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## UN Should Examine But Not Judge

That the United Nations should be concerned with what is now occurring in the Middle East is natural and imperative, for it truly affects world peace and security. But the problem is not merely to judge Israel alone. Indeed this was not even part of the problem.

What has to be done by the United Nations is to examine the entire question of Israel-Arab relations. Unfortunately, our government, which initiated action through the United Nations, distorted the real issues and gave the people the general impression that the Israeli move was all that needed to be discussed.

Such a superficial approach completely clouds the basic issues at stake and this in turn precludes an equitable solution which would establish peace and justice among the countries of the middle east. How can one explain the United States attitude? Certainly it cannot be due to a lack of information as to what has been occurring in the Middle East over these past years.

The papers have been replete with the stories of Arab incursions into Israel. Nasser himself has shown no inhibition in his public statements denouncing Israel as an interloper. On one occasion, Nasser bluntly told the world that "the only solution is Israel's disappearance."

Why did our state department continue to send millions of dollars worth of strategic material to Egypt in the face of the brutal declaration of "eternal war against Israel?" Was this policy dictated on the hope that appeasement would mollify the Egyptian dictator's predatory designs? Certainly the history of Hitler and his blunt warnings in "Mein Kampf" should have dispelled all illusions on that score. Yet these portentous signs were ignored and for that we are now confronted by a situation whereby we are sitting at the same table with Soviet Russia and casting our vote against our most reliable friends.

Surely the American people—and the world—deserve a better fate.

## New Congress But Old Faces

When the Eighty-fifth Congress meets on January 3, the House of Representatives will be firmly in Democratic control, and the Senate somewhat less firmly. Though some of the faces will be different, the line-up in the new Senate will be the same as in the previous one: 49 Democrats to 47 Republicans. One Democratic and one Republican Senator-elect—Lausche of Ohio and Javits of New York, respectively—have indicated that they will not take their seats until several days after the opening session.

Senator Price Daniel of Texas, who is Governor-elect of that state and who will relinquish his seat to an, as yet, unknown successor before January 15, says he will "naturally" be on hand to vote with the Democrats on organization of the Senate, which seems to resolve any glimmering doubts that may have arisen on this important matter. This "matter" is primarily important because the powerful committee chairmanships in both houses traditionally go to the majority party's senior members on each committee. This means, of course, that when the Democrats are in control, the perennially re-elected members from one-party Southern states obtain a disproportionate share of the chairmanships.

In the Senate, for example, fifteen standing committees will have Southern senior Democratic members; in the House the count is twelve out of nineteen. When the G. O. P. is in control, some equally deeply entrenched and often equally reactionary Republicans assume the chairmanships. Sooner or later a revolt against this rigid and unintelligent system will come from within the Congress; and this might be an ideal time to begin it.

In the new Congress some interesting and familiar personalities will be missing. In addition to changes we commented upon on November 7, it now appears that the assistant Democratic leader of the Senate, Earle C. Clements of Kentucky, has bitten the electoral dust. In the House the strident voice of Representative Dewey Short will not be heard, as this veteran narrowly failed in his bid for a thirteenth term. Republican Representative Harris Ellsworth, co-sponsor of a timber-exchange bill that has been bitterly attacked as a blatant "giveaway," was defeated in Orgeon as he sought his seventh term. But the new Congress will on the whole look not too different from the old one. How differently it will act remains to be seen.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Students,

I know you couldn't possibly have missed Pearson's canteen party on Sunday, October 28, but in the event that you did, I will brief you on a few of the highlights.

The party was made possible through the courtesy of the Durham Dairies, Sears Roebuck and Company, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Strietman's Bisquit Company and the Melody Music Shop. And, of course, Mr. Norwood Pearson was there as the official host, along with Mrs. Cleora Handy, Misses Shirley James and Henrietta Pearson, who served as hostesses.

Among the guests were Oscar Best, Freddie Gibson, Darrell Turner and Mrs. B. S. Currie, in whose honor the party was given in celebration of her birthday. The NCC student body was well represented.

The tables were beautifully decorated with an assortment of candies, cookies and peanuts, cokes, orange juice and ice cream. Souvenirs of pencils and cigarettes were given to everyone present.

The party lasted from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., and everybody had a swell time. Too bad you missed it, because you really missed the treat of your life--no kidding!

So long,  
J. Andrew Evans

Dear Editor:

The number of auto owners on the NCC campus had increased greatly since 1953. I am inclined to believe that an auto is included in the expenditure of each college boy. However, my total interest is not the number of auto owners, but where and how these auto owners park their cars.

It has been my understanding that sidewalks were constructed for pedestrians to walk upon and not for the parking of cars. However, this idea has been reversed here on campus. On rainy days the cars are parked on the sidewalks and the students walk in the mud. I realize that the car owners are trying to protect his "white sidewalls," but what about the students and their slippers?

Yours truly,  
Bettie W. Patterson

Dear Editor:

In all fairness to the fellows of Chidley Hall, I sincerely believe that more interest could be aroused among the female population in helping to support the programs and activities given by the men of Chidley Hall.

A forum is usually held every third Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the main social room of the men's dormitory. The Forum Committee, headed by Mr. James Kibler, III, invites distinguished guests to lead these discussions, which usually center around topics on everyday living.

The fellows would certainly appreciate the presence of the young ladies.

Theodore L. Pickett

## Read Your Bible

DECEMBER

- 1..... Isaiah 55:1-13
- 2 Advent ..... Luke 6:20-49
- 3..... John 1:1-28
- 4..... John 1:29-51
- 5..... John 3:1-36
- 6..... John 4:1-38
- 7..... John 15:1-27
- 8..... John 17:1-26
- 9 Universal
- Bible Sunday ..... Luke 8:1-21

## From The President's Desk

By BENJAMIN PAGE

Now that the football season is drawing to a close, President Holland and the student government association are working hard to provide a banquet for NCC athletes — football players in the main — and all NCC students are asked to please give of their time and energy when asked to contribute towards making the total undertaking successful.

This is a comparatively new idea, because, heretofore, city residents have sponsored the banquet for student football players, but it was strongly felt by the student government staff that NCC students owe something to the gridiron stars from within the college community itself.

The SGA tentatively plans a talent program in order to raise funds for the athletic banquet, and the progress of this project is satisfactory at this point.

There has long been a need for

a lounge on the main campus for men students. Realizing this, this year's student government association is also working diligently towards helping to establish this lounge. This will undoubtedly take endless time and re-arranging, but it can, the SGA believes, be accomplished.

The Student Government wishes to take this opportunity to wish for all NCC students a very enjoyable Thanksgiving. Since our annual game between A&T College (Greensboro) is being held at O'Kelly field this year, it will prove to be quite an event for NCC. All students are urged by the SGA to go to the game and cheer enthusiastically for NCC's Eagles.

Charles Holland also emphasizes that the student government is still a student organization, functioning as a student group; and that it cannot exist without wholehearted support from the student body at large.

### Book Review

## War Novel Has Setting In Russia

By ANDRESS TAYLOR

WAR AND PEACE

By LYOF TOLSTOY

After reading WAR AND PEACE, Count Lyof Tolstoy's great Russian novel, perhaps the next hardest thing to do with it is to write about it. There is a little of everything in the book, but all of it is grand and magnificent.

The time and the setting of the novel assure it of an abundance of princes, heroes, and adventure. WAR AND PEACE begins with the battle of Austerlitz and takes the reader safely through the remainder of the Napoleonic War.

It is difficult to say who the main character in the book is — emperors, kings, generals and aristocrats abound. The story apparently

centers around three families — the Bezukhoi, the Bolkonsky and the Rostof—their friends and their relation to the great events that are taking place.



Throughout the book, however, the historical events form something of a leitmotiv for action of the individuals.

Nikolas Rostof and Andre Bolkonsky are directly caught up in events; both go to the army, the latter is killed during the invasion of 1812.

As always, in events large or small, love plays its part; it does so here. In fact, there are so many love affairs in the book that the title might well have been Love and War, not that the two necessarily go together.

Pieree Bezukhoi, the young Italianate noble, inherits a fortune, marries an unfaithful wife, lapses into mysticism and finally marries the beautiful, nymph-like Natasha Rostova, while Napoleon rises and falls. Natasha, before her marriage, had love affairs with Anatol Kuragina, Boris Drubetskoi and Andre Bolkonsky. Nikolas Rostof breaks his troth to Sonya—and her heart, too—in order to marry Mariya Bolkon-

skaya, Andre's sister.

While love affairs against a background of war may seem to be the usual stuff of historical novel, in War and Peace they are cast in a grander mold. Individuals and events are so inextricably bound together that the history in the book becomes the day-to-day happenings in the lives of characters.

Tolstoy is gradual in his approach to an important event; he binds his characters to it securely and then proceeds. The climax of the book is Napoleon's invasion of and retreat from Russia.

General Kutuzof, the Russian commander, over the protests of Tzar Alexander and his staff does not engage Napoleon but retreats slowly, luring him deeper into Russia so that Generals Winter and Snow may finish what his army cannot.

When he is finally forced to accept battle by the Emperor, half of the army is destroyed. As a last desperate stratagem, General Kutuzof retreats beyond Moscow, leaving the capital to the enemy in hopes that the prize will keep Napoleon in Russia long enough for winter to catch him.

Practically the entire population of Moscow elucuates the city leaving it to the plunderers who unwittingly set fire to it. Napoleon captures a burned out city. He sits for a few weeks puzzling over the conduct of Russian high command and then orders his army to retreat.

The angry country-side rises up and falls on the French army; soon the retreat becomes a mad scramble. Emperor Alexander orders General Kutuzof to fight, but his army cannot catch the French; besides, the peasant bands are doing more damage to Napoleon's army than any pitched battle possibly could: the old commander realizes this, but the Tzar and his staff think that he is afraid. He is removed from command when the French are finally driven out.

Pieree is jolted out of his mysticism by the invasion; (Continued on page 12)