

# Half of The World

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**I**T was an icy March morning two weeks ago in New York, but the radio woman commentator was saying: Off the choppy Atlantic coast, the Presidential yacht was chugging its way towards the warm Florida Keys, to provide Truman with a well-deserved three weeks rest.

No doubt, anyone would need a rest after such an infamous and unilateral decision as the manufacture of the super Hydrogen bomb.

Progressive women who ponder the President's decision will by no means be taking a rest for themselves or their families. Women will therefore be mounting their protests demanding outlawing of the H-bomb; U.S., negotiations with the USSR to outlaw atomic weapons, ending of the cold war now!

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**THE QUESTION** of negotiating differences with the Soviet Union to secure the peace is not so impossible as the Secretary of State places it. Dean Acheson, in a press statement declared: "If we would reach our goal by agreement (with the Soviet Union) that would be highly desirable, and the simplest and easiest way to do it. But I think four years of experience have brought the realization that that is not possible."

Why then, as millions of men and women propose, don't Truman and Acheson do this simple and easy thing?

The tipoff was given in the President's press conference, shortly before he went to bask in the Florida sun. Asked whether he (Truman) was thinking of making a trip to Moscow, President Truman firmly said that he would not lead a mission to Moscow while he was President. Is there anything holy about a President of the United States not making such a trip? Of course not! (FDR did so in the middle of the anti-fascist war—to Yalta) when as allies of the Soviet Union, Soviet men, women and children were dying at Stalingrad!

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**REASON** for this arrogant refusal to negotiate the peace can be seen in what is termed a "new approach" to the growing world wide atomic debate. Sen. Brien McMahon, (D-Conn) first proposed negotiations with the Soviet Union. But recently he proposed a meeting with the Atlantic Pact Treaty Council to discuss a "plan" for "atomic peace," and second, a special UN General Assembly meeting in Moscow. McMahon claims this is necessary to create what he terms the "climate for peace." This "plan" is being favorably viewed by the State Department on the grounds that then, and only then, would talks with the Soviet Union be feasible, and the U.S. would not appear as "appeaser" for peace.

To substitute direct U. S.-USSR negotiations for talks with Atlantic Pact nations, which war pact, originated by the U. S., violates the UN, bypasses the UN Security Council; bypasses peace itself.

The climate of peace is this Spring—now! No ifs, ands, or buts should stay the growing will of American women to help compel, by their growing peace struggles, direct U.S.-USSR negotiations to outlaw atomic weapons now!

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