



UNITED DEMOCRACIES CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

There is no reason for the American people to be stampeded into any form of world government just because Russia has the atomic bomb. Surely no form or organization, even one including Russia, will restrain the aggressive ambitions of the Kremlin and consequently the keeping of world peace is dependent upon the armed power of those against whom Russia might move.

The United Nations has not been able to weld the nations into a co-operating group largely because of the vetoes that have been used by the Russians and their associated and dominated nations. It might be safe to assume that the Soviet would be no more cooperative in another organization. It is doubtful whether the Russians would join in any association without the veto power or full control.

The proposal that the free nations of the world join together in a federal union seems to be the most logical step on the way to world government. If the democratic peoples will band themselves together they will have the power to protect themselves and to safeguard their heritage of freedom. They possess fundamental liberties and recognize essential rights of the individual. They have something in common to defend.

Peace cannot be obtained through organization. It is the result of a desire for peace and the opportunity that it gives for the development of mankind. Those who want peace must always be ready to defend themselves or they will invite aggressive attacks. No amount of wishful thinking will make others respect us or our wishes and the same principle applies to any organization of free peoples.

SOME TARIFF RATES STILL REMAIN HIGH

Despite the tariff cuts, initiated in an effort to stimulate trade between European countries and the United States, statistics show that in many fields, our tariffs remain very high.

The tariff wall of the United States which, in the field of international commerce, represented something like the Great Wall of China, has been breached, but there are

many instances where existing tariffs make the export of European manufactured goods extremely difficult or next to impossible.

As one reporter summed up the matter, out of fifty-five manufactured items, important in Europe's exports to other nations, Europe supplied only six-tenths of one per cent of the United States market for these items. Ordinarily, the experts argue, this was due to high tariffs in this country.

"ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FOOL THE PUBLIC"

"Another attempt to fool the public" is the opinion of Warren R. Austin, U. S. delegate to the United Nations, of the Russian proposal that the member states submit information on conventional armaments, as well as information on atomic weapons.

Mr. Austin points out that any census of weapons without verification is meaningless. In brief, he intimates that no so-called arms census is worth anything unless the nations of the earth can have confidence in the correctness of the figures.

It is quite plain that the nations do not trust the Russians or believe that a report from Moscow as to the arms, munitions and bombs of Russia, will be worth anything if it is not checked for accuracy by impartial observers. The Russians, on their side, have repeatedly made plain their abhorrence of anything like foreign observers in Russia.

SOVIET MAKING PROPAGANDA FOR PEACE

With the Soviet delegation to the United Nations making propaganda demands for a census of arms, it is well for the American people to understand why the United States does not support such a suggestion.

The United States has insisted, in all its discussion of disarmament, that a census of arms would be meaningless without a full verification of the statistics assembled.

The Russians want a count of atom bombs and a peace pact plan, but the Russians want the arms census to be based upon the reports given by the individual nations. This would be all right if every nation had confidence in all other nations but, in the present condition of world affairs, a spirit of

distrust makes it necessary that the census be verified by the inspection of impartial observers. This the Russians do not want.

So far as a new peace plan is concerned, the position of the United States is that the spirit of peace is more important than a facade of treaties. The Russians suggest a pact between the big five countries but the answer comes from Benjamin C. Cohen, U. S. Delegate, who said that the United States does not "believe in treaties as instruments of propaganda" and is opposed to them when "states render lip-service to important principles instead of accepting safeguards for their observance by easy means of escape and evasion."

The gist of the American position is that it does not rely too strongly upon the words and good faith of the Russians. It would be foolish, in the opinion of this country, for the United States to disarm, or to place reliance for its defense upon treaties of peace unless it knows what are the military preparations of the Soviet Union and can become convinced of the intention of the Communist government to cooperate in the development of a peaceful world.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE NEHRU AND INDIA

The visit of Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, to the United States brings to Washington a man who has little in common with the way of life in this country. He is socialistic and not quite sure that "the imperialistic tendencies" of the United States represent any more international virtue than the policies of Soviet Russia.

Mr. Nehru has spent thirteen years in British jails. He was active in the long effort to get rid of British rule in India and is quite convinced that his country, with its immense population, occupies a position of great strategic value, in the struggle between the Western world and the Communists.

While there is some strength to this belief, it is not likely that India is as important as some observers believe. Certainly, an alliance between India and Soviet Russia would be of tremendous importance to Asia but is too early to conclude that such a step would bring to an end all Western influence and power on that Continent and in the Far East.

After all, India has internal problems which are comparable to those facing the rulers of China. The solution of these problems will not be easier if India is to become an appendage to the Soviet bloc of nations. Nationalism in India, if it develops a move attractive life for the people of India by raising the standard of living, cannot be developed by outside influence. It is a spirit which must be developed inside of India and by the Indian people.

In connection with the relations of this country to India, China and the vast populations of other regions, there is no reason to overlook the tremendous advantages that have accrued to us and the nations that make up what we call Western civilization. It will take the so-called backward nations decades, at least, to get a program of progress initiated and the probability is that it will be centuries before they constitute real power in world affairs. What their ideals and purposes will be is a matter of doubt and, until they are more clearly apparent, there is no reason for Western civilization to shrink from any test that may be ahead.

Hertford Girl Scouts Active In Past Month

The Hertford Girl Scout Troop No. 1 has been quite active in a number of things recently, one of the most interesting was a tour of the U. S. Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City as a part of the project to secure the "Aviation" badge. They were accompanied by their leader, Mrs. James Leete and by Troop Committee Chairman, Mrs. J. H. Towe. The girls found the instruction by Lieut. Alverson most interesting and educational, as it included make, type of plane used for different purposes, equipment, and personnel needed as well as safety rules to be used at an airport, at any time. A blackboard talk was also given clarifying the major factors governing flight.

After the election of the following officers, Mable Martin Whedbee, president; Mary Frances Winslow, secretary; and Margaret Ann Banks, treasurer; at a recent meeting of the troop plans were made for the Halloween Party which was held in the Hertford Girl Scout Troop Room on Friday evening, October 28th. Games, dances and refreshments were enjoyed by the guests of the evening and members of the troop. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Leete, Pete Matthews, Junior Winslow, Corbin Dozier, Eugene White, Billy Chappell, Jack Phillips, Howard Williams and Monroe Hoffer. Girl Scouts who have participated in the above activities are Susanne Towe, Margaret Ann Banks, Audrey Jackson, Katherine Alice Nixon, Sally Overton, Evaanne Owens, Frances Sutton, Shirley Skinner, Katherine Ann Ward, and Mable Martin Whedbee.

True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing. —Humphrey.

TOWN OF HERTFORD

NORTH CAROLINA

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 1949

ASSETS:

Cash on hand and in Bank	\$ 3,738.08
Water and Light accounts receivable	7,475.62
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	947.52
Taxes receivable	\$ 10,637.84
Less—Reserve for loss	8,475.26
	2,162.58
Notes receivable	1,770.70
Government Bonds	10,000.00
Corporation Stock turned in for paving assessment	77.43
Town properties	398,120.96
Total Assets	\$424,292.89

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$ 9,375.79
1949 taxes paid in advance	3,593.12
Consumers' deposits	2,627.16
Bonds outstanding	95,000.00
Bond anticipation notes outstanding	3,300.00
Reserve for deferred collections	1,561.24
Income tax withheld—due to Federal Government	146.50
Total Liabilities	\$115,603.81

SURPLUS:

Excess of current operating assets over current liabilities	\$ 8,868.12
Excess of property values over bonds and notes outstanding	299,820.96
Total Liabilities and Surplus	308,689.08
	\$424,292.89

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Taxes collected, including penalty and interest	\$ 22,688.76
Water and light collections	75,717.11
Ice sold	9,198.24
Privilege taxes and licenses	2,454.17
Beer taxes	1,724.66
Note and interest collected	324.00
Interest on Government Bonds	375.00
Miscellaneous accounts collected	777.15
Sewer and water taps	213.50
Meters and electric material sold	2,169.50
Miscellaneous refunds	979.57
Rent collected	435.00
Cemetery lots sold	975.00
Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes	3,322.00
Miscellaneous receipts	295.54
Parking Meters	2,674.91
Consumer deposits collected	756.50
Total Receipts	\$125,080.61
Balance July 1, 1948	2,907.90
Total Receipts and Balance	\$127,988.51

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries, Mayor, Commissioners, Clerk and Office Assistant	\$ 5,167.86
Office supplies and expense	955.65
Audit, legal and insurance	1,798.14
Street maintenance and lighting	19,053.83
Street improvements	5,061.25
Police and Fire Departments	9,164.47
Light Department expense	43,444.27
Water Department expense	12,010.74
Ice Department expense	8,556.59
Bonds and interest paid	10,463.71
Parking meters	1,334.00
Health Center	1,569.71
Consumer deposits refunded	260.20
Miscellaneous	1,730.01
Water tank improvement	3,680.00
Total Disbursements	124,250.43

BALANCE—CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND JUNE 30, 1949 \$ 3,738.08

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we have made an audit of the books and records of the Town of Hertford covering fiscal year ended June 30, 1949, and have rendered detailed report thereon. We further certify that we prepared the foregoing information from the detailed audit report and books. Therefore, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the above statements correctly set out the financial position of the Town of Hertford at June 30, 1949, as per the books.

Raleigh, N. C.
October 14, 1949.

WILLIAMS & WALL,
By James M. Williams,
Certified Public Accountant.



PITCHING IN MAKES THINGS RIGHT

With Armistice Day just a few days off, Josh Moore and his friends got to talking about patriotism the other day.

"Th' way I see it," Josh said, "is everybody workin' together and not being selfish in his means."

Then Charlie added: "Duty's a good word, too, Josh. There wouldn't be any trouble at all if everybody pitched in with the right amount of interest to make things right."

In this same spirit, the beer industry of our state is working in the great American way to help make North Carolina an even better place in which to live. It realizes that the welfare of our state and nation is dependent, to a large part, on the cooperation of group with group — so, together with the Malt Beverage Division of the North Carolina ABC Board, it is doing its part to further the best interests of our state.

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