

'Not Much Time,' Acheson Warns as Institute Closes

A two-day institute on the forthcoming San Francisco Conference of the United Nations was concluded here yesterday on a note of optimism and a word of caution.

"There is not much time to meet the problems of the future," Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson told an International Center luncheon audience at the Hotel St. Francis. "Postponement is the doctrine of frustration."

"But the assembly of world delegates in San Francisco will not be a meeting of abstract thinkers in a vacuum . . . it will be a meeting of practical men taking a realistic approach to the global problem of social engineering."

BACKGROUND

Literally thousands were turned away from yesterday's sessions of the institute, which was presented by the International Center to give San Francisco a background on the April 25 Conference to charter a world security organization.

Political, economic and ethnological aspects of international security claimed the attention of forum groups during the morning, and then came the climaxing address of Secretary Acheson on Dumbarton Oaks and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Norman T. Ness on Bretton Woods.

The world fund for the stabilization of currency was described as the very heart of the Bretton Woods plans by Dr. Ness, who said amendments proposed by the American Bankers' Association would simply necessitate another world conference to accomplish what has already been accomplished at Bretton Woods.

BI-LATERAL CONTROLS

"The ABA says it agrees that we must secure abatement of the practices of economic warfare which would be eliminated by the Bretton Woods proposals, but asks that it be accomplished by a series of bi-lateral controls," said Ness.

"But the problem is multilateral, and must be approached on a multilateral basis. At Bretton Woods we are asking the other countries to join us in economic disarmament. Two or three nations cannot do that—all must do it."

Acheson amplified his admonition that "postponement is the doctrine of frustration" by the explanation that the threads of the various international problems would be brought together at one point and one time in the Social and Economic Council of the proposed United

Nations International organization.

"A realistic, practical approach means to recognize that a very great star has risen in the international sky—the Soviet Union," said Acheson. "It must be brought into the world family."

RACIAL MINORITIES

An eloquent plea for recognition of internal minorities questions as simply another aspect of international questions was made by Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice president and provost of the University of California and chairman of the International Center.

He pointed to the essential fascist characteristics of racial discrimination and declared that "in the General Assembly of the United Nations the majority of the states will not be Caucasian."

"We must not forget that the white people constitute only 39 per cent of the world's population and the non-whites are 61 per cent," he said.

Speakers at a morning forum on America's post-war responsibilities emphasized the cynicism with which the rest of the world regards the United States because of our conduct in relation to the League of Nations.

NOTE OF PESSIMISM

In the face of bright optimism over the world's future as expressed by Dr. Philip W. Buck, professor of political science at Stanford University, and Dr. Francis Herrick of Mills College, Polish-born Dr. Arthur Mandelbaum of the ASTP at Stanford declared that power will be the basis of the future "as it has been of the past and the present."

Dr. John B. Condliffe, professor of economics at the University of California and a member of the League of Nations secretariat, endorsed Bretton Woods as a "compromise" out of a world situation "in which no nation can progress if it is continually dogged by the necessity of preparing for war."

A panel discussion on international relations in schools, led by Dr. W. Henry Cooke, professor of history at Claremont College, resolved itself into a practical discussion on the early indoctrination of international thought in school age children.

FOUR AIDES ARRIVING

Officers at the International Center said that public response to the two-day institute had "far exceeded expectations," and indicated a widespread and sincere concern with "the complete necessity of

charting a peaceful and secure world at the San Francisco Conference."

The week end will bring four additional State Department officers here to assist in advance preparations for the Conference April 25.

The quartet are Merle K. Wood and Michael M. Harris, "space experts" who will superintend partitioning of the War Memorial Veterans Building and other structures to be used for conference sessions, and M. J. McDermott and George Dorsey, of the press relations department.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday it had endorsed the unofficial United Nations flag designed by New York Engineer Brooks Harding and would ask local merchants and business houses to fly it for the Conference.