

in the work of the U.N. The basis of Christianity is love, not compulsion. We cannot expect them to observe religious practices other than their own. The silent prayer which opens each meeting of the General Assembly is as far as it is possible to go at this time." The Constitution of the United States does not name God. Is the U.S. atheistic?

"U.N. employees are immune to our American laws. Moreover, they pay no income taxes." No U.N. employee working in the United States has the slightest immunity; if he breaks our laws he may be arrested and punished just like the rest of us. What the objectors must be thinking of is the diplomatic immunity of members of delegations. This is like the immunity of all embassy staffs--our own embassies abroad as well as the embassies other nations send here. As for taxes, the U.N. deducts from the salary of every employee a sum approximately equal to what his U.S. income tax would be on that salary. This is turned into the general budget of the U.N. and used to reduce the contribution of the nation from which he comes by that amount. These assessments on U.N. employees--the equivalent of taxes--now total over \$7 million a year.

"The costs of the U.N. are too high and the United States pays all the bills." Is that so? Listen to Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., chairman of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company: "The United States does not pay all the bills. As a matter of fact, we pay less than one-third of them. Our share of the 1953 total assessment of \$79,254,170 is \$25,433,373. This is 32.54 per cent of the total amount. In 1954 this is to be reduced to 30 per cent. The difference of \$53,820,797 is paid by other member countries. ... Our assessment for the United Nations and its specialized agencies averages 16 cents for each person in the United States. ... The United Nations spends in the United States each year for salaries, services and other needs about \$30 million, which is more than our total contribution. It is interesting to note that the entire budget of the United Nations would not buy one battleship and that our share would hardly pay for one destroyer."9

Finally, here's the objection which some people apparently think clinches the argument for the uselessness of the United Nations: "The U.N. does nothing but talk. It's a debating society, not an effective agency for building and preserving peace. The delegates talk and talk and talk --and get nowhere." There is a lot of talk at the U.N. That's true. But this study has shown that many things have been accomplished--a surprising number of things when account is taken of the brevity of the record and the difficulties of the world situation the U.N. has been forced to face. Yet suppose there were nothing much but talk at the U.N., and that a good deal was foolish, wild talk indulged in mainly for propaganda purposes. Isn't it better to have the nations go on talking than to have them start shooting? Isn't a debating society to be preferred to World War III--the First Atomic War? If the mothers and fathers of America will think this over we are confident that they will say, "Thank God the U.N. keeps the nations talking!"

No one claims that the United Nations is beyond criticism. Those who know it best are frequently its most searching critics. In this study we have pointed out a considerable number of its failures and weaknesses. But it is one thing to criticize the U.N. for actual faults within its structure or its actions, and quite another to scatter