

Court Decision from The Hague Could Make or Break the UN

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United Nations, N. Y. — A court decision that could make or break the United Nations as a guardian of world peace will be handed down soon at The Hague.

The ruling will be by the 15 judges of the International Court of Justice, the judicial arm of the UN. It will be an advisory opinion on whether the UN General Assembly can force its members to share the cost of security missions such as those in the Congo (ONUC) and the Gaza Strip (UNEF).

The question generally is regarded as the most important ever to come before the court.

Runs Up Deficit
Because Russia, France, Portugal, Belgium, South Africa and many other nations have not paid their assessments for ONUC or UNEF, the UN has run up a deficit which threatens its financial collapse. U Thant, the acting secretary general, has estimated the debt may soon reach \$170 million.

ONUC, which began in July, 1960, has cost an average of \$10 million a month. UNEF, established in 1956, has averaged \$1.62 million a month.

The crisis is a result of a conflict among members in interpreting the UN charter as to whether payment of assessments is mandatory.

Asks World Court
In an effort to resolve the

conflict, the General Assembly last December asked the world court for an opinion on whether the ONUC and UNEF costs are "expenses of the organization" which, under article 17 of the charter, "shall be borne by the members as apportioned by the General Assembly."

A majority of members, including the United States and Britain, say article 17 is applicable. The Soviet bloc, France and others who refuse to pay insist it is not.

Enforcement of article 17 would be derived from article 19 which states that any nation whose financial contributions fall more than two years behind shall lose its vote in the assembly.

Partial Cause Noted
A partial cause of the dispute is the fact that funds for financing ONUC and UNEF were established separately from the regular UN budget. There has been little difficulty collecting assessments for the regular budget, which covers normal administrative expenses.

The idea of taking the dispute to the international court is one part of a two-pronged western campaign, led by the United States, to unravel the United Nations' financial mess. The other part is the emergency \$200 million bond issue designed to give the organization breathing time until fiscal balance is restored.

Seventeen nations submitted written arguments to the court. Nine nations presented additional oral arguments during two weeks of hearings in May before the court began its final deliberations. The written legal arguments are kept secret until a decision is handed down, but it is known that Russia, France, Czechoslovakia, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Upper Volta submitted appeals for a negative ruling.

Russia was the only nation to argue orally for the negative and it was the first time the Soviets ever have been represented before the World Court.

In presenting Russia's case, Prof. Gregory Tunkin, director of the judicial treaty department of the Soviet foreign ministry, advanced two main arguments:

—The charter empowers only the Security Council (where Russia has veto power), and not the assembly, to set up an international armed force, and the manner in which the ONUC and UNEF operations have been conducted is in violation of the charter.

Should Be Responsible
—UNEF was established as a result of British, French and Israeli aggression in Egypt, and the Congo operation was necessitated by "Belgian aggression, supported by Belgium's partners in NATO, against the young Congolese republic." The nations responsible for the aggression, Tunkin said, should be responsible for financing the peace missions.

Abram L. Chayes, legal adviser of the U. S. State department and professor of law at Harvard university, told the court that countries defaulting on UN assessments were ignoring the fact that the United Nations "in the 15 years since its adoption has

successfully defended a precarious peace."
Contribute Voluntarily
"In Palestine and Kashmir, on the Gaza Strip, in Lebanon and now in the Congo, armed contingents contributed voluntarily by their own govern-

ments and acting with the consent of all states concerned have operated successfully under the flag and command of the United Nations," he said.

Regarding the charter, Chayes argued in essence that the

United Nations has the power, by resolution of the General Assembly, to require the members to pay for lawful expenditures. He said expenses incurred under the resolutions establishing ONUC and UNEF are a legal obligation of the world organization.

Britain, Canada, the Netherlands, Australia, Ireland, Italy and Norway also spoke for enforcement of article 17.

The hearings took place in the high-ceilinged, oak-paneled court room of The Hague's Peace Palace, headquarters of the World Court since it was established in 1946. The present court succeeded the old permanent Court of International Justice which was set up by the League of Nations in 1921.

The court acts in two ways:

(1) as an arbiter in disputes between states; (2) as an adviser on legal questions submitted by an organ of the United Nations or its agencies. Decisions are by a majority of the judges present, and judgments are without appeal.

Resolve Disputes
The court has helped resolve some important disputes. A 1950 ruling settled a French-American quarrel about rights of U. S. citizens in Morocco. A decree in 1951, led to the peaceful settlement of an oil dispute between Britain and Iran. In 1957, Egypt agreed to accept the court's jurisdiction in disputes arising out of its administration of the Suez canal.

The current president of the court is Bohdan Winiarski, 78, of Poland, a former inmate of a Nazi concentration camp and a long-time professor of international law at the Academy of International Law in The Hague.

Among the judges are Philip C. Jessup of the United States, a Columbia university professor and former U. S. delegate at the United Nations; and Vladimir M. Koretsky of the Soviet Union, vice president of the Soviet International Law association and author of more than 50 works on international law.

At the United Nations, the dominant but cautious speculation has been that the court will rule affirmatively. This is based on the fact that all resolutions on ONUC, UNEF, the proposal to go to the court, and the emergency bond issue have passed by comfortable margins.

The court's opinion will be only advisory, and will require further action by the assembly if it is to be enforceable. Most diplomats here believe, however, that the assembly, once having asked for the opinion, will follow it up. This has been the practice in the past.

Abiding Is Debatable
Whether the Communists would abide by an affirma-

tive opinion is debatable. Soviet delegates said last December that Moscow would not alter its position on the basis of the court's action. They insisted their interpretation of the charter was correct and that there was no need to consult the court in the first place.

What will happen if the court's opinion is negative is not known. Few non-Communist delegates care to even think of the possibility, because they believe UN finances would be in a worse tangle than ever.

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Summer art classes for children 6 through 14 are being sponsored this year by the Rogue Valley Art association in conjunction with the Medford Junior Service League.

Registration is scheduled Tuesday, June 26, at the gallery, 220 West Main st., Medford. The gallery is open between noon and 4 p.m. Classes will start Thursday, June 28, in the city park.

Enrollment fees for the six-week course is \$10 for students between 6 and 9 years of age, and \$12 for those 10 to 14. The younger group will meet between 9 and 10 a.m. each Thursday. The older group will meet the same day between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Included in the instruction will be the use of water color, chalk, crayon and charcoal. All materials will be furnished, according to Mrs. Edwin Gebhard, instructor.

Additional information may be obtained by telephoning Mrs. Gebhard, 664-1841, or Mrs. Sam Richardson, 772-9885.

Selective Logging Sales Completed On Rogue Forest

Two selective logging sales were completed recently on the Prospect Ranger district, Rogue River National Forest. C. M. and D. Logging company of Prospect completed removal of 1 million board feet of timber from 96 acres on the Prospect flat.

The timber sale purchased by Olson-Lumber company, harvested mature trees which over-topped a thick understory of saplings and poles. Considerable care was required in order to remove the large old growth trees while preserving a valuable young growth.

The job of logging has left a vigorous stand of young trees which the forest service will thin to improve their growth rate, according to C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

Under proper protection and management this area will yield an even larger volume of timber within 30 to 40 years.

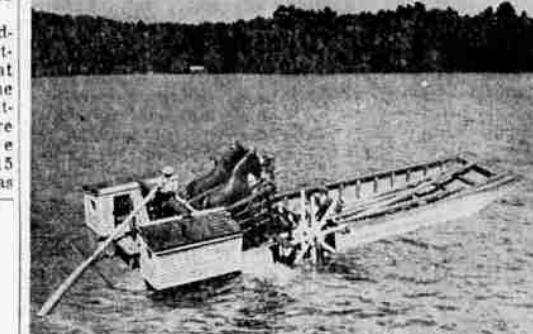
Another recently completed sale was logged by B. F. Nork Logging company of Shady Cove. This sale, in the Flat Creek drainage, harvested 1 million board feet of timber and was purchased by Southern Oregon Plywood.

An understory of pole size trees was released for faster growth by removal of the old growth stand. Brown noted. The road which provided access to the timber was built two years ago as part of another timber sale operated by the same two companies.

Portions of the logging slash resulting from the removal of the timber will be hand piled by forest service crews. Areas of thick slash are being tractor piled by the loggers. This fall when snow blankets the areas the forest service will burn the slash piles. Purpose of burning the slash is to return the timber stands to as safe a fire hazard condition as existed before logging took place, Brown said.

The world record price for English furniture was \$70,000, paid at a London auction for a Chippendale satinwood and mahogany commode.

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HORSE BOATS RETURN TO WINNIPESAUKEE

Not since the turn of the century have horse boats been seen on 72-square mile Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. The horse-powered barge-like boats made their debut on the big lake during the 1830's, and they were used primarily for the transportation of freight. Some were powered by a single horse, others by a pair or more. Old-timers say the boats used to do about four miles per hour.

They have long fascinated John Goodhue, one of New England's major boat yard owners, who is building an exact replica of one of the original boats to launch this summer during New Hampshire's "Festival of 1300 Lakes" celebration.

Mr. Goodhue says he has been told that horse boats are still in use in Holland, but as far as he knows that is the only place on earth where they still might be seen.

"The horses worked on treadmills located well back in the boat," Mr. Goodhue writes. "The treadmills, in turn, were rigged up to paddle wheels, one on either side of the vessel. Sitting on a plank, running between twin cabins,

was a driver close to the rumps of the horses and also close enough to the stern so he could control the direction of the boat with a long oar, or 'sweep.'

"The hustle and bustle of servicing and getting about 500 boats out since Winnepesaukee cleared of ice late in April has delayed me in getting this project under way. There are so many interruptions during the day that I'm 'burning the midnight oil,' and the night crew is getting the interesting job, under my supervision, of building the horse-powered boat."

"Locating 'antique' treadmills in pairs heavy enough to support the two big work horses has been such a vexing problem that for awhile I contemplated using a motor somewhere within the boat to help motivate it. But just recently I ran across one set of double treadmills in good condition in neighboring Tuftonboro. Now if I can find a second set, it will be unnecessary to give the horses a mechanical boost."

"Nearby in the stables of Belknap County Farm are two pairs of elegant, chestnut Belgian horses, awaiting the day of launching, which is planned for July 4. They belong to Norman Hubbard, prominent Laconia dairyman, who is also the owner of a sizeable sled dog kennel.

"King and Diamond, weighing about 1,800 pounds apiece, will work in competition with Betsy and Nancy, who weigh in at 1,700 pounds each. The winning pair of horses will doubtless gain national fame since the horse boat doing a 'comeback' has already attracted attention from coast to coast. Hubbard says he sort of hopes the boys 'will win out over the girls. You can talk to them, man to man,' he explains.

"His Belgians have been seen at country fairs and in parades, and King and Diamond grandly hauled the old stagecoach at the annual Columbus Day Sandwich Fair. The horses have been used for general farm chores, so working the boat will be child's play for either pair. All they will have to do is walk with nothing heavier to haul than sightseers out for excursions across the lake. Taking a leisurely stroll on cool, beautiful Winnepesaukee in the good old summertime beats doing chores any day in the week.

Mrs. Tweedy Serves At Aquatic School

Mrs. Larry Tweedy, Jacksonville, is serving as a nurse at the National Aquatic school being conducted at Twin Echo resort at Randrum, Idaho, by the American National Red Cross.

Mrs. Tweedy is one of several Red Cross nurses who is on duty during the training. The school, at which some 75 future water safety instructors are undergoing a 10-day training program, is one of three western schools which will be conducted during June and August to train instructors for swimming, lifesaving and small craft safety.

The Red Cross has been conducting national aquatic schools throughout the nation since 1922, and has trained more than 78,000 water safety instructors in the past 40 years.

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