

Charter was written. Much still can be done to improve the United Nations within the limits of the present Charter. (1) We must not lose hope or relax our vigilance. The task will be tedious and undramatic, long and heavy. The United Nations has, however, survived so far and is still afloat in troubled waters: that in itself is an accomplishment. If the peoples of the world exercise the virtues of goodwill, forbearance, patience and stubbornness - and above all, faith and hope - the time may come when it will be possible, by general consent, to make those radical changes in the Charter which are required to make the United Nations into a really effective instrument for maintaining world peace.

- (1) The unofficial "Commission to study the organization of peace", under the chairmanship of Dr. James T. Shotwell, has recently completed a report which contains more than twenty specific recommendations for making the United Nations more effective. The Commission states that none of them call for amendment of the Charter. The recommendations are worthy of close study. The report is printed in "International Conciliation" for June, 1947 (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace", 405 West 117th St., New York 27).

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