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## This and That

by George R. Averill

### UN No Guarantee Of Peace—But It Can Help Find It

The United Nations, when organized, was never expected magically to solve all the domestic and international problems that bother and sometimes confound the human family.

The UN's greatest aid to mankind is to provide a place where the representatives of member nations may come together to present their individual and collective problems, and then seek part or complete solutions to as many problems as possible.

Even though the UN is not capable of preventing a war (and this fact should not be forgotten) it seems to be that its potential for good entities is to continued support.

This does not mean that the UN should not be criticized when such an attitude is needed—for the right kinds of criticism should be an aid to its best operations.

The world's problems are many, and are often very complex. The UN's problems are many, and are often complex.

Perhaps one of our greatest personal losses is the inability to retain, then recall, more of the memories associated with childhood. Our early years are so filled with an endless variety of experiences . . . then adolescence brings its different situations . . . education crowd out the carefree days . . . then maturity . . . where, oh, where, did childhood go?

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## Cooke's Looks at U.S. Make Good Listening

**By JULIE CANDLER**  
Staff Writer

You have to give "Omnibus" credit. That television show's producers couldn't have picked a more perfect commentator than Alistair Cooke. He and "Omnibus" belong together. Both are entertaining. Both can excite a lot of mental activity.

And anyone who saw him at Birmingham Town Hall last week can tell you handsome Alistair Cooke, like "Omnibus," is nice to look at.

One look at the six-foot, suave character in the well-tailored suit could make a girl wish Cooke didn't have a wife and four children back in his old home, N. Y.

YOU HAVE to give the Manchester-born, well-known, and respected American correspondent for that respected journal, British-born Cooke credit for the American scene with the insight and judgment of the seasoned reporter that he is.

Very poor at this time, "Omnibus" is not a very good example of the lighter side of a Foreign Correspondent's Life at Town Hall last week.

Before he spoke, I asked him what he thinks of American television's prospects for more shows of the "Omnibus" calibre.

Do you think America needs a BBC to provide television entertainment for people who don't like Westerns, crime and comics? I asked.

AS THINGS stand now, Cooke says he can hardly agree with a light some of the dark and cloudy passages of the highways that point toward eventual Utopia.

# Democrats Hopeful of Break in Oakland's GOP Tradition

## Torch Drive Falls Short Late Contributions May Meet Goal

A last-ditch effort and an extended deadline are expected to make the 1958 Torch Drive campaign a success in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin (B-B-F) region, volunteer workers reported today.

Although \$133,083.19 has already been collected by regional workers, the sum still fell short of the \$184,500 goal set earlier by Torch Drive officials for this region.

MRS. Frank B. Heib, Oakland county director, said she had hopes that the latest contributions from communities, schools and businesses would push the slowly-swinging fund to its quota.

THE past nine campaigns in Birmingham have always been successful by deadline time, Mrs. Heib remembered, and the quota was usually over its mark set by the United Foundation officials.

OTHER reports in the Oakland county area were South Oakland, \$80,159, toward a quota of \$125,000; Bloomfield Hills, \$7,500; Franklin, \$3,270; and Beverly Hills, \$5,827.20.

Some \$30,448.58 was collected from 12 out-county townships toward a quota of \$44,548.

THE torch was also reflected in other communities, but Oakland County collected 65.8 per cent of its \$378,025 quota by deadline time and won for its community campaign organizers, third place in the annual competition for "Big Boy" trophy.

THIS trophy is awarded annually as the top prize in the yearly competition for the group achieving highest percentage of quotas at the annual competition for "Big Boy" trophy.

MRS. Clyde C. Bennett, Jr., chairman of the B-B-F region, said her volunteer workers would receive pledges cards during the next few days and contact donors, who had been missed during the recent campaign.

Foundation supports 195 welfare and health agencies in the area. These agencies desperately need the money and if it isn't collected, it really won't be a "Once For All" campaign," she said.

Oakland County's 65.8 percentage is 5.8 per cent better than that of the Metropolitan Oakland-Wayne-Macomb county average, but the three counties raised \$2,044,008 toward its \$15,500,000 goal.

ROLAND REESE, party chairman, said he expected over 3,000 children to take part in the downtown parade and party.

AT THE 11 food lines, the children will receive hot dogs, donuts and other refreshments.

ONLY COSTUMED marchers will be allowed in the parade and no loud music, pet or burning torches will be permitted.

A DANCER, "The Harvest Hop," will be held at Birmingham high school from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 and there will also be refreshments and door prizes.

REUSE SAID there was a big demand for tickets at Derby school this year than had been anticipated. He said that 850 tickets was the expected amount but that over 1,000 had been distributed.

## Good Voter Turnout Is Seen Here

Will the Republicans retain their traditional hold on Oakland county again this year? Birmingham area voters will help to answer this and other big questions at the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 4.

More Democrats than Republicans turned out for the August primaries in the county, and national polls have indicated a Democratic tide in the country.

GOVERNOR C. Mennen Williams has been in Birmingham several times on campaign tours and so has his Republican opponent Paul D. Bagwell.

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## Troy's Costello Won't Run

TROY—With the announcement this week by Troy Mayor Frank Costello and Commissioner Ernest W. Gray that they will not seek re-election in the city's next election three months from now, one mayorally hopeful has announced his candidacy, and two other mayoral possibilities are in the wind.

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## Willey Ley Predicts Planet Probe Year Away

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Willey Ley talked like a Dutch uncle to the first Cranbrook alumni forum Thursday night.

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## Policeman Pities Writer Reutter

**By ANN BUCHANAN**  
B'ham School Correspondent

Policemen are nice men at heart! On a recent Saturday afternoon, Susan Reutter parked her car at an expired meter in front of Baldwin public library.

## Mothers' March On Distrophy

A "Mothers' March" on muscular distrophy will be held in Birmingham the night of Dec. 2, according to Chairman Mrs. Charles E. Dalgleish.

## Strictly Fresh

Follow across the desk from us and you will receive a letter with a cross word to him; she always talks for at least an hour when angry.

## To Rebuild Sidewalk, Eliminate 2-Step Curb

Although two-thirds of it is only 11 years old, the sidewalk on the west side of Woodville and Willett is going to be lowered to eliminate the hazardous double step at the curb.

## Bagwell Was Here Tuesday

Republican candidate for governor, Paul D. Bagwell, was in Birmingham Tuesday afternoon while on a barnstorming tour of Oakland County communities.