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Cleveland Heights Teachers Association, 1953.

1. Shift - east - unpredictable. Death of Stalin ^{For 2 deans - controversial}
- (a) Korean dead-lock - yielded on possible repatriation POW
- Sparrow now -
- (b) An agreement was signed - exchange of Prisoners of War - has taken place.
- (c) Pointing to an Armistice - End, war - Stalin Met
- (d) Selection of new Secy General for the U.S.
- (e) New Tone -
- (f) Conf. of 4 powers - called to avoid further incident on air borders
- (g) 15 doctors - plotting death - confessed Prague
- Suddenly Ministry of Internal Affairs - case fabricated - confession extracted the deputy Stalin
- Set free - West always suspected it - (Stalin)
- watcher - Set free!
2. These shifts raised many hopes & many surprises
- Why?
- (1) Make West drop its defenses
- (2) Weaken Nato - create disunity
- (3) Spill rearmings of Eur. - inclusion in Eurp
- Defense Community
- (4) To encourage Eur. to reduce arms
- Production & to hasten Econ. Crisis
- Objective - (a) Farther of old Stalinist policy of "Appeasement"
- (b) Rearmament (c) Farther in Korea

(d) Need for Consolidation - win friends - (2)
(e) Strengthen position in League - "I. F. I. C."

3. Wiseest Course: Eisenhower - "He talks at far value
every offer that was made to us & yet it was proved
not to be worthy of being so taken."

(2) Followed it up: by new famous address - April 16 -
"Amer. Soc. of Newspaper Editors" in which he
laid down the Amer. policy toward the Soviet Union -

~~in front of Am. tradition~~
He did more! He seized the "initiative" on the diplo.
matter - for peace & freedom + (He unfolded)
- for disarmament, for world aid and reconstruction,
and for a peaceful society.

(1) He called upon Russia to endure by offering
action its readiness for peace -

Is it ready to use its decisive influence in Trans. World
to bring about a truce in Korea and secure peace in
Asia?

Is it prepared to allow other nations, with their in East.
Europe - the free choice, their own peace & safety.

Is it prepared to act in concert with others upon
a serious disarmament proposal?

(Juste)

- 4/ It may be assumed - 'only a change of policy' - ^{The - unrep. p. 10973} ~~And~~ Abandon (1 rep)
- Take advantage - Not leave our ground.
- Forbid for free nations to abandon coalition -
- collective defense - altho - too heavy -

5/ Take peace - offensive - on basis of our program - (Just)

6/ Our bafflement in face of Russian aggression - first -
France - Tito - Russian primary. (Just) 'at Potsdam'

7/ A working arrangement bet. Free Nations & Soviet Bloc -
may avoid the danger of a narrow front - was
abandoned to Nazi authorities :-

(A) Strengthen V.N. (b) Disarmament (c) to our
benefit -

(d) I hope that we are moving in that direction

Else: To quote Eisenhower

The Test Is Clear

If not—where then is the concrete evidence of the Soviet Union's concern for peace?

There is, before all peoples, a precious chance to turn the black tide of events.

If we failed to strive to seize this chance, the judgment of future ages will be harsh and just.

If we strive but fail, and the world remains armed against itself, it at least will need to be divided no longer in its clear knowledge of who has condemned humankind to this fate.

The purpose of the United States, in stating these proposals, is simple.

These proposals spring—without ulterior motive or political passion—from our calm conviction that the hunger for just peace is in the hearts of all peoples—those of Russia and of China no less than of our own country.

They conform to our firm faith that God created men to enjoy, not destroy, the fruits of the earth and of their own toil.

They aspire to this: The lifting, from the backs and from the hearts of men, of their burden of arms and of fears, so that they may find before them a golden age of freedom and of peace.

Thank you.

is found on this dread road?

The Worst and Best

The worst to be feared and the best to be expected can be simply stated.

The worst is atomic war.

The best would be this: A life of perpetual fear and tension; a burden of arms draining the wealth and the labor of all peoples; a wasting of strength that defies the American system or the Soviet system or any system to achieve true abundance and happiness for the peoples of this earth.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies—in the final sense