



## As We See It

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Within the next few weeks you will read and hear and talk about San Francisco.

It is quite true that more spectacular news may come from the battlefields. It is conceivable that the intriques of diplomacy may rob San Francisco of the dash and color that make headlines.

But despite all this San Francisco holds the hopes and fears of generations to come. The fate of this present generation was not decided on the battlefields of France. It was fumbled away in the halls of Versailles.

By the same token, the fate of tomorrow's generation will not be settled on Europe's eastern and western fronts nor in the waters of the Pacific off Japan. It will be decided, to a large measure, in San Francisco and at other San Franciscos to come.

History will judge the great nations of the world not so much by what they do on the fields of battle but what they do in the halls of diplomacy to foretell battles of the future.

The conference at San Francisco is less than three weeks away but there are clouds over the horizon. Russia is the biggest.

The Red demand that Poland's Lublin regime be given a seat at San Francisco was quite contrary to the decision at Yalta where it was agreed, ostensibly at least, that the Big Three would eventually accord recognition to a duly chosen government to represent the various conflicting elements.

Another negative factor as far as Russia is concerned is her representation. Instead of Molotov to match Eden and Stettinius, Stalin has picked the Russian ambassador to the United States, hardly a top-drawer selection.

As pointed out on the opposite page, Russia's steady nibbling at various elements in this country—including the Catholic Press—is hardly conducive to that cohesion of thought and spirit as necessary for any success at San Francisco.

Perhaps the most disquieting factor of all has been the 8-3-3 voting proposal in the General Assembly of the Security Council to be set up along the Dumbarton Oaks outline.

Great Britain was to get six votes (United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, India, New Zealand, Scotland) while Russia would get three for the Ukraine, White Russia and the rest of the country while the United States reserved the right to ask for three votes.

This multiple voting strength of the "Big Three" is certainly foreign to the general conception, equality with other (i.e., smaller) nations. In other words it gives the major powers sufficient voting strength to run the show and serve as the any initiative which the smaller powers may wish to show.

It is heartening to learn that our resident Roosevelt has decided that the United States will not exercise its option on the three votes but be content with one. Monsr. Staline and Churchill please copy.

Despite these clouds in tomorrow's skies, there is no reason to despair the success of the San Francisco meeting.

The very fact that forty "peace loving" nations have gone so far as to send representatives to a conference with the avowed purpose of ensuring the future peace is a milestone in these days of mutual suspicion.

The common people want a secure and lasting peace. Their stars are dying on battlefields the world over as proof of the sincerity of that desire.

Whatever may be our personal opinions about the results of San Francisco, it should be the earnest prayer of everyone that some success be achieved.

Surely there must be enough men of good will in the world today to make that possible.

"WE HOLD that, if there is to be a genuine and lasting world peace, the international organization should demand as a condition of membership that every nation guarantees in law and respect in fact the basic rights of man, families and minority groups in their civil and religious life." — From statement of U. S. bishops on international order.

No few realize the beauty of silence, the ineffable loveliness of the production of quiet, the sense of time, from the first and form of things of the anterior of the divine kingdom on earth.

"The Saints that are the highest in the sight of God are the least in that we count, and the more eminent they are, the more humble are they in comparison with us all."

"Never say foolish for a thing, but Truth will prevail in the end. The only virtue of virtue, according to St. Paul, is that Truth will be promoted." — Cardinal John Henry Newman.

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