

'One Of The Great Acts Of History'

A GREAT moment in history approaches as the General Assembly of the United Nations prepares to take final action on the plan for partition of Palestine and creation of a Jewish State.

On Nov. 1917, the British Foreign Office made public the statement which placed His Majesty's Government on record as viewing "with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people."

The tremendous consequences that have followed upon this step in our time to re-establish Israel in Zion represent the working out of a drama which has made Palestine a world stage for centuries.

The Arabs conquered Palestine in the seventh century and held sway for 437 years. After 1071 the country was conquered by various peoples, such as the Crusaders, the Seljuks, the Kurds, the Egyptians, and finally the Ottomans.

Jewish Volunteer Brigade, ending the rule of the Turks. A few weeks later Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour issued his famous Declaration, which opened the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration under British mandate.

Up to the Roman conquest, the Jewish people had completed nearly 2,000 years of national history in that country, during which they created a civilization which was to have a lasting influence on the course of mankind.

As we observe this anniversary of the Balfour Declaration and listen to the reports of the discussions in the UN Assembly, we are forcefully reminded that we live in a time of tremendous change.



People's Platform

A Slowdown That Hurts Charlotte

CHARLOTTE'S Community Chest yesterday was \$135,799 short of its goal, with only three days more to go in the 1947 campaign.

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As usual, they are waiting for someone else to pay their way, but why aren't they doing it to their part and more for their own cause?

The people who are concerned about the future of their city and their country will be interested in a discussion of the growing political and economic significance of the Community Chest, which appears in the current issue of Newsweek.

"The community fund is democracy in the illimitable field outside of government," Raymond Moley writes.

It is "a common cause for all religions and economic groups in a city."

"The thousands of fund workers and those who give 'learn how a community lives, what is the matter with it and what ought to be done about its aches and pains.'"

"Most of all, the Red Feather provides a 'forceful and expansive answer' to the growing question: 'What can be done without government?'"

Red And Pink Tar Heels

NORTH CAROLINIANS who fear the infiltration of Communism at Chapel Hill have two juicy new items to contemplate this week.

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Twenty Communists in a student body of 7,500 are considerably less than the normal number of students on the modern college campus, we suspect, and we hasten to commend Chancellor R. B. House

Sermons In Stones

ONE OF the most amazing industries of North Carolina is the tungsten mine in Vance County which was discovered by Richard and Joseph Hamme of near Oxford in 1942.

It is about the most heat-resistant and pressure-resistant metal known, and it is used to harden steel, make cutting tools or drill points, and absorb the heat in electric lights, spark plugs and other electrical devices.

corporation of which W. Lunsford Long of Winston-Salem is vice president and general counsel, but they still get royalties on production.

It is unfortunate, both for his reputation and for the success of the Committee's work, that Dr. Graham did not persuade his Northern colleagues to offer a more practical program for the preservation and extension of American civil rights.

New Hope For Auditorium

ALTHOUGH my visit to your charming city of only a few days' duration, I can't help but admit the wish you're putting up to obtain approval for a civic auditorium.

On the practical side, the commentary on the Southern Railway terminal in last night's paper was equally good.

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In this campaign. There is no doubt that a large measure of the success of the campaign was due to the widespread effort of the Charlotte newspapers to give publicity during the period the campaign was conducted.

I should like also to express publicly our grateful appreciation to radio stations WBT, WSOB, and WJZY for their contribution of time, which enabled various speakers to go on the air in behalf of the campaign.

The enthusiastic response of the public of the City of Charlotte toward this worthwhile cause can be held directly to the co-operation of the newspapers, the radio stations, those men and women who spent their time and energy in soliciting funds, and the public spirited citizens who contributed so generously to the campaign.

Assuring you of our grateful appreciation for your efforts to relieve suffering humanity, I am, Sir, very truly yours, E. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman, Executive Board.

To The Men Of Midwood

The following letter has been addressed to Mr. Mercer J. Blankenship in response to his letter in the People's Platform, in which he suggested a nominating board of the Good Samaritan Hospital.

I reach you on the telephone this afternoon to thank you for the very fine compliment which you paid me in the letter, appearing in The News, of Nov. 27.

I was delighted at the success of our recent Midwood Park campaign but I disclaim the credit for the results. My only contribution was to help to head the club at the time of the campaign and the success of the movement was due to the loyal and devoted service given by my colleagues and by the ready and generous response of the residents of the Midwood community and others.

I do appreciate your thoughtfulness and I hope you are long in time in the facility will come as the result of this community effort.

Sincerely yours, BERNARD E. LING, 158-18 Riverside Drive, New York 22.

Teamwork For Samaritans

ON behalf of the campaign workers and the Executive Board of the Good Samaritan Hospital, who have recently closed a highly successful campaign for the expansion of the Good Samaritan Hospital, I should like to express my grateful appreciation to the editors of The Charlotte News and The Charlotte Observer for their excellent co-operation

Who's Stupid?

I AM curious beyond words to learn that we have within our midst people with such un-American principles as you show your lack of patriotism.

Think of all the fun we will have if 'good old Bing Crosby can croon Bob Tate in Thank God We're Here. How can you let that go to waste?

And now that we know from whence all our troubles came, that is, because little crack pot FDR was stupid enough to let that Stalin, we can just sit tight until good old Bing croons good old Robert Alphonzo in the White House (to be sure), when the help of those Good Ole Americans including the one from High Shoals, everything will be all hunky dory again.

I am sorry, an afraid I will take more than the crooning of good old Bing to land Bob in the White House. Indeed all the crooners in America, as well as the help of all the Good Ole Americans, will do no good.

However, if you do not know, will find this most difficult task, in view of Taff's impractical and isolationist record.

My name is not my name. I do not wish to have it made known that I am stupid enough to read anything from a certain person in High Shoals Department is not making a case.

(NAME WITHHELD)

Drewo Pearson's: Weird Case Charge Being Investigated

THE most bizarre charge of American treason in the history of the war is gradually unfolding before investigators of the War and Justice Departments.

Despite the charges against his country from Germany, has now been given a life sentence. Ezra Pound, the bearded poet who broadcast from Italy, has been sentenced to life in prison.

By meanwhile Lt. Martin James Monti of St. Louis, who led a secret radio-conference broadcast and sent enemy lines in Italy, and becoming a member of the elite Nazi SS Corps, still in the U. S. Army.

Army records show that Lt. Monti, Air Corps flight instructor, Oct. 2, 1944, hitch-hiking by plane to Italy, he was captured by British troops and taken to a POW camp. He was later released and returned to the U. S. Army.

was on a train with other German troops in the uniform of the German Air Force. He had stolen the uniform and was using it with the help of the Italian underground to escape from Italy.

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The Harriman Report

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It is, however, last-minute changes are always possible, it seems likely that the report, or at least the highlights, will be made available to the public in the next few days.

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a preliminary to nationalization of iron and steel. Bevan's wife, Jeanette Lee, also a member of Parliament, was the first woman to be elected to the United States, shares her husband's conviction of socialization.

But Bevan has not altered his views about the non-workability of the capitalist system. He believes that phase of development in which too much wealth is concentrated in too few hands. As he puts it, there are too many IOU's in the hands of the rich. Bevan rejects, with some show of annoyance, the suggestion that the Attlee Government has put too much money in the day earnings of the working man—IOU's in the form of money that will buy him the things he needs to live.

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Friendship Entusiasms

IN addition to enthusiasms, the train of friendship also has its problems. One is the difficulty of retaining types of food which can easily be transported or which aren't badly

Most important factor to be remembered is that Western Europe last summer suffered a severe drought. And since the main diet of all Europeans is bread, the chief need for European relief is wheat. Wheat flour is equally scarce. Canned goods, especially those containing large amounts of water, are not economical for shipment abroad.

That's why the help of local grain elevators or farm co-ops in the United States is being sought. It is hoped that these regular shippers to prepare the car in advance. Watching these factors at the shipping end saves a lot of waste at the receiving end.