It may be that even before any phase of the war either in Europe or in the Pacific is over, a treaty might be fashioned and submitted to the Senate of the United States dealing with peace and post-war affairs. It is reasonable to believe that such a treaty will be based upon the conferences which were held in Washington in the Fall of 1944 at a beautifully landscaped mansion or estate known as Dumbarton Oaks. What happened there is important to all people in this nation. Perhaps it is timely to review it and present a brief summary.

THE CONFERENCE. Representatives from August 21 to Sept. 28, 1944, Soviet, American and British representatives met there and carried on a number of conversations over a post-war organization. From Sept. 29 to October 7, 1944, representatives of Britain, China, and the United States engaged in further conversations. On October 7, our delegates submitted a report. That report suggests the establishment of "an international organization under the title of The United Nations" and contained twelve chapters. These separate chapters in the report deal with (1) The purposes of the organization, (2) the Principles under which the organization should act, (3) membership, (4) the Principal Organs for giving effect to the organization, (5) The General Assembly, (6) The Security Council, (7) An International Court of Justice, (8) Arrangements for maintaining peace and security and preventing aggression, (9) Arrangements for International Economic and social cooperation, (10) The Secretariat, (11) Amendments, (12) And Transitional arrangements.

HOW IT WOULD WORK. (1) First there would be a General Assembly. Every nation, no matter how large or small would have one member. This Assembly would have no powers of any kind, except to talk, give its views, and make recommendations. But it would have no power to make decisions. Panama or Uruguay would have one vote the same as the United States. It would therefore be a large advisory body with only one really specific power and that is to elect the non-permanent members of the Security Council. (2) Secondly there would be a Security Council which is really the operating body of the whole organization. It would have five permanent members - the U.S., Britain, the Soviet, China and later on France. In addition, there would be 6 non-permanent members elected for a period of two years. The Council would, therefore, consist of 11 member countries. This Council would exercise the real power and the report suggests that member countries of the organization should oblige themselves to abide by the decisions of the Council. (This is where the question arises as to whether the U.S. delegate should have power to commit this country to the use of force (which means war) without referring back to Congress for action.) (3) Third, there would be an International Court of Justice which would sit and operate under a statute to be drafted at a later time. (4) Fourth, there would be a General Secretary to administer the general affairs of the organization. (5) Fifth, there would be a Military Staff Committee to advise the Security Council on matters relating to the maintenance of peace, the use of armed force, the regulation of armaments, etc. (6) Sixth there would be an Economic And Social Council of 18 members to deal with social and economic matters.

BOILED DOWN. When boiled down what is proposed is that the five major nations - the U.S., Russia, Britain, China and France, assisted by six countries that may have a non-permanent membership on the Security Council for a period of two years (and must therefore be considered as transient members) - would have the power to order the use of force, and determine the disposition of all disputes that may arise in the post-war world. In a sense therefore, the five major nations herein named would really become the trustees or operating managers of the world with respect to problems and would wield the power to order the use of force for the preservation of security and peace. This is the hub of the international organization which is proposed.