

MILITARY DEFENSE

Troops Before Weapons

► WE should slow down the all-out development of weapons of mass destruction like the H-bomb if that is necessary for the provision of enough mobile forces to fight the new "warm" war.

This is the editorial opinion of the BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS (July) as expressed by Eugene Rabinowitch, scientist and editor of the magazine.

Dr. Rabinowitch stated, "One fact has already been demonstrated. It is the utter uselessness of atomic weapons in the present stage of our power contest with the Soviet Union."

The editor called this stage the "warm" war—an intermediate stage between the "cold" and "hot" wars. He said that the atomic weapons would also be useless if the warm war were to extend to other satellite countries, with the Soviet Union remaining "neutral."

"Everywhere, we would be facing the question," he pointed out, "of how to protect a country from subjugation . . . without decimating its people.

"If we concentrate on fabrication of weapons of mass destruction and do not balance this development by the creation of a sufficiently large, well supplied and strategically distributed land force, we will run a double danger," the editor said. He saw those two dangers as "losing out in the peripheral skirmishes with Soviet satellites . . ." and depriving ourselves of "freedom of decision in the event of an open Soviet aggression."

The NEWSLETTER OF THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS (July 19) also came out against using the A-bomb in Korea. An article by Dr. Clifford Grobstein, an officer of the Federation, declared:

"It is the avowed UN intention to localize the conflict in Korea. Good police action is not punitive action; its legitimate objective is coping with the aggressor to restore the status quo ante. This the bomb could never do."

Dr. Grobstein asked the U. S. to lead in organizing major constructive UN action to eliminate the causes of aggression.

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PSYCHIATRY

World Peace Can Be Helped by Psychiatry

► PSYCHIATRY can help point out the road to world peace. It can do this by providing a "better understanding of emotion as it operates in the human personality, and the way it colors or inhibits our judgment."

This was the opinion voiced in Topeka, Kans., by Drs. William C. and Karl Menninger of the Menninger Foundation. They spoke over the Columbia network as guests of Watson Davis, director of Science Service.

Hate underlies most of the world's problems—in mental illness, prejudice, selfishness and war. Love is the constructive force within us, balancing the destructive power of hate, Dr. William Menninger stated.

"If psychiatry could succeed in its efforts to help us follow the advice of the Great Teacher who 2,000 years ago said, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,' then it will have made a real contribution to world peace and security," he concluded.

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● RADIO

Saturday, August 26, 3:15 p.m. EDST

"Adventures in Science" with Watson Davis, director of Science Service over Columbia Broadcasting System.

Mr. Davis will discuss the need of inventions in connection with the present military emergency and the work of the National Inventors Council.

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