

State action, just as Americans once used the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The United Nations, unfortunately, does not afford a good breeding ground for such constructive principles of international law and order. For it is the seedling of a *world* State, a master imperialistic power that would dominate the citizens of the entire subject world. Furthermore, the UN is basically committed to collective-security warfare against "aggression" and is therefore a warmongering organization in its very essence.

The Reds Are Sane

Somebody has rightly said that the choice now is: coexistence or nonexistence. Any sane person prefers coexistence, and I am sure that the Reds are sane. The issue facing the world, therefore, has to do with nurturing a will and a way to talk things over — to negotiate — and to find lines of fruitful negotiation. Almost anything that would ease present tensions and provocations would be welcome.

But we must negotiate honestly and sincerely, with our foremost aim being an agreement for a jointly planned disarmament. There must be no more secret deals with a Yalta-Potsdam odor, which would arbitrarily hand over territory and peoples of other countries to Russia. And there must be no idea of simply bolstering our "allies" by making a mere *show* of negotiation. On many issues, such as Korea, Germany, etc., it would be better to just retire completely from the fray.

Yet the nurturing of a new era — of negotiation, of return to the pre-1914 type of international law, and of public opinion against statism — will all take time. Meanwhile, along what lines should our American government take immediate action?

To begin, the United States should pull out of the United Nations, and also out of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

Secondly, our government should repudiate all other foreign commitments and agreements and foreign aid or "security" endeavors, while withdrawing the military from foreign bases.

As good a place to start as any is at Trieste. American and British troops have absolutely no business there. They are the original meddlers and interlopers. Beginning with the mulcting of American and Triestino citizens alike of funds for occupational expenses, these troops have proceeded to the shooting down of inhabitants. Clearly the withdrawal of our foreign-based troops is one of the primary orders of business, leaving interested parties to settle things for themselves.

Thirdly, the United States government should "recognize" Red China — on the basis of the old-fashioned international law principles of recognition. Prior to the interventionism of Woodrow Wilson, it was always understood that recognition — especially by a neutralist state — does not imply moral approval. The doctrine that it does has already been responsible for too many wars and bloodshed (vide the Stimson policy toward Japan). Recognition simply means recognizing the physical existence of a state — it is an act of sanity, not an act of praise. Whether we like it or not, Chiang is now ruler of Formosa alone — and no mere recognition or nonrecognition will alter that fact.

Unfetter World Trade

Fourthly, there should be reestablishment of free and unhampered trade with the Communist countries, by our own nation and by all other nations. Free world trade would not only help break down the iron curtain, but would benefit anti-Communist nations as well as Communist. Nothing could be more inane than the present program of "helping other nations to help themselves" while at the same time coercively restricting their opportunities to engage in profitable commerce.

Above all, our foreign policy must not be self-defeating; it must be *consistent*; it must pursue *peace* instead of war; and it must advance individual American freedom.