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Peacemaking Sense Of Humor What does a sense of humor have to do with pre-
serving world peace? A great deal, General Eisenhower
seems to think. For he has included it in a prescription
which he has offered his countrymen for attaining ihat
goal. The other ingredients are firmness, patience, and
military preparedness.
We agree with the chief of staff. At the same time,
we think we would agree that a sense of humor is a com-
modity that isn't easy to keep on hand at all times in these
days. There is so much disappointment and apprehension
connected with the peace efforts. With half the world ill
fed, with governments and economies tottering, with little
quarrels threatening to become big ones, world affairs fed, with governmeng to become big ones, world affairs
quarrels threatening to laughing matter.
are no latern't always need sonfething o laugh at. It isn't an emotion that is satisfied by slap-
tick. Nor is it the gift of witty speech that is nourished much too smug to deserve the name. A sense of humor springs from an admission of the
ridiculous pretensions that all of us are guilty of from
time to time. And since every person who is anywhere near normal is predisposed in his own favor, that admis-
sion lends tolerance to one's general outlook.
Such an outlook makes it possible to understand better the pretensions and self-esteem of others. It leads to
more temperate thinking. Without a sense of humor the
firmness that General Eisenhower prescribes can become firmness that General Eisenhower prescribes can become
overbearing, and the exercise of patience becomes almost Most of us are in no position to know how much of :
sense of humor, as well as patience and firmness, today's
statesmen bring to world deliberations But we can from their photographs and their speeches. It might seem that America's Austin has a bit more than Secretary Mar-
hall. Russia's Molotov seems to have a vestige of humor shall. Russia's Molotov seems to haver
Russia's Gromyko, nary a trace.

The presence or absence of a sense of humor among elf to the General Eisenhower was not addressing himHe was talking to his fellow Americans, and his advice is The more democratic a government is, the more its
policies reflect the temper of its citizens. A democratic people with a well-developed national sense of humor
would not be likely to ask for anger in their government's

We in the U. S. can impress our state of mind on the
overnment. Most of us are blessed with some sense of humor. If only all of us could turn that happy sense upo
world affairs and fix it there, it might even be that w Frenzied Finance In Wartime
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$\qquad$ have never made an accounting of how much of this stuff
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$\qquad$ ot counted as reparations.
The Russians paid their troops in it. ould do was buy whatever, so all the Russian soldiers This Russian buying slopped over into the American
ne British zones. Yanks and Tommies who found the cigarets, clothing, and soap did a land offict watches The money was worthless to the Russians. Americans In August, 1945, the Army found that though its pay hip home for the soldiers three and a half million had to in post office money orders.
Maj. Gen. John H. Hilldring, then in charge of mil tary government for the War Department in Washington,
caught what was going on and cabled a warning to Berlin.
It was several measures were taken.

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