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THE TASK OF THE UNITED NATIONS

TOMORROW one of the nation's top officials, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, begins what may be his final and most frustrating diplomatic assignment.

Russia is sending its strongest delegation ever, 72 persons, headed by Foreign Minister Vishinsky of the acid tongue and sharp wit, including Ambassadors Gromyko and Zarinin. Until after Election Day Secretary of State Acheson will carry the ball for the West.

By the time these European officials arrive, Mr. Acheson will be a "lame duck" Secretary, and presumably will co-ordinate his work with that of his successor. It seems likely if General Eisenhower is elected, the sharply criticized foreign policy of late, this mid-session transition will be no easy matter.

There will be plenty of equally knotty problems to tackle right away. The Korean issue, on which so little progress has been made at Panmunjon, will be taken up. The other main item on the agenda is the so-called "colonial issue," the demand of 13 African and Asian nations that the assembly discuss and act on the questions of French administration in North Africa and on racial discrimination in South Africa.

When we set up the United Nations, we thought we were setting up an organization for the peace of the world. Little did we believe the United Nations would be a HABITUAL CRIMINAL LAW NEEDED

A CASE in City Recorder's Court last week suggests that North Carolina has need of a law with graduated penalties for habitual criminals. The defendant was a 30-year-old Negro woman who was charged with slaying a Negro man by cutting him repeatedly with the jagged edges of a soft-drink bottle. She waived preliminary hearing, and will face trial in Superior Court.

of course Communists will try to infiltrate this country through the U. N. as through any other organization, public or private.

Of course there will be persons who will, as Senator McCarran sharply expects, refuse to answer the question: "Are you a Communist?" A good many members of the U. N. secretariat and delegations will promptly answer "Yes" to that question.

After all, this world organization is not exclusively American or democratic. Our point is this: Eternal vigilance is essential, but probes and charges must not detract from the awful problems and solid accomplishments of the U. N.

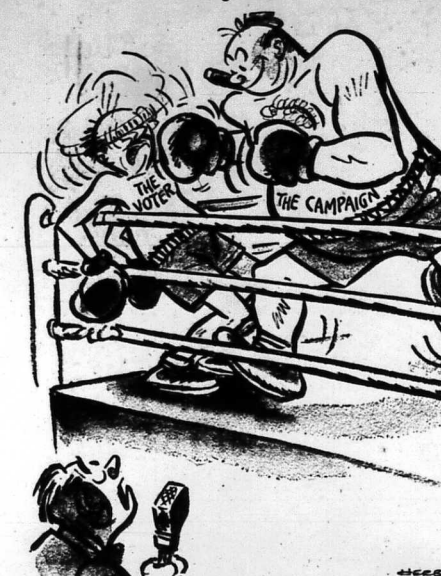
LAST WEEK, the U. N.'s faithful and dogged Secretary General, Trygve Lie, of Norway, said a few things which went saying when the nations of the world face tremendous problems—problems which the U. N. did not cause but seeks to solve. He realistically faced the fact that the world still is not changed in any fundamental way for the better.

He reminded those who say the U. N. is impotent, because of the veto, that with the exception of questions of membership, amendment of the Charter and election of the Secretary-General either a simple or two-thirds majority of the member nations can act effectively, as they did in the case of Korea. He reminded those persons, of East and West, who object to inclusion of new members that anything less than real universality "is to leave barred the doors to such influence for peace and freedom and human rights as the United Nations can give."

"I am convinced that a sober appraisal and an honest judgment of the present state of the world will lead to the conclusion that the very dangers and uncertainties of our time, and the magnitude and diversity of the forces of disruption with which we must contend, make the United Nations more important than ever in the struggle for peace and progress. More and more we are coming to understand that peace and order are not won easily or quickly, and never finally. They must be sought with courage and persistence, and defended with vigilance over a period of time at least as long as that envisaged in the 20-year Peace Program."

Those, too, are our sentiments. This approach to the U. N. and its delegations, on the part of individual citizens, can result in some progress at the session opening tomorrow.

He's Taking An Awful Beating, Folks'



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

GOP Chairman Pleased

THE Charlotte News editorial of Thursday was a clear voice, ringing through a veil of confusion. To see a stand so patriotically taken and so courageously presented is heartening. But it is encouraging to the highest degree to see such a decision only after long deliberation and careful examination of the issues and consequences involved.

The Charlotte News has long been known as a champion of the people's welfare; thus, the weight of your support for Dwight D. Eisenhower is doubly welcome in this hour of our nation's crisis. While democracy has such champions as The Charlotte News, and the apparent thousands of Democrats and Republicans who place welfare of country above party consideration, we feel that the government our fathers designed will endure, and not crumble beneath such a one-party system of totalitarianism as developed in Russia, Germany and Italy.

There is hope in your editorial of Thursday, and in the reading of the "People's Platform" by JAMES M. BAILEY, JR., State GOP Chairman.

Good-News For Democrats

THE News decision to support Dwight Eisenhower, amidst the Governor Stevenson is good news for the Democrats. This is not an attempt to be facetious and point out that The News supported Thomas E. Dewey in 1948, in a somewhat intended as a compliment to your fine newspaper, as one of the pro-Eisenhower papers in the South with a conscientious record.

If I know The News, we will find that from now on, its sense of guilt will be so strong that the paper will plan backward and give the Democrats every possible break in news coverage, editorials, and forum letters. In this respect your fine newspaper has character, because your other pro-Eisenhower papers in the South have even a slight sense of shame.

Why Back A Candidate? HAMELT
Editors, The News: I was surprised I do not see where any public servant can take a partisan stand.

Memories For Willis Smith Editors, The News: AND please look you, and see who it is who calls President Truman's white-hot campaign "blue."

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round WASHINGTON
POLITICAL Notes From Around the Nation — Democrats have had to do some quick house-cleaning. Bill Fulbright of Arkansas has been summoned to Springfield to smooth the ruffled feathers of various Dems who feel they've been slighted.

Devey and Ike—Full story of Tom Dewey's private session with the General before the latter's endorsement in 1948. Devey is gradually leaving out. Devey has kept completely in the background, but in this case had a three-hour session with Ike in New York, begged him to confer with the national GOP during the campaign.

Reporters Dislike Ike Because He Surrendered To Expediency

WITH THE EISENHOWER PARTY, I usually write about reporters, but General Dwight D. Eisenhower's problems present a more curious and significant that they ought to be written about. In brief, the reporters assigned to cover him were a pathetic lot. General Eisenhower from Abilene to Denver. Today however the 60 or so reporters and men who barnstorm through the country with the General are almost all for Gen. Adlai E. Stevenson.

The General knows this and is obviously hurt by it. In one of his press conferences, he said in his press escort, with something close to bitter defiance, "I know you so-and-soes are here, but I'm going to win anyway." Palace fight-fighters have sought to blame the General's press secretary, James Hagerly, for not keeping the reporters happy. But the experienced Hagerly has done his difficult job pretty well.

What then is the explanation of this sudden souring of men who were so friendly to Ike, Eisenhower's press secretary, who were so happy when he started his active campaigning? The answer lies in the way the General has been handling the press. He has been taking, for example, his repeated intimations that he will "bring our boys back home" from Korea, and fill their places in the battle line with South Korean troops. These intimations, which are not exactly promises but sound perfectly like promises, go over big with the General's press secretary. Every American naturally wants to end the horrible drain in Korea. It is natural, therefore, that the General says at face value, when he implies he can manage the war, that he will "bring our boys back home" from Korea, and simply because the contract is offered to them so often.

Here's The Election Situation —As One Cab Driver Sees It —BY MARQUIS CHILDS
THE CITIZENRY in the United States is exceptionally wary about declaring for either of the two candidates. This election has been a long one, apathy—the fact that the campaign seems already to have given up for the most part in a pretty repulsive sort of way.

Ike Endorsement Applaud Editors, The News: IN these crucial times it is a source of inspiration to see the stand that The Charlotte News has taken for General Ike. Speaking for the North Carolina citizens for Eisenhower I am sure I can say: Congratulations.

Note Of Appreciation Editors, The News: I HAD the distinguished command of the 4674th Air Defense Observation Squadron and the Charlotte Air Defense Filler Center to Captain Mike Janski, due to my assignment to the command of our parent unit in Atlanta, Ga.

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