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The United Way Is The Best Way

THE STAGE is being set this week for the autumn opening of this year's United Appeal, the single fund-raising drive designed to improve the well-being of the entire community. The curtain will not raise until Oct. 10, but hundreds of volunteers are already hard at work preparing for what will be the largest, most important "Good Neighbor" campaign in Mecklenburg history.

Neighborhood is the backbone of the way citizens have today of serving the needs of all the people—the children, the young people, the aging, the families. In Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, community neighborliness is best expressed in the United Appeal idea.

There is an urgency about this year's \$951,886 appeal that is greater than ever before. There are perhaps two principal reasons for this:

1—The total needs of the community are greater than ever before.

2—The United Appeal, for the first time, will offer its contributors the opportunity to donate through UA for the fight against polio and cancer.

The fact that needs have increased is self-evident. Mecklenburg is a growing metropolitan center with growing problems. As the community grows, the task of preserving human values, stopping social erosion and protecting community interests becomes greater too.

The provision for donations to cancer and polio through UA is part of the new "one-package" plan which permits donors to give once for services that have continued to conduct their own separate drives. A \$101,000 Dread Disease Fund has been established within the UA structure. It will cover the American Heart Association, Spastics Hospital (cerebral palsy), crippled children, polio, cancer and a special emergency fund (to be administered by the Family & Children's Service to cover other dread diseases). It must be kept in mind that neither the American Cancer Society nor the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has permitted its local units here to join UA.

The American Jewish Tercentenary

IT IS QUITE possible that if Herr Hitler had not permeated the very air we breathe with hatred and violence, the American Jewish community would not have arranged so elaborate a celebration of their 300th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in the United States. But freedom everywhere has learned in recent years that the only weapon they possess against the propaganda of hatred and slavery, is the more effective "propaganda" of freedom, decency, and the love of God.

It is in this vein that the American Jewish leaders have set up a nine-month program of religious and educational events to mark that occasion in September, 1954, when a group of 23 Jews arrived in New Amsterdam harbor (now New York) and became the first citizens of that faith in the land which was to become the United States of America.

The observance in each of the communities of our country is described by the North Carolina chairman, Editor Harry L. Golden, as one of "participation" rather than of "accomplishment." Indeed this is the correct path the observance should take since Americans of all na-

We firmly believe that the United Appeal idea is fundamentally sound. It constitutes a constructive approach to the problem of supporting the many humanitarian causes which the public is asked to finance each year.

The strong points of the system are many: It makes one drive out of many drives, it saves the time of volunteer workers, it promotes economy in fund-raising, it is designed to distribute funds fairly and in accordance with need, it gives the donors an opportunity to do a better job of budgeting their giving and it allows more dollars to be devoted to the purpose for which they are given.

The "united way"—of planning budgeting, financing—is something representative citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg have already endorsed rather emphatically. Three years ago, under Chamber of Commerce sponsorship, a poll of citizens and organizations here revealed almost unanimous support for the United Appeal idea as the most satisfactory system of raising funds for the community's necessary agencies. The cry then was: "Too many campaigns." It was not "too much money," mind you, but too much campaign organization and too much of a drain on volunteer leadership and too much bookkeeping. UA was the answer to that cry.

We regret that the offices of two national agencies—far removed from the Charlotte scene and either uninformed about the wishes of Charlotte's people or unsympathetic to majority opinion here—have not seen fit to go along.

We feel that the United Appeal had no choice other than to add the Dread Disease Fund to its solicitation program in order to carry out a mandate from the vast majority of Charlotte's interested citizens to provide an all-inclusive one-package campaign.

All the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will have an opportunity to furnish their answer during the campaign next month. We believe the United Appeal's one-package campaign should receive enthusiastic support. We believe that it will.

nationalities, creeds and colors, "participated" in this experiment. The "accomplishment" of course was the "result"; the most successful experiment in human freedom and individual dignity ever known to world history.

In our city, a committee of the rabbi and the leaders of each of the two synagogues has arranged a program which includes an art exhibit at the Mint Museum, a joint religious service on Thanksgiving Day, and sometime in November, a concert by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra with the virtuoso Isaac Stern as the soloist.

Let us extend congratulations to our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith and wish them another 300 years of peace and happiness. Our first President, George Washington expressed it best in a letter to the Hebrew congregation at Newport, Rhode Island, in his acknowledgment of felicitations upon his inauguration: "May the children of the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Ballots Protect Democracy's Future

SINCE tomorrow is the last day for eligible voters to register at their precincts for the Nov. 2 general election, it is well to remind the citizen that the vote of a democracy is best measured at the ballot box.

Every voter exercises a public trust. An adult American who does not make use of his precious franchise—unwisely fails to register and is unable to do his duty on election day—is betraying that trust.

Eligible voters whose names are not already on registration rolls should make

every effort to qualify. If they are unable to appear at their polling places tomorrow, they may still register at the Election Board office until books close at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4.

The aim of democracy is to help the individual develop himself completely in the climate of freedom. This can come about only when each citizen shares, up to his capacity, in determining the policy and destiny of the community. The first responsibility is to register. The second is to vote.

From The Richmond News Leader

WATERMELONS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

LET POETS sing of the summer's last rose; our lament is for the last watermelon. Along about now in the last hot spell there is a rush on the fruit stands as melon lovers realize the season is slipping by, and, abruptly, one day there will be no great green melons basking on the straw in the sidewalk sun. Then, indeed, summer will be over.

One man we know gauges the success of his summer, among other ways, by the number of watermelons he manages to consume. Maybe it's a holdover from childhood when he used to swipe comestible melons from hot, sandy fields.

"This was a 12-melon summer," you hear him say. It would seem to be within his grasp to eat as many as he pleases, but you don't plan to purchase a watermelon. Nobody consciously puts "watermelon" on the sober grocery list along with oranges, detergents, and clothes pins. The thing is bought on sight, under overwhelming impulse—the sweltering heat,

a memory of childhood, the desire to surprise one's children, or just the vain whim to lead down and give the bloated monster a mellow plunk with the forefinger.

It used to be melons could be bought off the back of a wagon or truck for a quarter, and even today the price drops to half-dollar at the season's height. But still there is something extravagant, lavish, and almost ludicrous in a whopping watermelon that, in the end, our statistical friends remind us, is most insubstantial, weighing 93 per cent water.

The watermelon is the clown of the vegetable kingdom and perhaps for that reason is so much loved by children and merry-minded adults. He may be low on calories, or ergs, or warts, or whatever, but he's a clown, dark-green from the rind, red and white from the inside, awaiting the worn butcher knife that will open a red crack in his fat side, the watermelon is more than food for the body. He feeds the imagination.

Chinese Reds, Nationalists Trying To Influence U. S.

By CONSTITUTIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON
AS INDICATIONS multiply that the Red Chinese troops may invade Formosa, which is being held by the Chinese Nationalists, foreign agents representing both sides are working in this country to influence U. S. opinion and policy.

A Congressional Quarterly check indicates that certain political and commercial groups are issuing propaganda and supplying information on behalf of foreign principals both in Formosa and on the Chinese mainland.

At the same time, other persons and groups are promoting trade and undertaking business transactions for Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government. Representatives of most of these trade interests deny engaging in any political activity.

INTEREST MOUNTS
Every agency is working against a backdrop of increasing congressional interest in America's China policy.

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McCarthy Sees Democratic Win In November Elections

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON
SEN. JOSEPH R. McCarthy is banking this fall on a hunch that the Democrats will win. Sources friendly to him describe this as the meaning of his decision to efface himself from the campaign, keeping only one political engagement already made. From the point of view of his personal survival, this story makes sense. No matter what McCarthy does at this point, even if the Republicans pull ahead, he can hardly claim that he won control of a Congress for them as he claimed in 1952.

GOP FILE DRIVER
Vice President Nixon is already identified as the pile driver of the GOP campaign and President Eisenhower is about to move in front of them. McCarthy is the only one left who can claim that he will get the credit if the final returns favor the administration. McCarthy cannot change this now.

But he is also quite shrewd enough to know that if the Republicans lose, the President and Vice President will get the blame—provided that he doesn't move in and share it with them. This he has apparently decided not to risk.

His friends think it would be a real risk for him to move in as a potential whipping boy. In fact, they quote him as predicting privately that the Democrats will win. Whether or not he has done so, the timing and circumstances of his campaign withdrawal announcement are interesting.

It came on Thursday—two days after the Maine election and the primary in his own state of Wisconsin. The Maine upset—a Democrat elected governor and a decline in the retiring senator's strength of the entire congressional delegation—has been well publicized.

But the Democratic surge in Wisconsin was not so definitive but in their considered analyses, the state's experts are forecasting "another Maine" in November.

McCarthy's committee—provided it is not a "phantom" committee—would be a good excuse for him to stay out of the campaign. He could avoid the "another Maine" in November.

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