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Heart & United Appeal: A Partnership

CHARLOTTE'S United Appeal likes to think of itself as a "big package"—full of vital services to the people, packed by many hands, secured by the strong cords of a common humanity.

There is grave danger today that this big package will be lightened.

Directors of North Carolina Heart Association have ruled that all local heart chapters must drop out of United Fund or Community Chest organizations and stage their own independent campaigns for contributions.

The heart association's chapter here has been an important part of the United Appeal package in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. It belongs there. A parting of the ways now would serve no good purpose.

The chapter's president, Dr. Allyn B. Choute, obviously does not wish to sever relations with UA. He told this News yesterday:

I am happy with United Appeal and our relations with them have been very cordial. It is a shame to drop out and put on our own campaign when it is not necessary.

The local heart association chapter has good reason to appreciate the United Appeal. According to UA officials, the chapter received \$46,000 each of the past two years while it raised only \$34,000 each of the two previous years.

But the top echelon of many a national health organization use the United Fund system of allotments as a double-edged sword. With it come supervised budgeting and possible control by local people, they point out.

This is perfectly true. United Fund organizations are carefully designed locally to distribute funds fairly and in accordance with need. They do not permit causes with strong emotional appeals to exploit their strength out of proportion to their need. Federated fund-raising is, properly, a system of home rule. And it is a way all citizens of a community can be sure that they are doing their fair share when they make one adequate gift annually.

Local chapters of many health organizations are naturally reluctant to run the risk of losing their charters. They wish to maintain their affiliation with national headquarters for, in this way, they may contribute to national research programs.

In an attempt to answer this challenge, 25 representatives of United Fund and Community Chest organizations from various Tar Heel communities met in Durham May 22 and formed the National Medical Research Foundation of North Carolina. Its purpose is to "formulate a research program for polio, tuberculosis, heart disease, cancer, diseases which cripple children and adults and other diseases and to receive and disburse monies for these purposes." Thus, an important contribution to research can be made independent of established national agencies.

The best interests of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will be served if the local heart chapter remains in the UA package. We hope that its board of directors will decide to do just that and can convince state headquarters of the soundness of its decision.

The Price Of Honor Has Gone Up

LIKE all kidnappers, Red China wants tribute.

Her announced decision to release four American fliers held on trumped-up charges signifies nothing more than a wish to gain by propaganda and diplomatic trickery what she has not been able to achieve by threats and force.

She expects to be and doubtless will be praised by other nations for moving to "reduce tensions," a phrase suggesting a certain benevolence of character that Red China does not have. The phrase already has been sounded by India's Krishna Menon and it will be echoed from capital to capital.

No matter how high diplomats build their mountains of hypocrisy, the fact will remain that China created the tensions she is now "reducing." Imprisonment of the fliers was nothing less than international gangsterism and their release cannot revert the crime.

But Chou will portray himself as a man of peace and expect his tributes—admi-

sion to the UN, concessions on the Formosa issue or whatever advantage he can gain from the cruel hoax in which the fliers and other Americans still imprisoned are used as pawns on the diplomatic chessboard.

That this strategy at the peak of its power had to play the deceitful game and thus compromise its honor is an agonizing fact. It has had to send wheedling emissaries to the kidnappers because at the peril of war it could not enforce rightful demands that the prisoners be freed forthwith.

As a fledgling nation, the U. S. defied the Barbary pirates, won the freedom of captive Americans and saved its honor. But as the leader of the world, with its peace resting on our patience, the nation must bargain for a few lives in order to save them and the many.

The price of honor has gone up. And the nation must feel a sense of shame mixed with its happiness that the airmen are to be released.

The Refugee Act: A False Image

The burning rush that rest of the world once had on America has steadily waned in the last two decades, and all its millions in foreign aid has not done a whit to replace that affection.

Its pocketbook pinching, and its pride hurt, the nation goes through periodic tantrums about cutting off the money and military support until it realizes it might be loved even less abroad if it did.

One big reason our prestige has waned is that while the nation has been liberal with its money it has appeared to be less willing to share something much more precious—its institutions, its land, its heritage—in short, itself.

Harsh immigration restrictions have been applied by the Congress, although both parties pledged themselves to liberalize them. The small quota set have not been filled and thousands of men and women devoted enough to freedom to escape Iron Curtain countries now languish in filthy refugee camps, all the while begging admission to the U. S.

In these camps all over Europe, the light and the promise of the Statue of

Liberty have flickered low. And so has the respect for the land that lies behind the Statue.

President Eisenhower now proposes amendments to the Refugee Act of 1953, not to open our immigration doors wider than the act contemplated, but to assure admission of the small quota set in the act. Bound up in red tape and harassing investigative requirements, the act now is barely functioning at all.

Under the 1953 statute, 209,000 refugees were to be admitted by Dec. 31, 1956. So far, only 21,360 persons have reached this country and only 3,313 of these are classified as "refugees." Clearly, something has to be done to make the act workable. The Congress should act favorably and quickly on the amendments.

Many refugees who risked their own lives and those of their families to escape Communist tyranny have decided to live in the refugee camps rather than comply with the nagging, embarrassing requirements of the law.

The image of America is reflected in this program. It is not a true image. It should be corrected.

Party Unity In 1955: More Showdowns In The House

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON
Despite a late-May flurry of party show-downs in the Senate, House Democrats and Republicans have gone to the mat almost twice as often as their upper chamber colleagues. Part is, Party-Unity voting has declined sharply in the Senate in 1955, while partisan contests are more frequent in the House of Representatives than they've been for some time.

BREAKDOWN

A Congressional Quarterly survey of Party-Unity roll-call voting shows that a majority of Democrats opposed a majority of Republicans on a mere dozen of the Senate's 41 roll calls taken through May 25. By contrast, almost half—49 per cent—of the Senate's 270 roll calls during the last Congress, 1953-54, found the party majorities in disagreement. In the 1953-54 Congress, 1951-52, the two parties opposed one another on more than 60 per cent of the 331 vote-and-may roll calls taken in the Senate.

In the House, Democratic and Republican majorities have crossed votes on 19 of 34 roll calls through May 24, or 56 per cent of the time. This compares with a House percentage of only 38 for party-against-party roll calls in 1954, or 45 per cent for the 147 House roll calls in the entire 83rd Congress.

Commentators, political specialists who study Congress, and some members have said that Democrats are "breaking down."

Sen. Kerr Scott (R., Tex.) has pressed hard for Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D., Tex.) to end the writing of a Democratic record through opposition to key parts of the Eisenhower administration program. Whether or not they are correct, the Democrats have enjoyed a better win-



ning percentage on Party-Unity roll calls in the House than in the Senate.

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to obtain the two-thirds margin necessary to override a presidential veto. That vote, incidentally, was Congress' first attempt to overrule President Eisenhower this year, came on his veto of the 830 per cent postal pay raise bill.

CLOSE SCORES
While each party has pointed to defections in the other's ranks, congressional Democrats and Republicans this year came out in similar over-all Party-Unity Scores.

Combined House-Senate figures gave the party of Rayburn and Johnson a Party-Unity score of 73.7 per cent. The comparable figure for the GOP under the leadership of Sen. William F. Knowland (Calif.) and Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.) was 72.2 per cent.

DEFLECTION
In Opposition-Party voting, which measures defections from the party majority, Democrats registered 19 per cent to the GOP's 18 per cent.

Geographic differences stand out. In the House, southern Democrats led in Opposition-Party votes, with 27 per cent of the total. The lowest Opposition-Party percentage came from midwestern Democrats—6 per cent. Among GOP senators, westerners scored 85 per cent in Party-Unity

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