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## ARCHITECT OF UNITY

IT IS A GRIM and fateful coincidence that Senator Arthur Vandenberg should die at the very moment his strong voice and world vision are so desperately needed.

News of his death across the troubled sea has not only shocked the American people but also the Japanese. The news of his death is a blow to the Japanese, for it is a blow to the peace treaty which he had so long fought for.

One can only guess what Arthur Vandenberg would say if he were still able to lift his voice in the debate. His last public statement was made in the Senate on Jan. 8 of this year, after the entry of Communist China into the Korean War had inflicted great losses on U. N. troops and stirred grave apprehension over the fate of the Korean peninsula. Urging "essential unity," Vandenberg said:

"We can not stand a deadlock in foreign policy until 1952. . . . Many patriots hold divergent views. But we must strive for the greatest possible meeting of loyal minds to a solution of the problem. This is the way to stop a war or win it."

That was the note he struck after the outbreak of World War II, and he held it throughout the rest of his active career. In 1944, he was elected to the Senate as a Republican to include in its platform a world peace organization. He was co-author of a resolution favoring the United Nations, labored

mightily in the Senate to gain approval for the U. N. and served as a top delegate to the 1945 San Francisco conference when the U. N. Charter was written.

Later as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the 80th Congress, Vandenberg led the fight for several major bipartisan foreign measures—the Marshall Plan for European recovery, the Atlantic Pact, the Inter-American treaty.

In many of these Congressional struggles he found himself at odds with a large segment of his party. But his prestige was enormous and his patriotism unquestioned. To that he was able to exert a strong and decisive influence on his GOP colleagues. His devotion to bipartisan unity on foreign policy was so great that he delayed the first operation of a long summer in order that he might see the Atlantic Pact and the Inter-American Treaty through the Senate.

Vandenberg measured up fully to that brand of greatness that Americans traditionally expect of their U. S. Senators. He thought in terms of the national welfare, not domestic as well as foreign policies, and he was always willing to put the national welfare above party or personal considerations whenever there was a conflict. America has suffered a tremendous loss. The Architect of Unity has departed at a time when the world structure he helped design is in grave danger. And there is no one to take his place.

## STALIN MAY DECIDE THE DEBATE

HERB LOCK's cartoon on this page today heralds up a growing tendency among Americans to evaluate actions and attitudes in terms of the reaction in Moscow.

In certain instances, it is completely valid to view that an event or an issue in this nation may be useful for Communist propaganda. But the technique is being abused in such a ridiculous fashion that it may soon lose whatever value it has from mere repetition.

In the larger sense, the cartoon caption has a more immediate appeal. The current national emotional upheaval, "The Presidential dismissal of General MacArthur," has set off a new "Great Debate" over the role of the Great Debate over troops-to-Europe were ricocheting down Capitol corridors. No one can know beyond all doubt how the "Great Debate" will end. But much is certain—the decision is not ours to make alone. Josef Stalin can settle it in a matter of minutes if he chooses.

Stalin can discredit President Truman and

prove MacArthur right in any of several expedients. He can send a half-dozen planes to bomb our own "privileged sanctuary"—the Japanese islands. He can launch an invasion of the Korean peninsula. He can push Mao into a full-scale attack on Indo-China. He can send his submarines against UN ships operating in Korean waters. Any of these overt acts, coming at this crucial time, would literally force the U. S. into a full-scale war in the Far East.

Or Stalin, if he prefers, can swing U. S. attention back to Europe. A new threatening move on West Berlin, an attack on Yugoslavia, an invasion of Middle East countries—any of these would doubtless swing U. S. public opinion in behind the defense of Western Europe.

It is a sad state of affairs that the final verdict in the Great Debate may well come from the scheming brain of Josef Stalin. But it is a hard fact, one that we ought to keep in mind in the anxious weeks and months ahead.

## A VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE

THE adoption of the new zoning ordinance by unanimous City Council vote yesterday was a real victory for the people of Charlotte and a significant sign that the principle of zoning, established here only four years ago, has become an inseparable part of our municipal government philosophy.

Although there had been reports that attempts would be made to amend, dilute, weaken and weaken the ordinance, the fact is that in opposition to the Council session. The only change made by the Council—a section governing the proximity of steps to property lines—tightened the ordinance.

The unanimous vote was a testimonial to the members of the Board of Adjustment and to the fair and even-handed manner in which they have ruled on the various problems coming before them. Mayor Shaw should be proud of the Council's decision.

## ABUSE OF FREEDOM

SOMETIMES there appears to be good reason to abridge the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion.

We have neither the space nor inclination to argue this seemingly heretical point at length. We can only point to a recent incident in Chicago.

A 25-year-old man named Darrell LaBrenz had admittedly refused, despite the pleas of physicians, to accept a blood transfusion for his six-day-old daughter, Cheryl Lynn. Why? Mr. LaBrenz answered:

"My religious teachings forbid it."

He cites Genesis, Chapter Nine: "But

Council, as a general rule, ought to follow the recommendations of experienced members of boards and commissions.

The new ordinance does not differ from the old in major respects. It is mainly a clarification. Certain portions of the old ordinance were phrased in such a way that it could be interpreted in two different meanings. The Board of Adjustment had to see many legal rulings. The new ordinance incorporates clearer language and terminology in line with past legal opinions.

A great deal of effort went into the preparation of the new ordinance. Its final passage after months of Council dilly-dallying, is a tribute tribute to the members of the Board of Adjustment: Chairman Walter Hook, Fred McPhail, Frank E. Holland, R. P. Covington, John M. Dwellie, and the two alternate members, Leroy Dulin and J. C. Chalmers.

With the life there, which is a blood transfusion, contends Mr. LaBrenz, is "taking blood."

Therefore, his religious teachings forbid it.

Meanwhile, Dr. William W. Wisend, who attended the birth, declared:

"The baby is in grave danger. Unless there is a transfusion we must stand by and see its life slowly ebb away."

One wonders if Mr. LaBrenz's religious teachings forbid murder.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal  
MAYBE THEY INVENTED THE 'FIX'

KAZAKSTAN, if you did not know, is a remote and hitherto star in the diadem of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. But it gives at least one gleam for which we are grateful today. We are enabled to see with a better smile the Russian comrade's move at the deplorable of capitalist imperialism as reflected in those basketball fines. For it seems that the comrades of Kazakhstan are living in glass houses and had better be looking for stones heaved in their direction.

This interesting and comforting thought comes in news that Sen. Bek Bayev, director of the Kazakhstan Institute of Physical Culture, has been caught red-handed but apparently unembarrassed in a try at fixing a corner game in the Soviet Union. Bayev, 40, is a Kazakh who was a basketball star in his day. He was a basketball star in his day. He was a basketball star in his day. He was a basketball star in his day.

We are left in the dark, however, about what will come of it. A strange ideological blind spot appears. There is nothing in Stalin out of Lenin out of Engels out of Marx about fixing a corner game, which place is below the scope of their massive repressions. But until the confusion clears, and Comrade Bayev is either purged or given the Stalin "E" for effort, we doubt that we shall be hearing about Madame Seneca's garden through the chinks in the Iron Curtain.

A new Paris style is a double-breasted jacket that buttons in the back. On that one the husband has to do more than just pay for it. —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

## Confusion in Iran Aid To Red Designs

By JOSEPH ALSPOP

THEIRAN

THERE IS A very simple measure of the folly of the Iranian ruling class and the flimsy shortsightedness of American and British policy here. This country is being gnawed to death by a headless worm. Nowhere else in the world would the Tudeh Party without any nationally known leader, with only the smallest hard core of true Communists, be able to pose a serious threat. But as recent events all too clearly testify, the Tudeh Party is a serious threat in Iran.

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## 'You Seem To Be The Only One Who Can Settle Our Debates These Days'



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Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name must be signed, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

## Unseemly Hysteria

Charlotte

Editors, The News: QINCE up to Monday night I had observed only one letter commending or approving or even agreeing with your editorial that the staff of Charlotte who are with the present administration of the city should be allowed to continue in their jobs. I am glad to nominate and elect and otherwise designate myself a committee of one to speak for the Tudeh following melted down almost to the hard core alone. Finally the party operates under the leadership of a group of fanatics. Although the Partisans of Peace and League to Combat the Anglo-American Oil Company of Azerbaijan found the fact that the party is theoretically illegal at least cause for concern, they were so far apart as Walter Dill Scott that the Tudeh has completely penetrated what passes for a labor movement in Iran. The Tudeh has made such headway among younger men that 50 per cent of the university students and recent graduates are estimated to be members or fellow travelers. It possesses its own underground communications net, including a large radio station in Shiraz, and what is more, the country as rapidly as the Iranian government itself. It is able to instigate strikes and severe disorders, as the last days have shown. And if present conditions continue unchanged, the Tudeh will eventually win in the end.

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Fourth, and finally, the Americans have made almost every conceivable mistake, arousing great hopes of lavish economic aid and a bonus of Iranian oil. They have failed to bring the Iranians to escape from their unhappy position between the Russians and British but making no effort to do so; neither working intelligently with the Iranian government nor intervening to influence local political events but never intervening decisively to produce a real result.

THE whole party financing, estimated at the locally enormous sum of 2,000,000 tomans a month, is openly derived from Soviet sources. Much of the flood of Tudeh literature is printed by a "clandestine" press in the Soviet embassy's huge compound. In short, a more naked operation would be hard to imagine.

In addition, the nature of Soviet intentions in Iran was disclosed as bluntly as possible during the Azerbaijan crisis in 1946, when the Tudeh following melted down almost to the hard core alone. Finally the party operates under the leadership of a group of fanatics. Although the Partisans of Peace and League to Combat the Anglo-American Oil Company of Azerbaijan found the fact that the party is theoretically illegal at least cause for concern, they were so far apart as Walter Dill Scott that the Tudeh has completely penetrated what passes for a labor movement in Iran. The Tudeh has made such headway among younger men that 50 per