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### 'Barnard Welcomes General Assembly' —Dean Gildersleeve

Barnard welcomes the General Assembly of the United Nations with a very special interest and warmth. We have long emphasized in our curriculum the study of international relations and knowledge of other countries. Now that our city of New York contains the capital of the world we feel far more keenly our opportunity and our responsibility in this great field.

Barnard is in itself a miniature United Nations. This autumn we have 65 foreign students from 31 different countries. This is a goodly number for an undergraduate college; our University has of course vastly more. We will try to make this a happy year for our comrades from abroad.

The Faculty has already set up a special committee on Barnard's relations with the United Nations, under the chairmanship of Professor Jane Clark Carey. It hopes to offer hospitality and help to some members of the Secretariat and the delegations, and to develop opportunities for Barnard students to observe the workings of the new world organization.

Do not be discouraged by temporary disagreements and troublesome delays! Conflicts are reported conspicuously; cooperation is not "news." So the international ship of state is proceeding on its voyage more prosperously than you may think. May it have smoother seas as the Assembly meets, for it carries with it the hope of the world.

Virginia C.  
Gildersleeve.

### U.N. OFFERED FLUSHING SITE

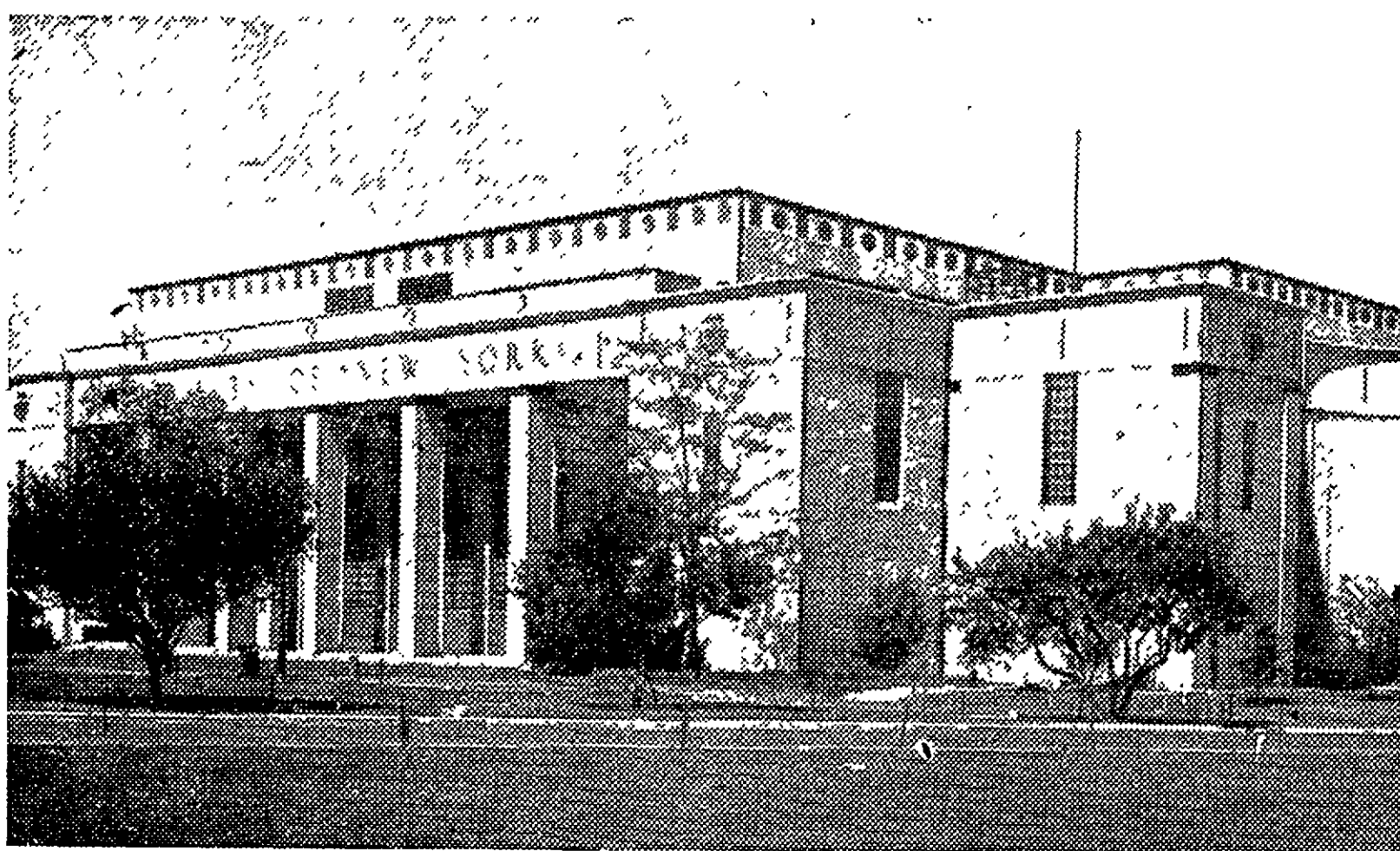
New York City has opened its arms wide to welcome the United Nations General Assembly. The Assembly will convene in the New York City building in Flushing Meadow which has been extensively redecorated for the convention.

For the permanent site of the United Nations New York City has offered a 350-acre plot in Flushing Meadow Park which was the scene of the World's Fair of 1939 and 1940. This land constitutes a seven million dollar gift and an additional twenty million has been spent on improvements on the site. The Mayor's committee on Plan and Scope drew up plans and photographed the site, and a model of the proposed buildings for the Assembly has been placed on display. The Board of Estimate declared that the project would cost about sixty-five million dollars to complete.

#### Controversy Over Site

This site would eliminate to a great extent the controversy which has raged for over a year about the final home for the United Nations. The site-choosing Committee of the General Assembly traveled over the Eastern seaboard and finally decided on the Greenwich, Connecticut area for its home. After its decision had been made telegrams from the residents of this area poured in to government and state officials protesting the use of a residential area. The site-choosing Committee took these protestations under consideration and temporarily put the subject on the shelf.

## College Marks National U.N. Week



The New York City Building at Flushing Meadows, transformed from a World's Fair exhibition hall into the meeting place of the United Nations General Assembly. The building contains a 116-by-140-foot central chamber, offices, press rooms, lounges and a second, smaller meeting room.

### Kirk Speaks Today To IRC

By Betty Pobanz

The activities that have been planned by the International Relations Club for United Nations Week are directed towards helping the students to become better acquainted with the United Nations organization and encouraging them to take an active part in welcoming the General Assembly.

#### Prof. Kirk to Speak

Dr. Grayson Kirk, Professor of International Relations at Columbia University, is speaking on "The United Nations and the Veto Power" at 4:00 this afternoon in the Conference Room. Professor Kirk is a member of the Yale Institute of International Relations and a specialist on the problem of international security especially concerning the relations between military and foreign policy.

At the San Francisco Conference Professor Kirk was executive officer of the commission dealing with international security and the composition and role of the Security Council. He has written a book entitled *Philippine Independence* and is co-author of *Contemporary International Politics*.

#### Committee Welcomes U.N.

"I hope that all the students of Barnard College will join the United Nations Committee in welcoming the General Assembly to the United States and to New York by participating in the activities of United Nations Week on the campus and throughout the city," declares Charlotte Brandis '47, president of IRC.

IRC is sponsoring an information booth on Jake where various pamphlets on the United Nations organization and its activities are available and pictures of the foremost delegates to the Security Council and General Assembly can be seen. A book display centered around the new book, *The United Nations* by Louis Dolivet, and including other current literature on the U.N. is being featured in the Barnard library.

#### Information Booth Volunteers

The following Barnard students have volunteered to man information booths sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations at focal points in the city: Anne Marie Attura, Helen Archibald, Charlotte Brandis, Shirin Devrim, Betty Troper, Jeanne Jahn, Ruth Aney, Mariette Arden, Mona Thelander, Patricia Cornish, Ruth Hurwit, Sara Marein-Efron, Gwendolyn Olson, Marion Gluck, Diana Flandin, Dorothy Ritchie, Inge Falk, Jacqueline Branaman, Joan Borowik, Juliette Cevallos, Maya Pines, Marguerite Traeris, Gloria Spamer, Kathleen Ayre, Margaret Mather and Eva Maze. Mrs. Maze '47 is also a hostess for the United Nations Committee of the City of New York which opened a new information and hospitality center Monday at Broadway and 47th Street.

### Barnard Calendar

Thursday, October 24

12:00 Barnard Day at Chapel—Rabbi Ira Eisenstein.

4:00 IRC tea and meeting in Conference Room. Prof. Grayson L. Kirk, speaker.

4:00 Wigs and Cues party meeting—Wigs and Cues room.

4:00 UCA—Report of WSCF Conference in Geneva: William Silvernail, Columbia '47.

Friday, October 25

12:00 International Relations majors luncheon in Hewitt Dining Room—Franz Neumann, author of *Behemoth*, recently returned from Germany.

4:00 German Conversation Group tea—116 Milbank.

4:00 Math Club—Conference Room.

4:00 Tennis Playday—Students and Faculty.

Saturday, October 26

9:30 Harvest Hop—Barnard's ballroom.

Monday, October 28

3:00 Formal archery tournament.

4:00 El Circulo Hispano—College Parlor.

### Barnard Students Help Make City U.N. Conscious

By Ruth Aney

Perhaps it was because they believe in world union by law and wanted to help effect it if only in a small way. Might be that Barnardites just have the habit of writing their names on posters on Jake.

Whatever the reasons, several students signed away this week's spare time to sit in some of the sixty-five United Nations Information Booths all over New York City

#### New U.N. Groups Denoted by Initials

Already familiar because of its world-wide humanitarian activities is UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) and U. N.—for United Nations—is widely used in English-speaking countries everywhere. Here are some of the others:

FAO. Food and Agriculture Organization.

ILO: International Labor Organization.

PICAO: Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization.

UNESCO. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

WHO: World Health Organization

Their duties have been to tell persons where, when and how to get to the General Assembly sessions and to meeting of the committees at Lake Success.

"Yes, sir, the U.N. buttons are free."

Volunteers encourage interested men and women to sign pledges in support of the U.N. Pledges from all parts of the United States will be presented to the General Assembly next week.

"Certainly, take one of the books. They give all the information about the U.N. Charter."

"No, I'm sorry, ma'am. I haven't seen your little blue boy in a rosy checked suit."

"Would you like to sign the pledge supporting the United Nations?"

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### Five Barnard Girls Go International, Spend A Year At University Of Geneva

By Babette Brimberg

Five internationally-minded Barnard juniors are studying in Geneva, and from all accounts are having a wonderful as well as instructive time. They are Anne Aldrich, Irene Brissanovsky, Mary Ricketson, Kathryn Schwindt, and Vivian Wyman. They left for Switzerland at the end of August.

As practically all the courses given at the University are in French, the group brushed up on their language before starting formal classes on October 15. Along with the five Barnard members, the group includes girls from other

eastern colleges, under the chaperonage of a Miss Doty and Miss Holden. Such courses as Public International Law, General Political Economy, Diplomatic History, Human Geography, World Politics and World Powers, and Critical Analysis of Economic and Political Problems are given by the University of Geneva and by the Institute of Higher International Studies.

As for Geneva itself, Miss Ricketson has written, giving a picture of the life she and other students lead. She describes a boat trip to the end of Lac Lemman to

see the Castle of Chillon.

Mary also writes about walking down to the spot where the Rhone joins the Arve River, and about a milk party they had in Geneva. Someone gave them enough milk coupons to buy four bottles of milk, and they went out "and bought 18 pastries for six of us and gorged. You know that we get no milk here—you have to give up your meat coupons to get milk, and you have to have a doctor's order to do that. It was the first glass of milk I've had since leaving the SS Washington."

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## ENVIABLE OPPORTUNITY

With 5000 delegates, alternates, and functionaries of the United Nations gathered in New York City to attend meetings of the second part of the First Session of the General Assembly, BULLETIN marks the event and the nation's "United Nations Week" by devoting an issue of the paper to information and comment on the United Nations.

A heart-breaking war is not long over. Most people, even if skeptical of the workings of the UN organizations, have hope that the General Assembly will muddle through. So BULLETIN is not out to "sell." We hope we may "clarify."

For the next five or six weeks, Barnard students have the enviable opportunity of attending meetings of the General Assembly. We hope "international" Barnard will supplement its theoretical knowledge of world affairs by beating a track to the New York City Building.

## ON THE U.N. AGENDA...

On the agenda for the second part of the first session of the General Assembly, to be presided over by Mr. Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium, are items raised at the first meeting in London, items proposed by other Organs of the United Nations, items proposed by Members of the U.N., and items raised by Secretary-General Trygve Lie. They include.

- 1) Discussion of the Iranian question, the Franco Spain issues, and the control of atomic energy
- 2) Examination of the power of veto held by the five Permanent Members of the Security Council—China, France, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom and the United States
- 3) Discussion of the presence of foreign troops in non-enemy nations, a question raised by the Soviet Union.
- 4) Vote on membership applications of three countries: Afghanistan, Iceland, and Sweden
- 5) Discussion of Permanent U.N. Headquarters, 1946-47 budget (provisionally equalling a little over 21 million dollars, or less than one tenth of the daily war expenditure of the United States), settlement of refugees, trusteeship of non-self governing territories and the assumption of work formerly done by the League of Nations.

## '46 Bulletin Manager Is U.N. Secretary

By Betty Lou Kirtley

Last spring an article appeared in BULLETIN predicting that Jane Weidlund, the out-going Business Manager of the paper, was "on her way..." Six months have gone by since that prediction and Jane is still on her way, only a great deal closer to realizing her ambition of working in the field of international relations.

She is secretary to Mr. William Agar, chief of the Speakers' Section, Department of Public Information in the United Nations out at Lake Success. The Speakers' Section arranges for members of the national delegations and international secretariat to address such organizations as Teachers' College's Institute of Comparative Government, the Junior League of Mobile, the NAM's national convention, and other civic, church, and educational groups.

Such work entails a lot of organization and telephone contact work, and in this field Jane Weidlund shines. (At least around BULLETIN she was famous for wielding a mean telephone, projecting a maximum of good will, good humor, and personality into a mouthpiece.)

### To Sponsor Speakers' Clinic

After the General Assembly closes sometime in November, the Speakers' Section is planning to sponsor a speakers' clinic to which members of the speakers' bureaus of Americans United, the ASUN, and other similar agencies will be invited to attend conferences, meet the delegates, and question important department heads.

A speakers' manual and study kit, which will include diagrams and charts of U.N. agencies, answers to questions regarding the



Jane Weidlund '46

U.N., suggested outlines and speakers' aids about such topics as the veto, international justice, the PAC, and the Security Council, will be distributed among those attending.

Asked for her most exciting moment amid so much excitement, Jane divulged that it came when she was issued, in addition to the general U.N. pass, a special pass affording her the opportunity to peek in upon the delegates' lounge and press bar, places beyond the view of the average woman.

To sum up her first two months with the U.N. Jane says, "I consider it very valuable experience to be associated with the U.N. even if for only a short time, for it has given me the opportunity to get the feel of a great organization expanding, to associate with the policies and people who are shaping our lives, and to witness the things studied in theory utilized in practice."

## U.N. Another League?

When the charter of the United Nations was formulated at San Francisco, the League of Nations was before its makers as an example of what could and what could not be done. By correcting certain weaknesses and adopting procedures which had proved successful, they hoped to overcome the pitfalls which occasioned the inefficacy of the early body.

The separation of the UN Charter from the peace treaties is the first great contrast that may be noted. When the German peace treaty was rejected by the United States, the Covenant of the League was likewise scorned. The UN, on the other hand, is established as a functioning body though the "battle of the peace" is still being fought.

The Council of the League may be compared to the Security Council which has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security. There are, however, several important distinctions which must be made between the two.

In the former, the non-permanent members of the Council predominated over the major powers. This is not true of the Security Council, since the decision to use force, either economic or military requires the unanimous vote of the five major powers and at least two of the other six members.

This, of course, means that if a major power acts arbitrarily and aggressively, contrary to the full force of world public opinion, and contrary to its obligations under the Charter, then the Security Council itself will not be able to bring economic or military force to bear.

This point may be considered a weakness, but in other ways it is a realistic recognition of the situation that actually exists in the world. If such arbitrary, willful and illegal action is ever taken by

a major power, the world will be in a bad way, with or without a world organization. The worse that the League could threaten was economic sanctions, and even this could not be carried out effectively (as in the case of Italy and Spain).

After compromising on this issue, the Charter of the UN proceeds to invigorate other bodies of the League: General Assembly, World Court, and so forth. The World Court Statute is revised, with the new court an integral part of the entire organization, with its 15 judges, not more than one from any one member. Although there was provision for trusteeship under the Covenant, the new Trusteeship Council has significant responsibilities for dependent peoples.

What may be considered as the only real original part of the charter is the realization that peace cannot endure where conditions of political, economic or social tyranny are widespread. For the first time in history, a worldwide Economic and Social Council of 18 members elected by the General Assembly is established, and broad objectives and a wide field of activity given to it.

To sum up, the UN is modelled after the League rather closely, with the exception of the veto. As an attempt to unite the peoples of the world, we may hope it will be more successful than the League.

By Judith Brimberg

## About Town

### YOU CAN ATTEND SESSIONS OF U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Carol Virginia Reynolds

On the old New York World's Fair grounds in Flushing Meadow stands the United Nations Assembly Building—the capital of the world.

Do you want to attend one of the history-making sessions of the General Assembly? All you have to do is to call up Mr. Walsh at FLushing 8-2000, Ext. 91, 92, or 93, one day in advance, and make a reservation. There are two hundred and fifty seats set aside for the public at every session, except the opening one, which took place yesterday.

Long Island Rail Road trains leave the Lower Level of Pennsylvania Station every half hour, at 12 minutes and 42 minutes past the hour. Tickets to the *United Nations Stop* cost 22 cents each way, and running time is 25 minutes. From that stop it is a long trek over flat swampland to the General Assembly Building. The streets you pass on your way wind in and out of the now green plain and are known as Avenue of Patriots, Empire State Mall, Street of Wheels, and even Main Street.

Visitors driving to the old World's Fair site can reach it by taking the Grand Central Parkway Extension directly to the General Assembly Building, where special parking fields have been constructed.

Subway travelers may take trains on the Flushing line of both the IRT and the BMT companies and get off at Willets Point Boulevard station, formerly used as the World's Fair terminal.

The rectangular Assembly Building itself is the old New York City Building which housed the New York City exhibit at the great fair. Now five years old, and the recent site of a municipal skating rink, it is divided into the rostrum, numerous offices for the delegates, and a radio headquarters for those networks giving complete coverage of the meetings.

## HONOR U.N. NIGHTLY —ROCKEFELLER CENTER

By Astry Beeck

Rockefeller Center was decked out in all its finery Monday evening for the opening of United Nations week. Chrysanthemums and Asters covered the promenade ramp Folk songs and dances from Cuba, Mexico, Greece, and France were given on this night. The other evenings of the week will be dedicated to different nations.

Before the folk dancing festivities began, we edged up to the railing overlooking the plaza, craned our necks and observed. The air was full of expectancy; people milled around the walks, lighted window squares reached to the dark sky, and lilting strains of Sibelius' "Swan of Tuonela" floated through this crystalline atmosphere.

The lights dimmed, except for a spotlight focused on the globe of the world in the center of the plaza. Then, by recording, the memorable voice of Franklin D. Roosevelt was heard: "We pray now to Almighty God for the vision to see our way clearly, to see the way that leads to a better life for ourselves, and for all our fellow men, to the achievement of His will of peace on earth."

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## U.N. In Practice

By Ruth Landesman

"Has the United Nations succeeded in capturing the imagination and harnessing the enthusiasm of the people of the world?" Secretary General Trygve Lie asks in his report to the General Assembly. "I, for one, do not feel that it does so in the degree that might be hoped," he answers. Thus, in a short year and a half, the organization born of a second world war and out of the experience of the failure of the League of Nations has failed in the hearts and minds of men to bring the stability, the security, the assurance of permanent peace.

### Ineffectual Organization

Of course, the organization is young, it has not had time to evolve a system of codes and laws under which to work; it has not clarified every phrase of the charter, it has been operating in chaotic post-war world in which peace agreements between nations have not yet been signed. But assessing the United Nations on the basis of its achievement, it emerges as an ineffectual body, characterized by continuous disputing.

The political theory of the UN proclaims the equality of all nations, large or small. The legal constitution does not. And the existence of the veto power of the big five over "substantive" agreements nullifies the equality of all the other states. No decisions of importance can be taken against the will of the privileged states. Russia has evoked much criticism for her continued use of the veto. In one week, the week of July 1, Russia used the veto three times.

It must be remembered, however, that the right of the veto was and is supported by the other big powers. There is a Cuban proposal in this General Assembly for the convocation of a constituent conference to review the charter with special reference to article 27, which confers the power of the veto on the five permanent members. To quote the N. Y. Times—"All amendments to the charter have to be approved by the Big Five, and it is known that Russia and the United States are determined to keep the veto."

### Big Five Must Agree

"The United Nations," to quote the Times again, "was established not to police the big powers but to police everybody but the big powers." And the veto guarantees big five sovereignty. The five mem-

bers were granted permanent veto rights and permanent seats on the grounds of "primary responsibility." Thus the United Nations set-up is a recognition of the fact that peace basically and ultimately rests on big five agreement and nothing else.

The world is witnessing a new schism of the East and West. The voting line-up of the Security Council has tended to be nine to two, with Poland and Russia in the minority. And it is in this split, with the Anglo-American bloc in the majority and Russia in the minority that the UN has revealed its inability, to this date, to settle the problems besetting the world. There are issues transcending the stated issues that are never mentioned in the debates, which determine the voting line-up. Soviet influence in Greece was the major factor in the discussions on Greece, but this was never mentioned.

The ideological conflict between the United States and Russia has divided the world into two spheres of interest. Until Russia and America settle or compromise their differences, issues brought to the United Nations are doomed to be supported according to the conflicting interests of Russia and the U.S. and England. Thus, the split illustrates again that UN success is dependent upon the unity of the Big Five outside the United Nations Organization. No issue brought to the Security Council—Greece, Iran, Indonesia, Spain and control of atomic weapons—has been settled as yet.

### Peace Treaties Complicate Issue

The UN negotiations have been complicated by the peace negotiations going on at the same time and, no doubt, the power politics of the peace conference have influenced UN voting. The fact remains, however, that the UN is not a world organization as yet. The sovereignty of the most important powers is intact and jealously guarded and the Eastern and Western split has been a vital impediment to the functioning of the organization.

"Endless ingenious proposals are made for changing the structure of the United Nations, but the problem of peace is one of substance, and not one of structure." Therefore, the United Nations is now only as strong and as united as the big five powers are in agreement.

## EIGHT SENIORS ARE 'FOREIGN AREAS' MAJORS

By Maya Pines

Eight majors in Foreign Area Studies, studying various aspects of the countries in which they are specializing, and working under the skillful direction of Mme. Charlotte T. Muret of the History department, compose this year's Foreign Area Studies Seminar.

This is a course open only to seniors majoring in Foreign Area Studies. During the first semester, attention is devoted to the internal characteristics of the countries under study, France, Italy, Russia and Uruguay. China was going to be represented too, but because of a conflict in the hours of a course in Chinese and the seminar, the latter had to be given up by the seminar's two "Chinese" students.

### Compare Findings

The political, economic, and social structure of each country is examined and discussed, so that the students taking this course get a full view of the picture and can compare their own findings with those of the students specializing in a different area.

The second semester will emphasize the international relations of the countries under study, as well as all major attempts at international co-operation, such as the now defunct League, religious organizations, and especially the United Nations.

### ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL Columbia University

Friday, Oct. 25—SERVICE OF MUSIC AND PRAYERS.  
Tuesday and Friday at 8:20—THE HOLY COMMUNION.

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THE REV. WILLIAM G. COLE  
Counselor to Protestant Students

## 'There Is Hope For Peace'

By Prof. Thomas P. Peardon

It is easy to find grounds for despair in the present international situation. Peace treaties are being written with tragic slowness, as compared with 1919, and there is a depressing absence of principle in such arrangements as are made. The United Nations starts its career amid a barrage of criticism. Conference after conference ends in admitted or thinly-concealed failure.

### Friction Normal After War

If we lose hope, however, it may be merely because we expect too much too soon. Friction and discontent are normal aftermaths of war. Coalitions tend to dissolve when victory is won and their dissolution is apt to be accompanied by noisy recrimination. As compared with its immediate predecessor, the war from which we are now emerging was more damaging to plant, resources and economics.

It was, too, more complicated in its nature, being not only a war for national survival, but one in which rival totalitarianisms struggled for mastery. Our international society is like a man who has been undergoing a series of major operations. We hope the series is ended, but we know that the period of convalescence must be long.

### Convalescence Begun

Nor are there lacking signs that the period of convalescence has been safely begun. The speed of recovery in many war-devastated states is greater than was expected. Revolutionary upheavals have been fewer than was anticipated. Western Europe, at least, seems to be gathering herself together,

with new and life-giving consciousness of her great traditions. In all this, there is hope for peace.

Even the absence of enthusiastic confidence in the United Nations, in contrast to that attending the early days of the League, is not an unmixed evil. It may save its supporters from the childish exaggerated expectations of 1919 and arouse a grim determination to stand firm even in the darkest days that lie ahead.

To some extent, at least, such grim determination can shape the future. As Marx said, "Men make their own history," although he added, "but not on conditions of their own choosing." And no one, not even the most pessimistic of us, has the right to say that the conditions of our time are such that war cannot be staved off or that experiments in international organization must fail.

### Prof. MacIver's Words Apt

In spite of the misery and horrors of our time, the truth may lie in some noble words of Professor MacIver. Written twenty years ago, they are still apt:

"To assume the closing of the era of national wars is not an act of unscientific utopianism but a reasonable inference from the premiss that men in the long run accommodate their institutions to their necessities. No one can foretell what a future civilization may bring, but it is permissible to judge what the present civilization requires. How soon and on what terms we accept its demands remains still a matter of faith."

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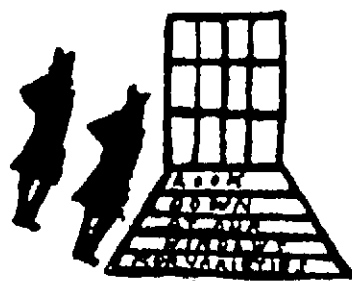
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November 18

Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the Economic and Social Council to meet at Lake Success, New York.

Now Meeting

General Assembly, Security Council at Lake Success, Radio Technical Division of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (PICAIO) at Montreal, Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade and Employment at London.

**Honor U.N. Nightly —Rockefeller Center**

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We were taken out of our reverie by rhythmic Cuban song and dance. - Following several interpretive dances, Mexican song filled the air. A noted Mexican singer sang Guadalajara with its true Spanish verve and gusto. Then, several Greek dances were done to a semi-oriental accompaniment. Finally, French lads and lassies, dressed in charming costumes, danced and sang several French favorites.



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