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HAROLD E. STASSEN, FORMER GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA, AND THE ONLY ONE NOW LIVING OF THE EIGHT AMERICANS WHO NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AT SAN FRANCISCO IN 1945, WILL SPEAK AT 4:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 23, 1986, AT THE FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1533 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE, SAINT PAUL.

THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT REAGAN-GORBACHEV SUMMIT CONFERENCE, THE UNITED NATIONS, TERRORISM, AND FOREIGN POLICY.

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~~noon luncheon, November 22, 1985~~

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~~ADDRESS OF HAROLD E. STASSEN AT THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE  
AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, NOVEMBER 22.~~

*Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church, St Paul, Minnesota  
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The ages old Biblical mandate to "Seek Peace and pursue it", and the nearly two thousand year old message from Jesus Christ in his Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the Peacemakers", have more timely, more urgent, more imperative, more common sense significance today, ~~November 22, 1985~~ *February 23, 1986* than ever before.

Nearly everyone today realizes that a third world war in this nuclear space age would be a catastrophic blasting and burning, worldwide death-dealing radiation, global year-long sun-hiding clouds, and the potential end of <sup>the</sup> human races on this earth.

The leaders of the two super powers, the United States and the Soviet Union, President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, have, thankfully, ~~this week begun~~, *begun* at the summit, direct reaching away from war.

At this historic moment, how then shall we the people proceed!!

It is my view that above all else, we must establish a better United Nations to serve in the next generation, the next forty years, the objective of world peace for the well-being of all races of humankind, all peoples of all nations on this earth, under God.

We are beginning the 41st year of the United Nations.

When we were drafting, negotiating and signing the original Charter at San Francisco forty years ago, we eight Americans, five Democrats and three Republicans, appointed by President Roosevelt, and reappointed by President Truman, were unanimous on three basic points.

First, that we should get a charter agreed on by the 50 nations before World War II ended, so that there would not be a repeat of the tragic deterioration after World War I, which erupted into World War II. We agreed on June 21st, after intense negotiations, and signed on June 26, 1945, seven weeks before VJ day.

Second, that our number one objective was to prevent a third World War, which we knew would be an extreme catastrophe. We were not naive. We did not expect the world to become a rose garden. Thus far, 40 years later, the organization has made a significant contribution toward avoiding a third World War, and currently has assisted in bringing into important talks the key leaders, President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev.

Third, <sup>we agreed in 1945</sup> that the organization would need to be brought up to date in the future, and we incorporated in the Charter the method by which a future new United Nations could emerge from the original.

How shall the United Nations be made better?

To stimulate the process, I have drafted a suggested

Charter under which a new United Nations would emerge from the original.

It contains much of continuity, and much of change.

The major changes are -

The new Charter would provide for:

1. Weighted voting in a new Central Cabinet of Administrators to make the United Nations more effective in preserving world peace over the next forty years.
2. A United Nations Police Peace Force to combat terrorism and stabilize trouble spots around the globe.
3. Three new methods of reaching peaceful solutions to disputes between nations.
4. An inspection service, as well as a commitment to not send nuclear weapons into space.
5. A new financial basis.

I will comment briefly on these.

It is crucial that there be a method of weighted voting.

On the basis of my long experience, and the suggestion of others, I am suggesting that the weighted voting should be brought into effect in relationship to a new Central Cabinet of 25 Administrators, consisting of representatives of the major states and of all other states through groupings.

The Assembly itself should be continued with a one state one voice system to carry forward the world open forum for all peoples.

The weighted vote on the other hand, is to be used in establishing a representation, and in the methods of action, of the new Central Cabinet of Administrators. I am proposing that the weight of the vote range from 1000 votes for the ten major states, to one vote for the smallest.

The method of arranging the standing of states should be to give equal effect to three factors:

Total Population.

Annual Gross National Production.

Annual Per Capita Production.

Ranking all members on these three factors, and then combining the factors, results in a listing such as suggested in Annex A of the Draft Charter, with the scale of votes moving through groups of ten.

I do believe that decisions in the decades ahead of such a Central Cabinet of Administrators, acting on such a weighted vote basis, would have a rather sound and realistic relationship to a decision by the peoples of the world, and their governments, at any given time.

Very urgent also is a method for the peoples of the world to move effectively against terrorism.

This would be one of the major assignments of a new 250,000 Member United Nations Police Peace Force.

Their other task would be to quiet down and stabilize trouble spots in the world, while the efforts towards solution proceeded.

There is an essential need that all peoples everywhere have hope that their problems, their plight, their potential, be considered, without resort to violence.

Thus, the next major need for the future is to improve the peace-making facilities and techniques and methods of the United Nations.

The draft Charter proposes three new controversy-solving entities:

A World Panel of Mediators.

A World Board of Arbitrators.

A World Court of Equity.

A sound and assured and more adequate and equitable method of financing is also critical.

I am proposing a method that may be said to have some

relationship to the super highway toll road. It is for a small charge of one percent on the import and export of goods and materials.

The existence of a successful United Nations will make a basic contribution for future world trade, even as the volume of trade has shown such unprecedented growth in these past 40 years.

Finally, the definition of the status of the Soviet Union and the United States needs exceptional attention and thought and ingenuity.

This is especially significant to keep nuclear weapons out of space, and to provide for effective inspections, and to decrease the danger of a catastrophic nuclear third world war.

You will find in the draft Charter a mixture of restraints and responsibilities and power, which I suggest will reflect in the organization a good mirror of the facts of the world.

The mirror would function within the overall objective to foster conditions for creative competition of social, economic, and political systems without violence and without world war.

The new Charter would continue, with some changes, the Assembly, the Security Council, the Social and Economic Council, the Trusteeship Council, the World Court, and the Secretariat.

The proposed new draft preamble gives a sense of the direction and scope of my suggestions for the future of the United Nations.

It reads as follows:

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD DETERMINED  
to save our own and succeeding generations from the  
scourge of world war, which in this age of nuclear  
bombs carries a catastrophic threat to all humanity;  
  
to foster conditions under which the competition of  
systems, economic, social, and political, may take  
place without violence or war;

to contribute with realism toward peaceful creative solutions of controversies between peoples;

to decrease violent terrorism, which afflicts innocent children and women, as well as men;

to end hunger, which is now a tragic experience of many peoples;

to extend humanitarian and expert aid in earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons and other major disasters;

to care for this earth and safeguard the environment against hazardous pollution of air and water and land;

to advance the peaceful use of outer space for the well-being of humankind; through Stars Peace and not Star War;

to open the way for opportunity and hope for the greater fulfillment and enjoyment of life for all of the races of mankind;

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights; in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small, with respect for their sovereignty and their culture;

to establish conditions in which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained;

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Bringing about such a change is now my priority aim.

Obviously I need help. I need a great deal of help. I invite each of you to consider helping, each in your own way, in your own situation.

I said I was realistic about the difficulties; and may I add that I do not consider these difficulties to be as great as were those we confronted in making the original start 40 years ago!

May I recall that <sup>in 1945</sup> ~~at the time~~ the cynics and doubters and negaters and alarmists and Armageddonites were saying that the then-50 states could never be brought into agreement; and that a third world war in 15 or 20 years was inevitable!

When we did reach the agreement of the 50 and all signed the document, we were not naive, we did not declare that we had guaranteed future peace. We said we had established a beach-head in the age-old struggle of the peoples to find the path of lasting peace.

I reemphasize now that a better United Nations is imperative. The open beginnings of the process would at once brighten the hopes of all humanity on this earth!

Otherwise, there will be a deepening deterioration, growing anarchy among states, mounting terrorism, spreading local wars, and escalating danger of a nuclear catastrophe!

But if the human race now moves forward from the beach-head of 40 years ago, there can be tremendous benefits to all peoples of all races of all nations in the decades ahead!





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