

**The Way To VICTORY
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FOREWARD

“Something has gone wrong with our nation or we should not be in our present plight and mood. It is not like us to be on the defensive and to be fearful. That is new in our history... What we lack is a righteous and dynamic faith. Without it, all else avails us little. The lack cannot be compensated for by politicians, however able; or by diplomats, however astute; or by scientists, however inventive; or by bombs, however powerful.

“Our greatest need is to regain confidence in our spiritual heritage... There is no use having more and louder Voices of America unless we have something to say that is more persuasive than anything yet said.”

John Foster Dulles

A Forward Step in Foreign Policy

The only definite, concrete foreign policy our Government holds today is to contain Russia. Any nation that undertakes a project with only negative and no positive policy is as handicapped as a fighter entering a boxing ring with one arm strapped behind his back.

We made the same mistake when we entered World War II without coming to a clear agreement with Great Britain and Russia on our war aims. With our left hands we were committed to stop Hitler. That we knew. But all three of us, alas, neglected to shake our right hands with each other over any agreement concerning the positive, constructive things we were fighting for. "We are too busy winning the war to talk about war aims," was the chorus of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. "After we win the war we will settle the constructive and positive things."

We knocked out Hitler, using our left hands alone, true, but it is equally true that we failed to knock out what Hitler stood for – totalitarianism, exploitation, imperialism. Yes, because our right hand was not brought into play, we lost the war. The loser has to pay the reparations. And who is paying the reparations today?

If the American Government is to find a foreign policy that is constructive and realistic, we American citizens had better take a good and realistic look at the trends of history, the facts of today, and the eternal verities that stand immovable, unchangeable and indestructible upon which these trends and facts rest.

In the first place every intelligent being today accepts as a truism the fact that whether wars ever solved any problems in the past they certainly don't solve any problems today. The only definite thing the First World War accomplished was to bring Communism to birth, and the only definite thing the Second World War accomplished was to spread its tentacles all over the world. A third world war will complete the job of seeing those tentacles tighten upon every nation that engages in that war. Win or lose makes no difference in the final outcome.

Today Russia is afraid of only two nations: one is the United States and the other is China. Due to China's racial background, totally different from Russia's, and her centuries under the Confucian social system rooted in the family and totally opposed to Marxian collectivism, and her strategic location as the leader of all of Asia, Russia has more actual grounds for fear against China than she has against us. In short, due to her location and her resources and her needs, China is in most respects a natural rival of Russia and a natural ally of the United States. If our machine power and China's manpower ever got together, Russia's strategy would fail. Her game is to play us off against each other and that she has cleverly proceeded to do. Through some of the cleverest scheming in the history of statesmanship, she got us involved in a bloody war which neither of us, left to ourselves, would have sought. As two friendly Kilkenny cats, when their tails are tied together over a wire, claw until only a strip of fur remains, so all Russia had to do was to tie China and the United States together over the line known as the 38th Parallel and then sit by and watch the "fun".

Now let us first take a realistic look at the trends of history. The philosophy of nations has been based upon the survival of the fittest, and due to the idiocy of their leaders they have perverted that slogan to mean the survival of the best fighters, those most adept in destroying the lives of others. Opposed to that philosophy stands the slogan of Jesus, "The meek shall inherit the earth." Let us put these two slogans to the test, and see which has won the verdict of history.

Where are the dinosaur and the saber-toothed tiger and the cave bear today? Not only have they become extinct but the gorillas and grizzly bears are gradually slipping off the scene, the lions and tigers are fading away, and the creatures that are surviving in vast numbers are the helpless cattle and sheep, those creatures that are meek and those creatures that serve.

In the same way the nations who waxed great through the wielding of swords and spears are being replaced by nations who cooperate and serve. What were the conquering nations in ancient times? Egypt, Assyria and Babylon? What do they amount to now and where are the mighty Medes and Persians? Behold how weak today are the “Macedonian phalanx” and the “Roman Legions.” Spain no longer dominates the “Spanish Main,” and Britain no longer is “Mistress of the Seas.” The great armies of Napoleon under the mightiest general that ever lived succeeded in only one thing – bringing France into a period of decadence from which she has never emerged. Half a million magnificent men, tall and strong, most of them over six feet in height, marched with Napoleon to Moscow, and only twenty thousand came back. The French race today is two inches shorter than one hundred and fifty years ago.

Who will be the great nations one hundred years from now? It doesn’t take a prophet, or a seer, or a sage, or a saint to prophesy that they will be China and India, the two meekest and mildest nations of the past, conquered, trampled upon and dismembered by all the powers that did business with them. They will not conquer the earth, mind you, but inherit it; like a ripe plum it will fall gently into their laps after all the fighting ends and the shouting dies. Whether the United States survives among the leaders depends upon two things: Can we be meek enough? Can we serve enough?

Yes, the slogan “the survival of the fittest” is true, but it is the fittest to love, to serve, to bless mankind. And the slogan “the meek shall inherit the earth” is also true as all history of the natural world and of the human world verifies beyond all question of doubt. Why – like moths that fly into the flame – should the United States persist in considering the strategy of Satan more “realistic” than the strategy of Christ?

One of the great mysteries of our American mind is the way the mere mention of introducing a Christian solution that ought to be very consistent for a so-called Christian nation to use is greeted by cries of “unrealistic” or even “crackpot” when all history reveals that the Christian solution, when properly applied, has always worked and the un-Christian has always failed. It is remarkable the way the so-called Christian nations in their states-craft have constantly refused to practice the teaching of Jesus. Only one statesman in history consistently practiced the Sermon on the Mount, and he refused to become a Christian because he found no nation in its department of government practicing the Christianity that it professed.

“Here was a man” writes Stanley Jones in his book Mahatma Gandhi: An Interpretation, “in loin cloth and with a bamboo walking stick going out to do battle with the greatest empire that ever existed and promising not to return until independence had been gained. Never were two sides more unequally matched. But here was something more than a little man and a stick. Here was the embodiment of an idea; he would match his capacity to suffer against the other’s capacity to inflict the suffering, his soul-force against physical force; he would not hate, but he would not obey, and he would wear down all resistance by an infinite capacity to take it. Here was a technique that had been applied here and there in history, but never applied to a problem on the scale of nothing less than one-fifth of the human race. The stakes were immense, and the cards seemed all stacked against him. How could he win? But we soon began to see the immense power of an embodied idea. The British were baffled. This was illustrated when a burly Irish military officer said to me: “If they’d only fight with weapons we’d understand, we would show them something, but this...”

Word is coming out of China that nine out of every ten students in the Chinese universities have tuberculosis. The few grains of penicillin that are available in China are prohibitive in cost. If a million dollars worth of penicillin were sent to China with our good wishes, we would earn the love of millions of people. If our Government would send one

billion dollars worth of technical assistance and material for our right hand to distribute in the spirit of love, for every ten billion dollars worth of bullets and bombs which our left hand is distributing in the spirit of hate, we could send so much food and medicine and materials for reconstruction into China that it would not only win China but all Asia against Communism. This is an expansion of President Truman's "Point IV," which we might call "Point 44."

"But how can you get Point 44 through the Iron Curtain?" a Congressman asked me.

To this I replied, "That very difficulty is our greatest opportunity. If the Communist authorities tried to keep the doors closed against us, we could do exactly what we did when we startled the world with our air lift into Berlin. We could send, in relays, thousands of planes from Japan and Formosa, carrying tons of supplies, dropping them by means of parachutes with propaganda literature that would spread through China."

If the Communists, seeing the effect of these gifts, would attempt to shoot down these planes, by that act China would be won for us just twice as fast. Let us imagine that 100 pilots would be shot down. As the crowds gathered around their crashed planes and gathered the packets of food and other supplies, they would read upon the breasts of the martyred pilots the statement, "I am bringing you these in love, for we are children of the same God." Contrast the permanent peace won by these 100 martyrs sacrificed in this wars of love, with the futility of the 50,000 casualties that we have already suffered in Korea in a war that has been building nothing but hatred and seeds of future wars. This would be substituting the Sermon on the Mount for the Manual of Arms as a means of solving world problems. This new type of warfare and this new brand of diplomacy would be based upon the solidest foundations of history.

Such a campaign as this is not retreat, it is not appeasement, it is the most powerful irresistible attack the world has ever witnessed. It would sweep everything before it. Moreover, with a grand attack like this set in motion, a barrage of prayer would complete this job.

And how could this incredible movement get started? It is already begun in the prayers and visions of millions of people. For twenty-five years I have spent all my time contacting the praying people and the praying groups all over this nation. Millions are praying for the government of this so-called Christian nation to return to Christ for the solution of its greatest problem. And as the challenge "What Would Jesus Do?" sweeps over this nation from coast to coast, a dream takes form, a vision that is already on the road to fulfillment. I went to one of the greatest dreamers, Frank Laubach, the spreader of literacy, one whose dreams come true. I said to him, "Your slogan, 'Each one teach one' is spreading literacy all around the world. You have brought literacy to 61 nations and wherever you go the people are so filled with gratitude that they beg to become Christians. You are building a wall of 'containment' around the iron curtain and the bamboo curtain more effectively for peace than all our walls of 'containment' built by arms. What is the vision as you see it?"

"I would call this the War of Divine Kindness," he replied. "It would go down in history as the most effective kind of war launched. I see our government floating one billion dollars to send in gifts to the needy children of the world for every ten billion spent on arms to destroy the children of the world. I see the American Medical Association catching the spirit of Divine Kindness and offering to finance the sending of 10,000 doctors and nurses to fight for health. I see the Farmers Association catching fire and offering to send 10,000 Christ-filled farmers at their expense to invade the world with better agriculture.

"I see the American Educational Association offering to send 10,000 Christ-filled teachers at their own expense to teach all the students the new discipline of Divine Kindness. I see the Builders' Association catching this flame from Heaven and offering to send 10,000 builders

at their expense to rebuild the homes of the devastated areas. I see the American Engineers' Association catching the vision of invading the world with Divine Kindness and starting to mobilize 10,000 engineers to go out and plan a new world.

"I see the newspaper and magazine writers, cynical at first, beginning to get electrified by this war of Divine world lifting, and volunteering to send out 10,000 journalists and printers and publishers to help writers everywhere to prepare the vast literature needed for this world-sweeping war of love."

I know this vision sounds extravagant and even impossible. But I always listen carefully to the visions of Frank Laubach. Twenty years ago when three-fourths of the world was illiterate he had a vision of seeing a billion illiterates being taught how to read in their native tongue. How the world laughed and howled! But no one laughs now!

Today the world is as illiterate spiritually as the dark races ten years ago were illiterate mentally. Frank Laubach has the audacity to vision these spiritual illiterates actually learning how to use the language of Divine Love and prayer. He sees this movement of Divine Kindness spreading by the simple formula, "Each one teach one." Let the world laugh and howl. Even while the roar of their voices is filling the air the movement is spreading with the power of light.

WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT NEEDS IS A DEPARTMENT OF PEACE

These United States have a War Department to which they turn when the Department of State reports that a war is imminent. When "finis" is written on the period of war – what then! There is no Department of Peace. Perhaps this is why historical analysts report that America has never lost a war but it has never won a peace.

This makes it clear to all lovers of peace that if we want war to end, the next step for our Government to take is to establish a Department of Peace. The duties of such a department would be, first, to build a national foreign policy based on justice, friendliness and good will; and second, in case of war to plan in advance and put into effect a peace that would be fair, equable and lasting.

Knowing the long period of time that would be required to persuade a sufficient number of our law makers to bring about such an innovation in our national government and knowing that one act is worth a thousand words when the act is in accord with the will of God, a group of us have decided to set up a model Department of Peace and in a small way let the world see what a power such an instrument could be for good.

A hundred years before the Tennessee Valley Authority was established and the great work undertaken that brought prosperity to the citizens of many states, Colonel Lay of Birmingham, Alabama, got a conception of the prosperity that could be brought to his native state if its water power going to waste could be properly harnessed by the building of an immense dam. He spent a quarter of a century lobbying with the Government officials in Washington and only near the end of his life did he think of turning to private capital to bring his dream to pass.

With wars and rumors of wars impending all around us we cannot afford to wait a quarter of a century to have our dreams come true. So without waiting for a reluctant Congress to act upon this suggestion, a great gathering of people meeting in Washington with Frank Laubach and me decided to profit by the experience of Colonel Lay and try to enlist the private capital of interested individuals (not the capital that is stored in banks but the capital that is stored in human hearts) and establish a Department of Peace right away.

In three large congregations in Washington in the opening days of the New Year of 1951 we decided to hold our own Congress because the other Congress was bewildered. There, in

a great downtown church, we decided to establish our own Department of Peace and in the words of Frank Laubach, “declare a War of Astonishing Kindness and plan an assault of unselfish deeds upon the world.”

One of our first undertakings was to establish a Spiritual Embassy in our own Capital City. To house our Department of Peace we purchased a building in Washington where people of all faiths and all denominations can come and pray with our government or arrange to meet with their senators and representatives at stated times. In this capacious building the leaders of the Washington prayer groups and others interested in prayer will meet once a month in a School of Prayer. Every day that Congress meets there will be someone in the gallery of both Senate and House for their deliberations to be guided of God. Each Congressman and Senator will also have a number of people especially appointed to concentrate in prayer for him. In innumerable ways this Spiritual Embassy Building will be made the center for focusing the prayers of all the praying groups of the nation upon the President and the leaders of Congress and the various departments of government. From it will be issued each month a *News Sheet for Those Who Pray*.

The Department of War carries on its functions by means of an Infantry Force, and Artillery Force and an Air Force. In place of the Air Force our Department of Peace will be supported by a Prayer Force; in place of an Artillery Force we shall have a Corps of Message Bringers; while the Infantry Force will be made up of earnest sincere Christian “foot soldiers” who are doing God’s work in their homes, factories or wherever they happen to be.

One of the under-secretaries of the Department of Peace will supervise the establishing of Prayer Groups all over the nation and will keep in touch with them as far as possible so they may be enlisted at a moment’s notice to go into immediate action at any time of crisis. One important branch of this Peace Force consists of the army of shut-ins, veterans in hospitals and people in old folks’ homes who have plenty of leisure. These will form one of the most vital battalions to pray with power for the peace of the world that can be found. We feel that these untapped reserves when properly marshaled and brought into action might turn the tide of destiny toward peace.

Another under-secretary will keep track of the movement of the Message Bringers so that they will not all bombard the same town at the same time. By bringing these flying squadrons into action at the right time and the right place, city after city will be taken over by the forces of peace. At this point our Department is singularly well-equipped. We have a well-trained battalion of spiritual veterans with especial gifts for awakening folks to the deepening of the spiritual life, available to invade any territory wherever the need calls. Preceded by a barrage of prayer from hidden prayer nests all over the nation, these veteran campaigners can march into any city, coming in waves one after another until all its strategic centers are taken. Then in departing they can leave as a garrison a thriving Christ for Others Group capable of holding all the ground that was gained, and mopping up all the areas where more work is needed. These city strongholds of Prayer furnish the landing fields for the Messengers of Light to get footholds in the cities and recruiting grounds of old and young for the camps and training schools.

As one important function of the War Department is to work out plans for cooperating with allies abroad for the winning of wars, our Department of Peace is cooperating with spiritual leaders in foreign lands for the winning of peace. An internationally known travel bureau is giving its full time recruiting four or five Religious Odyssey Tours for us to foreign lands where spiritual retreats with Christian groups will be interspersed between periods of sightseeing this building bridges for international understanding and cooperation and friendship on the highest levels.

As the War Department has training camps for training their recruits our Department of Peace is already conducting between twenty and thirty training camps carefully distributed in every section of the country throughout the months of spring, summer and fall where people can be trained in the disciplines and release to be found in the spiritual life and where they can learn to pray with power.

As the war Department has a West Point as a year round institution for the training of officers, the Peace Department has also acquired a "Spiritual West Point" for the training of spiritual leaders. West Point on the Hudson has no more beautiful setting than our Koinonia Training Center, located in one of the most beautiful areas just outside of Baltimore.

Lest people get the notion that this concentration on the power of love is some scatter-brained escapist philosophy of impractical dreamers we are under-girding this entire Department of Peace with the soundest foundation of scientific research. One of the most famous Universities of America undertook a few years ago to prove beyond the question of doubt the reality of telepathy and the scientific laws underlying it. The scientists in this great university in this particular department are now working hand in hand with our Department of Peace in exploring and determining the significance and reality of prayer and the great fundamental laws by which it works. Our training camps that deal with prayer will serve as their field laboratories for experimentation and field research. Having discovered, for instance, the law by which the Hopi Indians are able to bring rain through prayer, we are now exploring how the methods of Jesus when properly employed by a sufficient number of dedicated people might bring peace to the world through prayer.

As the War Department has its staff for publicity and propaganda our Department of Peace is well equipped for the distribution of literature of the spirit. A nationally known publishing house, publishing a quarterly magazine dedicated to this work, has a large force busy filling the thousands of orders coming in each week from all over the country for books on prayer and the deepening of the spiritual life. Over half its profits go to the underwriting of this movement.

When this Department of Peace has established itself a little longer and proven to the leaders of the nation what such activities could do for peace the government may wish to assume some of the responsibility of carrying on a similar program but on a much larger scale. Through national and individual efforts working hand in hand we can then feel assured that permanent peace shall actually come to this world.