

United Nations, Blighted by Cold War, Will Continue Efforts To Keep Peace

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series on the 10th anniversary of the United Nations.

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Born of the World War II marriage of Communism and Democracy, its youth blighted by the cold war, the United Nations faces the future with one conviction: It is here to stay.

Its 10-year history has been largely a record of strife and dissension, of efforts—too often unsuccessful—to make peace and of fruitless attempts to ease the tension between Russia and the West.

Now Russia appears to be executing an about face. It has made peace with Austria. It has apologized to Yugoslavia. It has made overtures to the Western-backed German republic and, with an outward show of friendliness, it has agreed to next month's "summit meeting" of the Big Four chiefs of state.

Guardian of Peace

The question arises: If Russia is sincere and the cold war eventually is ended, what is the role of the United Nations in the future? Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's answer is this: "To the extent that countries succeed in an attempt at worldwide cooperation, the United Nations automatically gets back

very close to the center of things. The United Nations is something unavoidable."

And if all the good fellowship is nothing more than a Russian ruse, the United Nations still will hold the center stage in continuing efforts to keep the peace of the world.

U.N. diplomats point out that the world organization was created not to make, but to keep, the peace. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Nobel Prize-winning architect of the Palestine peace, has observed:

"Except in Korea, it has been able to keep nations talking

rather than shooting, and even in Korea there surely would have been far more and far wider shooting had there been no United Nations."

The United Nations will continue to be the "town meeting of the world," the universal forum in which all sides can be heard and the meeting place affording an opportunity for opposing diplomats to meet face to face and explore the possibility of agreement.

A highlight of the United Nations' past history was the chance meeting of Dr. Philip Jessup of the United States and Jacob A. Malik of Russia in the Security Council lounge which led to the lifting of the 1948 Berlin blockade. In these informal talks, Jessup and Malik found a basis for the agreement which ended the siege.

In its tumultuous 10 years, the United Nations largely has lived down the cry that it was designed as a super-government. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. dismisses that bogey thusly: "It is not a world government. It cannot impose a tax of any kind. It cannot draft a single soldier. Its charter specifically prohibits intervention in domestic matters. Your representative at the United Nations is called an ambassador by act of Congress, for the simple reason that he represents a sovereign state and not a political subdivision."

"Those who fear that there is any danger of a super-government in the United Nations are in error. The suspicion which is sometimes expressed that certain agencies in the United Nations are cooking up a global socialistic brew which the President or the secretary of state or the Senate will ultimately destroy our laws and system of government—that suspicion is sheer fantasy and there is nothing to justify it in either the theory or the practice of the United Nations."



WINNING CONTEST IN HELSINKI, Inga-Britt Soderberg (center), who was "Miss Finland," is named "Miss Europe 1955." With her are Suna Soley (left), Miss Turkey, second and Monique Lambert, Miss France, third. Miss Soderberg is 5 feet 6 inches in height and measures 35, 23, 31—north to south. (International)

Tax Council Seeks Federal Limit on

Chicago — (U.P.)—Taxpayers, take heart.

The Western Tax Council says the drive to limit peacetime federal income taxes is "close to fulfillment."

The council seeks to have a limit imposed on income taxes through adoption of a constitutional amendment.

To accomplish this, 32 or two-thirds of the 48 states must petition Congress to draft such an amendment.

Last month, Oklahoma became the 30th state to make such a demand.

"Only two more states to go,

and Congress will have to act," said Frank E. Packard, executive director of the tax council.

Would Limit Top Rate
Packard said the proposed amendment would limit income taxes in peacetime to a top rate of between 25 and 35 per cent, compared with the current top of 91 per cent.

All lesser rates would be scaled down proportionately, he said, with a minimum rate of about 5 per cent. The minimum now is 20 per cent.

Oklahoma's Legislature voted to petition Congress for the amendment May 23.

If two more states follow suit, Congress then must draft the tax-limiting resolution and submit it to the state legislatures for ratification.

The amendment then must be ratified by 36 state legislatures to become law.

"A ceiling on federal tax rates is in the American tradition," Packard said.

"The constitutions of 17 states limit the state taxing power, and 43 states limit the right to borrow."

Packard said all local governments, by law or charter, operate under restrictions limiting their taxing power.

Powers Boundless
"Only the federal taxing powers are boundless," he said.

"Washington could legally tax all citizens up to 100 per cent of their income today, and there

Western Hotels Said Failing To Keep Pace

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—Henry T. Maschal, a San Francisco auditor and accountant, told Southern California Hotel Association members that hotels in the West have failed to keep pace with the region's growth.

Addressing the members at a meeting here yesterday Maschal pointed out that motels on the other hand were doing a 1½ billion dollar national business today, up more than 800 per cent in 10 years.

He said that hotel occupancy fell from 92 per cent in 1945 to 74 per cent in 1953, or a 20 per cent loss in 10 years.

"It is clear that the hotel business generally, and in the Western states particularly, has been losing ground, in the competitive struggle for customers," Maschal added.

SP Lumber Shipments Set All-Time Record

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Southern Pacific railroad has announced that lumber shipments on its lines in Oregon and California hit an all-time high during the first four months of 1955.

The railroad carried 17,557 carloads of plywood products in the first four months of the year—an increase of 4,797 cars over the same period of 1954. Plywood, veneer and built-up woods continued as pacesetters.

is nothing they could do about it."

The 30 states which have joined the movement thus far are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

School Support Increase Said Needed

Salem — (U.P.)—Oregon must increase its support of elementary and high schools by 21 to 24 per cent in the next five years, Gov. Paul L. Patterson told the opening meeting of the governor's "White House" conference on education here.

Teacher needs will more than

double, as will building needs in the next 10 years, the governor told some 400 delegates here from all parts of the state. He said people must be aroused from "taking for granted" the education of their children.

Gov. Patterson presented a

certificate of award to Margaret Perry, Monmouth school teacher who was chosen as the outstanding teacher of the year by a national magazine.

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