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FREE WORLD PRESS GAINING IN FAVOR

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—The principle of world freedom of news exchange probably will be endorsed by the United Nations San Francisco, and, going beyond lip service, there appears strong likelihood that the nations formally will give their proposed world security organization the job of doing something about it.

The way was paved by a strong declaration of principle by the American nations at Mexico City last month. What happened there, directly under the leadership of United States Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., marks the high spot thus far in an American campaign in behalf of an American idea and ideal.

The chances now are that the statesmen convening at San Francisco April 25 not only will endorse the principle, but will assign the job of promoting world news freedom to the economic and social council of the world organization. State Department advisors to the American delegation regard the council as the place to fix responsibility for developing a worldwide free exchange of information as an essential step in preparing future peace.

Secretary Stettinius has said he "earnestly hopes" the general subject may be acted upon favorably at San Francisco, after the "long step" at Mexico City, where he and Assistant Secretary Nelson A. Rockefeller, achieved the first formal international acceptance of this principle.

That acceptance was a unanimous declaration by the inter-American conference of foreign ministers calling for the tearing down of all artificial barriers of censorship and government control. It enunciated this principle:

"Freedom of communication of thought, oral as well as written, is the essential condition to the development of a watchful public opinion throughout the world to guard against any attempt of aggression."

In this campaign, men have forgotten all differences, political and otherwise. It is a campaign started and built up and kept going with many ends in view, and all good. Chief of these, simply stated, is as follows:

"In the next post-war era a free press and freedom of international news exchange everywhere must be guaranteed. There can be no permanent peace unless men of all lands can have truthful, unbiased news of each other which shall be freely available at the source to all who seek it there, wherever that may be."

This particular summation is from Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, but the same thoughts have been expressed by many.

In any event, the concept snubbed at Versailles (Cooper tried unsuccessfully to get it considered in the last peace) has proponents by legion today. The most spectacular phase of the current U. S. efforts finds three American newspapermen flying around the world seeking support in the drive to bring home the importance of the subject to heads of state everywhere. These men are Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution; Dean Carl Ackerman of Columbia University; and Wilbur Forrest of the New York Herald-Tribune, a committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Of course, the United Nations conference at San Francisco is not going to write a peace treaty. The conference has been called to form a world organization aimed at preserving future peace. The peace conference, at which the victor nations will deal with the vanquished, probably will not come until long after San Francisco.

What is hoped for at San Francisco, by newspaper and radio men as well as by U. S. government officials, is progress toward inter-national guarantees.

Interracial Meeting Scheduled April 3

The Wilmington Presbyterian auxiliary, jointly with the Woman's auxiliary of the Chestnut Presbyterian church, has arranged a special interracial meeting for Tuesday, April 3, at 8 p. m.

Speakers here for the Presbyterian meeting will take part. Mrs. George Baucom, Jr., of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Synodical; Mrs. J. W. McQueen, Bible teacher from the Committee of Woman's Work of the General Assembly, and Miss Mary Crawford, recently returned on furlough from the Congo Presbyterian mission, are on the program.

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DOG NOTES
by PETER BOGGS

THE MYSTERIOUS STEAK DOG

I wanted to use names in reporting this incident, but in checking the facts I gave my word that I wouldn't and for obvious reasons. Four months ago on the outskirts of Jacksonville, Florida, a dog arrived at his master's house with a package in his mouth. On opening the package the dog's owner discovered a large, choice cut of sirloin steak. It was thought that the dog had taken it from a grocery box on someone's back porch. A half-hearted effort was made to locate the rightful owner of the meat but it finally ended up on the stove of the dog's owner and as a meal for the family.

The next day the same thing happened and the next and the next. Each day with the exception of Sunday the dog arrived home bearing a wrapped package containing a choice cut of beef. The owners of the dog ate the steak and asked few questions. It wasn't until they and their neighbors had had their fill that the question of where the dog was getting the steaks became important. That question wasn't hard to answer after the dog was trailed to a butcher shop a few blocks away.

It seems that the proprietor was a rather superstitious sort of person. The day his son left for overseas duty he decided to give the next person who walked in a choice steak and to give this same person one every day if he wished it. The butcher had a feeling that as long as he kept this up nothing would happen to his son. It was the dog who trotted in next when the butcher decided on this plan. The dog was given the meat. The animal received so much praise the first few times on bringing the steak home that he kept going back daily. As this is written the dog is still getting meat daily. The son of the butcher is still in good health and safe in Germany and the butcher is happy.

YOUR DOG IN APRIL

April is a month of much importance, one way or another, to your dog. The bitter winter is about ended, and this means for your dog the same general readjustment that the human system undergoes in early Spring. It means also that sticky mud gets on his chest and underbody and, if left undried, may lead to a bad cold. Moreover, it turns the straw bed in his kennel into sodden muck.

If he is a fairly large outdoor dog, that winter straw or hay bed of his may be cleaned out of his kennel toward the latter part of the month, and he may sleep on the kennel's dry and clean floorboards until late next Fall. Until the frost and the early April dampness are entirely out of the earth, don't encourage him to lie too long on the ground.

As with his human owners, somewhat less food and somewhat less heating articles of diet will benefit him. Let him have access to the new Spring grass wherever you can find a patch of it that has sprouted. This is especially good for him after the long grassless winter.

Under right conditions Spring is a tonic for your dog, just as it is for you. Give him its benefits.

HOW TO GIVE A DOG A BATH

Now that warmer weather is arriving, the thought of giving the family dog a bath is emerging in many households. It is strange how many people don't know how to bathe their dogs properly. Often they fail to get him thoroughly clean and sometimes he catches a bad cold while drying.

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You should partly fill a tub with lukewarm water and soap-suds. Before lifting the dog into the tub, rub a good thick ring of half-dry soap collar - like around his neck. This will keep any fleas from swarming upward from his drenched body and taking refuge on his head or in his furry ears.

After placing him in the tub, douse him all over with water, taking care not to get any in his eyes or nose. Make the dog lie down in the water, keeping his head above it while you scrub him vigorously. Next, stand him up and lather him again. When this is done, make him lie down once more while you rinse him with the soapy water. Then empty the tub and pour plenty of clean water over the dog, scrubbing him hard and removing all the soap around his neck.

Be sure all the soap is off before rubbing him dry with a rough towel or two, and take particular care that his chest and stomach are well dried. A dog's head should be washed separately with a damp cloth. He should be kept indoors until he is thoroughly dry, and never let him stand or lie down outdoors for at least two hours after he has had a bath. Pick a warm sunny day when you decide to give your dog a bath.

THE FIRST GRASS

As spring arrives, green grass is already beginning to sprout in sheltered places. Those of you who live in the suburbs and those of you whose city dogs are taken

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for a needed run in the woods and fields every now and then, be on the lookout for these first blades of grass and let your dog have free access to them.

Grass is a splendid tonic and conditioner for dogs at all times of the year but, most of all, they need it at the end of a long and grassless winter. Don't pick it for them. The average dog won't chew any grass he himself has not picked and even then there are only certain kinds he will eat. Let him do his own selecting of the grass that he knows by instinct is best for him.

THE QUESTION BOX

Question: If a dog seems in good health, but at times cries out in his sleep should he be taken to a vet?—D. T.

Answer: It is a good idea to take any dog to a veterinarian at least once a year for checkup.

Question: Are carrots and boiled onions good for a dog? My dog seems to like them.—R. W. C.

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Loans and Discounts	983,111.40
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	\$114,402.55
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Other Real Estate	None
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