# General Assembly Gets Under Way

# U. N. Delegates Convene At Town Hall of the World

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WASHINGTON .- At the opening of the current session of the United Nations general assembly I made the usual rounds greeting friends from far corners of the earth whom these meetings bring together. Two converged upon me and one of them began to discourse on the fact that we three were becoming conference veterans.

He started to say ". . . . let's see how many is it, there was the first Quebec, then the second Quebec. . . . " But the other man interrupted him and remarked gently: "Oh, no, it goes further back than that. This is my forty-fourth. Remember there was a League of Nations, too?"

There is no word which properly

translates "democracy" in Russian.

When using the term the Russians

merely give the English word its

Russian form. But what a gulf be-

Indeed, many people have

said there is no real desire for

liberty on the part of the mod-

ern Russian generation. And yet

they constantly describe their

country and their satellites as

There was a good deal of elec-

tioneering before and during the

close battle over the election for the

presidency of the assembly. At first

the American delegation had intend-

ed to vote for Oswaldo Aranha of

Brazil. He is an old and staunch

friend of the United States. But he

felt that Brazil had had enough

honors at the recent conference in

Rio, that he had served one term

before and that it would be best not

to run. He said he didn't want the

job. So our delegates pledged for

Evatt of Australia, who was exceed-

ingly anxious to be elected. But the

Latin-Americans would have none of

it. They demanded Aranha run. The

contest narrowed to him and Evatt.

This put Russia on the spot. Latin-

America wants to liberalize the

veto, Evatt would tear it to pieces.

And the veto is the Russian pet. But

the United States was for Evatt so

Russia voted for Aranha and he

The Russian delegation went

into a huddle on the floor. The

Russian stooges had to be told

just how to vote. And who should

be the man who ran around,

taking orders-or shall we say

suggestions-from the Russian

delegation to the various groups,

Albania, Poland and the others

It was Sarge M. Koudtiavtsev, a

didn't mean much to me but I was

reminded by Paul Ward of the Bal-

timore Sun, who always has a sharp

eye out for such matters, that this

active gentleman was the man

named as the "architect" of the

Russian spy system, in the report on

the plot to obtain official secrets

Two women are exceedingly popu-

lar at the assembly meetings and

their popularity seems to grow. One

is Mrs. Pandit Nehru, wife of the

Indian leader, and one is Mrs. Elea-

nor Roosevelt. They are both active

MRS. PANDIT NEHRU

and intelligent. Mrs. Pandit (last

names come first in India, as in

many other countries) has been

named ambassador to Russia by her

I couldn't help thinking, consider-

ing the recent emancipation of wom-

en in India that Mrs. Pandit was

more like Mrs. Roosevelt, than Mrs.

Roosevelt herself, when you con-

sider the unconventionality of both

judged by the standards of their

SIX BILLION A YEAR

If volume of trade is any indica-

tion, America's farm cooperatives

are establishing themselves ever

more firmly as a significant force

In the 1945-46 marketing year,

farm cooperatives, with more than

five million individual farmers par-

ticipating, did a record six billion

dollar business, according to an

estimate by the farm credit admi-

nistration of the department of agri-

(The FCA report came at a time

when a house small business sub-

committee was investigating any

possible advantages the co-ops might

have over other business because

of the fact that they are tax-exempt

in the realm of agriculture.

respective older generations.

new government.

from the Canadian government.

under the Russian thumb?

member of the staff of advisor

at all in the Russian concept.

"democracies."

The younger man stopped. Of course, his gray haired colleague was right. "And you still believe," the younger man asked earnestly. "that some day they'll work?"

"Certainly," was the reply. And it was made with such simple sincerity that we "youngsters" felt a little reproved.

The next day I walked to a railway station across the beautiful

Flushing Meadows in the twilight, the scent of new-mown grass all about us, with one of those prodigies, an "instant translator." She was one of the female of the species who are quite as efficient as the males. But it was not her feminine charm which attracted

me, if such were



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to be discovered. I tried to ask her a little about her work, my first question being: "Isn't it interesting?"

"Interesting? Oh, for a while." she answered, "but one would like to get around a little more. I have been here since spring. I'd like to get back to the Orient and-other

I mentioned that we had had simultaneous translation at Nuernberg, "Oh, I was there," she said, "and always cold. One could never get warm, anywhere." I agreed. "And," she added, "I went there direct from India."

I tried to get some observation from her on the idea behind these conferences and their effort to bring about world understanding and world peace. "Do you think that they are worthwhile?" I asked. (We're always asking that, hopefully if a little wistfully.)

'Oh, yes," she replied quickly, "they are much better than none at all, much. But I feel that the men the Russian delegation. That name here do not really wish to make sacrifices to have peace. The men in their own governments do not wish them to make enough concessions to rob the officials in the different governments of their own power. And so the beautiful words they use are only rationalization. They express idealistic thoughts, but when it comes to acting to implement them, they do not wish to go that far. They already have satisfied that feeling they know they should have, to do the right thing. Then they do not have to do it. Just as all of us rationalize our own mis-

That gave me a pause.

It also gave me some hope for this session for I believe that the powers of the assembly will be strengthened so that they can enforce what the people want. The fine words and idealistic plans will have more force if the permanent committee of the assembly on peace and security, which Secretary of State Marshall proposed, is created. It will be in session all the time. Its voice, unmuffled by the overuse of the stultifying veto, will be heard continuously; not merely when the assembly itself is in session.

### Words Contain Great Significance

Words still are making trouble, as they always have. It isn't what we say so much as what people think we mean. For instance, there was a long discussion of the word "impinge," on the second day of the assembly meeting. This was just the English meaning, discussed among English-speaking reporters. Secretary Marshall had said this new permanent committee of the assembly would not "impinge" on the security council. The great argument about the committee has been that it was intended to by-pass the security council itself, and thus duck the

If the English-speaking reporters weren't quite sure how far you go, or don't go, when you "impinge," it's no wonder there was confusion when it was translated into half a dozen other languages.

It was the translation of one word which nearly caused a revolution in Korea and made the work of the American commission there inflnitely more difficult. It also has affected the whole course of action by the assembly on Korea. It was the word "trusteeship."



FIGHTING POLIO FROM THE AIR . . . If, as many medical researchers believe, flies are responsible for carrying polio, the practice of spraying fly-breeding areas from helicopters may become an important factor in preventing spread of the disease. Here, helicopter sprays DDT powder on dumps in Buffalo, N. Y.

# NEWS REVIEW

# tween their meaning and ours. Liberty of the individual is not implied conserve Food: Truman; U.N. Adopts Agenda

FOOD PLANS:

Conservation

It wasn't hard for President Truman to figure out: Europe is in desperate need of food from the U. S. but the U. S. will leave itself wide open for even greater price spiralling if it boosts its exports much

The answer, he told a special press conference, is food conservation by all Americans. It is not a matter of eating any less, he said, but of wasting less.

In line with that, he announced the setting up of a citizens food committee to develop a food conservation program in the nation. Charles Luckman of Cambridge, Mass., president of Lever Brothers, was named

Regarding Europe, Mr. Truman said the food and fuel situation there is too critical to allow time for detailed study. Thus, apparently in an emergency frame of mind, the President called together congressional leaders to discuss possible steps that could be taken immediately to aid the starving continent.

If possible, he said, he would not call a special session of congress if stop-gap aid for Europe could be pushed through without resorting to that step.

Americans could start preparing for a heavy barrage of food conservation propaganda.

# TOUGH AGENDA: No Dodging

United Nations general assembly proved at least one thing in week of its current session-it isn't going to dodge any issues.

After riotous preliminary sessions in which they heard the U.S. and Russia flay each other verbally and U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie call for an end to feuding, the delegates voted doggedly to take on the entire list of tough, almost insoluble problems standing as a barrier to world accord.

Among the items admitted to the agenda were the partition of Palestine, peace in the Balkans, independence of Korea and Marshall's proposal to reorganize U. N. machinery to hold a tighter rein on the turbulent peace.

Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky's resolution calling on member nations to take criminal action against warmongering propagandists was whole-heartedly admitted to debate, probably because it will provide a chance to mull over the concept of freedom of the press.

### ABSOLVED: Hirohito

Even while five high-ranking Japanese army and navy officers were being hanged by the neck in payment for their crimes of cannibalism, torture and murder of U. S. prisoners, Emperor Hirohito was being publicly absolved of any responsibility for the Pacific war by the

chief U. S. war crimes prosecutor. Joseph B. Kennan told the international war crimes tribunal that "The prosecution believes the people in the dock are really responsible for this war. If there had been anyone else, they would be in the dock

Farm Co-ops Do Huge Trade

and private enterprises are not.)

were some 2,256 grain cooperatives

which handled 1.45 billion dollars

worth of business during the year

covered by the report. Dairy mar-

keting associations previously were

the leading organizations in the co-

The record business of all types

represents a 400-million-dollar in-

crease above the cooperative vol-

ume in the 1944-45 marketing year,

FCA reported. It was emphasized,

however, that "part of this increase

is undoubtedly due to the rise in

Minnesota again led all states in

prices of products farmers sell and

of supplies that farmers buy."

# **HEADLINERS**

IN CAMDEN, N. J. . . . Joseph Valentino, hailed into court for belaboring March McGhee, 22, on the jaw, explained apologetically to the judge that he thought Miss McGhee was his wife, got 10 days.

IN HOUSTON . . . Lt. Gen. Ira C. Hughes Tool company,

Marshall Lounsbury, no art authority, bought an oil painting at an auction for "a song," later discov- Edwards and many other first or ered it was "Palm Sunday Morning" by 19th century master Calisano, valued at \$20,000.

IN PITTSBURGH . . . City Councilman E. J. Leonard, longtime advocate of sidewalk repair, cited the danger of increased spills as a result of a combination of the new long skirts, high heels and broken pavements, frightened the city council into passing a ruling that all walks be repaired immediately.

# **ELEANOR:**

An Old Note

case seems a hard nut to crack. Wlet do you suggest? Sincerely,

dersecretary of state, told the house committee on un-American activities, was a note he recei ved from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in 1939 when the then first lady was interested in obtaining an open hearing on the passport application of one Hanns Eisler, Austrian refugee from Hit-

The note, an almost forgotten memento of the prewar era, was hailed the land because Hanns Eisler was



Mrs. Roosevelt **Hanns Eisler** 

accused of being a Communist. He is the brother of Gerhart Eisler, No. 1 agent of the Kremlin in the U.S. Eisler and his wife finally were issued visas in Mexico City to cover their entrance into this country. He

and is a song-writer in Hollywood. In 1926, Eisler told the committee, he had applied for membership in the German Communist party, but had dropped out. A department of labor report made in 1938 said of him: "The evidence establishes preponderantly that Hanns Eisler is a

Communist." Mrs. Roosevelt's attitude toward remembered the note.

Eaker, former deputy commanding general of U. S. air forces, retired, readjusted himself to civilian life by taking a job as vice president of produced a longer list of young

"Dear Sumner - This Eisler

That, Sumner Welles, former un-

resoundingly in newspapers across



has taken out naturalization papers

the affair was lackadaisical. The note to Welles on behalf of Eisler was strictly routine, she said, adding that she neither knew Eisler nor

the number of farm cooperatives,

ships totalling 506,000 farmers. Illi-

nois was second in membership

with 485,000, while Wisconsin was

second in the number of associa-

tions with 1,002, most of them dairy

In dollar volume, the huge Cali-

fornia cooperatives led the field

with 652 million dollars, while Min-

nesota was second with 477 million

Grains, dry beans and rice mar-

keting cooperatives accounted for

2,256 associations, 536,000 members

and 1.49 billions in dollar volume

to take first place for the year

among commodity groupings.

Leading in dollar volume of trade 1.352 of them reporting member-

around that major league baseball's playing standards reached a new low in the season just closed. This is a point hard

to prove, and I doubt that it is

In the ebb and flow of the last 40 years, we've looked at a long parade of stars. We also have peered at a still longer parade of pretty sour ball clubs, and that goes for hitting, pitching and fielding.

No one can doubt that the four war years held back many a budding rookie, lifted from minor league training to war service. Some of these were killed. Many more were wounded. All were removed from training action at vital years-19 to 23.

This doesn't include such veterans as Hank Greenberg, who lost five years, Bobby Feller, Johnny Mize and so many others who were halted in their prime.

Many of these have had remarkable comebacks-Greenberg leading the home-run makers last season; Ted Williams, three years away from baseball, leading his league in practically every department where a bat figures; Joe Gordon; Johnny Mize, challenging Babe Ruth's incredible figure of 60 home runs in a year; not to overlook Walker

And what two seasons-meaning 1946 and 1947-can you recall that stars: Ewell Blackwell, Ralph Ki-IN HAMILTON, ONT. . . . Mrs. ner, Yogi Berra, Bobby Thompson, Jackie Robinson, Spider Jorgenson, Spec Shea, Earl Torgerson, Bruce second-year men?

## Always Been That Way

There have been bad major league ball clubs this season, and many rather sour big league ball players. But this has happened since Uncle Abner Doubleday had his

The Phillies, in last place, are a far better bunch than the tail-end Phillies of years we still remember. And I could give you the names of many other clubs in the past that were strictly moth-eaten, of many other ball players who were not even good minor leaguers.

To listen, and to read, you might think at times there were no good ball players left. What about Harry Walker, Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Pee Wee Reese, Ed Stanky, Pete Reiser, Mize, Willard Marshallmost of the Cardinals-Cooper, Gordon, Bob Feller, Tommy Henrich, Augie Galan, Bob Elliott, George Kell, Grady Hatton, Johnny Sain, Warren Spahn and many more who would have been good in any past baseball season?

It is pleasant for those growing older to look back on the glories of the past when they, too, were young. But they overlook one major point -that practically every athletic achievement that can be timed or measured has known a long run of broken records.

# Modern Athlete Better

Practically every past athletic record has been smashed year after year. You can't measure football, baseball, golf or tennis by the clock or the tape. But in all games that can be timed and taped, there has been a big improvement. Other games must depend upon opinions, which are about as stable as will-o'-the-wisps.

Those talking and writing of baseball's past glory have forgotten teams that couldn't draw 300 into the gate-teams that couldn't draw 300,000 in 154 games.

Baseball in 1947 has been far from flawless or spotless, but it has been one of the most interesting campaigns yet offered. One answer is an attendance total for all parks that will reach or pass 20 million, where in many past years a nine million total was rated an exceptional turnout.

Baseball always has had one weakness. This was the average condition of its players. Few ball players keep in the condition needed to play 35 exhibition and 154 pennant games-a total close to 190 games a year. Poor condition accounts for so many bad legs, arm trouble, back trouble and other ills and ailments that afflict so many of the hired men.

# Keeping in Shape

One famous athletic trainer told me recently that he could take a tail-end team and get it into condition that would net a pennant. He probably meant: "If I could get it into condition." Which he probably couldn't.

"A ball player should live on his legs just about all the year round." This statement was given me by Ty Cobb and Joe Medwick. Cobb went in for hunting. Medwick for golf. I don't believe either ever got out of shape. You know Cobb's record. And look at Medwick's amazing work this season, long after he was supposed to be through.

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### Trick Mirrors Produce

Extraordinary Reflections The magic mirrors, which distort images-making short people tall, thin people fat, etc. - and which are found in amusement parks and penny arcades, are complex optical instruments, says Collier's. By the scentific arrangement of numerous curves on their surfaces, they are made to produce hundreds of odd effects.

The most incredible of such mirrors is one which, when two people stand before it, reflects the one normally right side up, while the other person appears to be cut off at the waist, the upper part of his body being replaced by a second pair of legs extending upward.

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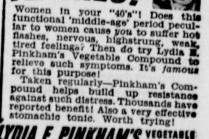


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