



AGGRESSIVE LABOR FORCE—Most agile, competitive and aggressive part of Pakistan's labor force is its young boys and girls. On the streets of Dacca in East Pakistan, shoe-shine boys offer to give you a better shine than the one you got minutes before. News-boys don't take no for an answer. In this photo youngsters carry gunny sacks while out to "harvest" fallen leaves. They sell dry leaves for fuel, getting about five cents a sack. (UPI Telephoto)

United Nations, 15 Years Old, Has Yet To Solve Major Political Problems

Editor's note: Fifteen years ago the United Nations was created with the signing of the U.N. Charter. Since that time it has marked both successes and failures. A veteran UPI correspondent at the U.N. reviews the balance sheet in the following dispatch.

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United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI)—The United Nations, at its 15th anniversary, finds itself in the paradox of having done everything it was designed to do except one — its chief purpose of solving major political problems.

The United Nations was conceived as a peace organization by the 51 countries which signed its charter in the San Francisco Opera House June 26, 1945.

But its founders conceived it as an organization to keep the peace, not one that would have to create peace among the world's great powers.

Economically and socially, the United Nations has scored great success in improving the plight of the world's underdeveloped countries. It has guided uncounted millions to independence and self-government and its membership consequently has increased by 31 to a total of 82.

More To Be Admitted
At least seven more countries are expected to be admitted by the General Assembly at the session starting here Sept. 20. This is a result of the political awakening of Africa. Many new countries have come in from Asia, drastically changing the U.N. political complexion.

What the founders did not foresee was the Cold War. This erupted in the Security Council a scant half-year after the U.N.'s birth, when Russia and the West clashed about the presence of Soviet troops in Iran.

Founded in the closing days of World War II, when Russia and the Western powers were in coalition against Hitler's Germany, the United Nations was based on the theory of continuing big power unanimity. It quickly became apparent that it was the misconception that the Big Five powers could settle the world's problems by agreement among themselves within the United Nations.

Fifteen years after San Francisco, the powers cannot agree on which is the fifth of the Big Five — Nationalist or Communist China. Nationalist China claims to be the U.N. seat through the insistence of the United States and on an annually dwindling vote.

No arena has seen more Cold War battles than the United Nations. Year after year, Russia and the West have fought in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, and the balance sheet shows nothing better than a draw, in the opinion of most qualified observers.

Untold Benefits
Russia has reaped untold propaganda benefits with the U.N. as a sounding board. The West, and the world, has benefited by blocking Soviet actions and creating, for what it is worth, a counter-opinion in the world's uncommitted countries.

Chief of the United Nations' political achievements has been the thwarting of aggression in Korea. In going to the aid of the Republic of Korea in 1950, the fledgling world organization avoided the pitfall that spelled disaster for the League of Nations.

June 27, 1950, is rated by many as the most important date in U.N. history. On that day, the Security Council voted military sanctions for the first time in modern history and "collective security" became more than a phrase.

The League of Nations had been confronted with aggression, too. Although it did ex-

pel Russia for its invasion of Finland in 1939. It stood by helplessly when Mussolini invaded in 1935 and when Japan took over Manchuria in 1931. It never regained its prestige or force.

Some historians and political scientists believe the United Nations averted a full-scale World War II when it ordered aid to South Korea. Would Be Left Alone

The argument is that if the United Nations had not entered the picture, the United States would have had to go to war alone to help the Koreans, and Russia would certainly have entered on the Communist side. But the Kremlin would not risk world condemnation by going to war against the U.N. flag.

The U.N. Command in Korea comprised forces voluntarily sent by 16 countries. However, the world organization could have ordered such forces into action. Its charter provides that all member countries shall make available to the Security Council "armed forces, assistance and facilities . . . for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security."

Russia and the Western powers never have been able to agree on the composition of such forces — the "teeth" the United Nations needs to enforce decisions. Therein, in the opinion of most observers, lies the outstanding failure — or lack of success — of the United Nations.

Also on the debit side of the U.N. balance sheet are:

—A lack of forceful action in the Soviet suppression of the 1956 Hungarian revolution or the Chinese Communist overthrowing of Tibet three years later.

—Inadequacy in dealing with the Palestine problem, which has seen a recurrent series of bloody incidents between Israel and its Arab neighbors and disregard of decisions on the partition of Palestine and the internationalization of Jerusalem.

—Failure to settle the future of Kashmir, where the Security Council ordered a plebiscite but has been unable to get India and Pakistan to agree on terms under which it would be held.

—Defiance of U.N. resolutions on such matters as racial discrimination in South Africa and freedom of navigation for ships of all countries in the Suez Canal.

—Inability to make progress on disarmament — considered by many experts as the foremost responsibility of the United Nations — and its corollary problems of banning nuclear tests and the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons in warfare.

The credit sheet for the U.N. must show:

—Korea, the outstanding achievement in 15 years of collective diplomatic experimentation.

—Settlement of the short, 1956 Suez War, admittedly achieved through the willingness of Britain, France and Israel to be swayed by world opinion.

General Dag Hammarskjöld's "quiet diplomacy." —Peaceful creation, with major help from the United States, of the country of Indonesia, heading off what promised to be a bloody war of independence.

At the end of 15 years, nobody has pulled out of the U.N. and quite a few clamor to get into it. The diplomatic feeling is that while it is not perfect, it is a better device than any yet conceived.

As Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, a U.N. undersecretary and Nobel Peace Prize winner, has said: "It is, after all, not only the best we have; it is all we have."

Fish Ladder Needed At Ancient Dam

Portland — (UPI) — Unless an acceptable fish ladder is provided by Yamhill county at the ancient Lafayette dam on the Yamhill river, the Oregon Fish commission has recommended that the structure be removed to permit normal passage up-river by spawning salmon and steelhead.

Robert L. Rullison, aquatic biologist of the commission, said that under Oregon law, stream barriers must either be removed or fishways provided for the escapement of fish.

Youngsters Form Aggressive Part of Pakistan Labor Force

Dacca, East Pakistan — (UPI) — Pakistan's most agile, competitive and aggressive part of its labor force is its young boys and girls.

Walk down the streets of Dacca and you'll see long rows of shoe shine boys vying for your patronage. Even if you've just had a shine 10 minutes before you'll be greeted by, "Mister, I can give you a better shine."

To make matters a bit more difficult for them to earn a living, traffic policemen force them to leave busy intersections from time to time to avoid roadside congestion.

Look at any construction site and you'll see dozens of little "Mason" boys squatting as they pound the floors of buildings with wooden paddles to make them level. The boys do their work spiritedly, helped by the customary song leader who leads them in a chorus of gaudy verses.

Doing Family Laundry
Stroll onto any river or canal bank near here and you'll see young girls doing the family laundry on old, well-rubbed boards. In most of the poorer families the father is the breadwinner, but the mother must often help earn money and do the cooking besides. Thus, the daughters are given the washing chore.

Pakistan newsboys don't take "no" for an answer. Once a newsboy has sighted you he will wage a do-or-die battle to sell you one of his papers. One of his modern sales points: If you don't have the money today you may pay him tomorrow.

Perhaps the happiest kids are the sons and daughters of gypsy families.

Live in Boats
The Gypsies, who live permanently in boats, move from village to village, trading in snake skins, glass bangles and other oddities.

In the afternoons the children often leave their boat-homes and engage in such games and amusements as climbing trees, racing over the river banks and wrestling. Numerous families in Pakistan must constantly struggle against poverty, unemployment, and, if they are farmers, drought.

Many families wear old clothes that have been imported from the United States and other countries. These men, women and children cannot afford to buy new warm clothing in the winter or light garments in the summer.

Some of the women, who even today keep veils over

their faces, make jute ropes in their spare time to earn extra income. Jute is grown in many family-owned fields. The ever dangerous threat

Superintendents Study Proposals

Salem — (UPI) — Ninety-two Oregon first class school superintendents went over proposals here Friday with the department of education that may lead to experimentation with new teaching methods and aides in the state.

The department said it is considering making application to the Ford Foundation for money to do the experimenting.

Among the topics discussed were television in schools; grouping of children; mechanical and clerical aides, so-called teaching machines, for instructors; team teaching and special instruction problems in smaller schools.

Burglars Blow Safe, Get \$240

Salem — (UPI) — A safe in the Salem Railway Express Agency office was blown sometime Friday night or early Saturday and burglars got away with about \$240 in cash and blank traveler's checks.

FBI agents and state, county and Salem city officers were called into the investigation. They said it appeared the safe had been blown with nitroglycerin.

St. Helens Girl Killed in Crash

Portland — (UPI) — A St. Helens girl, Carol Olson, 18, was killed early Saturday when the car in which she was riding left the road near the moorage of Sauvie's Island bridge and struck a power pole.

Driver of the car, Jack Cooper, about 20, was in St. Vincent hospital here suffering from back injuries and multiple rib fractures.

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of drought has caused much anxiety about the food problem this year. Until very recently there had been only light rainfall. Farmers all over the country have been toiling overtime to save their rice crops by irrigating their fields. Their means of irrigation: long wooden troughs, the traditional tool of irrigation in Pakistan.

Expression in Songs
The hardships of the men and women and the continuous struggle among the youth to find means to support themselves find expression in the songs of folk singers, many of whom have little education. But in them the heartbeat of the country's rural population can be felt. Although they lack the refinement and sublimity of more formal music, they have a spontaneity and charm of their own.

Some of the folk singers are poets or philosophers who compose their own songs. These men are popular in the villages and the cities.

Let one strum his country-made violin and you will see a crowd of workers, farmers, old men and young boys and girls gather swiftly.

Some of the songs they sing have been handed down from generation to generation. They tell of hard times and the struggle against the elements. Their themes even hold true for today, but with a difference.

Today's youth are fast adopting modern business and sales methods. And both old and young are looking forward to Pakistan's second five-year plan.

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