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**VOTE FOR Grayden M. Paul FOR N. C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Those Who Adversely Criticise UN Do Not Know Whereof They Speak**

By MRS. G. T. SPIVEY

(This is the second and last installment on Mrs. Spivey's United Nations report. She was the Carteret County Home Demonstration Club delegate on a tour to New York this month. The first installment was published Tuesday.)

Through the months to come you may hear many critics speak of the UN, and I would like to tell you the difference in them, and help you know the right ones to listen to. The sincere critic will want to see that the UN is improved, not destroyed.

If, for instance, he does not like the system of voting which has enabled Russia to veto many measures in the security council, he may recommend that the veto be abolished, but not that the organization be destroyed. As you listen to a dishonest critic, you will find that he will never mention the useful things that the UN has done, that it has ended half dozen conflicts that could have spread to World War III.

Remember some of the headlines of the past few years? "UN Ends Fighting Between Dutch and Indonesians." Our own Dr. Frank Graham told us this story for he was on the spot and knew every detail. "Russian Troops Withdraw After UN Objections;" "UN Cease-Fire Okayed by India and Pakistan;" "UN Helps End Guerilla War in Greece;" "UN Brings Armistice to Jews and Arabs in Palestine."

There are many other things that the dishonest critic will forget to tell you if he is trying to destroy our UN. He will not tell you how famine is being fought by the Food and Agricultural Organization, which is helping hungry countries to grow more food.

He will not tell you that disease is being controlled and epidemics curbed by the World Health Organization, or that poverty is being combated, by sending groups of experts to help poor nations help themselves. He will forget to mention that ignorance is being reduced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Two-thirds of the world's people cannot read or write, and UNESCO is helping them learn. We know that when people are well-fed and healthy, and educated, war breeding tensions are decreased. Meanwhile as folks become more prosperous, they're better customers for industrial nations like the USA.

Cost is Little Perhaps you feel that the cost of all of these services to the people of our world is too great a sacrifice for you to pay, but do you know what it costs you? The amount is almost unbelievable. It is 16 cents per year, per U.S. citizen, less than one-third what World War II cost us for one day. This is for the regular program and its agencies for the UN. Contrast this with our military budget for the same period, almost \$400 per person.

The UN is a place to help people talk out their problems, not shoot them out. Life means shelter, food, health, warmth. Man's eternal enemies, common to all races are still with us. What does a farmer feel when he sees his land blown away by the wind? What does a mother feel when she knows her child will die? What does a man feel when he has no home? What does a young nation feel when it does not have the things to make it live?

It is to solve these problems through constructive international cooperation, that the charter declares the United Nations shall promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Two-thirds of the people in the world live in want, most of them do not have enough to eat. We see that even when there is knowledge and skill, nations lack the means to develop their resources; that rich countries become richer and the poor comparatively poorer. From situations like this comes fear, from fear, despair, from despair, war.

In the UN, you can see that one man's prosperity depends upon his neighbor's well-being. You can see that we must unite to help our-

selves and that, if we do, man for the first time, has the knowledge to defeat these enemies.

**Life is Spirit**

Life is more than food and warmth. Life is spirit; free thought and opinion, free assembly, a fair trial. The struggle for freedom is as old as man. It never ends because it is a part of man's struggle.

Today other rights have been recognized, the right to work, education, health — all those rights necessary to give meaning to man's freedom. This is the goal toward which men must always strive.

Some critics will tell you that the UN does not name God in its charter, and does not open its meetings in prayer, and is therefore, atheist. When you hear this, you might think of the Constitution of the United States — it does not name God either but that does not make the United States atheist.

The United Nations General Assembly opens its meeting with a moment of silence, so that each delegate may offer silently his own prayer. A prayer room for delegates and employees is open at all times for meditation and prayer. The UN charter expresses the hopes and aspirations of religious and peace-loving people throughout the world. It is a document consistent with the beliefs common to the major religious groups of this country.

I did not see the wall on which was inscribed Isaiah 2:24, but one of the other club members told me about it. She said it read, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

**Impressive Sight**

One of the most impressive sight in the whole UN to me was the Meditation Room. On the wall not far from its door is a plaque which reads, "In memory of Count Folke Bernadote of Sweden, a disciple of peace, a great internationalist and humanitarian, a devoted and courageous servant of the UN." He was assassinated in Jerusalem while serving the UN and the cause of peace in Palestine.

This room is very plain with only a growing plant in its center. There are about 30 seats in this prayer room. Prayer is very important to the work that the United Nations is trying to do. It needs your prayers and your hopes, too, for prayer is a dynamic manifestation of love for God's help to man. You can help change the world by your prayers, and your prayerful actions.

As we entered, we signed a book. It asked for our name, address, and our religion. As I looked down the pages to see how many Baptists had been there, I found most any religion. I found that there were many others besides Baptists entering this meditation room in response to the little pamphlet given us called "A Call to Prayer." With this in my hand, I sat there in the cool quiet of that little room and read the prayer given me, but I also prayed it with all my heart. This is the prayer:

"O God, Creator of the Universe, who hast given to man as a home this world of law and order, we ask forgiveness for all we have done to create lawlessness and disorder. Take from us, men and nations, the selfishness and pride that beget strife and stifle love. Rouse us to pray and work for that unity of mankind that rises above all nations to world brotherhood. And, especially we pray for the delegates of the United Nations. Give to these men and women a sense of Thy Providence and a knowledge that the good of all people must come before the good of any single person, race, or nation. Amen."

The United Nations does not provide peace. It cannot in itself offer the essentials of life, or insure human dignity. But it is the expression of man's will to live, and it is the means man has devised to achieve a sane and decent world. Given the faith, the hopes, the prayers and the will, it can make these hopes real.

**People Determine Destiny** But the United Nations is only as strong as its member states to

**Round and Round**

Muskegon, Mich. (AP)—All day, whenever he stopped his gasoline tank truck, driver Frank Kary heard what sounded like a cat, but regular inspectors failed to locate the noise. Back at his terminal, he had the machine jacked up. He found that a very small kitten had been trapped between a dual wheel and the brake drum. It was much bedraggled, but unharmed.

**Hidden Valley Hinders Spanning of Straits**

Mackinaw City, Mich. (AP)—A "hidden valley" which man has never seen is proving the biggest obstacle to one of man's greatest engineering triumphs.

This valley, or channel — well over 250 feet deep in places—made many think for years that construction of a bridge across the Straits of Mackinac was impossible.

The structure is no longer considered impossible but it is taking some of the best engineering minds in the country to conquer the channel in the bottom of the strait and gain a "toehold" on either side of it for the supporting piers of the 100 million dollar span.

would tell you exactly how much I appreciate the Carteret County Home Demonstration Clubs sending me on this trip. It was the opportunity of my lifetime, the experience couldn't be bought for gold, so I will just have to let it go by just saying "Thanks" to all of you.

unite their efforts. And the member states are only as strong as the will of their people. And the people are you and I — everybody.

The United Nations, was born of man's anguish and longing, and will live through his will and his hope.

On our program which was given us on the bus, Miss Ruth Current writes: "The purpose of this five-day trip to United Nations is to give North Carolina Home Demonstration officers (citizenship, education, and health leaders) an understanding of the opportunities to serve as leaders in a democracy... roles they must assume as leaders in their homes, counties, nation and the world."

We must all work together for peace as we work together in time of war... all organizations, all individuals pulling together as good citizens can, if they have knowledge and understanding, faith, courage and determination.

There is a great need for the United Nations, the need is as real as the yearning in a mother's heart to no longer have to send her son off to be slaughtered on the front lines of a battlefield. I believe that we should learn all we can about it, so that we can understand the great work it is doing.

Most of us remember Korea. In Korea for the first time in history an international body used force in the common interest to mend a breach in the line of peace. It took two years from the start of talks at Panmunjom to reach an armistice. It took seven months more to agree on the time and place for a peace conference. This seems to us like a lot of talking, a lot of expense, a lot of wasted time. But who will measure this time against a third world war?

I hope that this trip will be available to our Home Demonstration Clubs again next year, when the UN will celebrate its 10th anniversary. I trust that every one of you that possibly can, will try to go. It is a worthwhile trip.

As I said in the beginning, I wish that I could really make you see. It is so very important. I wish that I could have been a better representative and could have known shorthand and could have written down all that I was told, then you would really know. The sessions are not closed.

I do not know the words which

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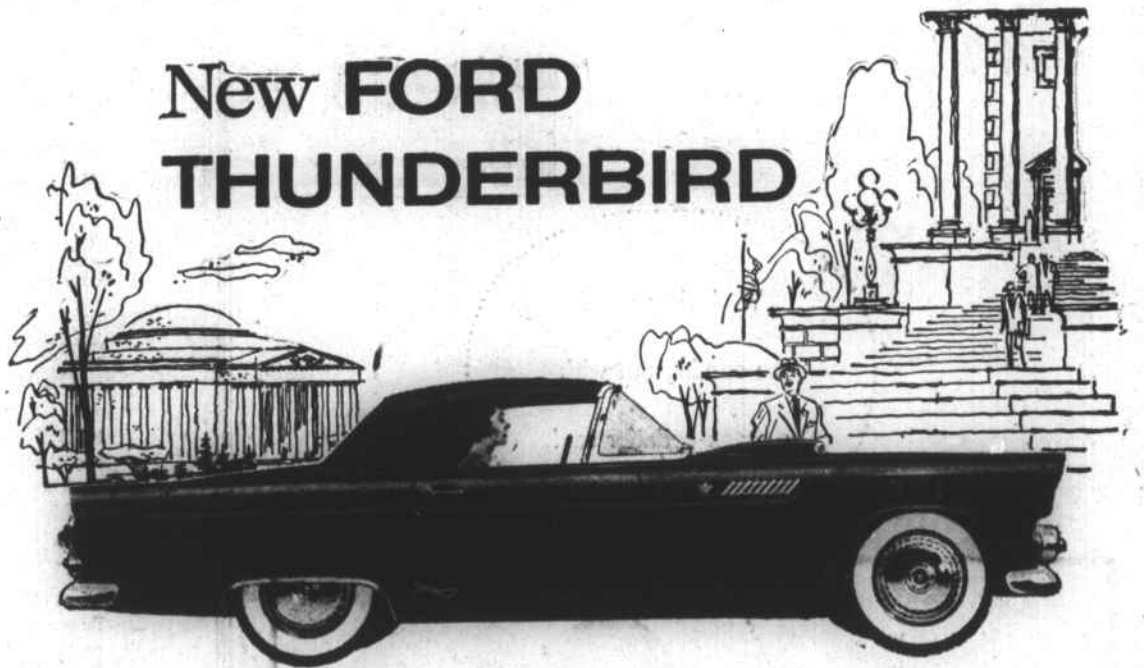


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