PSYCHOLOGY

Let Asiatics Police Korea

Countries of non-Communist Asia should share responsibility with Western nations for keeping the peace there.

➤ IN ARRANGEMENTS for a truce in Korea, the U. S. should shift the responsibility for policing Korea to the Asiatics in part. India, Pakistan, Indonesia and Siam should share 50-50 with Australia, the U. S. and Europe the responsibility for keeping peace in Korea.

This is the suggestion made in an interview by Prof. Filmer S. C. Northrop, social and legal philosopher of Yale University. Prof. Northrop recently spent five months in Asia studying the ways of thinking of Oriental peoples under a grant by the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Earlier, he lived in China for a period.

We should work toward a truce which would allow one united Korea with elections supervised by the UN, Prof. Northrop believes. If U. S. troops are in the minority there, he points out, the Communists would be put on the spot if they refused to allow the UN commission to operate.

If the Asiatic people should request us to aid them in the policing, as they may because of the expense, and we do so, the Communist propaganda would be spiked. We could not be considered as furthering imperialistic ends if we are acting on the request of Asiatics themselves.

It would be better not to center the buffer zone on the 38th parallel, in Prof. Northrop's opinion. It is not a natural bumper line; the people are the same on both sides of the line. It would be better to call the truce where the troops now are; some to the north of the parallel and some to the south. The 38th parallel was originally proposed by the Communists to divide Korea because it is Communist strategy to divide countries, creating an untenable position. We accepted before we realized what they were up to.

Another reason for setting the buffer zone at a defensible position is to penalize the Communists. The only hope for world peace is the establishment of legal order, Prof. Northrop explained. The flouting of legal order must be penalized. The Communists have flouted this order and world opinion and the setting of the buffer zone at the location proposed by the UN is the smallest penalty that could be devised.

Prof. Northrop emphasizes the need for taking Asian ways of thinking into account in planning our foreign policy in Asia in a report to the current Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Because Russia has kept Asian mentality and values continuously in mind, he writes, she has been able to jockey us into the position of appearing to Asians as stubborn, uncompromising folk who are warmakers rather than preservers of the peace.

In India and Asia in general, Prof. North-rop's study revealed, compromise and peace-

making are considered more important than adherence to any principles or laws.

That is because of their religious background. We of the Western world who follow a theistic religion feel that the only just way to settle a dispute is to bring it under a general rule or law. We think of the right as something definitely laid down.

But people brought up in the religions of Asia such as Confucianism, Hinduism and Buddhism consider laws and principles as transitory and hence not worthy to be made a basis for governing conduct. They do not refer to legal codes except as a last resort.

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MEDICINE

Cross Circulation Succeeds

In seven cases the arteries of two individuals were successfully linked. Has potentialities in leukemia research and other blood disease studies.

Progress toward using the blood system and vital organs of healthy individuals to save the lives of the sick has been reported by physicians in the University of California School of Medicine.

The scientists reported successful complete cross-circulation of blood in man in seven instances. In cross-circulation the arteries of two individuals are linked, and the two blood systems become as one.

The technique is very similar to parabiosis, the joining together of experimental animals so widely used in medical research for many years. It is also similar to the coupling of some Siamese twins.

Earlier work of this type has been called, usually, cross-transfusion. In most cases pumps or other mechanical devices have been used, and most often blood has been exchanged through the linkage of veins rather than arteries.

In the California work the heart of the healthy partner acts as a pump, and the arterial connection creates a common blood pool.

The work was originated to investigate a new theory about leukemia.

Cross circulation has been maintained for as long as 26 hours, the arterial connections being made by means of tubes. The scientists emphasized that at present the work is only in the experimental stage, that great care is needed in selecting partners, and that only certain volunteers are accepted.

They said, however, that in addition to its potentialities in research in leukemia and other blood conditions, the technique in time may be used in treatment of many conditions.

For example, it might make new heart operations possible. Further work should

make it possible to by-pass blood circulation around a damaged heart, a normal heart doing the pumping, while repairs are made.

It may be possible by cross-circulation to rest damaged organs such as the liver and kidneys. Normal organs would do the work of overburdened organs.

In poliomyelitis, an immune person might be cross-circulated with a sick individual, providing antibodies to fight the infection.

In parabiosis of animals, cross-circulation makes it possible for animals given lethal doses of radiation to recover. The same may be true for man.

The work was done by Drs. Howard R. Bierman, Ralph L. Byron, Keith H. Kelly, Kenneth S. Dod, and Miss Patrice M. Black, in the Laboratory of Experimental Oncology, a division of the National Cancer Institute in the School. Assistance was given by the Damon Runyon Fund and the American Cancer Society.

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STATISTICS

Accidents Worse Than Flu, Pneumonia, TB

➤ NEEDED: A "miracle drug" to stop accidents.

The chances that a child born today will eventually die of an accident are greater than the combined risk of death from pneumonia, influenza and tuberculosis, report Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statisticians.

The so-called "miracle drugs" are credited with part of the decrease in chances of dying from pneumonia and tuberculosis while there has been little change in chances of dying in an accident.

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