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Dear Mr. McGee, June 16, 1953

Thank you so very much
for tending so promptly to
my requests. We are
extremely interested in what
you are doing and are happy
to know that we will be
kept "in command".

Looking forward to meeting
you soon - Cordially
Catherine C. Garrigue

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NEWS BULLETIN

Vol. I, No. 8

May, 1953

This is the eighth issue of the NEWS BULLETIN from the Organization's Bureau of Information. Issued monthly, it is intended to give the members of the CONFERENCE GROUP OF U.S. NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE UN an opportunity to exchange information on their activities and publications. It carries items of general interest from the UN, items from the US Department of State and items from the US Mission to the UN. It also notes recent publications, which seem of particular interest, which have been received from official and unofficial sources.

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AMONG OURSELVES

In view of the interest in: 1) U.S. contributions to international organizations; 2) action taken by individual Conference Group members with regard to the Bricker Resolution, the Covenants of Human Rights and the Genocide Convention, the Bureau of Information has compiled the following information:

Report No. 341

Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives

83d Congress, 1st Session

To the Committee of the Whole House on April 30, 1953

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE AND COMMERCE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 1954

Contributions to International Organizations:

Recommended in bill for 1954	Estimates 1954	Appropriations 1953	Bill compared with 1953 approps. 1954 estimates	
\$30,044,787. ***	\$30,249,390.	\$30,484,749.	-\$439,962.	-\$204,603.

NOTE: The report states that the United States has been advised that its contributions to the United Nations have been reduced from 36.9% to 35.12% and that the United Nations will vote in the fall to reduce the United States contributions to 33 1/3%.

The committee "expects" the Department of State to make all efforts to reduce the number of organizations to which the United States contributes in order to avoid duplication and to reduce contributions further.

*** "Reductions in our percentage of contributions are not sufficient if the overall budgets of these organizations are allowed to increase. Unless additional results are forthcoming, stringent limitations can be expected.

Contributions to international organizations include:

1. United Nations and specialized agencies - -\$25,627,972.*
2. Inter-American organizations - - - - - 3,595,361.
3. Other international organizations - - - - - 248,454.
4. Other international activities - - - - - 573,000.

* See chart on following page.

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United Nations and Specialized Agencies		
Item	1953	1954
Total	\$26,074,492.	\$25,627,972.
United Nations - - - - -	\$15,440,860.	\$15,167,040.
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - - - - -	2,855,609.	2,845,900.
International Civil Aviation Organization	1,548,612.	1,457,580.
World Health Organization - - - - -	2,866,667.	2,993,400.
Food and Agricultural Organization - - - -	1,673,750.	1,554,000.
International Labor Organization - - - - -	1,538,991.	1,421,299.
International Telecommunication Union - -	113,750.	152,500.
World Meteorological Organization - - - -	36,253.	36,253.

Missions to International Organizations:

Recommended in bill for 1954	Estimates 1954	Appropriations 1953	Bill compared with 1953 approps.	1954 estimates
\$1,300,000.	\$1,410,000.	\$1,321,112.	-\$21,112.	-\$110,000.

NOTE: The major portion of this appropriation is for the operation of the United States mission to the United Nations. In addition, it provides for a resident staff in Geneva and representation at the headquarters of certain international headquarters.

STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE GROUP

Note: This may not be a complete listing of Conference Group member organizations which have made Statements or passed Resolutions, as only those member organizations which have notified the Bureau of Information of their activities are included. We regret any omissions and hope all members will send us notice of any action they have taken or will take in the future on these matters.

Bricker Resolutions - to amend the United States Constitution to limit the treaty-making power of the United States.

Opposed to S. J. Res. 130:

- American Association for the United Nations, July 2, 1952.
- American Civil Liberties Union, June 5, 1952.
- American Jewish Committee, May 3, 1952.

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Opposed to S. J. Res. 130: (continued)

American Jewish Congress, May 28, 1952.
Association of the Bar of the City of New York.
Church Peace Union, May 21, 1952.
National Council of Jewish Women, Inc.
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, May 28, 1952.
Young Women's Christian Association, May 22, 1952.

Opposed to S. J. Res. 1:

American Association of University Women, March 10, 1953.
American Civil Liberties Union.
American Jewish Committee, May 20, 1953.
American Jewish Congress, February 25, 1953.
Association of the Bar of the City of New York, February 18, 1953.
B'nai B'rith, February 19, 1953.
Citizen's Conference on International Economic Union, February 17, 1953.
United World Federalists, March 14, 1953.
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
Young Women's Christian Association, February 26, 1953.

Genocide Convention

American Association for the United Nations, April 27, 1952.
American Jewish Committee, March 1951.
General Federation of Women's Clubs, October, 1949.
Young Women's Christian Association, 1948-1950.

Human Rights

American Association for the United Nations, April 27, 1952.
American Civil Liberties Union, November 13, 1952.
American Jewish Committee, May 3, 1953.
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, October 27, 1952.

Appropriations for the United Nations and Affiliated Agencies in 1954:

American Association of University Women, April 30, 1953.

American Association for the United Nations

Harvey Firestone, Jr., has accepted the national chairmanship of UN Week, October 18-24, which is sponsored each year by the AAUN with the cooperation of approximately one hundred national organizations... All groups going to the UN for meetings, lectures and briefings, or who plan to eat in the dining room, should now make reservations through the AAUN Public Reception Committee at the UN, - telephone extension 3414.

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American Friends Service Committee

Their 1953 High School Institutes of International Relations are to take place June 26 to July 3, and August 21 to 28. The theme will be: "This is a Time for Greatness." It is the purpose of the High School Program to bring teen-agers of varying backgrounds together in order that they may have an opportunity to study and discuss the economic, social and political problems of this "New Age." The Institutes will take place in Massachusetts, California, Iowa, New York and Pennsylvania. For further information, write Winnifred Barrett, 150 Brattle Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

They have just issued a new complete catalogue of their publications, covering the period through June, 1953, with a supplement to come at a later date, which will include autumn and winter publications. (Free)

Chamber of Commerce of the USA

They held their annual meeting in Washington, April 27-29, attended by 2800 people from all parts of the country. A resolution friendly to the UN was adopted, a copy of which may be seen at the Bureau.

Foreign Policy Association

The next several issues of their "Reporter" will be devoted to programs for next fall and winter, accompanied by suggestions for presentation. A group of experts in the foreign policy field met with the FPA staff and analyzed the situations existing in different parts of the world which are likely to be in the headlines - and thus qualify as timely topics for study next season. The current "Reporter" is devoted to European and US Foreign policy problems.

Hadassah

They recently sent a telegram to Secretary Dulles urging support of the Genocide Convention and the Human Rights Covenants as well as the Convention on the Political Rights of Women. Their monthly Integrated Kit, which is sent to 3,600 leaders and eventually reaches 300,000 women, includes a report on the status of these documents.

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

They are sponsoring a world Congress in Stockholm, July 4 to 11, to be attended by representatives from seventy-three countries. Among the topics to be discussed will be World Peace and National Freedom, the situation behind the Iron Curtain, The Fight against Soviet Imperialism, Human Rights and the Economic and Social Tasks of Today, - among which the development of the underdeveloped countries and international migration problems will be included.

Lions International

Some of the Southern Lions Clubs have been sponsoring High School participation in the 1953 High School World Peace Study and Speaking Program which has as its theme "The UN and World Peace." In Maryland, some of

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the Clubs have sponsored a contest among students of their communities on the subject: "What the UN means to me."

The National Council of Catholic Women

The National Council has recently shipped to Korea 250,000 pounds of rice, 10,000 pounds of dried milk, and \$15,000 with which to buy food, as well as food and clothing to other parts of the world.

National Conference of Christians and Jews

They have just produced a new film - "Chuck Hansen - One Guy". This is a case history in the fight against discrimination in industry. It has a cast of 40 people, and takes 26 minutes to run. The locale is a large industrial plant and the treatment documentary. For further information, write "Films of the Nation", 62 West 45th Street, New York 36.

National Education Association

A session on teaching about the UN and UNESCO is scheduled as part of the 89th annual convention of the NEA, to be held at Miami Beach, Florida, June 28 to July 3, 1953. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 1, under the joint sponsorship of the Committee on International Relations and the Education Policies Commission of the NEA. It is planned that speakers will present differing views on teaching about the UN and UNESCO and a panel representing various fields of education will discuss goals and methods for teaching about these international organizations.

National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs

They have sent a letter to the fourteen members of the Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee for funds for the Department of State, in which they gave a full description of their work for the UNESCO Program and emphasized the importance which their national and state federation attaches to the work of UNESCO. They feel it is very necessary for organizations to keep Congress informed of their positive positions on present questions as well as their critical attitudes.

Save the Children Federation

The Federation, faced with the growing needs for clothes in Korea, Europe and at home, is asking in 1953 for the largest quantity in its 21 years of existence. Its National Advisory Committee of School Superintendents recently voted to set a goal of 3,000,000 pounds of clothing for SCF's Twelfth Annual Children's Clothing Crusade.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

The annual meeting of the US Section of WIL will be held in Richmond, Indiana, from June 10 to 13, on the campus of Earlham College. The International League will meet in Paris, August 4 to 8 for its Twelfth International Congress, - the Eleventh took place in Copenhagen, in 1949. This year the Congress will take the place of the League's International Summer Schools held almost every year since the 1921 Congress.

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YWCA

They have recently made available a mimeographed discussion outline prepared to accompany the State Department Publication "Let Freedom Ring" (US Government Printing Office #4443, 50¢). For a copy of the outline and accompanying materials write Mrs. Dorothy Groeling, National Board, YWCA, 600 Lexington Ave., NYC).

United World Federalists

The United World Federalists will hold their sixth National Assembly at the Congress Hotel in Chicago on June 19, 20 and 21. 500 members from all over the United States are expected to attend. The meeting will feature panel discussions on the United Nations Charter revisions necessary to insure a lasting peace.

DO YOU KNOW?

THAT On June first the Crusade for Freedom will be taken over as a project of the American Heritage Foundation in cooperation with the Advertising Council. The Crusade is the domestic financial sponsor of, and public information agent for, the National Committee for a Free Europe and the Committee for a Free Asia.the National Committee for a Free Europe has just donated about \$83,000 to help relieve the plight of German children who have fled from Soviet-occupied East Germany. The check was given to Chancellor Adenauer at a special ceremony at the Chancellery in Bonn.

THAT The Pan American Union is waging a campaign against illiteracy in Latin America. Estimating that seventy million illiterate adults are in urgent need of suitable reading material they are preparing a series of fourteen booklets with accompanying visual aids. By contributing to the Pan American Union-UNESCO Fundamental Education Gift Program, US citizens can share in the effort. For further information, write the Office of Public Information, Pan American Union, Washington 6, D.C.

THAT Ventures for International Students Interested in Travel (VISIT) is a new program being sponsored by the Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students for the summer of 1953. The purpose of VISIT is to provide community experiences and contacts for students from abroad who may be traveling in the United States. In some cases communities may provide home hospitality, but the emphasis of the program will be to provide students with new insights into American life and will include visits to industries, educational institutions, and places of scenic interest. Between twenty and thirty communities have agreed to cooperate in VISIT. Other communities which would like to take part are asked to get in touch with the Committee at 291 Broadway, New York 7.

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- THAT A grant of \$25,000 from the Fund for Adult Education has been received by the American Council on Education to support the program of the Committee on Television. This Committee will cooperate closely with the Joint Committee on Educational Television and the National Citizens' Committee for Educational Television. It is considering plans to strengthen support for educational television among educators, to inform the faculties of educational institutions concerning educational television, to develop training courses for educational television personnel, and to promote effective use of educational television as a teaching aid.
- THAT Beginning next September, American Film Forum, Inc., will issue each month for rental to groups a fifteen-minute motion picture on a controversial topic of current national or international interest. After a group has viewed the film, it will proceed to its own discussion of the topic. Groups wishing to use this film service will subscribe for a series of nine monthly films, each on a different topic, at a total cost of \$135 for rental plus postage. Several weeks before each film arrives the group will receive a bibliography on the topic to be covered and other material likely to be useful in preparing for the meeting. For further information, write to American Film Forum, 516 Fifth Ave., New York 36.
- THAT On April 10, the Unitarian Service Committee opened their fifth Education and Child Care Institute in Germany, carrying on the project originally designed to give German social workers a chance to study developments in this country in the social welfare field. Whereas the emphasis has been previously on the approach of individual social workers, this year the use of advanced techniques in supervision and staff training of social workers was the subject most in demand.
- THAT For the past three months, staff members of the Adult Education Association, the International Relations Division of the Office of Education, and the International Relations Committee of the National Education Association, have scheduled regular meetings to effect liaison and exchange of information in respect to international exchange of persons programs.
- THAT The National Citizens Committee for UN Day, under its new name, US Committee for UN Day, is already launching plans for the 1953 observance of UN Day. Tentative plans for this year include a KNOW YOUR UN emphasis, with special concentration on community-wide celebrations and collective organization projects.
- THAT The American Relief for Korea, (ARK) conducting a nationwide campaign during April and May for 6,000,000 pounds of clothing for the people of Korea, reports tremendous response from all parts of the country.
- THAT The National University Extension Association has now a Committee on World Affairs, whose Chairman is William C. Rogers of the Minnesota World Affairs Center. In reply to a recent questionnaire

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thirty reports came in from universities scattered across the country, describing programs they are undertaking. These include reports from the Universities of California, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Kansas, Hawaii, etc., and cover lectures, conferences, film showings, discussion series, courses, radio programs, institutes, the organizing of international relations clubs, the sending out of "foreign student teams," Summer Seminars in Europe, reports on travel abroad, and the coordinating of various organizations in programs of an international nature. For a brief summary of these activities write for the NUEA April Newsletter to the Minnesota World Affairs Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14.

- THAT The American Bureau for Medical Aid to China and Aid to Refugee Chinese Intellectuals are working from the same office (1790 Broadway, New York 19), and using the same personnel. ARCI is beginning a literature program, under the chairmanship of Dr. Karl Compton, in Formosa and Hongkong, to counteract the Communist propaganda flooding those areas... AEMAC is developing a school health program in Formosa which it is hoped will ultimately be of benefit to one million children. They have been working in eighteen schools to date. Professor Ira V. Hiscock, head of the Department of Public Health at the Yale University School of Medicine, is chairman of the school program and is now in Formosa studying the program which has been underway for about a year.
- THAT The East European Fund, a subsidiary of the Ford Foundation, has completed its first year and has issued a report summarizing its activities. These have taken place in three fields: it has given grants to organizations which help to integrate ex-Soviet newcomers into American life; it has assisted the emigrés who possess a scholarly and expert knowledge of Soviet life to make valuable contributions to the fund of knowledge about the USSR by establishing the Research Program on the USSR; and it has established the Chekhov Publishing House which publishes new books of literature, drama, poetry and history in Russian.
- THAT The Congregational Christian Service Committee is carrying on relief and reconstruction activities in France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Lebanon and India, - and, just recently, in Hongkong and Korea. They have different programs in each place according to specific needs: these include scholarships, counseling, youth work, work camps, a social settlement (Naples), village reconstruction, (Greece), training of social welfare workers (Athens), famine relief (India), and service to refugees (Hongkong and Korea.)
- THAT The Twentieth Century Fund is undertaking a major factual and interpretive study of the peoples, countries and resources of tropical Africa and the economic, social and political problems involved in their development. It is estimated that the survey will take three years to complete, and will examine the part of Africa that lies south of the Sahara and north of the Union of South Africa, giving special attention to the territories that are not self-governing.

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THAT A new "World Order Library" has been established in Cambridge, Mass., which combines a book review service and a mail-order shop, to promote the circulation and use of books in the field of world affairs. A catalogue-guide to outstanding books in the field is available this month and will be sent free upon request. For further information write World Order Library, Inc., 130 Brattle Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

THAT The function of the Human Relations Area Files (421 Humphrey Street, New Haven, Conn.) is to facilitate basic research and comparative study in the sciences concerned with man's behaviour, thereby promoting a general understanding of the peoples of the world, their ways of life, their problems, values and ideas. The Carnegie Corporation provided the funds in 1949 which placed the organization on an inter-university basis and several government agencies are now financing HRAF's collection of basic facts.

THAT Nine more organizations have been added to the list of those given in the January Bulletin as planning to go into the new Carnegie Endowment International Center. They are the American Korean Foundation, the Citizens Conference on International Economic Union, the International Development Placement Association, the United Nations Information Center of the Women United for the United Nations, the National Social Welfare Assembly, the Board of World Peace of the Methodist Church, the International Film Foundation, the Educational Film Library Association, the American Heritage Foundation and the Crusade for Freedom. The Unitarian Service Committee has withdrawn its application for space in the building and will remain at 31 Union Square. Twenty organizations are expected to move into the building between May 27 and June 15, - with the rest following around the first of August. The Center will be open to the public June 1. Its address is United Nations Plaza at 46th Street, New York 17.

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HAVE YOU SEEN?

THE COMMUNITY

The Cultivation of Community Leaders
William W. Biddle
203 pp. \$3.00 1953

Harper & Brothers
49 E. 33rd St.
New York, N. Y.

Methods for carrying forward constructive local programs; for the use of citizens, leaders and teachers in developing volunteer community activities.

The Organizational Revolution
Kenneth E. Boulding
273 pp. appen. \$3.50 1953

Harpers & Brothers
49 E. 33rd St.
New York, N. Y.

Second in a series on the ethics and economics of society, sponsored by the National Council of Churches. An analysis of the development of organizations and their influence on group welfare. Commentary by Reinhold Niebuhr.

Political Action Handbook
28 pp. Free March 1953

National Literature Office
Women's International League
for Peace and Freedom
2006 Walnut St.
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

A guide to lobbying in the international field, containing addresses and recommended study materials.

Register Christian Opinion
18 pp. 5¢ January 1953

Board of World Peace
The Methodist Church
740 Rush St.
Chicago 11, Illinois

A Congressional directory to aid in legislative action in 1953.

Report of the Conference that Planned an Educational TV Training Workshop
15 pp. Free 1953

Council of National Organizations
Adult Education Association, USA
Room 205, The Cooper Union
Fourth Ave. at Seventh St.
New York 3, N. Y.

An inter-organizational approach to the planning and implementation of TV training workshops.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

General

- Communism and the West: the Basic Conflicts
John C. Bennett
30 pp. 25¢ 1953
- Within the framework of Protestant Christianity how can the tensions between communism and the west be enough mitigated to avoid global war?
- Church Peace Union and World Alliance
for International Friendship
Through Religion
170 E. 64th St.
New York 21, N. Y.
- Making Foreign Policy, USA
Anne Hartwell Johnstone and
Georgianna F. Mitchell
44 pp. 25¢ 1953
- Brief, but comprehensive history of the evolution to today, of who makes and administers our foreign policy.
- Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc.
461 Fourth Avenue, Room 810
New York 16, N. Y.
- Meeting of Minds - A Way to Peace Through Mediation
Elmore Jackson
200 pp. \$3.50 1952
- A clear and timely picture of the mediation work of the UN. It draws on domestic experience in the general human relations aspects of conflict settlement; and gives detailed accounts of labor disputes in the US and in key European countries.
- McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.
330 W. 42nd St.
New York, N. Y.
- Teaching for International Understanding
C. F. Strong
96 pp. 3s.6d. 1952
- An examination of methods and materials. A statement prepared for the United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO.
- Her Majesty's Stationery Office
429 Oxford Street
London, W.1, England
- Treaty Law vs the Constitution: the Threat... the Remedy
33 pp. Free 1953
- Testimony presented to Congress on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, March 1953.
- Legislative Department
Chamber of Commerce of the USA
1615 H Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

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Technical Assistance

Point Four Profiles

Department of State Publication
4859, Economic Cooperation Series
38 pp. Free Revised March 1953

Division of Publications
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

"Sharing Skills" Stories of Technical Assistance

49 pp. 35¢ 1953

Department of Public Information
Sales Section
United Nations, N.Y.

Trade

International Trade, Not Aid

University of Chicago Round Table
No. 785 April 26, 1953
20 pp. 10¢

University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

A special broadcast from New York and London by NBC and BBC with Douglas Copland, Gardner Cowles, F. C. Hooper and Gardner Patterson with Robert MacKenzie as moderator. This pamphlet includes a summary of Britain's Economic Problem and its Meaning for America, Committee for Economic Development.

United Nations

The Free World and the United Nations

Sir Gladwyn Jebb
Article, Foreign Affairs, April 1953
10 pp. \$1.50 copy \$6.00 year

Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.
58 E. 68th St.
New York 21, N. Y.

Africa

America and the Challenge of Africa

Saturday Review, May 2, 1953
54 pp. 20¢

Saturday Review Associates
25 W. 45th St.
New York 36, N. Y.

Africa: a Continent in Ferment

Life, May 4, 1953
168 pp. 20¢

Time-Life, Inc.
Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

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Racial Separation in South Africa

Eugene P. Dvorin
256 pp. \$4.50 1952

University of Chicago Press
Chicago 37, Illinois

An objective but critical analysis of the theory and practice of "apartheid" in the Union of South Africa

Asia

Asia Aflame

Ebed Van der Vlugt
294 pp. \$6.00 1953

Devin-Adair Co.
23 E. 26th St.
New York, N. Y.

A Dutch barrister for many years in Indonesia surveys communist activities in Asia.

The Economic Position of Japan

Institute of International Finance
Bulletin
47 pp. 50¢ March 9, 1953

Institute of International Finance
New York University Schools of
Business
90 Trinity Place
New York, N. Y.

Mission with Mountbatten

Alan Campbell-Johnson
363 pp. appen. \$5.00 1953

E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc.
300 Fourth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Day-by-day account of the period from December 1946 to June 1948 by the press attache' to Mountbatten of the "transfer of power in India."

The Voice of Korea

6 pp. \$2.00 10 issues a year

Korean Affairs Institute
1507 M Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Contains a variety of newsworthy items of current interest on Korea.

What Faces President Eisenhower in Asia?

Frederick Kuh
8 pp. 25¢ February 5, 1953
35¢ by mail

Chicago Council on Foreign
Relations
116 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago 3, Illinois

An address before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

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Eastern Europe

The Kremlin vs the People
Robert Magidoff
288 pp. \$3.50 1953

Doubleday & Co., Inc.
Garden City, N. Y.

A reporter with 12 years in the Soviet Union gives a day-by-day account of the "Cold Civil War" in Stalin's Russia.

Soviet Peace Offensives
Aleksander W. Rudzinski
Article, International Conciliation,
No. 490 April 1953
50 pp. 15¢

Carnegie Endowment for Inter-
national Peace
405 W. 117th St.
New York 27, N. Y.

A brief history of Soviet peace offensives over the last 35 years.

Western Europe

Confluence
Henry A. Kissinger, ed.
Quarterly \$3.00 yr.

Harvard University Printing Office
Cambridge 38, Mass.

A new and unique quarterly journal devoted to the international exchange of ideas. CONFLUENCE is a forum in which European and American intellectual leaders may make themselves heard on the important topics of the day.

Report from Strasbourg
31 pp. January 1953

American Committee on United
Europe
537 Fifth Ave.
New York 17, N. Y.

The development of European unification 1952-1953.

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meet in common purpose.

But these organizations, together with 49 other outstanding American organizations –

CHURCH – WOMEN'S – MEN'S
VETERANS – EDUCATION

banded together in 1949 to form

The Conference Group of U. S. National Organizations on the United Nations

The member organizations (see back cover) of the Conference Group are extremely diverse in membership and purpose. But they find that they have one common interest: *building better understanding of the UN.* Why? Because America's survival and

that of the rest of the world depends on finding a better solution than war to world problems. Yet, although polls show that three out of four Americans strongly favor the United Nations, although both major parties endorse the UN in their platforms, it is obvious that there are large areas of ignorance about the purposes, functions and achievements of the UN.

So the Conference Group was set up as a *clearing house*, as a *medium for the exchange of information and opinion* on how organizations can:

1. **Increase public understanding of the United Nations.**
2. **Increase interest in U.S. participation in the work of the UN and the development of U.S. policy in relation to the UN.**



UNICEF'S RELIEF (Greek orphans)

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TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS the Conference Group performs six services for its members:

1. Consultation at UN

So that its members will have the most accurate information, the Conference Group has frequent consultations and briefings with the State Department, the U.S. Mission, and UN officials.

2. Information Bureau

A Bureau of Information has been set up at 45 East 65th Street, New York City, to serve organizations in their programs of international affairs. It distributes literature, maintains an extensive file of materials, answers inquiries and questions, and assists in program planning.

3. News Bulletin

A monthly News Bulletin details the activities of the member organizations in UN



W.H.O. inoculates against T.B.

affairs, lists current publications, and informs the members on non-governmental activities in the UN field.

4. Weekly Summary

A unique, valuable, factual condensation of each week's UN activities in plenary and special sessions, when the General Assembly is in session.

5. Materials Exchange

A steady stream of materials on the UN's diversified work throughout the world is supplied to member organizations.

6. Effective Local Effort

By stimulating member organizations to foster community cooperation on the local level, and by providing factual material, the Conference Group helps member organizations spread more widely knowledge of the UN's varied activities.

"The organizations which make up the Conference Group will play an all-important part in our efforts to make the United Nations, as President Eisenhower expressed it, 'Not only an eloquent symbol, but an effective force' for peace . . . Eliminating the scourge of war calls for skillful work in the field of foreign policy, and such work can only progress when people are informed . . . We count on you to keep open the channels of communication."

—AMBASSADOR JAMES J. WADSWORTH,
Deputy U. S. Representative to the UN

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Who Directs the Conference Group?

A Conference Committee of 25 is elected annually by the designated representatives of the member organizations. At least 15 organizations are represented in the Conference Committee.

Does the Conference Group Recommend Policy?

No. The Group does not adopt resolutions on substantive issues and does not undertake to represent its members in such matters. The individual organizations act in accordance with their own policies and conclusions.

Is the Conference Group an Official Agency?

No. The Group is independent of any governmental agency. In pursuit of its purposes, however, the Group is in close contact with the State Department, the U.S. Mission to the UN, the United Nations and its agencies.



UN brings about Egyptian-Israeli Armistice

"Whether the principles underlying the UN can be translated into policies and practices, into action for peace, depends in the last analysis on what we may call 'public opinion' — the fundamental attitudes, sentiments and feelings of men and women everywhere towards our Organization, its failures and its achievements. Governments themselves can do little if there are not these forces behind them."

—HON. L. B. PEARSON, *President*
UN General Assembly, 7th Session

What Are the Conference Group's Major Goals in 1953-54?

1. **To continue** and develop the consultation and briefing program with U.S. and UN officials.
2. **To expand** services stemming from the Information Center, particularly to help member organizations conduct their education and information programs more effectively in the light of the greatly varied and universally constructive activities the UN is carrying on throughout the world.
3. **To stimulate** member organizations to develop grass roots activities and constructive local information programs that will foster insight into America's role in world affairs.

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(those marked with an asterisk are represented on
the Conference Committee)

- American Association of University Women
- * American Association for the United Nations
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Federation of Labor
- American Friends Service Committee
- * American Jewish Committee
- American Jewish Congress
- American Women's Voluntary Services
- B'nai B'rith
- Boy Scouts of America
- * Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- * Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.A.
- * The Church Peace Union
- Citizens' Conference for International Economic Union
- Commission of Churches on International Affairs
- * Committee for Economic Development
- Common Council for American Unity
- * Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America
- * Foreign Policy Association
- General Federation of Women's Clubs
- * Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
- Hadassah
- Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
- League for Industrial Democracy, Inc.
- * League of Women Voters of the U.S.
- Lions International
- National Association of Manufacturers
- National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs
- National Board of The Y.W.C.A.
- * National Catholic Welfare Conference
- National Council of Christians & Jews
- National Council of Catholic Women
- National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
- National Council of Jewish Women, Inc.
- National Council of Women of the U.S.A.
- National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s of the U.S.A.
- * National Education Association of the U.S.
- National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs
- National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
- National Jewish Welfare Board
- * National Social Welfare Assembly, Inc.
- National Women's Conference of the American Ethical Union
- Save the Children Federation
- Town Hall, Inc.
- United Commercial Travellers of America
- * United Church Women
- United World Federalists
- Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
- Women's National Farm and Garden Association
- Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- World Alliance for Friendship through Religion
- * World Peace Foundation

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