

Ghost of League of Nations Said To Haunt UN; Heads Unworried

Washington—UPI—The ghost of the League of Nations is haunting the United Nations these days.

President Eisenhower and other statesmen aren't frightened by the League's ghost—yet. But they are watching it with keen apprehension.

It's easy to recall the League of Nations' failure on Manchuria, Ethiopia, disarmament and other key issues of the 1920s and 1930s. In some ways the League's inability to handle these issues appears to parallel the situation in the United Nations on Hungary, Kashmir, disarmament, the Middle East and other current issues.

At a Crossroads
Diplomats who work with the UN affairs day by day acknowledge that the 48-nation world organization is at a crossroads. The course it takes can mean new strength or future weakness. But those diplomats don't buy the idea that the League's death means the same thing is in store for the United Nations. They don't believe the "parallels" are accurate.

The answer to the U.N.'s future, experts believe, lies in large part with the United States. This country was not a member of the League.

"There is always the dangerous possibility that the American people will say of the U.N., 'to hell with it,'" according to

one diplomat. "If the United States takes that position the U.N. is dead. The U.S., however, is in the world organization this time."

Furthermore, it is working

hard to make the organization healthy and strong.

Support This Time

The job is being directed on the scene by Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to the United

Nations. He is the grandson of Henry Cabot Lodge, whose opposition to President Woodrow Wilson's peace policies resulted in the United States staying out of the League of Nations.

The so-called "double standard" of treating large and small nations differently is one of the main criticisms voiced against the United Nations today. The organization, for example, failed to take tough action against Russia for using armed might against Hungary yet there were

awards to foster new talent which we hope will be contributed some day to the movie industry, and to help students in film-making through our choice of the winners," explains producer Harriet Parsons, head of the judging committee.

However, none of "The Swamp" makers is likely to wind up in Hollywood. Downs is happy making documentary films for campus use, he says. The students who made the sound track, Dave Kerr and Shilley Goldfus, plan to be jazz musicians.

"The Swamp" was the shortest film entered. The longest, 33 minutes, was made at the University of Michigan. Other entries came from City College of New York, UCLA, Dartmouth College, University of Oklahoma, University of Wisconsin, University of Boston University.

U.N. moves to impose sanctions against little Israel for refusing to pull its troops out of Egypt. Experts agree this is a bad thing. They make two points in partial rebuttal—(1) The Soviet Union has no international morality; Israel does. (2) The two "big" nations involved in the Egyptian attack, Britain and France, withdrew in compliance with U.N. action; Israel did not.

Diplomats feel that the Soviet Union also suffered a great setback in the eyes of world opinion on the Hungarian issue. International Communism as a result of Soviet action and U.N. debate stands today "unfrocked" of all its pious claims it does not interfere in the internal affairs

of other nations. This is counted by diplomats as a gain for the United Nations.

No Ducking

Where the old League of Nations "ducked" many crucial problems at a showdown, diplomats argue that the United Nations has done far better in facing up to the issue of its time. The 11-year record of the United Nations shows that it has avoided many major conflicts, and eased others.

"The U.N. so far, of course hasn't licked all the problems—and it shouldn't be expected to do so," a diplomat said. "But the U.N. has not run for cover. There would be a parallel with the League of Nations only if the U.N. refuses to meet the issues."

On other points, experts say that the United Nations is more universal than the League of Nations was in its day, and that its secretariat is "much stronger and wiser than the League's. They also point out that the United Nations is much more active than the League was in economic and social matters.

There is no escaping the fact, however, that the United Nations has "serious flaws," diplomats agree. Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) said recently that the failure to correct "major defects . . . could result in the United Nations going the way of the League of Nations."

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—UPI—A Minnesota college teacher who made a ten-minute \$380 movie is the man of the hour in Hollywood tonight.

Supercolossal productions in booming stereophonic sound, glorious color and wide, wide screens are the business of the day at most of the Hollywood movie studios.

But tonight many producers, directors, writers and actors will gather at 20th Century-Fox Studio to give a gold medal to Allen Downs for his little film.

The 42-year-old teacher turned out a one-reel documentary, "The Swamp," with the help of two of his students in his photography and design classes at the University of Minnesota. The Screen Producers' Guild judged it the best campus-produced motion picture for the scholastic year of 1955-56 in the guild's

Fourth Annual Inter-Collegiate awards.

Downs' prize-winning movie, selected from 18 submitted by amateur movie-making classes in colleges all over the country, tells about a beautiful section of swampland near Minneapolis. During a period of "three or four years" Downs photographed wild life at the site "because I wanted to show my class how the movie camera could record pictorially, and not just theatrically."

"Then one day they began to fill up this beautiful place with garbage, and I had an ending to my story," explained Downs, invited here from his Minneapolis home. "So I edited all the film I had into a ten-minute story. Now I hope the city officials do something about the garbage."

Second and third place in the SPG inter-collegiate competition went to films made at the University of Southern California, and honorable mention was won by the University of Illinois, the University of Nebraska and Wayne State University.

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LOOKING RELAXED, although pale, India's United Nations Ambassador Krishna Menon (left), rests in chair at Assembly after collapsing following two hour speech. He is discussing proposed sanctions against Israel with Britain Ambassador Allen Noble. (International Soundphoto)

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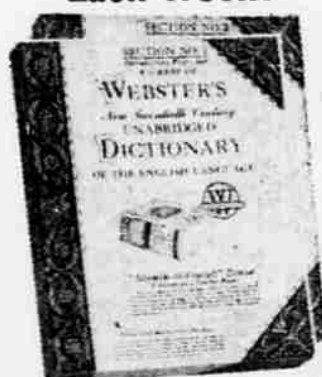
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