

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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Light In The Spreading Darkness

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WORLD WAR II provided a classic exmappe of international co-operation
in a common cause, and in its clossing
months most Americans saw in its basic
pattern the last, best hope for the future.
The United Nations had its inception in
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in the cause of peace. At San Francisco, when UN was born, the alternatives
seemed clear enough: Establishment of an
effective, although strictly listled, world
government, or a return to the senseless
pattern of power politics that guarantees
a world war for éach generation.
—Few Americans now believe that choice
exists. Gradually, almost without public
discussion, the second alternative has been
adopted as official American policy. The
lip-service we still render to the weak and
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into an arrangement unous arms and train the troops of our hemispheric neighbors.

The fault, most of us now believe, is Russia's. Our honest efforts at co-operation, our leaders explain, were not met halfway, and we could not disarm while the only nation capable of challenging us maintains her military potential, and her secrecy. Our leaders may be right. But there are still a few Americans who wonder if we ever reached the midpoint in our efforts at co-operation, if our faith in internationalism did not fade too scene.

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We believe that peace is not merely the absence of war, but the presence of justice,

of law, of order—in short of government and the institutions of government; that world peace can be created and main-tained only under world law, universal and strong enough to prevent armed con-flict between nations.

The delegates to the Asheville convention The delegates to the Asheville convention came from 25 states and they included a manufacturer. a junifor, a corporation lawyer, a poet, a publisher, and a good many educators. No man can question their patriotism, but a good many will question concede that their approach to the problems of world peace is primarily intellectual. They themselves recognized the wold between their lofty ideals and the workshop with the problems of world of the politicians who mould our national policy. national policy.

The task they have assigned themselves is education—"the mobilitation of public opinion for world government to the end that representatives of the people on legislative bodies will be impelled by the voice of the voters to work for world government." No group ever attacked a more monumental problem. They will find themselves arrayed against the cautious and short-siphted politicians who now dominate both political parties; they will buck a mounting tide of nationalism and a powerful current of anti-Russian hysteris; they will bun head-on into the terrible apathy of the American people, the weariness and the precoccupation with our own affairs that have replaced the drive and the vision that gave uso urgest victory in World War II.

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It is ironic that this little band of intellectuals should now hold virtually uncontested title to the internationalism that has always been a part of the American ideal. This is a time when only "visionaries" hold out hope of one world in which men can lay aside their weapons and live in peace: "practical" men still cling to the expensive—and historically unsound—idea that the beat way to avoid war is to prepare for it.

The flame tended by the United World Federalists is weak and flickering, but it is one of the few lights in the spreading darkness. We wish them Godspeed.

Notes On The Closed Shop Issue

THE STATESVILLE DAILY commenting upon the anti-closed shop bill now before the Legislature, observes that it is not being offered on behalf of employers, but in the interests of workers. Certainty, since it is aimed ostensibly at guaranteeing 'the right to work'. It would seem that way. But we have heard no frest protest against the closed shop from the unorganized workers of North Carolina, and we have heard such an outery repeatedly from organized employers.

or North Carolina, and we have heard such an outcry repeatedly from organized employers. The whole issue, it seems to us, has been bedly distorted, and there is little doubt and included the state of the state proudly in its annual financial report that it spent 470,000 last year, and adds that 'since the Committee decided last May that the gravest menace was the unions, most of this campaign was directed at them.' The Committee, taking claim for sweeping the country in the past with its prefabricated alogans, "Court-Facking," Purge" and "One-Man Rule", announces that it is has coined a new one. "Labor Monopolies", and is steadily drumming it into the public consciousness.

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The effect of this has been to spread the idea that present labor laws require an employer to grant a closed shop. They do not. They permit a union to obtain a closed shop through negotiation. The obvious proof of this lies in the fact that there are far more open shops in North Carolina than closed ones. Even in the newspaper field, where the closed shop was commonplace long before the New Deal, one of the major North Carolina dailies functions suc-

cessfully without a union contract of any

sort.

The closed shop does give the union a considerable advantage in its bargaining with employers. Since it imposed discipline, it helps strengthen the strike threat, which, in the final analysis, is the union's only real weapon. And, since it forbids the employer to hive non-union employees for requires any new employee to join the union'it serves as a major safeguard against.

There is little doubt that the closed shop serves technically as an abridgement of serves in the strike of the strike in the closed shop serves technically as an abridgement of

erves technically as an abridgment of every citizen's "right to work". But there are a good many other such abridgments, not the least of which is the whim of the

are a good many other such anomapenes, not the least of which is the whim of the employer in a non-union shop. In a very real same the closed shop replaces one abridgment with another and, from the worker's standpoint, it is difficult to see why the North Carolina Legislature should suddenly become excited about it.

The brawling over the closed shop, in North Carolina and elsewhere, is, as we observed the other day, part of the continuing struggle for advantage between unions and employers. If we have, as a good many observers believe, reached a point where excessive advantage lies with the unions, then we see no sound democratic argument against outlawing the closed shop.

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the measure now before it on the basis of need for such legislation we doubt if it will
have much chance of passese. The record of the unions in North Carolina is hardly autificant to justify the claim that they autificant to justify the claim that they to Murphy.

The Situation Is Well In Hand

The Situation Is Well The Situation Is Well The Situation Is Well Ast Thursday Dr. James A Dombrow-I ski of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare got off a telegram to Attorney General Clark demanding Federal Intervention in the Flokens. South Carolina, Junching. "Evidence strongly suggests the violation of Federal civil rights statutes," he wires as on the job long before Dr. In the FBI was on the job long before Dr. In the FBI was on the job long before Dr. In the FBI was on the job long before Dr. In the FBI was on the job long before Dr. In the FBI was on the job long before Dr. In the FBI was on the job long before Dr. In the BBI was on the job long before Dr. In the FBI office for analysis, and county officers from the beginning of the investigation, sent certain evidence to the Washington FBI office for analysis, and generally made themselves useful. On Sunday Special Agent Bills amounted that his men were being taken off the case for a good and sufficient reason. Local law enables of the proching obviously had the situation well in hand.

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Few lynching investigations in history we been prosecuted with greater vigor of efficiency, and certainly there was no soon for Dr. Dombrowski to call for out-de sasistance South Carolina didn't want do certainly didn't need. Granted that sere may be many a slip between arrest and conviction, the record thus far. Indicate a genuine desire on the part of every cuth Carolina official, from Governor surmond to the last deputy, to see that titles is done.

We presume that Dr. Dombrowski's in-terest is also in seeing justice done, but we can't avoid the suspicion that he was anxi-ous, even overarxious, to get in another lick for a Federal Anti-Lynching Law. The control of the control of the control any of the meaning that the control of agree that Federal legislation is the only answer to the junching problem. But cer-tainly such intervention can be justified only on the grounds of local failure to bring offenders to justice. So long as South Carolina is willing to shoulder the full re-sponsibility for the crime committed with-in her borders she is entitled to settle the matter in her own courts.

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A The only effect of Dr. Dombrowski's illconsidered telegram is to insult South Carolina law enforcement officials who deserve instead the highest commendation.

A Western answers man is asked the origin of the interjection, "ouch!" We believe this has long been the freshman class yell at the school of experience.

A London research looking into the in-telligence of the octopus seems uncalled-for, as the anti-monopoly cartoon always shows it with the situation well in hand.

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'You're Going To Hold Down The Budget-That's Nice'



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of which is Marietta, Ga., although Charlotte is most ideally situated for such a unit.

As stated before, the factor which closed this base is the one which should have been the atrongest. To want to see that we get II, are giving the Issue to you. Let those who are responsible know what you think about it. Let's not all of us fall down on our dutes.

-EARL, W. WHITE. Secretary-Treasurer. Air Reserve Association.

Investigation

Editors, THE NEWS:

I am a member of the United States Army Re-serve, with 30 years of experience. Since that time I have given my time and service to see that my fellow citizens receive the rights that I protected for 30 years.

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Drew Pearson's: Sen. Ball Opposes Pro-Labor Witnesses

the closed shop.

At a secret session of a Senate Labor Subcommittee, Ball sharply objected to a roster of witnesses submitted by Demoratis Senator James Murray of Montana, including such well-krywn figures as william H. Davis, former chairman of the War Labor Board, and Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

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plans a showdown battle before Senator Taft, who is chairman of the Full Labor Committee.

Stalin And Anna Boettiger

HERE is one brief - interiude in the Elilott Roosevelt-Joment of the Full Labor Committee of the Committee

former publisher of the Seatule From-Anna's publisher of the Seatule From-Anna's publishing a newspaper in Arinona's Elliott replied. The New Paper is a liberal newspaper in Stalin said. "What kind of a newspaper is allowable per seature for the Anna Seature Sea

1. Hannegan has appointed his right-hand man at 1 Post Office Department, Gael Sullivan, to be executive dire of the Democratic National Committee. This mean it actually Hannegan will run the show without doing so manishaking the after about six months, Guillean, to Chicago Manigan has appointed Mrs. Chase Going Wood, and the Charles of Hannegan has appointed Mrs. Chase Going Wood, and the Charles of the National Committee. Mrs. Woodpouse 19 as progressive as Mrs. Rosewell, which means that Roo velt New Deallem will get the green light in the wome division.

veit New Dealism will get the green light in the women's division. Creckmore Path, another progressive Democrat and former assistant to Secretary of the Interior Krus, has been ammed assistant director of the National Committee. This makes a solid list of New Dealers in another late was not done by accident. After taking with various politicose, Hannegan came to the conclusion that within the next two years, the national reaction to Republican do-nothingism examinates the country turn cose again lower library and after the Conservative Overnment, headed by Stanley Bald-carritle in 1977. It was exactly two years later that the British turned out the conservatives, in favor of Ramay MacDonalida Labor Covernment.