

UN Assembly Ends

960th Meeting of UN General Assembly Closes With Next To Nothing Solved

By JACK V. FOX
United Nations, N.Y.—The good-looking guard in the pale blue uniform stomped his feet inside the telephone booth sentry box and ignored people walking into the big building.

Three months ago today he was stopping everyone for photograph-mounted passes while police on horseback held back crowds pressing for a peek at Eisenhower or Khrushchev or Macmillan or Castro or Tito or Nasser or Nehru.

The 15th General Assembly of the United Nations was coming to a temporary close. Inside, looking down on the ornate hall where the most powerful of world leaders had sat for four frantic weeks, the eye gravitated to the green-covered desk at the back with the nameplate: "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

It seemed there should be another sign alongside: "Khrushchev pounded his shoe here."

Wadsworth's Last Day
Across the hall, burly, jovial Jerry (James J.) Wadsworth talked with maverick Sen. Wayne Morse. It was Wadsworth's last day at the General Assembly. He had replaced Henry Cabot Lodge for three historic months. The

next time the body meets Adlai Stevenson will be sitting in his place as U.S. ambassador.

On the dais, ruddy-faced Frederick Boland of Ireland presided with the dignified equanimity broken only once these three months when he brought down a gavel so forcefully it shattered and a piece of it just missed his head.

Hammarskjold Still There
The impetuous Dag Hammarskjold sat alongside Boland. The Russians had said he must go. But he was still there. And the betting was he will be there until his term expires in April, 1963, or else the United Nations itself will be gone.

The outfit was as good as broke. The Congo operation had cost \$60 million and the bill was due. Russia and its satellites said the United States could pick up that check.

What had been accomplished? Next to nothing. The United Nations was still functioning and that was about the best that could be said.

Same Bloody Upheaval
In the background was the same bloody upheaval in the Congo that had been there when the delegates assembled last Sept. 20. The delegate

from Israel was warning that it could lead to another Spanish-type civil war, another Korea.

The session was open to the public Tuesday but less than one-fourth of the seats were filled. The busiest part of the building was the section open to guided tours. The delegates' lounge buzzed with many languages among the bright red poinsettias—no Christmas trees in this multi-faith gathering.

The 960th meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations was at an end—the session to resume again in 11 weeks' time.

R. A. Work Chosen CBIAC Chairman
Portland—R. A. Work, head of the Soil Conservation Service Portland water supply forecast unit, has been named chairman of the Columbia Basin Inter Agency committee.

Word of the appointment was received from C. M. Ferguson, assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., who said Work also would be the department's representative on the committee.

Work replaces Ellis Hatt, head of the SCS engineering and watershed planning unit in Portland, who accepted a post with the Ford Foundation in India.

Portland Squadron To Perform Missions
Salem—Adj. Gen. Alfred E. Hintz said Tuesday that for the second time since 1958 Portland's 123rd fighter squadron will be among 21 Air National Guard squadrons to perform air defense command alert missions beginning Jan. 1.

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Russia Protests Alleged Action By U. S. Vessel

Moscow—The Soviet government lodged a formal protest with the U.S. Embassy Tuesday against the "provocative activities" of a U.S. Navy destroyer which shadowed a Soviet merchant ship in the Mediterranean.

According to Tass, the note charged that the U.S. destroyer No. 817 followed a parallel course with the cargo vessel Faleshty "for some time" and then approached it.

Stopped Engine
The Russian captain had to stop the engines to prevent a collision, Tass said.

The note demanded "severe punishment for those guilty of provocative actions" as well as necessary measures by the United States to "prevent any repetition."

Tass said the incident occurred Nov. 14 while the Faleshty was en route from Marseilles to Odessa.

Washington—The Navy denied any knowledge today of any incident between a U.S. destroyer and a Soviet merchant ship in the Mediterranean as charged by Moscow.

Navy headquarters here said no report of such an incident has been received.

Navy Patrol Plane Crashes in Atlantic
Argentina, Nfld.—A U.S. Navy P2V Neptune patrol plane carrying between nine and eleven crashed today in the frigid North Atlantic off Newfoundland.

More than six hours after the plane left its base here searchers spotted an empty life raft and an empty life-jacket in the water, 67 miles south of Argentina.

Navy and Coast Guard planes, a Coast Guard cutter and several civilian ships in the area converged on the scene.

Authorities at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Argentina said the Neptune was taking part in fleet exercises.

The Navy said the names of the crew were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

More than 5,265,000 American workers have insured pension plan protection under 28,430 pension plans in effect at the start of 1960.

Bell Reviews Trip To Far East, India At Chamber Lunch

Ashland—Clarence Bell, recently returned from a five-month trip to India and the Far East, spoke before members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce at their luncheon meeting in the Mark Antony hotel Tuesday.

The former president of the chamber was introduced by Bill Patton, program chairman, and the meeting was conducted by the vice president, Richard Isaacs.

Warning his listeners that he made no claim to be an authority but only brought back his personal impressions of conditions as he saw them, Bell described some of the experiences that have made him and his family "thankful for the blessings of this nation and this community."

Lack of Education
The extremes of poverty and wealth, the lack of education, the low living standards and the tremendous part played by the Moslem religion, were all evident, especially in India, declared the traveler.

The only exception to the prevailing filth and lack of modern living was in Penang, Malayan Federation, where the Bells found a city of great beauty, as well as sanitation. In every other country they visited signs were posted warning against "unsafe water." Not only must tourists in India carry drinking water but their bedding, their food, even soap and towels.

Most terrifying of their long journey was a cyclone and 27-foot tidal wave which took between 8,000 and 10,000 lives last Oct. 29. Their ship was driven aground, high into a rice field and many of its crew were killed. Bell described the horror of seeing masses of bodies float in and out on the tide for days.

Notice Humidity
"Refrigeration just isn't," Bell said. "Butcher shops, open, are surrounded by circles of scabby-looking dogs. It isn't so much the heat, but the humidity in India that the American travelers notice," he said.

Most of the time spent in India was at the home of Bell's brother, who heads the Methodist publishing house in Lucknow. While in Jakarta he talked by telephone with Mrs. Alvin Miller, Dr. Miller, a member of Southern Oregon college faculty, is serving as adviser to the Indonesian government.

At a later meeting Bell will show some of the slides taken during the tour which included the Philippine islands, where he visited the National cemetery, "an impressive reminder of the thousands of American men who gave their lives."

The next chamber luncheon meeting will be held Jan. 10 when officers for the coming year will be installed, and the 1960 annual reports made. Archie Fries Jr., is the incoming president.

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Johnson Believed Wooing Support for Presidential Bid

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Ashland High Presents Program

By FAITH McCULLOUGH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Ashland—Tuesday evening the third and final school Christmas concert was presented in the Ashland High school gym by the chorus and orchestra before a small but appreciative audience.

The 43-voice chorus was heard in an ambitious cantata arranged and directed by W. Bernard Windt. Accompanied by the high school orchestra of 30 instrumentalists and narrated by Mike Rountree, the Christmas story was presented in three parts, Prophecy, Nativity and Gloria.

A mixed quintet sang "O Holy Night," and in conclusion the entire chorus joined in the triumphant "Gloria in Excelsis."

Lighted by tall candelabra, the stage was set for the stable scene of "Mary and Joseph and the Babe, lying in a manger." About them against a background of evergreen trees were the animals.

The first half of the program opened with traditional carols played by the brass sextet directed by Raoul Maddox.

An unfamiliar but beautiful Mendelssohn number, "Hymn of Praise," and "The Windsor Melody" by Noel Gay were played by the orchestra. Both selections were marked by effective drum and cymbal passages.

The mixed chorus and the girls' chorus sang two spirituals, "Rise Up Shepherds" and "Listen to the Angels." Lee Bounds was accompanist for the entire concert.


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