

REVIEW OF THE "SEVEN QUESTIONS"

In presenting the seven questions to the club or study group for discussion the leader, at the first meeting called for the purpose, may point out that it is generally understood and agreed that after the present armed conflict there will come a period in which a better world order will be constituted, that is to say, a better condition of relationship between nations and between classes and interests within nations.

There are many problems incident to the accomplishment of a lasting peace and an enduring world order of understanding and goodwill and prosperity and progress. We have here an intimation of seven such problems.

They are stated so as to cause us to think particularly in regard to them although there are also other problems that will undoubtedly occur to us and we can think about them also.

(At this point the seven questions indicated in the boxed items on the succeeding pages could be read to the group.)

Now it is to be noted that these questions are stated in a manner to bring home to each one of us the relation that these problems may have to us - to us as the people of a nation, to us as men in business or professional work, to us as individuals in our respective communities. Any one of these questions is sufficient for a good discussion by us. We plan to take up the questions one at a time and give our earnest thought to their significance and to the answers to them which we may develop in our own minds.

Probably there will be members of the club or study group who will want to comment upon the questions submitted, upon the completeness of them, upon the ability or inability of the members to study them, upon the sources of information there may be available in

books and magazines, at home, in libraries, etc.

Most likely there will be an agreement that these seven questions are sufficient for seven good discussion meetings and that everyone will make a memorandum of the first question and think about it and talk about it at home and with others and come to the next meeting prepared to engage in a discussion of it. Thus the stage will be set for the next meeting to be devoted to Question No. 1. After that it will be comparatively simple to proceed at a subsequent meeting to Question No. 2 and so on.

QUESTION NO. 1 - INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Do we believe that war can be eliminated by providing some means of international cooperation for the equitable settlement of disputes between nations and the remedying of injustices? What would we be willing to have our nation do to accomplish this?

The first part of this question presents an opportunity to have different views expressed. Some members may believe that war can be eliminated by providing a means of international cooperation for the settlement of disputes between nations. Some members may feel that human nature is so perverse that war can never be eliminated, and that thus the only safety lies in a strong state of armed preparedness. Other members may have still other opinions. If members air those views, thus informing one another of different possibilities, that will help them to realize just what might be attempted, what might be accomplished along these lines.

Most likely the conclusion will be reached that war can be eliminated, or at least that the possibility of war can be lessened, through providing some means of international cooperation.