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THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF IDEALISM

THE U. S., you know, pays considerably more than any other nation toward overall expenses of the United Nations. Something like one-third of the annual U. N. budget is billed to Uncle Sam. And he put up about nine-tenths of the money used, on the U. N. side, in the Korean War.

With these facts in mind it came as a pleasant surprise to read that citizens of other countries contribute substantially more than Americans do to at least one U. N. organization. The organization is UNICEF, the International Children's Fund. It is supported by government and private individuals.

During the past six years UNICEF has received some \$88 million from the U. S., about 55 cents per capita. American contributions rank seventh on a per capita basis. Little Ireland holds the record—its citizens have put up, on the average, \$4.39 apiece.

UNICEF hasn't been collecting much money lately (about \$30 million annually) but it is doing a lot of good with what funds it has. One of its major projects has to do with midwives in Asia. There most villages have no doctors, and won't have for years. So UNICEF is teaching the midwives a few fundamentals of obstetrics.

Villagers are now seeking out the trained midwives with their rudimentary obstetrical kits, and becoming more interested in health and sanitation. And, if these villagers are lucky enough to have some of the U. N. World Health Organization's help in building sewage disposal plants, or boiling polluted water. And if they're lucky enough to have one of the UNESCO teams around, they may learn how to read for themselves. Or perhaps

some of the villagers are already teaching their neighbors how to read under the UNESCO "each one teach one" campaign, a practical program that has superseded some of UNESCO's earlier pie-in-the-sky dreams. And, when the citizens of one of these countries take the initiative in planning some new dam or power plant or soil conservation project, they help people live better lives.

The headlines, though, go to the conflicts in the General Assembly and the Security Council. Sometimes the endless delays, the inaction and frustration that characterize General Assembly or Security Council discussions, arouse in us an impatience with this cumbersome organization.

But when we remember that the huge and insoluble problems taken to the U. N. are not the U. N. itself, are causing the frustration and anger. We remember that, if there were no U. N., there would be no something very much like it. Else this fast-moving and angry world would be torn up by monstrous battles the U. N. has averted. And we remember, too, the Indian midwife, proudly carrying her little black bag, the Near Easterner proudly showing off his town's new sewage system, the Mexican friar proudly teaching his newly-acquired knowledge of reading to his wife. And we then regain our pride in the U. N. and renew our faith in it and its goals, and our determination to help make it a better and more effective organization.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MERITS SUPPORT

BACK IN 1940, the Charlotte chapter of the League of Women Voters undertook a study of the City's park and recreation program as their main project for the year.

In 1950, the League studied the Institute of Government reports on consolidating city and county functions.

In 1951, the main project was Urban Redevelopment.

In 1952, home rule in North Carolina, especially as it concerns Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, was selected.

This year the League has been examining the adequacy of the Charlotte system of public streets and thoroughfares.

And next year, League members will take up once again the study of consolidation, with emphasis on the school system.

In addition, the League has carried on many side activities: Get-out-the-vote campaigns, a handbook called "Know Your Town" which explains the organization of local government, efforts to improve election machinery, and the like.

All the while, League members have state and national projects, too. On the state level, the 1954 plan centers around a study of ways to increase the efficiency and economy of state agencies, with emphasis on

the penal system. And on the national level, the Women Voters will back measures that contribute to world security and support efforts to improve budgetary procedures in Congress.

This rather lengthy introduction for those who don't know of the work of the League of Women Voters is by way of urging public support when League members go out this week to seek contributions for their most recent annual budget. League dues are kept low—\$2 a year—so that no one need decline membership because of financial reasons. Hence the need for additional funds.

The League of Women Voters, now with some 285 members in Charlotte, has been a highly useful and constructive force in the community. It has given unselfish and dedicated service to any number of worthy causes. And it merits the friendly support of other citizens who are interested in better government.

TO THE POINT

TODAY'S one-sentence editorial—Judge John J. Parker's description of the Supreme Court: "It is an office that no man should seek and no man should decline."

HOW TO BE AN A. B. IN BROWN

BILLY LEE YATES lives up in Thomasville and is one of those rare birds who was an honor student despite the fact that he majored in physical education (Guilford College, '33).

For his thesis (it's required for an A. B. at Guilford) he checked the grades of students who took 20 required courses over a five-year period. He came to the not exactly astounding conclusion that the phys eds had, with a few exceptions, the best light students.

But what fascinates us about his study is the type of subject delved into by the physical education majors.

The biochemists at Guilford slaved away over these like this: "Development of Resistance by Micrococci Pyogenes Variants to Aureomycin Hydrochloride and Dihydrostreptomycin Sulfate: Morphological and Physiological Changes."

The religion majors interviewed their elders and searched the archives to document "The History of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in the United States" or "A Study of the Psychology of Prayer."

And what profound additions to the science of physical education did our heroes of the

playing fields produce? Well, there was that thesis on "A Camping Trip on the Appalachian Trail in the Smokies." And "A Report of Intramural Trip Football at Guilford College for the Season 1952." And "Observation of a Battering Cap at Guilford College."

Hmm, think we'll dig out that old eighth grade essay on "An Evening At Camp" and he up to Guilford and pick up a A. B. in brown, by gum.

REVELATION

A RECENT Gallup poll reveals the rather surprising fact that 78 per cent of the American people believe it is better for America to "go it with others" than to "go it alone."

And still more surprising, sentiment in favor of working closely with other friendly nations was higher in the Middle West (83 per cent) than it was along the Atlantic Seaboard (73 per cent).

This would seem to prove that the people have a good deal more sense than some of the "go it alone" politicians.

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Other day a Texas woman, 30, married a youth of 19. Just think, in 11 years they'll be the same age—Mattoon (Ill.) Journal-Gazette.

DEBT CEILING: \$275,000,000,000

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3RD QUARTER TAX RETURNS

SEC. HUMPHREY

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.

Resolution On Advertising

CHARLOTTE
Editors, The News:
I have been requested to send you a copy of a resolution adopted at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Minister's Association meeting Sept. 8, 1953.

1. "That we call upon all public news services to refrain from advertising beer and other alcoholic beverages."
2. "That we express our appreciation to those who have not accepted such advertising and petition the Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte News which have only recently published beer advertisements to refrain from doing so."
3. "That this resolution be communicated to the Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte News by the secretary of the Association."
4. "That the Committee on Civic Relations be requested to get earnest study to the situation in regard to the liquor question and make suggestions as to actions by the Association which might be helpful to the community."

(Note: The News, as the agency that wine and beer is sold, table-type beverages, has accepted advertising of these products since they became legal in North Carolina. As for whiskey, though the paper championed, and still champions against all comers, the cause of the ABC stores, its policy has been not to accept whiskey advertising. Eds. The News.)

Says NAAWP Needed

RELMONT
Editors, The News:
ON Sept. 9 you printed a letter which, by extremely pointed implication, stated that some southern bankers, Governor Bryan of S. C., and the President acted in a "dastardly" manner concerning the FEPC job.

I am a good Negro employer, especially in the insurance field of endeavor. We hear nothing of any clamor among them for a protest of white employees. They would have resigned to the indignity of their Negro employees to make room for white under FEPC.

It is possible that based upon the ration of the Negroes are right now getting more than a fair share of employment. This FEPC thing and the NAAWP do not constitute a demand for fairness. They are high-handed, bureaucratic reaches for special privileges.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
When John Foster Dulles was suddenly summoned to Denver last week, he was met by the press and the State himself, figured he was in for a Presidential spanking for his off-the-cuff remarks about U. S. support for Chiang Kai-shek which caused such a furor among German Socialist voters.

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NOTE—Before he left Denver he did so. Interview, including the press, for American State said he had no evidence that the Communists were holding back prisoners. Naturally this was untrue, but he was picked up by the Reds, and when

Thirly Days Hath September — Federal Sales Tax Seen As Best New Revenue Plan

By JOSEPH E. STEWART

WASHINGTON
THE chances are now rather better than even that all Americans will soon be paying a Federal sales tax on everything they buy except food and medical supplies. The tax may go as high as four or five per cent of the purchase price.

The Treasury experts have been making it a careful study of the amount of revenue a Federal sales tax will yield—a significant fact in itself, since the study would not be made if a sales tax were not being seriously considered. The experts have concluded that a retail sales tax would net about \$1.25 billion for each 1 per cent of tax. A manufacturer's sales tax (as applied to the wholesale price of goods) would net \$900,000,000 for each 1 per cent of tax.

NEW REVENUE NEEDED
Thus a 4 per cent retail sales tax would produce about \$5 billion a year in revenue. The total of 7 per cent manufacturers' tax would meet about the same amount. (The budget for the fiscal year is to be held in any such thing as a balance, some such revenue is already being going to have to be found. This is because the Administration is at it, with apportioned relief, facing up to the problem of defending the United States against the constantly growing Soviet air-atomic menace.)

The last of a series of committees—this one consisting of highly conservative and anti-union industrialists—has now reported to President Eisenhower that the United States must have an effective air defense. This makes it unanimous. If it is not to be a sham, air defense should run into several billion dollars a year. Where is the money to come from?

There are several theoretical answers to this question. The Treasury, for example, simply suggests a very big deficit. The Treasury

experts, peering into their crystal ball, have concluded that there will be an Administrative deficit of \$1.6 billion in the fiscal year if defense expenditures are held to their current level without an increase.

But Secretary of the Ways and Means Committee, George Humphrey adamantly and courageously opposes accepting any such huge deficit. He says that the United States cannot go on chipping its currency indefinitely in this way—and as far as France.

Another theoretical source is very carefully to reduce defense expenditures. Since the peak of capital investment in equipment and weapons for the Army and Navy has been passed, some reductions can be made. But the strategic air force is to be mortally weakened, overall defense expenditures are to be cut by 10 to 15 percent below current levels, while a great investment in air defense is being made.

A third answer is simply to maintain current levels of taxation. The Treasury estimates that \$1 billion in revenue from scheduled reductions in personal income, excise taxes, and gift taxes, if these taxes were maintained at present levels, the money could be used for necessary defense effort while the budget came at least within shooting distance of a balance.

Some of the \$1 billion prospective revenue loss may be saved. It is very likely, for example, that the Administration will ask Congress to rescind the scheduled 5 per cent reduction in corporate taxes. But the great bulk of the prospective loss derives from the expiration of the excess profits tax, and the 11 per cent reduction in personal income taxes, both scheduled for January. The Administration is not permitted to ending the excess profits tax. And the Administration is completely opposed to any measure which would reject any attempt to rescind the promised income tax reduction, which applies mostly to the lower income groups.

Albemarle's Fine Team

ALBEMARLE
Editors, The News:
AFTER reading "Fighting the Press" on the sports page of last Tuesday's paper, I can't help but wonder what it is you have against Albemarle. It seems that almost every other team but Albemarle's is mentioned in the headline of one during the past two years. Albemarle should receive a little attention.

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By ROBERT C. RUARK

ROME

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