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ENGLISH SECTION

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Can The U. N. Solve The Palestine Problem?

By THE OBSERVER

In contrast to the views expressed by some newspaper columnists and correspondents, this writer considers the Extraordinary Session of the U. N. Assembly on Palestine as one of the most impressive and constructive.

Pessimists should bear in mind, that the objective of the meeting was not to resolve this extremely complex problem nor to recommend any definite solution, but merely to hear both sides, appoint an impartial Inquiry Commission and establish rules for its work. The Commission is to study the conditions on the spot and prepare for the September session of the Assembly a report, on the basis of which a decision could be taken. All these tasks of the recent Assembly meeting were reached.

Perhaps because the Palestine question is not a clear East vs West issue, the futurity of the debates was less apparent than usual. And instead of evading the problem and hiding the controversy under a polite cloak of compromise, real passions were permitted to appear in the open. When Jews and Arabs spoke, not puppets but genuine representatives of two warring camps lifted their visors and fought violently on the U. N. platform. If the arguments were heated and the controversy sometimes too acute, the better for the issue and for the organizations. At least nothing was left unsaid.

Above all else, however, it was history and not artificial deals between the Great Powers that animated the discussion. It was an unusual experience at the U. N. to hear speakers who would refer to the Old Testament in support of their respective arguments. Because, indeed, the Palestine question is as old as that ancient land and it reaches the remote time when David fought the Philistines. It is deeply connected with the religious issue and the dispersal of Jews all over the world. The Holy Land,

once the objective of Crusades, seems now to be taken dispassionately only by the materialistic minds of our ages.

It seems that even the Soviet delegate found himself a bit puzzled by this reminder of history to which he had no ready-made communist interpretation. After all, King David lived long before Marx or Lenin and the religious attachment to Palestine of Christians, Jews and Moslems could hardly be dismissed as a mere "opium for the masses". Thus he veered between his basic support for the Arab claims of immediate independence for Palestine and a possible Soviet support for a dual Palestine state, which was the program of the Anglo-American commission of inquiry and of various leading Jewish circles.

The Soviet satellites were ordered to divide their roles. Some of them, as Czechoslovakia and the Polish puppet regime, were championing the Jewish cause. Others, as the Ukraine and Yugoslavia joined Mr. Gromyko in supporting the Arab aims. The Russian game seems to have been to use the tactic of divide and conquer, to have both sides somewhat indebted to the Soviet Union and in the end to seize the initiative. This time, however, Mr. Gromyko lost most of his points.

It is definitely to the credit of the western delegates that their main concern was not to "pre-judge" the issue by giving too precise recommendations to the future

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SPECIAL!

Decoration Day being a legal holiday, there will be no issue of the DRAUGAS on Friday, May 30th. The DRAUGAS will come out May 31st, however.

Consequently the ENGLISH SECTION will appear in the Thursday, May 29th issue. Contributors therefore are asked to send in their material a day earlier than usual. Ed.

BUSY STUDENT BOND BUYERS



Treasury Dept. reports show that during the past year 2,247,941 Catholic school students in the United States were responsible for the sale of \$65,659,425 in War Bonds and Stamps. As the school savings program continues children at the Corpus Christi School, New York City, make out deposit slips under the helpful guidance of their teacher. Through the weekly Stamp Days the children have become skilled in money management and arithmetic. (NC Photos)

"Ateitis" Folk Dancers Will Dance at National Folk Festival

CHICAGO. — Each year in some city of the United States a National Folk Festival is held. The people of the United States are of many nations, and on this day representatives from many nations dance the colorful dances and sing the loved songs of their homeland. This year it will be held in St. Louis May 24, and on that day Lithuanians will be represented by the Ateitis Folk Dancers.

Since last May this group has worked hard perfecting

Sodality Union May Crowning May 25th

CHICAGO. — The Lithuanian Sodality Union will have its annual May Crowning ceremonies on Sunday, May 25th, at St. Anthony's parish church, Cicero.

Festivities will start at 2:30 p. m. sharp. Weather permitting, an outdoor procession will take place. An appropriate sermon will be delivered by one of the visiting priests. The pastor, Father Ignatius Albavicius, will act as celebrant.

Following the crowning ceremonies, a social will be held at the parish hall, with each sodality unit contributing to a specially arranged program.

All Sodalities of Chicago and the general public are cordially invited to share in paying special tribute to Our Lady.

See you Sunday, at 2:30 p. m. at St. Anthony's, Cicero!

dances and earning money for this trip. There are many beautiful and vigorous dances brought down through the centuries by Lithuanians. Some are very intricate, taking many rehearsals to learn.

In St. Louis the Ateitis Folk Dancers will perform sixteen dances, among them being the rarely seen "Ruguciai" and men's "Mikita". Ruguciai had its first performance in the United States on May 10 at the International House of the University of Chicago. The others have been performed at various times on programs sponsored by many organizations of Chicago. To Mr. Beliajus, director of the dance group and the dancers themselves should go much praise and credit for many, many hours of hard work.

This year the Ateitis Folk Dancers stand much better as far as finances go. There is not quite enough in the treasury to cover expenses, but a program in East St. Louis on Sunday may cover

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The Challenge of Communism

We can still recall vividly the time we saw the neighborhood bully get a well-deserved beating from the neighborhood's timid lad. It was quite unexpected and puzzling to our twelve year old mind. Here was the timid boy with only thirty percent of the bully's muscle power punching his overgrown opponent from one side of the ring of spectators to the other. It was the first time that we had recognized the fact that this inner stamina which we kids called "guts" and our parents called "character" was a spiritual thing. It was not mere brute strength.

As we grew older, we found that this spiritual stamina came from the way a person looked on life. If a man looks at life as one evident whirl of pleasure, he is usually a weakling. If a man looks at life as one evident whirl of pleasure, he is usually a weakling.

Still later we discovered that whole nations had a philosophy of life. We saw Hitler teach the philosophy of life called Nazism: men are highly bred animals owned by the state. We all know the hell which this theory created.

But now we find that the American philosophy of life is being challenged by the Communist way of life. And we know that the American way will live on only if it has sufficient spiritual stamina. Otherwise it will be smothered by the brute strength of Communism.

Does the American way of life have sufficient spiritual strength?

There are some indications that our way of life does not have the needed interior stamina. For instance, divorce and juvenile delinquency statistics make us shudder as their totals assume mountainous proportions. Our motion pictures inform us that only what we feel and taste is worthwhile. This and the militant atheism taught in our own schools are two more indications that the American way of life is weakening. Communism teaches these very doctrines of Materialism and Atheism. We may well fear, then, that Communism will not find it too difficult to conquer our American way of life.

However, we can be thankful that these indications of a weakened American philosophy of life are not the complete picture. America's founding fathers were Christian. Her constitution is based on Christian principles. This means that we must stop our headlong rush to paganism and retrace our steps to Christianity if we want to regain the splendid spiritual stamina that made America, America. This is the spiritual stamina that cast off the shackles of Britain in 1776. This is the American philosophy of life that in the last two great wars of Europe almost singlehanded turned apparent defeat into victory.

It is these Christian principles as found in the New Testament that will show us how to help labor and capital shake hands. These same principles will teach the negro and the white to stride down the street together as friends. Further, they will help us make the divorce lawyer a rarity. Lastly, they will give the necessary hints on how to help our children lead the full life which makes juvenile crime rare.

It is only by strengthening our spiritual stamina that the American way of life will live to see Communism laid out in a long, grey coffin. And when sometimes for a second we doubt this, we recall that boyhood fight where the big bully got a good beating because he lacked the spiritual stamina or, as we say, "guts."

Job Hints for Students

To tell you where the jobs are and how to get them, the "DRAUGAS" has prepared a valuable booklet titled, "Guide to Jobs."

A school discount for this Reader Service title is now being made to high school and college classes. Turn to page (4) and the feature, "How to Get a Job" for information about this special offer to students.

Lithuanian Consul Extends High Praise For "I Am An American Day"

CHICAGO — Stanley Pieza, staff writer for the Chicago Herald-American and publicity manager for "I am An American Day", held at the Chicago Stadium last Sunday, has received thousands of letters and resolutions from various personalities and organizations.

One of the best letters commenting on this eventful patriotic occasion, was a letter received from the Lithuanian Consul in Chicago, The Honourable Dr. Peter Dauzvardis. The letter reads as follows:

Mr. Stanley Pieza
Chicago Herald-American
326 W. Madison St.
Chicago 6, Ill.

Dear Mr. Pieza:

Acknowledging with thanks the receipt of the tickets to the "I Am An American Day" festival, I wish to advise you that it will be a pleasure and an honor to join you in the manifestation of freedom and democracy, which will bring back memories of similar demonstrations in a free and independent Lithuania. The people of Lithuania, now under foreign armed occupation and domination, are prohibited from manifesting their Lithuanian patriotism and joy in freedom and democracy — the patriots and freedom-lovers of Lithuania have been and are being banished to Siberia and the Arctic wastes for slave labor and eventual liquidation.

The plight of Lithuania

and of other dictator-enslaved nations is a clear and convincing illustration of what becomes of human rights and fundamental freedoms when democracy is superseded by dictatorship and despotism. This thought is very fittingly illustrated by the verse of the Lithuanian poet, Adomas Mickevicius:

Lietuva, mano žeme,
šalele gimtoji!
Tas tik supras, kad tu
jam sveikata atstoji,
Kas jau tavęs neteko.
Lithuania, my country,
land of my birth!
Only he understands
you are as one's health
Who has already lost
thee.

My feelings in celebrating "I am An American Day" will be a mixture of joy of American freedom, of sadness for Lithuania's enslavement, and of hope for the freedom of the Lithuanian people and their eventual celebration.

Wishing you and the Committee in charge of "I Am An American Day" the best of success, I am

Sincerely yours,
Petras Dauzvardis
Consul of Lithuania

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Thursday Evening, Jan. 1st
Hurok's Russian Ballet

An Event in the Ballet World
S. Hurok presents brilliant stars in the world's greatest ballets with a large company, corps de ballet and full symphony orchestra for a gala Chicago performance.

Sunday Afternoon, Jan. 18th
Florence Quartararo

Lyric Soprano of Metropolitan Opera
"The Find of the Season,"
Metropolitan's sensational soprano has a voice of size, range and true lyric quality. Her warm beauty and radiant voice captivates her audience.

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Commission. On this question the hottest debate ensued, the Arab bloc requesting the goal of independence to be introduced in the recommendations and the Soviet delegate supporting them. By a large majority of democratic votes and to the greatest indignation of the Arab delegates, this entire paragraph was eliminated.

What for a Catholic was the most unpleasant and saddening experience in the whole debate, was the small concern many of the western delegates showed for the religious importance of the Holy Land for Christianity. This was best expressed in the debate on the paragraph of the resolution recommending to the Commission "most careful consideration to the religious interests in Palestine of Islam, Judaism and Christianity".

It was not a Moslem, but a Christian, a very prominent member of the western group, Col. W. R. Hodgson of Australia, who made the motion that this paragraph be entirely deleted. His argument was, that since no political, social or economic interests were mentioned, there is no reason why the

Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 1st

Joseph Szigeti, Violin
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Long recognized as one of the world's greatest violinists. His technique is precise, immaculate and knowing — his interpretive power unquestionable.

Polyna Stoska Sings
On Telephone Hour
Monday, July 14th

NEW YORK. — Polyna Stoska, brilliant singing star of concert, stage and radio, will soon take off for an extended summer tour which will bring her before vast audiences from coast to coast.

During the month of June Polyna will appear with the Los Angeles Light Opera Co. where she will play the lead in Friml's "The Three Musketeers".

The month of July, will find Miss Stoska singing Wagnerian roles at the Opera Nazionale in Mexico City, Mexico.

On July 14th, Miss Stoska will appear as guest soloist on the Telephone Hour.

Polyna is still reaping wide laurels for her great showing in the Broadway hit "Street Scene". The album of this success production is now available at all music stores. In the album Polyna sings the same arias she sang in the show. The recordings are Columbia MASTERWORKS records.

religious ones should be. Col. Hodgson was strongly supported in this by Mr. Gromyko, who nevertheless in the end abstained from voting. The motion was defeated by a majority of 25 against 19 with 7 abstaining. It is astounding, however, that among these 19 were not only Soviet satellites and Moslem delegates, but many Christians. It is known to this writer from excellent source, that it is the personal merit of the chief American delegate, Mr. Warren R. Austin, that the U. S. voted for the inclusion of the religious paragraph.

The Soviet Union sustained her principal defeat, when Mr. Gromyko's desperate efforts to introduce in the Inquiry Commission

The True Gloria



LONGHAND is Gloria DeHaven's prescription for memorizing the lines of her latest picture. One of M-G-M's most delightful young actresses, Gloria believes in occupying every moment of her day on the set. She has just completed the role of Mickey Rooney's girl friend in the technicolor musical, "Summer Holiday."

THE BOOK NOOK

BACKSTAIRS MISSION IN MOSCOW, by Charles Ciliberti, Booktab Press, 128 pp., \$1.00.

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Backstairs Mission in Moscow, a Booktabs special is something contrastingly different with the goody-goody, halla-ba-loo that Red propagandists have been throwing our way on life inside the Soviet. The author, an insignificant chauffeur to U. S. Ambassador Joseph E. Davies during his Mission to Moscow (1936-38), compiled a diary of his three eventful jour-

neys to the forbidden land of the Soviets and takes us behind the scenes for undiluted life in the Soviet capital.

Mr. Ciliberti makes no pretensions about knowing it all, nor does he give you a philosophical treatise on the frightful consequences of Communism. He does more than that. He gives you a picture of Communism in action and all the while he is practical, down-to-earth and writes as an ordinary American, in a language that is very familiar.

representatives of the Big Five failed. Thus the "packing" of the Commission and making it a platform for the East-West conflict did not succeed. The eleven member Commission is expected to be neutral and unbiased.

Whatever will be the result of the U. N. efforts to find a true solution to the Palestine problem, it seems that the most impartial method was chosen. Much will depend on the honest desire and interest of the Christian democracies to see in the problem something more than a trouble spot. but the duty to insure peace and respect for the place where Christ was born.

The author's observations are his own — he did not see the wonder world that the Reds talk about. He saw instead the Russian people (good natured and loving) cringing in fear, serving the lustful ambitions of tyrants and subject to a servile slavery the like of which the world has never seen or imagined. He saw a land filled with spies, counter spies and government agents. He saw the Russian people being battered by fantastic propaganda. All this the author takes in — while chaffering about and matching wits with the notorious GPU, the dreaded Red secret police.

It is easy and recommended reading for all.

Anna Kaskas Featured Soloist With Alice Stephens Singers

Orchestra Hall Scene of Annual Spring Concert
Monday Evening, May 26th

CHICAGO. — Some time during the year one reads of various artists, ensembles, and choral groups appearing in recital in one of the larger concert halls, and among the names you read you see that the Swedish Club, or the Polish group, or an Irish chorus appeared in concert before a capacity audience. Not only is it gratifying to the participating artists to perform before a full house, but it also adds prestige to any organization of a foreign origin to be able to contribute to its heritage of culture through such an appearance.

The ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS, predominantly a Lithuanian singing organization, have appeared in concert in many parts of Chicago, as well as New York and Baltimore, and have also been heard over various radio stations — WBBM, WCFL, WGES, from Chicago, and WNYC in New York. All of their appearances have been most cordially received. On every program this group has presented you will find mention of the fact they

In the spring of 1936 Anna Kaskas entered the first Metropolitan "Auditions of the Air" and won a thousand dollars and a contract with the Metropolitan Opera, over 700 other aspirants. Since then she has been on the regular roster of the Metropolitan where she is an established and popular member of the company. Before the opening of the Metropolitan season, Miss Kaskas has sung several seasons with the Chicago Opera.

Miss Kaskas has also appeared repeatedly with the major orchestras of the country, including the New York Philharmonic-Symphony, the Boston Symphony, the Philadelphia and Cleveland Orchestras, the Toronto Philharmonic, and with the orchestras of Kansas City, Grand Rapids and Denver. She has been featured at the Worcester and Berkshire Festivals and at Colorado's Central City Opera Festival in the title role of "Orpheus". Radio audiences know her thru such programs as Ford, Coca-cola and the Treasury Hours.

In concert particularly Anna Kaskas' personality and voice have made her one of America's favorite singers.



Anna Kaskas

are a Lithuanian organization, and they further proclaim this in their rendition of Lithuanian music.

On Monday evening, May 26, 1947, the ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS are presenting their Annual Spring Concert, and this year it is to be held in Orchestra Hall. Apart from their own part on the program, they have invited Miss Anna Kaskas, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, to be their guest. The addition of such a fine artist to an already conscientiously prepared program assures everyone of an evening of true musical enjoyment.

Marquette Sodality May Crowning Monday

CHICAGO. — The Nativity of B. V. M. parish Sodality will have its May Crowning ceremonies on Monday evening, May 26th beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Sodality members and general public are invited to attend these services.

Don Varnas Post 986 "Open House" Sunday

CHICAGO. — The Don Varnas American Legion Post 986 extends a cordial invitation to all members, and their families to attend their OPEN HOUSE and Initiation of new members on Sunday, May 25th, 2:00 p. m., at the Don Varnas Legion Hall, 68th & Western.

The Darius Girėnas initiating team will officiate at the impressive ceremonies.

A very interesting movie will be shown during the course of the social.

The Don Varnas Post Women's Auxiliary is taking a very active part in the Legion Poppy Day beginning Sun., May 25, 10 p. m. and through Mon., May 26. They will be stationed on 69th & Western & 69th & California.

Big Sister



JUNE ALLYSON'S younger brother visits his famous sister on the M-G-M lot. The petite star who looks no bigger than her brother has just completed "High Barbaree" which stars Van Johnson. The versatile June

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that. Last year, for the Cleveland National Folk Festival, many paid their own way. Since then, the dance group has received enough money from the programs of Lithuanian clubs and organizations to pay most of the expenses of the St. Louis trip.

To the dancers May 24 will be a great day. It is the goal for which they have worked so hard. On that day as they dance "Lenciugelis" or "Malunelis", they will show something of Lithuania's art to many thousands of Americans. On that day "Ruguciai" or "Vororaite" will prove to Americans there is a small nationality among them who has added something to the American way of life. Lithuanians of Chicago, you should be proud of the Ateitis Folk Dancers.

J. T.

"The situation calls for the most intensive long-range effort on the part of the people and the government", holds the institute, listing hard work, thrift, maintenance of a high level of production, an expanding economy, and popular support of all measures to keep down spending as "essential elements of such an effort."

Plenty of Vacuum Cleaners Reported

Vacuum cleaners are available for immediate delivery everywhere in the U. S., manufacturers reported last week, denying a Washington official's statement that they could not be had.

Sales of vacuum cleaners currently are at the rate of more than 2,700,000 cleaners annually, a new high, the industry reported.



Roads to Employment

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Send 25 cents (coin) for "Guide to Jobs" to Draugas Reader Service, 243 West 17th St., New York 11, N. Y. Please print your name, address, zone and title of booklet.

Our Public Debt Equal to \$6,700 Per U. S. Family

Today's public debt is equal to \$6,700 per family, compared with \$1,380 per family in 1940, \$540 in 1930, and \$1,070 in 1919, when the World War I Federal debt reached its peak, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

"A long-term study of the nation's public debt," the institute says, "points up the size of the debt repayment job currently facing the American people, with a Federal debt of \$259 billions."