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and give us an "international sovereignty" which we do not possess now.

It has been said that enforceable world law is coming, before or after World War III, either by our consent and design, or by force. Must we wait for the imposition of totalitarian world law, or will we act in time to voluntarily establish the kind of world law we and the free people of the world want and need?

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AFA Affairs

Thanks!

AFA's recent letter-appeal to members and friends for additional financial assistance was a success. It is indeed gratifying to be made aware of the fact that our members and friends are not only willing to give of their time and energy to further this timely work, but they are also quick to rally to the financial needs of AFA.

AFA's sole source of income is from the greatly appreciated, unselfish 'investments' of its members, in the form of regular monthly, quarterly and annual contributions. Since AFA literature is usally sold at cost, and other services are provided at no cost, we could not continue our work without your dependable support.

We are not out of the "red" yet, so if you or your friends overlooked the letter-appeal, or just haven't gotten around to making your investment in this much-needed work, please do so now. We really need the money. Thanks!

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—"Success ain't so much holdin' a good hand as in playin' a poor hand well."

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A New Idea!

Would you like to see your community more active in the field of alerting its citizens to the need for more widespread education concerning effective world law? Try this:

In a number of communities, AFA members and friends are "sparkplugging" the formation of local "International Relations Councils", made up of representatives of local organizations, clubs, churches, etc. This Council carries on the work in the community, with the AFA Branch providing the "push".

One way to form such a Council is to have your UN Week Committee meet for a Post Mortem to evaluate their UN Week Activities and decide whether or not they would like to continue as a permanent International Relations Council.

Charlotte, N. C. formed its International Affairs Council in somewhat this manner and several other communities are doing it this year.

Why not try it in your community? Your AFA office will help in any manner possible.

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Communities Plan U.N. Activities

Among the communities conducting AFA-assisted United Nations activities were Orlando and Winter Park, Florida; Charlotte and Salisbury, North Carolina; San Antonio, Texas; Greensboro and Rocky Mount, North Carolina; St. Louis, Missouri; Goldsboro and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina; Macon, Georgia; and several others.

You still have time to do something in your community. Even though UN Week is past, several communities are scheduling UN programs through November.

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Quo Vadis?

Said a French soldier to an American:

"We will follow wherever you lead, but where are you going?

"Rather than guns or butter, let us have direction, hope and a dream to work toward."

Quoted by Rev. Don Harrington at the 21st Annual Carolina Institute of International Relations.

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weapons anyway).

If Russia insists on confining her disarmament proposal to nuclear weapons, it might mean that she is merely preparing for major aggression and wants the danger of nuclear retaliation out of the way.

A Hope

Russia's proposal however, does represent the most hopeful proposal the UN has had to work with since World War II. Our skepticism must not prevent us from exploring every possibility of outlawing all weapons of armed conflict.

If the men in the Kremlin are sincere and have begun to realize that they cannot "win" another war, perhaps the UN Charter Review Conference will be able to write in some major changes in the UN Charter.

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Quotes of Note

(From the Interdependence Reader, PGL Leaflet Number 186)

"Every noble work is at first impossible." . . . Joy Elmer Morgan.

"Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power." . . . Henry George.

"For the triumph of evil, it is only necessary that good men do nothing." . . . Edmund Burke.

"I will light my lamp, says the star, and never debate if it will help remove the darkness." . . . Rabindranath Tagore.

"There cannot be independence without interdependence." . . . President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"Apathy can only be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can only be aroused by two things: first, an ideal which takes the imagination by storm, and second a definite intelligible plan for carrying that ideal into practice." . . . Arnold Toynbee.

"From a little spark may burst a mighty flame." . . . Dante.

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From AFA Members

Changing the Charter

EDITOR, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL:

A Wall Street Journal editorial dated September 17 ("Amending the UN Charter") argued that it is hardly worthwhile even thinking about amending the UN Charter because: "although the charter provides for discussion in 1955 of plans for a conference about charter changes, any member of the Security Council can torpedo the conference before it begins" and any of the big five, including Russia "can block with a single vote whatever changes the rest of the General Assembly may have agreed upon."

It is interesting to note how often that same attempt at idea blockage is repeated in supposedly responsible circles. The Russian bloc has consistently fought even giving consideration to amendments to the Charter, but it is a mystery why Americans, whose very way of life depends upon the developments of respect for some system of international law and order, should side with the Russians who thrive on the anarchy of a divided world.

Our forefathers refused to be boxed into such an absurd and self-defeating conclusion of inaction. They met a similar need for change in spite of a similar provision in the Articles of Confederation which stated that no amendments could become effective unless approved by all thirteen of the original states. They simply provided that the new Constitution would go into effect when approved by any nine of the thirteen states.

It is absurd to continue to allow the aggressor to set the moral and legal standards of the world. Russia must be confronted with an absolute dilemma; either that she join with other nations in preventing war on a foolproof basis or that she be excluded from a reconstituted United Nations and pay the price of outlawry. Constructive amendment of the UN Charter offers a realistic opportunity to advance both peace and freedom. Let it not be said that this generation lacks the same practical shrewdness and vision that was displayed with such excellent results by the authors of our own Constitution in 1787.

—STANLEY K. PLATT

Minneapolis, Minn.

For A Better World

(Reprinted from a Letter to the Editor of THE WASHINGTON STAR by an AFA member)

The headlines of The Star of April 26 present an obvious and ominous fact of life, circa mid-20th century. Malenkov boldly states that if the Soviet Union is subject to atomic attack it will retaliate.

Perhaps this new type of "balance of power," in which both sides have ultimate weapons at the ready, will mean that neither will dare move against the other. It may produce a sort of peace, if the absence of total, mass-destructive war can be called peace.

That sort of peace may be supportable to a people under a totalitarian dictatorship, but it is not, I think, one that will long be bearable for a free society. Consider its effect upon a people used to voicing their hopes and aspirations, their dreams of a fuller and better life for their children, their traditions of justice, of individual responsibility, of hunger for religious freedom and for the things of the spirit.

Such a people, basically, we are citizens of the United States of America. Driven by our inner compulsions, I deeply believe that we would not long be content with such a world as will be the best attainable so long as atomic and thermonuclear weapons remain uncontrolled, and capable of destroying the civilization of which we are so integral a part.

There will come a day when, reason and conscience asserting themselves, we will go forth on such a crusade as men have never known; when we will demand that our responsible leaders spell out the essential requirements for leashing the power of man's inventions to the service and security of the world. We are the seed of pioneers. Someday we will lead the free world in breaking across the boundaries of present political forms, and raise a standard to which the wise and honest of all nations everywhere can repair. From that awakening will come the system of enforceable laws against aggression without which mankind is condemned either to the continuation of world anarchy or the destruction of society.

The American dream, of opportunity, of fellowship, of freedom under God, is too good and too great to stand helplessly by while mankind dies in the glow of thermonuclear destruction.

—MARY STUART CHAMBERLAIN

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National and International Affairs

A Tiger Loose In The Streets

A foremost exponent of atomic and air power, Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force, urges that the United States push for an enforceable system of disarmament lest the weapons of today and tomorrow "destroy the United States."

"Applied science for destruction is wholly out of hand; it is like a wild tiger running about the city streets," he said

In his book, "Power and Policy" (Harcount, Brace & Co.), Finletter admitted that the U.S. must create atomic air power even greater than Russia's to deter the Soviets from attacking the U.S., but, he wrote, this country must also work with "utmost energy and determination to find some way of preventing atomic war—some new way in addition to the maneuverings of diplomacy and the maintenance of armed strength."

A "Shocker"

Finletter warned that both the full story of the horrible menace of destruction and the explanation of what enforced disarmament might mean would be a "shocker" for the American people. He said that the terms of workable enforcement would involve the question of "absolute sovereignty" of the U.S., as well as of Russia and China.

But, he made it unquestionably plain that there is very little time left before the danger of an all-out atomic war will be at its peak:—

"We are moving relentlessly toward this date of absolute Russian air-atomic power when they will have enough bombs and planes (some authorities say they have now) to destroy our cities, our industry and, if we are not properly prepared, our ability to hit back," he said.

"We should assume for the purposes of our national policies and planning that the Russians will reach this absolute point during the year 1956."

Even if the Soviets don't hit earlier with conventional, manned bombers, Finletter said, the age of intercontinental guided missiles should arrive by 1960," and possibly before."

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Gone from the West is the lead-slinging, hair-triggered gunman. Why?

Respectable citizens of the young Western towns and villages decided that their homes, businesses, churches and loved ones weren't safe as long as the gunman with his ready six-shooter was free to shoot up the town on Saturday—and sometime on weekdays and Sundays.

They met in the town church (or in that big room above the hardware store) and agreed that folks shouldn't carry guns in public. They further agreed to put up the cash to hire a "law man" to enforce this law.

Today, the West enjoys the peace, freedom and security present in all communities where there are enforced laws against violence.

Is now the time for members of the world community to agree on laws—and enforce those laws—to prevent hair-triggered Nations from packing guns?

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AFA Branches: Keep Up The Fine Work!

Requests these past two months for AFA literature and services have exceeded all previous records. We have actually almost exhausted our supplies of all literature!

Requests have come from nearly every corner of the Nation and are still coming in. Our Branches and individual members are doing some excellent "missionary" work. Let's keep it up!

How is the education and information work in your community?

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UN's Diminishing Role Is A Cause Of Concern

Charter Changes Proposed

The New York Times, Sunday, October 10, 1954

By THOMAS J. HAMILTON

Whatever history may say about the decision to arm West Germany, it has brought home to delegates to the General Assembly the fact that the United Nations no longer is the dominant influence in world affairs.

This interpretation is virtually universal at United Nations headquarters. It may be illogical, since the United Nations Charter itself bars the organization from any part in the conclusion of peace settlements with the defeated enemies of World War II, but it exists just the same.

The partition of Trieste, which also was agreed upon in London, and without the slightest consultation with the United Nations, is of much less intrinsic importance. But since the Security Council agreed back in 1947 to make itself responsible for the independence and territorial integrity of the Free Territory of Trieste, it is left looking

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