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June 3, 1967

Office of the Archbishop

The Honorable Harold E. Stassen  
1020 Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (19109)

Dear Mr. Stassen:

I am grateful to you for your note of congratulations. I owe you an apology for seeming inattention to your letter of April 4. However, I delayed answering your letter until I had an opportunity to consult with the Bishop in charge of the Catholic Office for United Nations Affairs and also with the Permanent Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations. On the basis of their observations I submit the following.

The modernization and strengthening of the United Nations is most desirable. The United Nations charter was ratified in 1945 and was based on the concept that international security was mainly the responsibility of the "Big Five" and such security could be assured only when all five agreed. It was in this atmosphere that vital decisions were made in the Security Council and the "veto" power was given to the Five.

The admission of the new nations of Africa and Asia has created a third force at the United Nations which in fact has reduced the power of the major States. As a result, more worldwide issues are being discussed and acted upon by the General Assembly.

The possibility of calling a new convention to amend the Charter seems remote, because of the required consent of the "Big Five". The Soviet Union opposes such a convention. There have been few amendments to the Charter in the last three years and even these minor amendments were rather difficult because of the need for a two-third majority vote and the subsequent ratification of the Parliaments. A convention would require the approval of 122 governments.

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The Honorable Harold E. Stassen

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My advisers conclude that the idea is a splendid one, but the experience at the United Nations gives little hope for the desired amendments.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Krol". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Archbishop.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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May 29, 1967

Honorable Warren P. Knowles  
Governor  
State of Wisconsin  
State Capitol  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Warren:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter enclosing a copy of Clyde Ethier's letter of April 12th to Bruno Bitker.

I am writing directly to Mr. Ethier and will follow up with him. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to him and a copy of my address at Maryland as included in the Congressional Record.

Each passing week emphasizes the tragedy of our present course of War in Vietnam. The vast dense jungles and the non-cooperating surrounding countries make it impossible to obtain an American War answer. I am convinced our country must take the kind of initiative which I have outlined in my "Path of Peace" addresses .

With personal best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



# The State of Wisconsin

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WARREN P. KNOWLES

GOVERNOR

May 23, 1967

Mr. Harold E. Stassen  
1020 Fidelity-Philadelphia  
Trust Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Harold:

Some time ago you wrote to me concerning your suggestions for reorganizing the United Nations. I submitted the letter to Mr. Bruno V. Bitker, Chairman of the Wisconsin Commission on the United Nations, for his information and suggestions.

Mr. Bitker apparently had copies made of your letter and submitted them to all members of the Commission for their assessment. I'm enclosing a copy of a letter which Mr. Bitker sent to me which gives the views of one of the individual members.

It may be that you would like to communicate with Mr. Ethier directly.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Warren P. Knowles".

Warren P. Knowles  
Governor

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CLYDE R. ETHIER  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER  
3549 N. Summit Avenue  
Shorewood 11, Wisconsin

April 15, 1967

Mr. Bruno Bitker, Chairman  
Governor's Committee on the UN  
208 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Bruno:

You have asked for our reaction to Mr. Stassen's letter to Governor Knowles. Mine was one of complete amazement. It seems inconceivable to me that a man of his experience and background could be so naive and unrealistic in his approach to Utopia.

The following questions immediately occurred to me:

1. Does he really believe that Russia would forego the veto at his suggested convention?
2. For his universal membership, would he eliminate the designation "peace-loving" from the UN Charter, or add the words "and such others as do not qualify under the above description"?
3. Does he believe that withdrawing our forces from Vietnam and presenting "membership cards" to both sides would stop the Vietcong's slaughter of innocent civilians, or any other of their plans aimed at total subjugation of the South Vietnamese?
4. Would "club membership" have any more effect on the Communists than world opinion did in their invasion of Poland, or their "settling" of the Hungarian uprising?
5. How would he make those nations pay their share of the revised costs of the UN that do not pay their share under the present rules?

Competition between systems cannot exist except under a set of rules or laws. In a situation where one side abides by the rules, and the other side rewrites them to suit the situation, or ignores them entirely, there can be no competition.

For a set of laws to mean anything, there must be courts that have jurisdiction, there must be enforcement, or police or armys. Lacking these, "competition" could lead only to a complete surrender of principles or a worse and larger "competition" than we are now experiencing in Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

*Clyde Ethier*

May 29, 1967

Mr. Clyde R. Ethier  
3549 North Summit Avenue  
Shorewood, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Ethier:

It has come to my attention that you partially misunderstood my letter to Governor Knowles regarding the path of peace in Vietnam, and the modernizing and strengthening of the United Nations.

I am and always have been opposed to withdrawing from Vietnam. I would consider withdrawal to be a mistake as tragic on the other extreme as the Americanizing of the War has been tragic in that direction.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an address I made at the University of Maryland as it was reprinted in the Congressional Record. I am also enclosing a copy of a Memorandum of Answers to various questions that had been raised by Governors and Senators.

I, of course, do not anticipate that making all peoples eligible for membership, whatsoever may be their form of government at this contemporary period of history, will result in any easy bed of roses for the functioning of the United Nations.

But I am convinced from long experience that this will afford a better opportunity for the peoples within the dictatorial governed countries to evolve toward freedom by their internal pressures for more human rights.



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Mr. Clyde R. Ethier

Furthermore, these peoples cannot be set free by external war and the only avenue toward their freedom is from the internal evolutionary pressure for freedom.

I would welcome your further questions and hope you will give further study to the entire situation.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E Stassen

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Sincerely yours,

*Clyde Ethier*



The Second Baptist Church  
of Germantown

GERMANTOWN AVENUE AND UPSAL STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19119

May 16, 1967.

Dear Harold:

Enclosed is a letter having to do with the Philadelphia chapter of "Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam."

At the present time, to the best of my knowledge, this is the only group involving clergymen that is actively expressing concern for Vietnam. My impression is that even this is not too effective. I have discussed the whole matter with Robert Raines, the minister of the First Methodist Church of Germantown, but we did not arrive at any unusual conclusions.

After the A.B.C. Convention in Pittsburgh I would like to talk to you further about this. Never a day passes without my feeling an increased concern about the direction in which our Administration is leading us. I turn to you for guidance.

My genuine regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
V. Carney Hargroves

Mr. Harold E. Stassen,  
1020 Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Bldg.,  
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P H I L A D E L P H I A

CLERGY AND LAYMEN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM

Charles Butterworth  
Exec. Sec'y.

Office:  
Wellsprings Ecumenical Center  
6380 Germantown Ave.  
Phila., Pa. 19144  
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To Religious Leaders in Philadelphia

From John M. Scott, Chairman, Steering Committee

At a recent seminar of about forty of us, the question kept coming up, "What can we do?" Religious leaders usually have little muscle, but we do have voices, and our responsibility is to provide some moral guidance in a world of conflict. How long can we stand by while the death and destruction escalates, and lives, crops, and materials are wasted? We are concerned about what OUR government is doing, and yet our government now asks the dissent to be silent because aid and comfort is given to the enemy! Now more than ever we must express ourselves publicly.

There is one small action we can take right now. Endorse the copy of House Resolution #79 in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania introduced by Mr. Berson of Philadelphia. It is a mild resolution; it does not go as far as many of us would like, but it lies still-born in the Committee on Rules. In the meantime, another Resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution #124, which had been in the hands of the Committee on Rules, is now scheduled for floor business after the Assembly reconvenes May 17 th. It is a resolution of full support for the present policy of military escalation.

There are three reasons for endorsing Mr. Berson's resolution.

(1) It will be a public expression by a considerable number of Philadelphia area religious leaders which we can make known in Harrisburg, Washington, and most important, right here at home.

(2) It may help prevent the endorsement of the war resolution when it comes up on the floor of the Assembly.

(3) It will give encouragement to members of state legislatures such as Mr. Berson not to fear expressing their moral and practical concern about what the war is doing to American life at home and American prestige abroad.

"Clergy and Laymen concerned" is anxious to have your support; many other activities from congressional letter writing to debates and dialogues in congregational groups are also part of our effort. We welcome your ideas and assistance, BUT PLEASE ENDORSE THE BERSON RESOLUTION AND RETURN IT AT ONCE. THE TIME IS SHORT'. And if you can, please include a contribution; we have no anonymous angels!

Co-Chairmen: The Rev. Frank McGinty, The Rev. Robert Raines, The Rev. John M. Scott,  
Mr. John Stokes, and Rabbi Harold Weintraub.

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INTRODUCED BY MR. BERSON, APRIL 12, 1967

In the House of Representatives, April 12, 1967.

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, seeking neither escalation nor withdrawal but a careful review of the facts, memorialize the Congress of the United States to make a new determination as to--

- (1) Whether the war in Vietnam is in the National interest of the United States;
  - (2) Whether the continuing sacrifice of lives and money is the only feasible alternative;
  - (3) Whether the war is a useful instrument of foreign policy; and
  - (4) Whether our continued involvement is serving the cause of world peace; and
- be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the presiding officer of each House of the Congress of the United States and to each Senator and Representative from Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States.

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I publically endorse the above Resolution of Mr. Berson as a step toward de-escalation of the Vietnam war, and a step toward negotiations that will bring the war to an end.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

It is understood that any use of my name is purely personal, does not represent my congregation or any other group, and my position may be indicated solely for identification purposes.

PLEASE RETURN AT ONCE TO: CLERGY AND LAYMAN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM

6380 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

June 2, 1967

Honorable George Greeley  
Executive Secretary  
Republican Party of Wisconsin  
303 East Wilson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear George:

Greetings!

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. I was pleased to hear from you. There had simply been a mistake in my office in addressing Bruno Bitker, as he should have been addressed as Chairman of Governor's Committee on the United Nations.

The background is that Governor Knowles had received my earlier letter and memorandum; had forwarded it to Bruno Bitker and the United Nations Commission; Bitker had forwarded it to his Members; Ethier wrote back to Bitker; Bitker sent it on to the Governor, and the Governor sent it to me.

May I add that I had earlier written to Chairman Ody Fish at the time that I wrote to Governor Knowles.

With personal best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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REPLY TO:  
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MADISON, WIS. 53701

May 31, 1967

Mr. Harold E. Stassen  
Stassen and Kephart  
1020 The Fidelity Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Harold:

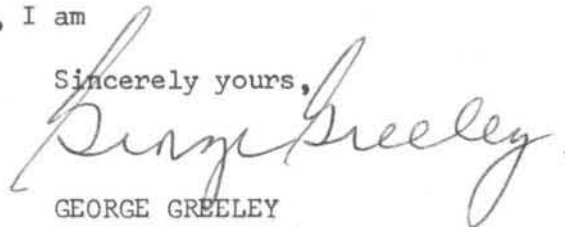
It has been some years since our paths have crossed, and I am hoping it will not be too distant when we meet again.

I am writing you in connection with a mailing we received this morning which I took the liberty of opening. It was addressed to Mr. Bruno Bitker, Chairman, Republican Party of Wisconsin (see envelope cover enclosed). My curiosity was aroused because Bruno Bitker of Milwaukee has been one of the better-known Democrats in the Democratic Party higher echelon in Wisconsin for the last 10 or 15 years. The mailing had to do with the enclosed letters, the copies of which I am enclosing. I have taken the liberty of keeping the copy of your speech given at the University of Maryland on Thursday, April 20, because I would like to take it home and read it this evening.

I have known Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ethier for some years, and I would be curious to know the text of the letter of Clyde's to Bruno Bitker unless you deem it personal. I have no reason to correspond with Clyde or his wife, but it's curious for me to know the line of Clyde's letter to Bruno Bitker.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



GEORGE GREELEY  
Executive Secretary

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June 5, 1967

Honorable John Sherman Cooper  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear John:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful note of May 31st.

Your initiative and constructive action in moving to put the United Nations Association address into the Congressional Record is appreciated.

It seems to me that each passing week's news provides additional evidence of the need to move in this direction.

I will plan to see you soon for a direct discussion of steps that might be taken.

May I add my continued appreciation of your exceptional leadership in the Senate and in the country.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 31, 1967

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Dear Harold:

I am so sorry I missed you when you came to my office last week, but I had not come back from Kentucky. I hope you will call again and let me know in advance when you will be in Washington.

I appreciate also your leaving me a copy of your speech. I think it is very broad in its conception and has larger importance in its application to meet problems which bear upon the future. I am taking the liberty of putting it in the Congressional Record.

I hope that you will keep in touch and that we will meet again soon.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



John Sherman Cooper

Honorable Harold Stassen  
Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 5, 1967

Honorable Carl L. Shipley  
Chairman  
District of Columbia  
Republican Committee  
1625 Eye Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Carl:

Thank you for your letter of June 1st.

I would be interested to know the source of your impression of my statement to the United Nations Association, since I did not advocate "closing out our adventure in Vietnam".

Enclosed find a copy of my address.

Both Vietnam and the Middle East are direct examples of the need to modernize and strengthen the United Nations, and the overdue initiative of the United States for that purpose is the key to resolving these two situations. May I add that they cannot be solved by the Administration's present course of an expanded and escalated American War drive in Vietnam.

I will be pleased to hear further from you on this issue which is so important for the future of our country as well as of our Republican Party.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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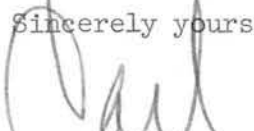
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Honorable Harold E. Stassen  
1020 Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust  
Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Harold:

This is just a note concerning your recent statement to the United Nations Association about the importance of closing out our adventure in Vietnam and strengthening the United Nations. Both Vietnam and the Middle East are conspicuous examples of the total futility of the United Nations in terms of its present structure and its capacity to do anything but add confusion to the existing chaos.

Sincerely yours,

  
Carl L. Shipley  
Chairman

CLS/akh

June 5, 1967

Mr. Arnold S. Zander  
President  
United World Federalists  
1346 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Zander:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of June 1st.

I have spoken on other occasions of the specific suggestions for modernizing and strengthening the United Nations.

Enclosed is a copy of a Memorandum of Fifteen Questions and Answers which includes some of this detail.

May I add, as you perhaps know, that my position through the years and continuing is to not take a specific stand on the precise organizational efforts, such as the United World Federalists, and the Atlantic Union Organizations, but to speak encouragingly of all such efforts as a part of the educational, analytical and promotional work which fits into the steps that ultimately need to be taken.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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Enclosure





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June 1, 1967

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The Hon. Harold E. Stassen  
1020 Fidelity Phila. Trust Bldg.  
Philadelphia, Penna. 19109

Dear Mr. Stassen:

I have had the opportunity to read the address you gave to the United Nations Association on Friday, May 26, at the World Health Organization Headquarters, Washington, D. C. and I thank you for it. It seems to me to be a real contribution to our national dialogue and I hope it gets wide attention.

You made one point with which I heartily agree but I feel I should ask you if you said everything you wanted to say about it. It seems to me your amplification of the statement falls far short of its promise. I refer to, "There is an urgent need to modernize and strengthen the United Nations, if it is to serve its prime objective 'to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.'"

The phrase "to modernize and strengthen the United Nations" has great promise for all mankind. The Charter of the United Nations itself contemplated modernizing and strengthening of the organization. The Middle East situation is certainly one that should be resolved by the United Nations but it is conceded all around that the UN does not have the strength or capacity to cope with it. I am sure you will be happy to see the UN strengthened, for you say so in the statement above quoted. But in the rest of your speech the only point you make is in regard to universal membership. We favor universal membership, and have all along, but we do not believe that universal membership alone would make much difference in the effectiveness of the UN in overcoming the natural difficulties resulting from a world of anarchy.

Later on you say "the method of fulfillment will be through a convention to rewrite the United Nations Charter." This was, again, in the context of a truly world wide United Nations and not in the context of a restructured United Nations with means to establish a rule of law in the world.

I like your reference "to improve the United Nations in a comprehensive manner as the peace-builder and peace-maker." Perhaps that is as direct as you feel you can be in the present discussion. If so, we will get some comfort from this oblique reference as we do from the fact that you continue to involve yourself in these basic considerations.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arnold".

Arnold S. Zander  
President

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June 9, 1967

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Mr. Harold E. Stassen  
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Dear Harold:

Thank you for writing me as you did on June 5 and for sending me a copy of your memorandum on 15 Questions and Answers.

I have read the memorandum with much interest and have learned from it. You have an extensive background on which to draw and I am glad to know you are thinking on a number of these questions.

I should like to assure you that the United World Federalists are not formula bound and do not advocate in detail any specific plan or panacea. We do believe it would be wise, and is in fact necessary, to employ the federalist principle in improving the United Nations, but we recognize that great care will need to be exercised in adapting the principle at the world level. I like your emphasis on the point that a Charter Review Conference can be called without the veto and that changes can be made also without the veto. Our concern is that our government is not preparing itself for such a Review Conference. No conscientious homework is being done by anyone in the federal establishment in anticipation of the time when the Charter could be strengthened. I have made this charge of lack of homework up and down the country, on radio and television, and directly in the executive department and no one has been able to come up with anyone whose assignment it is to give consideration to long range planning for a stronger United Nations.

I am enclosing herewith for your perusal copies of several documents which bear on this matter. This will illustrate the fact that we are not advocating a specific proposal but are calling on our government

to study and research the problem, hopefully then come up with alternatives for public discussion, and in other ways prepare for a Charter Review Conference.

We are grateful to you for the substantial contribution you are making to this most important issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arnold".

Arnold S. Zander  
President

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

A cry and a demand should be rising from people all over the world who have seen demonstrated during these last dark days of the Middle East crisis both the woeful inadequacy of the present United Nations and the need for a stronger United Nations with authority to keep the peace. People are dying in the Middle East as they are in Vietnam in spite of the fact that there is wide understanding that a United Nations with strength could maintain order and prevent war.

Parents of people of military age should be demanding that statesmen lead us to a peaceful world instead of going from crisis to crisis, never offering a design for a United Nations structure that could put an end to carnage and sorrow.

There seems to be a block between recognition and acknowledgment of an alternative to war and execution of a plan to put the alternative into effect. Meantime, wars go on, breaking out intermittently without rhyme or reason - only because there is no place to which nations can go for a fair and just resolution of their grievances. Such a place can be created. Mankind knows how to do it.

Michigan and Ohio, after contending about a common border for many many years, finally submitted their problem to the United States Supreme Court for adjudication. They had a place to go. Israel and Egypt did not have a place to go, so they went to war.

The whole matter is that simple, and because it is simple people everywhere understand and hope but they must do more. They must demand that their leaders make a constructive approach to the creation of an alternative to war. The task will not be easy. Perhaps that is why it is continuously neglected. But our government could turn some attention to the design of a structure for peace. This is not asking too much. Every modern government should recognize the absolute necessity of an alternative to the war system and should give attention to its design. But since governments are not now undertaking this task, people should demand that it be done, and demand in anger - if that is necessary to get action.

The time for serious consideration of the establishment of peace on earth came a long time ago. Now it is vital to design the mechanics of the undertaking. We need to study the details of governmental structure for a United Nations which can protect rights and liberties and still have power so it will be both safe and effective in maintaining peace. This is the pressing need of our time. Zealous, persistent, determined action is needed today and tomorrow - not next week or next month.

Arnold S. Zander  
President

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May 29, 1967

Mr. John S. Knight,  
Editor  
The Detroit Free Press  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Knight:

We have received a considerable number of copies of your Editor's Notebook column entitled "World Federalists Can Dream But They Have No Answers." Your editorial has caused a flurry among our members, for your article is critical and still not antagonistic to the basic concept of an ordered world to which we are devoted.

You do not contend that it would not be well to have "a world cop on the beat - a permanent police force." You do say that World Federalists deal in appealing generalities and that more than generalities will be required to put "a world cop on the beat." It seems to me that that point is beyond argument. What is arguable is the something more that is required in order to bring about what you suggest are desirable objectives.

You say that Federalists "have only a notion rather than a feasible plan to deal with the realities of this turbulent world." We refer to it not as a notion but as a concept or an idea. We do not claim to have a full blown formula or panacea or "feasible plan."

Some of our members have written commendable books setting forth their ideas and plans. We endorse these books as study materials. We agree with those who declare that non-governmental organizations should be researching in this field and should be coming up with plans and proposals. But we realize that when a UN Charter Review Conference is finally held it will be a meeting of representatives of governments and not of non-governmental organizations.

At that point a problem arises. Our government is not doing its homework in anticipation of restructuring the United Nations so that it will not be as inadequate as you accurately describe it in your editorial. You do very well in pointing out the difficulties faced by those who would have an ordered world instead of a world of anarchy. But you do not come up with solutions even to the extent to which the Federalists offer them.

The United Nation's Charter provides an amending process. It says that if a Charter Review Conference has not been held before the tenth annual session of the General Assembly following the coming into force of the present charter, the proposal to call such a conference shall be placed on the Agenda of that session of the General Assembly. The question of a Charter Review Conference was placed on the Agenda of the General Assembly in 1955, and it was finally decided that a Charter Review Conference should be held "at an appropriate time." Since 1955 no time has been found appropriate and no meeting of representatives of governments has been held with the purpose of strengthening the UN.

What is more, no government, including our own, has come up with plans and proposals for a restructured United Nations which would have at least some potentiality in keeping the peace. As far as we know, our government has not given serious consideration to basic amendments to the UN Charter which our government could support and which would make it an adequate peacekeeping mechanism.

I ask you to consider the fact that the serious void in this situation is that the government of the United States has not given and is not giving attention to the kind of United Nations structure we ought to have in this nuclear age. Our country has given massive support to the United Nations and its constituent agencies. For this we are deeply grateful. UN agencies have done grand work around the world and for this we give thanks. But in the peacekeeping area, the UN is inadequate, as you made crystal clear, and our government is so engrossed and pre-occupied with the immediate that thought is not given to the long range. There may be some people in the government who have plans in the backs of their minds toward which they may feel we should be tending but that is not good enough.

Having pointed the finger at your old friends, the United World Federalists, I wonder if you might join the Federalists in pointing a finger at the government and saying with them, in your effective way, that it is high time the government gave attention to the kind of legislative body, executive establishment, judicial system, and financial structure the world peacekeeping organization ought to have so it will be adequate to its assignment. Please, join your old friends in pointing a friendly finger at our government with a request that some employee be freed from consideration of the immediate and be given the task of immediately concerning himself urgently with consideration of what needs to be done to the United Nations to make it adequate to the survival of mankind.

Sincerely yours,

*Arnold S. Zander*  
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President



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June 1, 1967

The Editor  
The Washington Post  
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Dear Sir:

It was most disappointing to read your lead editorial of Tuesday, May 30, entitled "Memorial Day 1967."

Glory should certainly go to those who fought and died in defense of their country's causes, but there ought to be some way other than by dying in battle by which those now here and those yet to be born could show deep devotion, reverence and patriotism for their country.

For example, they could plan for peace and thereby help prevent future wars. Or do you rule out the possibility of a peaceful world? Your words seem to indicate that you do, for you state: "It is not likely that Americans now living ever will see a day when men in the uniform of this country will not be dying on some field, to defend its far-flung interests around the whole world. Or such days, at least, will be rare and will furnish abnormal interludes in a world of conflict from which we cannot escape." You tell us that peace is an illusion and that there is no alternative except war.

There is no need for so pessimistic a view unless we are unwilling to give thought to the ways and the structure of peace. Why not do some thinking and planning? And why should not your newspaper point out in a Memorial Day editorial that someone somewhere should be doing some hard thinking about peace, instead of stating that there is no alternative to war.

In our Federal system we have fifty sovereign states living together at peace, and everyone is benefitting from the experience. Why take up cudgels in an attempt to name reasons why this concept is not valid for careful adaptation at the world level? You could more profitably join in the search for a system which could work equally well at the world level.

You suggest that we not "...cringe from the necessity of meeting issues boldly with principle, resolution and strength...." Then why not consider the issue of peace in this fashion? You advise against shrinking from present hardships, but the hardest job we face is that of securing stable peace, and you not only shrink from it but run away from it.

The greatest challenge of our time is to establish secure and proper peace with freedom and justice. We should face this challenge squarely and not cringe before it or shrink from it. We are equal to the challenge. All we need to do is to face it and work to achieve it.

Sincerely yours,

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May 30, 1967

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Middle East crisis is another unfortunate reminder of the tragic inadequacies of the peacekeeping machinery of the United Nations. On behalf of members of the United World Federalists, I want to commend the U. S. Government's handling of the explosive situation in this part of the world. We welcome your determination to work through the United Nations, abjuring the unilateral use of force to prevent further conflict.

However, we sincerely regret, Mr. President, that our government is not now at work on a design to strengthen the United Nations. Imaginative Charter modernization could give this organization the wherewithal to keep the peace and provide security for member nations. A United Nations which must withdraw its peacekeeping forces at the demand of one of the contending parties is not an organization capable of guaranteeing the peace. When serious trouble threatens, the UN should be able to strengthen its peacekeeping forces, rather than being forced to withdraw them.

With new urgency, we emphasize that the United Nations offers the best available basis for world peace -- if it can make, interpret, and enforce world law.

Mr. President, is it not time to proffer to the world concrete, specific proposals for strengthening the United Nations so that it can fulfill the hopes of mankind and eliminate the scourge of war? If your answer is in the affirmative, do you have on your agenda a plan whereby the U. S. Government will move forward in proposing Charter changes that would rectify present UN inadequacies?

Sincerely yours,

Arnold S. Zander  
President



Personal

June 8, 1967

Honorable John Sherman Cooper  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Cooper:

Enclosed is an additional copy of Governor  
Stassen's speech to the United Nations Association  
which you had requested.

Sincerely yours,

Corinne B. Hill  
Secretary

CBH  
Enclosure



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