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People's Platform

## Long-Term Foreign Aid Program A Necessity

Charlotte

W E want to congratulate you on your lead editorial on the United States foreign aid in the March 27 issue of The News. In our opinion, this was the best brief evaluation we have seen anywhere of the world situation that makes a well thought out, long-term, adequate foreign aid

among the few such meetings. The League is currently studying U. S. foreign policy, the aim of which is to take a look at U. S. foreign policy as a whole to see how it can be geared to a realistic evaluation of the world as it is and as it is in the process of becoming, with the dynamic and rapid changes taking place all over the world. This study is all the more timely in view of the growing, popular re-examination of U. S. foreign policy that is taking place. It is a recognition that purely defensive policies are not enough and that if the U. S. is to assume a leadership role in world affairs it must have a clear idea of the world we have, the world we want, and the goals necessary to achieve peace and stability. Already the importance of economic solutions over military solutions in meeting the problems of today's world seem to be emerging from our League study.

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I HAVE just mailed a letter to the Honorable J. Spencer Bell urging defeat of the Sterilization Bill which is before both houses of the legislature soon.

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## Henderson's Hotspurs Must Cool Off

THE sudden withdrawal of Gov. Henderson from negotiations to end the bitter, Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mill strike is regrettable.

It frustrated the public's high hopes for an early settlement and removed the one sure element of constraint in a dangerously explosive situation.

Now, as they say in gaming circles, all bets are off. The issues have been tossed back into the same social quagmire from which they were rescued so hopefully last month. Rant has again replaced reason.

It must be assumed, however, that the governor did his best.

Certainly he offered both sides every opportunity to settle their differences honorably. His intervention removed the problem from what was rapidly becoming a combat zone. His presence symbolized the public's unusual interest in the strike. Furthermore, we have reason to believe that a pattern of possible agreement was provided that would have caused neither management nor labor to lose face.

Some progress was made. Both sides gave a little. But, when the chips were down, the deadlock was complete. Yesterday Mr. Hodges walked out.

The governor's exit does not indicate any lessening of public concern. Far from it. Henderson's withdrawal has only emphasized the consequences of this disastrous breach of North Carolina's labor-management peace as they ever were.

This is no ordinary labor dispute. The bomb blasts and gunfire echoing out of Henderson have made the strike front page news throughout the United States. By late February, it was no longer just a strike—it was a civil disturbance. The lives of innocent people were endangered. Violence was erupting throughout the area. Local law enforcement officers could not begin to cope with the situation alone. Even with scores of State Highway Patrolmen on duty the strike continued.

In short, this conflict has shamed the combatant and soiled the state's name in the eyes of the nation.

There is no place for this kind of imbecility in North Carolina. The state cannot allow hoodlums of any persuasion to make a battleground out of a peaceful community and threaten the lives and limbs of its citizens.

This sort of jungle behavior might have been commonplace in the 19th century when hired gunmen, Molly Maguires, robber barons, and the like fought each other for their various causes. That was an era of anger and bloodshed, moving masses, grass-roots upheavals, murders and ultimately poems and programs possibly worth the suffering. But, thankfully, a more enlightened day has dawned. In labor-management disputes, the skirmish line has given way to the conference table. Or at least that is the preferable pattern, and the one which offers civilized means to an end.

The participants in the Henderson dispute cannot be compelled by law to agree. But they can be compelled by law to follow the rules of civilized conduct.

The governor has seen his responsibility in this respect clearly. Although he withdrew from negotiations yesterday, he sounded a somber warning to the ruffians who would break the peace — whoever they might be or whatever side they might represent.

"In North Carolina," he said with appropriate emphasis, "whoever seeks to break a strike by violence must be restrained. Whoever throws dynamite at Henderson or elsewhere within our state must be stopped and prosecuted. Peace and order must be maintained."

Decent people throughout the state will support the governor to the hilt on this. Violent civil strife will not be tolerated. Whatever steps are necessary to maintain law and order should be taken at once. Public safety and North Carolina's good name are at stake.



Military Aid Means So Little

It is a program in necessity in U. S. foreign policy. We would like to see a copy of this editorial in the hands of all our congressmen.

We particularly appreciate your sentiments, because they so exactly coincide with the stand the League of Women Voters has taken on the issue of foreign aid.

The League's concern for the economic health of other countries goes back before World War II in its work for expanded world trade. After the war this concern took a more direct form in support of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the more long-term program of economic assistance provided by the European Recovery Program. When the emphasis shifted from the needs of the war-ravaged countries to the equally urgent plight of the economically underdeveloped nations, the League recognized the importance of and supported the U. S. program of technical assistance (Point Four).

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## Charlotte's Rank &amp; File To The Rescue

CHARLOTTE'S ambitious Arts Fund drive will have to be rescued by the rank and file.

Significant progress has been made toward a goal of \$123,000. But most of the money raised so far has come from a well-heeled minority. For the most part, these are the same people who have been generous patrons of individual cultural organizations in the past.

This response from blue-chip sources is both welcome and essential. But it is not enough.

The campaign will not be a success until the base of support for Charlotte's leading cultural enterprises is broadened to include citizens of practically all income brackets.

This makes good sense in more ways than one. It will help broaden the base

of appreciation of the arts. It will encourage ticket-buying for concerts and other occasions by giving more people a reason to expose themselves to the pleasures of artistic sights and sounds. Having invested in culture they will expect dividends in enjoyment.

Modern life has already extended leisure from the privileged to the many. Pleasant recreation and appreciation of the fine arts has become the birthright of any citizen, not just a handful at the top. Why, then, shouldn't the great mass of the population chip in to help the community's finest cultural organizations survive and serve?

This will naturally mean a good bit more trouble for the fine group of volunteers which is conducting the Arts Fund drive. But it will be well worth the time and effort expended.

## The Reason 'Two' Looks Like That

RECENTLY our keeper of The Worn Clinic, Dr. George W. Crane, broadcast a little lecture with a few examples of "more effective writing."

He also pointed discreetly to his own column in press in the use of Arabic numerals, especially from one (1) through nine (9), which most newspapers resist.

Indisputably, perhaps, he challenged the last real citadel of newspapermen—the use of writing style.

This is an "inside" thing, as it were, but newspapermen will argue for hours over capitalization, punctuation marks, compound and hyphenated words, colloquial expressions and sentence structure.

We doubt that any two newspapers in the country present the written word exactly alike, or that the public could care less.

But there are interesting examples of this inherent individualism. The *Cumtogo Tribune* under the late Col. McCormick used such words as *thot*, *alio*, *alio* and *thru*. The *Kansas City Star* outmaneuvers one odd word with the hyphen by writing "sk-ing."

## Seasonal Sign

THERE are many signs of spring, one of which we just noticed which should prove warm weather has moved into New York.

A short news item told how the FBI had arrested a pair of suspects in the theft of 210,000 golf balls.

These are extreme cases perhaps, but illustrative.

If Dr. Crane doesn't mind too much we'll go on spelling out numerals one through nine except when it's something like 4th St.

It's a form of occupational therapy to argue these things and also makes us think we're living dangerously in an era of conformity.

It came under sharp attack at its outset, and at times it appeared that Rockefeller would suffer an ignominious defeat before his gubernatorial career had as much as got off the ground.

Yet the first legislative hold-out was finally brought to bay. Rockefeller got the more than a quarter of a billion in new money he believed the state's business required.

Rockefeller's initial success in New York is as great a contrast as could be imagined with the troubles of another governor, still young despite six elections to office. Mennen Williams of

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

CUBA TRUJILLO

THE last time I saw Fulgencio Batista was at Sancti Spiritus in the interior of Cuba, when he was still a hero. For miles down the road, traffic was jammed. In front of the reviewing stand, a parade milled and saluted the President of Cuba. Batista had come through that crowd, his white suit smeared and mangled by friendly hands that reached out to greet him. That was in the last summer of 1955.

The Big Change

Four years later, I saw Batista walking in the garden of the Hotel Jaragua, in this city, in exile and very much alone.

"The last time I saw you, the crowds were saluting you with great enthusiasm," I reminded. "You were a hero. What happened in between?"

"You are a newspaperman," replied Batista. "You know what the press can do. When the press continually calls me a dictator—people eventually believe it."

## Exiled Dictator Is A Lonely, Bitter Man

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"Most of the people of Cuba were with me even at the end," Batista continued. "Three times Castro called for a general strike and there was no strike. Workers' demands were met. I was the only president in history—according to your own Department of Commerce. I had built more hospitals and opened more schools than any other president in the history of the world. You were there. You saw those schools."

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## Big Game Hunting



## Africa In Retrospect

## Mr. Mboya And The Dukah

By ROBERT C. RUARK

LONDON

I SUPPOSE I shall be stoned to death for needling a dirty colonial here in London where the prime occupation at the moment seems to be an effort to take Africa away from the Africans, white and black, and hand it over nearly intact to the Russians. But even England is a better bet at the moment than New York, which seems about to embrace Mr. Tom Mboya of Kenya as a savior of the world.

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