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Regrettably, the background for much which is taking place seems to be a recurrence of ancient doubts as to the intentions of the United States. American indifference and delaying tactics, at the same stage, as to the League of Nations, are not too favorably recalled. Time and continued cooperation may largely iron out these deep-seated feelings.

Ratification of the Charter brings also into effect the Statute of the Court (31 A.B.A.J. 400-406), but the Court does not come into being until its members have been nominated and elected. This will require many months, after the business meeting of the Assembly. Meanwhile, the old Court and its Statute remain in existence, until the adherence of the parties to it is in some manner withdrawn. The present Court is not likely to function extensively during the gap.

Perhaps naturally, a good deal of the uncertainty as to the intentions of the United States arises from the failure of the President and the Senate to accomplish an acceptance of the obligatory jurisdiction of the Court, at the time of American ratification of the Charter. The United States and the Soviet Union are still laggard, as to a declaration under Article 36 of the Statute. Unfortunately, the matter has not been placed high on the program for the action of the Senate or the Congress, which are now re-convened after recess.

Bold leadership by President Truman and prompt action by the Senate, in behalf of the Morse Resolution or some similar declaration, would tend to remove grounds for suspicion that this country is content to leave justiciable matters within the domain of diplomatic negotiation and discretion, in the hands of the Council of Ministers and later in the Security Council.

We urge that all members of the American Bar Association, as well as other citizens interested in international justice according to law, should do immediately all they can to support and bring about the earliest possible passage of the Morse Resolution or some like declaration, by the Senate of the United States. The votes and attitude of your Senators may be decisive any day.

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ON AWARDS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY TO  
STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

On Permission to Hang Such Awards Framed in Supreme Court  
Remarks by Hon. O. B. Herigstad

Supreme Court of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

May It Please the Court:

At the annual meeting of the North Dakota Bar Association held at Minot last August, there were presented to the Association certificates of appreciation by the Army and Navy, for outstanding services rendered by the attorneys of North Dakota, in giving legal assistance to soldiers and sailors and their families.

At that time the Association passed a resolution instructing me, as President of the Association, to have these certificates properly framed, and arrange to have them hung in the offices of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Dakota. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association held at Bismarck last fall, I was instructed to appear before the Supreme Court and ask permission of the Court to hang these certificates in some appropriate place which the Supreme Court might designate.

The members of the Bar Association of North Dakota are very proud of this recognition by the Army and the Navy of their war work; and knowing something of the work of the lawyers in North Dakota, I believe that it was a well deserved recognition. As President of the North Dakota Bar Association for the past two years, I had an opportunity of knowing what our lawyers were doing in the war work. We had a special committee on war work, headed by Hon. O. B. Burtness, of Grand Forks, with active members in every county, to whom the legal work of soldiers and sailors was referred; and our Association can be justly proud of the manner in which the members of this committee performed this work.

Not only the members of this committee, but all the lawyers of North Dakota, rendered outstanding services in the war work. In assisting registrants in filling out questionnaires, practically all our lawyers donated many weeks and months of their busy time. They also gave generously of their time and talent in giving free legal assistance to soldiers and sailors and their families. So I think we can say without fear of contradiction that the lawyers of North Dakota have made an outstanding record in war work, and we can be justly proud of this record. A very large percentage of them are in the armed forces, and the others have carried on magnificently on the home front.

So I respectfully ask the Court for permission to hang these certificates of appreciation in some appropriate place, to be designated by the Court.

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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Donald M. Murtha, of the firm of Murtha & Murtha, Dickinson Attorneys, and formerly regional attorney for wage and hour and public contracts division of the Department of Labor with headquarters at Minneapolis, has been appointed assistant solicitor for the Labor Department with offices in Washington, D. C. He will be in charge of the interpretations and administrative service branches.

P. W. Lanier, jr., Fargo attorney, Mrs. Lanier and son have arrived in Fargo after the former's release from the marine corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where as a lieutenant, he served as judge advocate after returning from the Pacific area. Lanier, who was wounded on Guam, once pitched for the Fargo-Moorhead Twins baseball team. He and his family will stay with his parents