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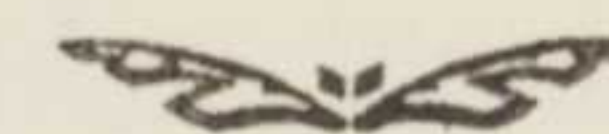
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HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE UNITED NATIONS



FOR many months the United Nations organization has been trying to enforce its decision in Korea. The results would seem to show quite clearly that this organization of national governments is incapable of forcing its ideas upon any unwilling nation — even a small one or a “backward” one. And any attempt of the United Nations to use coercion upon us in this country to accept a form and concept of government that are completely alien to our experience and tradition would also be readily resisted. Yet such a change is being undertaken through the indirect and little-understood method of domestic legislation by international treaties, and through the questionable manipulation of public opinion by those who fear an adverse decision on the part of the people.

This fact can be seen most clearly in an examination of the International Covenant on Human Rights which the United Nations will submit to the various member nations for ratification. If adopted, it will become the “over law” of the adopting nations. In the case of the United States, it will become the