

become itself a leveller even among those states that possess it. It has for instance, because of its total destructive effects for which there is no adequate defence, made military superiority almost meaningless and armament races irrelevant. As Mr. L. L. White has put it in his wise little book EVERYMAN LOOKS FORWARD:

"The bomb has exploded the concept of quantity in the military field. Belief in military power may continue as a comforting conviction, just as men still believe in gold and move it carefully from place to place. But the real contest for supremacy will meantime be carried on in the field of policy and ideas.

"With the discovery of the bomb, power itself has become powerless before the will of a few. The human mind, by discovering prodigious destructive power within an ounce of mineral has recovered its mastery over quantity. From 1600 to 1945 physical power grew in arrogance, and policy often became the servant of the needs of power. But the bomb has burst the myth of power. It is policy not power, human motive not quantity, which is ultimately decisive in human affairs.

"To be a great power no longer means to be secure. Small nations have never been secure, nor will great nations be so in the future unless their policy is wise. Competition in military strength may continue, but it will no longer dominate world politics. Those who have no policy are at a loss, and have to do some hard thinking.

"While power was dominant, those who lacked an adequate policy could sit back and blame power-politics. But now the bluff of power has been called, and the choice is race-suicide or race-policy. Can it be that the future lies with those who can best think?"

It surely does not take much hard thinking to come to the conclusion that in their own interest, nation states should work together toward supra-national communities.

Such communities can grow in different ways and from different sources. Our Commonwealth of Nations, for instance, has evolved from an imperial centre through the transformation of colonial dependencies into free states who have chosen to remain in political association with each other and with the parent state. Evolution without revolution has been of unique value not only to the nations