at Jefferson school.

Detectives continued to ques-

tion the 58 "blue book" guests who attended the party given by Mrs. George F. Baker, one of America's wealthiest women, for the duchess at Locust Valley, Long Island, Saturday night. The guests and Mrs. Baker's servants have concurred in describing the Woodwards as "lovey-dovey"

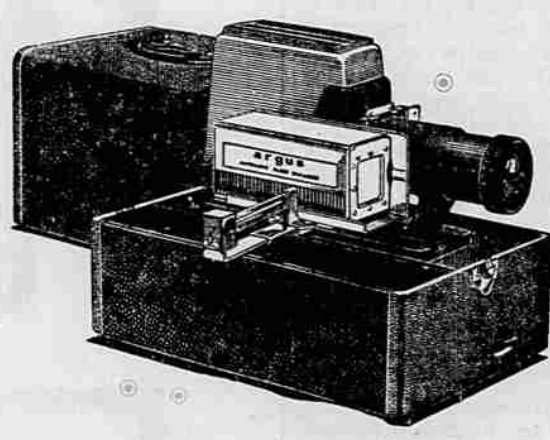
only a few hours before the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Woodward's physician, Dr. John M. Prutting, said his patient probably would remain in the hospital for several days. This would mean she will not attend her husband's funeral Wednesday morning at St. James Protestant Episcopal church.

Nationalist Chinese Economic Chief Resigns

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Premier O. K. Yui today accepted the resignation of Economic Minister K. Y. Yin after a court acquitted the financial expert of scandal charges.

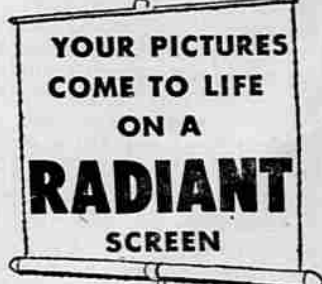
A Taipei court yesterday absolved Yin and industrialist M. P. Hu of charges that they were involved in the embezzlement of government funds in a ship-building scandal.



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