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National **Education Week**

National Education Week will be observed in the United States from November 11 through November 17th. The week's observance is sponsored by the National Education Association, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the American Legion.

We realize that there are too many "weeks" observed in the United States. In fact, if you look into it, you will find that every week in the year is taken by one or more organization, or industry, as "National-so-and-so Week."

Perhaps the observance of no special week is more important than the observance of National the observance is to acquaint Americans with the problems and progress and facilities of educating

quainted with the facilities they tory. are providing the young people in their community-facilities which the Soviet threat to England and will be translated into the tools citizens of tomorrow will use in

Is Russia Bluffing?

the U.S.S.R. in recent days-in ef- into the Suez Canal zone. fect threatening Great Britain and considered as a bluff on the part tion, such as England, and the Rus-

is headed for World War III. We do not believe the Bussians are resdy to plunge the world into another all-out war for several ren-

First, the Communist empire i having its troubles. While some say that this could make the men in the Kremlin desperate, and lead them to take steps towards war as a means of rallying people behind them, this does not take into consideration the fact that the Russians would obviously be starting the war themselves, if they sent troops all the way to Egypt. The Russian people would even sense this fact.

Second, the Russians would have to become involved with the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance countries, and fight them all, if she were to send troops to Egypt. She has no way to get her troops to Egypt unless she would go through the Eastern Mediterranean, Turkey or Greece, or perhaps Iran-through which facilities are not good. Moreover, she would face the task delegation. of getting them across the Red Sea, or the Suez Canal, to the Egyptians, which territory the British would control by the time Nations was being formed, ha any Russian forces of size reached the area.

Thirdly, the history of Communism shows that the Russians do not precipitate a world war-or any major war-which they are not certain they can easily win. If they were to plunge the world into war at this point over Egypt, they would be fighting a war over the Education Week. The purpose of Suez Canal issue, and it should be remembered that the British had troops in the Suez Canal zone until a few months ago, and if they are reestablished there, that only In most areas of the country, amounts to continuation of the parents will be invited to visit the status quo, as of a few months ago. schools. We urge all parents to So the Russian war would be startdo so, since the schools in the com- ed over a very questionable issue, munity are an investment in the and would run counter to all Comfature, and citizens should be ac- munist political and diplomatic his-

, For these reasons, and others, France must be considered bluff. As a bluff, it was a dismal failure running the world we leave them. in England, at least, since it was rallied support behind Anthony Eden, who was having tremendous difficulties at home in gain-The strong diplomatic action of ing support for forceful re-entry

There is nothing like a blunder-France if they continue to exert ing threat from the Russian Bear force against Egypt—can only be to bristle up a quiet, reserved na-

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sian threat created more support helified Anthony Eden than any-thing any Englishman, American or tively ineffective in a quick-moving through with their threat, the world Frenchman could have said or

Of The U. N.

The United States' resolution, calling for a cease-fire in the war between Israel and Egypt, and its veto-on the part of Britain and France-proves again the impotence of the United Nations.

For the first time in UN history, the United States split with its British and French allies on a French delegates wielded the veto, preserve peace in the world. and it was the first time Britain has used the veto since she joined the United Nations.

Russia-in a strange role-voted with the United States in favor of speech. the cease-fire resolution, Russia has used the veto many times, but in this case it was the British-French veto which ruined the effectiveness of the approach being attempted by the United States UN

All of which proves that the veto power, granted after it was demanded by Russia when the United

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crisis.

The spectacle of the United Nations attempting to go into action to prevent war, or to head off a greater one, and of one of its mem-bers on the Security Council veto-ing its actions and rendering it practically helpless at the peak of a crisis, is a particularly sour note. Either the rules of procedure in the United Nations must be cha ed, or it is doomed to a fate similar to that of the League of Netions. Even though it may do good work in many fields, unless its parmajor crisis. The British and will never be able to effectively

> Gratitude is much more than verbal expression of thanks. Ac tion expresses more gratitude than





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Memory Selection: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst af-ter rightsousness, for they shall be Matthew 5:6.

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:1-12,

As the reader probably knows, three chapters in Matthew's Gospel, in the form of a sermon by Jesus, make up what we know as the Ser mon on the Mount. Our lesson for this week is taken from a portion of that memorable sermon.

While it is possible that this sermon may have been delivered all at one time, the probability is that the author of Matthew's gospel collected extracts from numerous discourses, using them to make more complete the sermon delivered by Jesus to the twelve disciples, imnediately after he had selected

Luke, in the sixth chapter, of his gospel, reports a sermon of about thirty verses, against the one hundred and seven of Matthew. However, in other parts of Luke's gospel there are about thirty-four other verses corresponding very closely to utterances placed by Matthew in the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew gives this sermon prominence at the beginning of his account of the Galilean ministry, and it faithfully summarizes the teachings of the Master at this time. The impression of the sermon has been profound, and has greatly influenced the conduct of men of all ages. In it are to be found the principles of much wise legislation and the foundation for the rights of man.

St. Augustine, in the fourth century, gave it its name. Other writers have called it the Magna Charts of the Kingdom of God, Certainly, it is a beautiful statement. in simple language, of the princi-ples which were being actually lived and advocated by Jesus himself. We are not surprised that, according to Luke, Jesus spent the preceding night in prayer before he delivered this great address.

The sermon opens with a state-ment of those spiritual principles, so difficulty understood by a material and practical world. If verses 10, 11 and 12 are counted as three, there are ten Beatitudes. Luke in his gospel only has four. The first, fourth, second and eighth in order, followed by four woes to those who seek to receive their consolation in this earthly life.

The spiritual truths contained in the beatitudes were entirely in opposition to the ruling philosophies of Jesus day. Even yet, the spirit-ual development of man has not yet reached the state where they are generaly accepted by the majority of the people. In all ages, man has sought his happiness. Some have mistaken transient blessedness for permanent happiness and contentent. Naturally, each man's idea of happiness depends upon his de-sires and ambitions.

Jesus is setting forth, in thes strange verses, a formula for eternal contentment and happiness, not particularly for happiness on this earth. He teaches that happiness is not dependent upon circumstanc-es, but upon the individual's rela-tionship to God—it is an inward call unaffected by exterior sur-

The Italian Papini, in his life of Christ, says there are three races. The first was that of the animal without law, and its name was War; the second was Barbarians amed by Law, whose highest perfection was Justice. This is the race now living, and Justice has not yet conquered War, and Law has not yet supplanted animalty. The third is to be the race of real men, not only upright but holy, not like beasts, but like God."

We would urge our readers to turn to Matthew's gospel and go through the fifth chapter. After the beatitudes, Jesus discusses the influence of his disciples in the world. Then he shows the relahip between his doctrines and of the Mosaic Law, illu the advances made in the mat er of anger, impurity, profamity nd the treatment of enemies. In he last section occurs his injunc-ion to "love your enemies." Hu-nan nature still has much of the nitive and imperfect to over

In our search for "happiness" blessedness" in this life, and he life to come, it is well for Continued on Page Five



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