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fare.

Secretary of State George Marshall's recent remarks before the House foreign affairs committee were of exceptional interest. For the first time, a top official came out directly for a balance of power between the Soviet dominated part of the world and the west. In addition, the Secretary's outlook for the future was somewhat more optimistic than it has been on previous occasions. World conditions, he said, have reached bottom, and some improvement can be expected.

General Marshall's main purpose in appearing before the committee was to strongly oppose the proposal, now up for discussion in Congress, to change the United Nations organization and leave Russia out if she continues her obstructionist policy. That, in his opinion, would imply produce more cleavage in the world and greatly increase the danger of an international catastrophe. Then he added: "It is a misconception to suppose that domination of the world by a single system is inevitable. It is a misconception to suppose that differing systems cannot live side by side in peace under the basic rules of international conduct prescribed by the United Nations." Finally, he described the U. N. as "an open door to communication between the east and the west."

There may be a guide in this to the course of our foreign policy in

the days to come. It is certainly true that a feeling is making the rounds that we and the Soviet Union can and must come to some sort of an agreement. This agreement would necessarily prescribe spheres of influence of both a political and an economic nature. It would be roughly comparable to the tacit arrangement that existed between England and Imperial Germany many years ago.

In line with this, a number of quarters are now suggesting that it would be wise to arrange another conference of the heads of the major powers. The fact that the previous conferences did almost nothing to promote the cause of peace doesn't prove that another one would

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be equally non-productive. The presidents and ministers and their advisors would have the enormous experience of the past two years to draw upon, and they'd be in a position to take a completely realistic view of their problems and differences.

Still another section of General Marshall's remarks deserve wide attention. He is aggressively in favor of building up our military strength, and he has endorsed both peacetime selective service and universal military training. But, he said, "The emphasis often placed solely on the military aspects of world affairs does a disservice to the cause of peace. . . . The more that present differences are talked about and treated exclusively as a military problem, the more they tend to become so." This would seem to indicate that the Secretary, who is one of the most distinguished professional soldiers in American history, is definitely concerned lest an excess of saber rattling lead to a drawing of the blade. The danger that a real war hysteria might be fanned by loose talk and wild rumors is too obvious to require discussion.

It is perfectly clear that the "one world" ideal has been abandoned, at least for the time being—though many still feel that it must be the ultimate solution if errie wars are to be avoided. We are going to have two worlds, and we will lead one of them and Russia will lead the other. The great difficulty is to establish the line of demarcation. No one seriously believes that the Soviet Union will surrender any of the gains she has made since the end of the war. But there is some reason to feel that she may be willing to stop about where she is. A short time ago, it looked as if a Soviet drive clear to the Mediterranean was in prospect, and if that had happened the chance of war would have been increased. Now that menace is nowhere near as imminent as it was. The most explosive spot on the globe is the Middle East, but, even there, it looks as if the trouble can be localized, though no one has made any

progress at all in figuring out how the Arabs and the Jews can be brought to terms.

U. S. policy today isn't a great deal different than Theodore Roosevelt's policy of "walk softly and carry a big stick." The big stick is our preparedness program. But, at the same time, the olive branch is being held out to all the world.

The Ohio primaries did exactly nothing to clarify the Republican presidential situation. Stassen did fairly well, but not well enough to aid impetus to his boom. And Taft's showing was about the minimum he needed to keep him in the running as one of the leading contenders.

The fact that the campaign is really a horse race is shown by the strength of the candidates in pledged convention votes. Of the 1,094 delegates who will go to the convention, 770 have been chosen. Dewey has 125, Stassen 63 and Taft 44. It takes 548 to nominate. So no one is anywhere near the winner's circle yet.

Some of the insiders are saying



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Bolton News

Funeral services were held recently in Bolton, Miss., for Mrs. Martha Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was born October 25, 1896 at Flora, Miss. At an early age she became a member of the Good Samaritan M. B. Church, 1903. In 1911 she married Mr. Parker Johnson. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Viola Robinson, a husband, Mr. Parker Johnson, two children, Andrew Johnson and Rosa Sheebly all of Bolton, a host of other relatives and friends. She was a devoted Christian and was loved by everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Reporter, Lonie B. Vinson.

More than 90 per cent of all automobile accidents in 1947 involved cars with no apparent mechanical defects. Drive carefully!

that the ticket will be Vandenberg-Warren. That is based on the assumption that Taft and Dewey will cancel each other, and that their followers will then unite to stop Stassen.

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Brandon Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Campbell and Willie Minor Jr. attended the graduation exercises in Forest, Miss., Friday night of last week. Doris Dell Campbell and Jearldine Tooley returned home with them. Willie Minor Jr. of Leland, Miss. is now visiting in the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Shed Byrd.

The Bible Class of Rock Star Baptist Church met Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Jennie Mae Lewis with the president Mrs. Ann Lee Proctor in charge.

The subject of the lesson was A Gospel Church. The lesson was taught by Mrs. Marie Simons.

After the meeting a delicious plate and iced cold coca-colas were served to the following: Misses Anna L. Proctor, Amos Boyd, Anna Kersh, Lizzie Wright, Marie Sim-

ms, Lillie Mae Thompson. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 27 at 4 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Anna Kersh. Words of appreciation from the band for the contribution of \$20.15 raised for the repairing of the Baptist church.

The Taylorville M. E. Church had their regular service May 16th at 11 o'clock. A large congregation attended also from Jackson and many other places after which a baby contest took place at 3 p.m.

Baby Walker was sponsored by Mrs. Lawrence and Baby Perry by Mrs. Emma Chambers. The sum of \$131.00 was raised; Baby Perry \$66.00; Walker \$65.00. Each baby was presented \$5.00.

Woman Society of Christian Service was insterted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lawrence. Rev. C. L. Hines of Jackson, Miss., delivered the message. Willie Chambers, secretary and L. W. Lawrence, pastor.

A meeting was held Sunday, May 16 at 4 p.m. at the colored school for the benefit of rebuilding a new school. Pledges were made by many. The next meeting will be the 3rd

Sunday night in June. Those attending the meeting were Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Luckett of Madison; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Brown of Jackson. Mrs. Brown is also a teacher of this school.

Mrs. Donia Barnett visited her mother, Mrs. Bettie Benson of Star Miss., last week. She also was at the bedside of her sister, Ollie Morris. Many wishes her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Boone returned home Monday afternoon after spending several days with her daughter, Robbie Rayford of Laurel, Miss., who was confined to her bed. She is now up and out again. Mrs. Boone reported a nice trip.

In the past few years the applications of infrared spectroscopy in the petroleum industry have broadened and increased tremendously from its use for only a few quite simple analyses to the study of almost any type of sample, including plastics and synthetic rubber.

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