

# Dr. Wascow Discusses Ways to Avoid Violence on International Scene

Two crucial changes in the United States people should scrutinize to invent ways to avoid violence on the international scene were listed for members of the Ashland and Medford Human Rights Councils, last week by Dr. Arthur I. Wascow, senior staff member of the Peace Research Institute, Washington, D.C., who spoke under auspices of the two councils.

These developments, deserving scrutiny, according to Dr. Wascow, are (1) the change in behavior of police functioning in the United States; and (2) the deliberate invention of techniques to promote causes without violence. He referred to the space race as an unconscious attempt to win a victory without violence.

**Elaborates Position**

Elaborating his position, Dr. Wascow said that in 1919 in most local situations the police acted on the side of the white majority. This gave whites the impression that they were free to use violence. It gave the Negroes the impression that they would not be protected by laws of the state so would have to

use violence to protect themselves.

The role of the state has changed, the speaker contended. Police now take a stand against anybody using violence so both sides are less likely to use it.

The Southern states are the exception, he admitted, but added that even the atrocity stories from the South are not so bad as they were in 1919. As an index to the degree of

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Public Health Service Friday made \$216,000 in matching funds available for construction of a 39-bed Eastern Oregon Community medical center at La Grande, Ore.

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change, Dr. Wascow referred to activities in an Arizona town where Negroes were shot down when they attempted to organize a labor union in 1919. Recently in the same town, he said, a sit-in took place without any show of violence.

**More Strongly Committed**

The United States, the speaker said, is much more strongly committed to the idea that only the state has the right to use violence. The United States Army will act much more quickly now than in 1919. The government is now more likely to intervene on the side of integration since the court system is leaning toward integration.

It makes an odd check and balance system, he said. The state police in the south are for segregation. The federal troops are for integration, Dr. Wascow stated, and as a result there are two governments each working against the other and neutralizing the other's position.

In Danville, Va., the Negroes used Gandhian techniques of non-violence, the speaker, who has written many articles on racial conflict, told his audiences. When that failed, they

jammed the telephone lines to City Hall. Such techniques are calculated to cause confusion without violence. The history of Gandhi, it was pointed out, had great influence on the south and triggered the bus boycotts and freedom rides.

**Invent Substitute**

Under the second heading, Dr. Wascow said: "One has to deliberately and consciously invent a substitute for war as one has to invent a substitute for violence in race riots."

Between politics of race and politics of peace a formal enactment of civil rights will mean little unless the economic situation of Negroes is improved, Dr. Wascow maintained. The unskilled members of American society, now without jobs, will find it still more difficult to find work as automation develops, he emphasized.

The American society now uses 50 per cent of its budget for defense, the speaker stated. "We don't spend money on the segment of society that doesn't have jobs or education. We spend the money on the segment of society that already has jobs and education such as the scien-

tist with a PhD from MIT," the speaker lamented.

If the world can move toward disarmament it will free \$50 billion to spend on the under developed chunk of American society, the speaker estimated. In Baltimore, a Negro councilman pointed out that civil defense money goes to prepare for a disaster that may never happen. Dr. Wascow stated to illustrate his point, the Negroes have disasters every day in their schools and homes.

As the economic situation of the under developed people is improved more people are going to be employed in helping machines than in making things. Machines will be making things, the speaker predicted.

At the present time the heavy armament causes a "no-win" policy, to which the people are frozen, Dr. Wascow said, expressing the belief that "you can only win in a disarmed world." He said he was not worried about the American ability to compete in a disarmed world with "our capitalistic system."

**Can People Be Sure**

"How can people be sure that no nation will cheat and that

America will not lose its sovereignty?" the speaker was asked.

"The deterrent factor would be the fear of rearmament," Dr. Wascow stated. He referred to the Whiskey Rebellion in this country's early history in which a farmer in Pennsylvania defied the government by refusing to pay the federal tax on whiskey.

The lone marshal, sent in to tell them they had to pay, was run out on a rail. Then a small army was sent. It wasn't large enough to conquer Western Pennsylvania but it did point out to the people that either the Union would crack and be destroyed or soldiers from all the states would be sent in to conquer western Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvanians didn't like either

alternative so they decided to pay the tax.

The success of any system will ultimately depend on belief in the system, the speaker summarized.

Moscow, he maintained, does not advocate a world government or police force large enough to take over the United States or the world. It would take only a small force to make every country conscious of the alternatives.

This country could not use its overwhelming stockpile of H bombs to free Cuba, Hungary or the other satellites. Military aid, which is used to keep down the peasants, makes the Communist cause more appealing to the peasants. Economic aid is needed.

If in 1945 this country had given economic and industrial aid to Cuba instead of giving arms aid to Batista there would be a Democratic Cuba today,

the speaker declared. The import of skilled individual people such as peace corps members, he viewed as better than the import of hard goods, he told his audiences.

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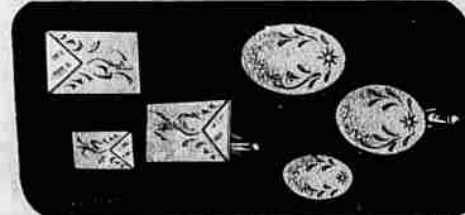
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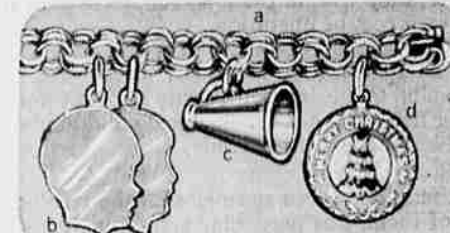
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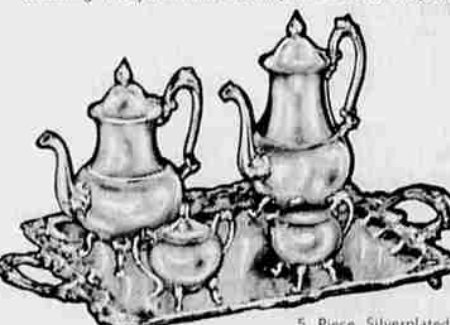
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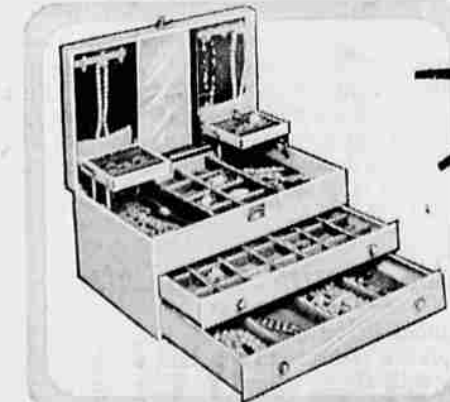
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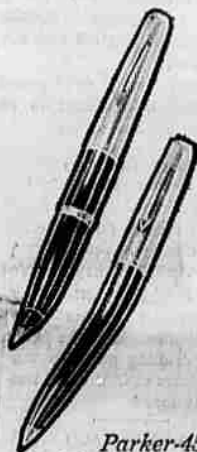
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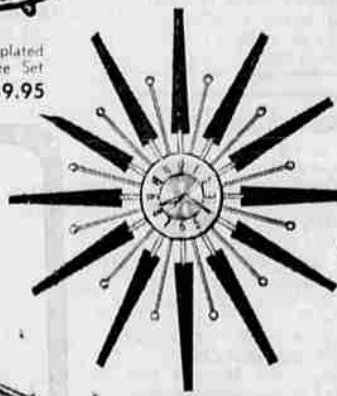
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