

### Delay Dangerous

Senator Brewster of Maine wishes to postpone Congressional debate on the Bretton Woods financial program and on the reciprocal trade agreement until after the San Francisco conference. The debate arouses strong passions and may have bad effect on delegates to the meeting, he fears.

That is in line with the proposal to postpone the San Francisco conference itself because passions had been aroused by differences. The fallacy, of course, is that when problems press for solution they can not be solved by procrastination, certainly in time of stress. For, in time of stress, problems continue to rise and the longer solution of some kind is put off the more problems there are to call for solution. Instead of cooling off, disputants disagreeing over the solution become warmer with the rise of each new problem. The way to meet a pressing problem is to meet it and wrestle with it. If the United States had done that about war, instead of putting it off until there came the attack that made it inevitable, the war would be over now.