H. S. SPEAKING PROGRAM MATERIALS FORTHCOMING

A new packet of study materials has been compiled by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina to take the place of the Handbook formerly used by the students doing research work for the H. S. World Peace Study and Speaking Program.

The University notified the N. C. high schools that there will be a delay of several weeks while this new material is properly compiled into study packets. Application blanks and pamplets decribing the Speaking Program will be in the mails soon, if they have not already been mailed from Chapel Hill.

A duplicate mailing from the American Freedom Association will be completed approximately 3 weeks after the University completes theirs. However, a pamplet describing the annual chartered bus tour to New York City, the United Nations and Washington, D. C. will be included in A.F.A.'s mailing, which urges the high schools to avail themselves of this unique educational opportunity to "see history in the making".

For further information concerning the Speaking Program or the trip to New York, please contact the A.F.A. office at 141 E. Corriher Avenue, Salisbury, N. C.

What the Kids Think

"There is a macabre joke making the rounds among ten-year-olds: 'what are you going to be IF you grow up?' " reports REDBOOK in "Children and the Bomb," by Vivian Cadden, in the November issue. The article quotes a survey of 3,000 school children in which it was found that half of them believed that there would be a war. The overwhelming majority cared very deeply and almost all of them painted a terrifyingly graphic picture of nuclear destruction. A majority, especially the older children, were skeptical about fallout shelters.

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help the unfortunate. This he adds, 'is our Christian duty'.

"We especially honor him tonight for his interest in world peace. There are many roads to this end. and many ways of thinking about peace. We won't all believe in the same one. . . . the particular route to peace is not as important as the goal. I am not even sure what Dr. Poe's exact allegiance is. I suspect that he is not a denominationalist—his interest in world peace arises out of his interest in people and out of his charity.

"It would be hard to single out a dominant trait in such an individual, but if we were to fasten on one quality above all others, I should say it was moral courage—that rarest ingredient of character. This is what has made him so fearless in the causes he has fought for—from two-armed farming to the United Nations. And it is what has made him inwardly harmonious, however discordant the world outside."

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Personals

James J. Wadsworth, former U.S. delegate to the U.N. and disarmament negotiator, has resigned as President of the Peace Research Institute in Washington, D. C., to devote more time to writing and lecturing.

Recommended Reading

"Toward a Warless World," a symposium of articles in SATURDAY REVIEW, authored by 10 leading thinkers, dealing with such questions as, "What would a world without war be like?", "How would change take place?", "How would nations assure their security?", etc. (The first article in the series appeared May 12, the second, September 15, the third, November 17.)

FAIL-SAFE, by Eugene Burdick and Harvey Wheeler. 286 pp. McGraw-Hill. $4.95. The much publicized novel dealing with the possibility of accidental war, and pointing out that the fail-safe system could fail.

American Freedom Association

Annual Report of Activities

August, 1962 through September, 1962

HIGH SCHOOL WORLD PEACE STUDY AND SPEAKING PROGRAM

Promotion of the H. S. World Peace Study and Speaking Program was begun in October, 1961. Materials describing the program, together with an application blank, were sent to approximately 1200 high schools in North Carolina. This mailing duplicates the mailing done by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina earlier in September. However, a descriptive brochure outlining the American Freedom Association-sponsored chartered bus trip to New York City, the United Nations and Washington, D. C. was included in our mailing, together with a letter urging the schools to register with the American Freedom Asociation for the chartered bus tour.

The following figures are given in response to inquiries concerning the degree of participation of both White and Colored schools in the H. S. World Peace Study and Speaking Program and the A.F.A. chartered bus trip to New York City and Washington, D. C.

	1961-62	1960-61	1959-60
Total Number of High Schools Enrolled	154	138	136
% of total enrollment—Negro schools	20%	16%	22%
Total Number of Schools enrolled in A.F.A. chartered bus trip to U. N.	48	40	33
% of White schools enrolled in Speaking Program, participating in bus tour	32%	32%	28%
% of Colored schools enrolled in Speaking Program, participating in bus tour	15%	13%	10%

All schools registered for the Speaking Contest are eligible to participate in the chartered bus trip. The winning student and his teacher, or the second place winner substituting for the teacher, most usually constitute the participants. The cost of the trip, all expenses included, was again $102.50 for both the student and the teacher.

For the first time in the history of this program, there was enough demand from the high schools to warrant our chartering 3 buses instead of the usual 2; consequently, three 33-passenger buses, holding a total of 99 persons, made the pilgrimage to New York. This placed quite a burden on the 3 chaperones provided by A.F.A., but they managed to handle the teachers and students with little difficulty. Discussions were held during the trip concerning international affairs, the need for enforceable world law and how it can be accomplished, and the work of the United Nations Organization.

EIGHTH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

The Southeastern World Affairs Institute, held annually to give students, teachers, editors and others interested in world affairs and the directions in which men and nations move an opportunity for discussion and decisions, is successor to one held originally at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina, in 1950 and later institutes at Blowing Rock and at Blue Ridge.

Held in 1961 on July 28 through July 30, the Institute had as its theme: "Responsibility of the Citizen in World Affairs."

Seventeen organizations co-sponsored the Institute, including: The American Freedom Association, Inc.; N. C. Council of Churches; N. C. Home Demonstration Clubs; N. C. State Grange; N. C. Council of Women's Organizations; N. C. Library Association; League of Women Voters of N. C.; Young Democratic Clubs of N. C.; U. C. Division, American Associations for the United Nations; United World Federalists of N. C.; N. C. Conference, Committee on World Peace, Methodist Church; Western N. C. Conference, Committee on World Peace, Methodist Church; Commission of Christian Social Concerns, Peace and World Order Division, Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns; Catawba College World Government Institute; N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends; Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Council.

187 persons registered for the Institute, 30 of whom were students. Of the students, 13 were provided with scholarships to the Institute by the A. F. A.

Listed among the speakers were the Honorable Terry Sanford, Governor of the State of North Carolina; Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr., Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, who acted as Institute Chairman; Morris B. Abram, General Council to the Peace Corps; Ambassador Zenon Rossides, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cyprus to the United States, and Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations; Dr. Frank Porter Graham, United Nations Representative for India and Pakistan, and recipient of the 1961 World Peace Medal presented by the American Freedom Association; Brig. General Jacquard H. Rothschild, USA-Ret; William Gehron, Public Affairs Officer, Office of Special Assistant to the Secretary of State on Disarmament and Atomic Energy Matters; Dr. Charles O. Lerche, Jr., Professor of International Relations, American University, Washington, D. C.;and McNeil Smith, Attorney-at-law Greensboro, N. C.

The Ninth Annual Southeastern World Affairs Institute, originally scheduled for the last weekend in July, was cancelled due to the fact that several of the key participants were forced to withdraw their commitment to the Institute because of important personal schedule conflicts. Notice was duly sent to the sponsoring organizations that this Institute will be rescheduled for July, 1963, and that their members be notified of the cancellation and subsequent re-scheduling.

AMERICAN FREEDOM ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

The A.F.A. BULLETIN, a four to six page newsletter, was published 6 times during the period covered by this report. It contained news items dealing with the field of world law, in addition to reports on activities being carried on by A.F.A.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently there are 578 persons on the mailing list, an increase of 14 since the last Annual Report. The list includes teachers, students, librarians,editors, and others, all of whom have requested that their names be put on the mailing list.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

This office continues to supply literature, speakers and films on request to individuals, organizations and

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