

# Afro-Asian Group Shows Significant Increase In United Nations



**INJURED ARM SAVED**—Robert Orna, 61, center, whose badly injured left arm was almost severed in an industrial accident, had the limb sewed back in place and has now regained use of the fingers. Dr. J. Vernon Luck, left, was the surgeon on the case. Orna and Luck are congratulated by Charles LeRoy Loman, 83, founder of the Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles where now regained use of the fingers. Dr. J. Vernon Luck is medical director, (UPI)

By JOHN McNUTT  
United Nations — The Afro-Asian group is expected to grow to 55 members by the time the United Nations General Assembly meets in September — exactly half the 110 votes the assembly will have by then.

With the backing of the 11 Communist nations — on anti-colonial questions, a foregone conclusion — the Afro-Asian group will have a clear majority of the general assembly. And colonialism is expected to take up a great share of the assembly's business when it reconvenes Sept. 18.

Largely through the efforts of the African and Asian countries, the assembly lasted a record 10 months this year.

The West's task of mustering a "blocking third" to defeat anti-Western measures will become more difficult with the addition of the new members.

Four of the six new nations expected in the assembly by fall are African. First of the new members are expected to be Ruanda and Burundi, which attained independence after years as one trust territory.

British-administered Uganda, to the north, has been promised independence on Oct. 9.

Algeria voted recently, and upheld a foregone conclusion that it would choose independence from France.

Admission of these newcomers will raise the African membership to 29.

Jamaica and Trinidad, also British governed, are to become free in August. They are expected to join but not necessarily vote with — the Commonwealth.

Some delegations expect a Soviet veto of Ruanda or Burundi if Belgian troops are still there when the security council meets in early September to consider new members. However, most delegates believe that all four new African countries will be approved by both the security council and the general assembly for membership.

The Afro-Asians are a multi-shaded political group. They range from military allies of the West — such as the Philippines, Japan and Pakistan — to Communist Mongolia. The "neutralists" in between vary from moderate to anti-West.

They try to settle their differences behind closed doors — usually by arriving at a "consensus" after prolonged and often heated discussion — then present their views in the form of a draft resolution with massive sponsorship. The differences of opinion within the group is often gauged by how long it takes them to report a verdict.

They try to maintain a solid front against the rest of the United Nations in the committee and general assembly debates that follow, but not always successfully.

Belgian Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak said the final outcome — which left the door open for Belgian troops to stay on in Ruanda or Burundi if invited by the new governments — was a "fair compromise."

One example of successful collaboration was the Southern Rhodesian issue. They quickly drafted a demand that Britain scrap a 1961 constitution for the colony and draw up another giving a stronger voice to the more than 60 per cent African inhabitants.

This measure, with 38 co-sponsors, was rammed through the general assembly in one day with only South Africa voting against it. Seventy-three were in favor — mostly the Afro-Asians plus the Communists — while Britain's friends were among the 27 abstentions. Portugal joined Britain, which claimed the U.N. intervention was illegal, in refusing to take part in the balloting.

The Western nations — who pay most of the United Nations' operating expenses — are plainly dissatisfied with the voting strength aligned against them. There have been suggestions that members' votes be weighted according to population or contributions, which are based roughly on national wealth, or a combination of these factors.

However, this would require a revision of the U.N. Charter. The Afro-Asians have the votes to defeat any move to weaken their power and the Soviet Union has a veto to kill any compromise that might benefit the West.

So the outlook for the 17th General Assembly is a bigger and stronger Afro-Asian bloc.

## 2,000 Students Are Aided Through Loan Program at College

Corvallis — About 2,000 students were aided last year through the loan program at Oregon State university, according to J. Frank Jonasson, student loan officer.

Loan funds administered by the student loan office total about \$350,000. A committee of faculty members approve each loan based on need of the student for money for education and future goals, adequacy and accuracy of the budget submitted, sincerity of applicant in making the application, grades, character references and other evidences of financial stability.

Regular loans are available to all students who have successfully completed at least

one term at Oregon State. The loans are usually repaid from summer earnings and are due before the start of the following school year. Interest on a regular loan is 4 per cent on the unpaid balance until the due date.

National Defense Student Loans are available to all students with a 2.75 or B minus average. High school seniors may make application for a loan during their freshman year providing they have a B plus high school grade average. No repayment is due until at least one year after the student leaves college. The borrower may take up to 10 years to repay the loan.

Interest on NDEA loans is charged at the rate of 3 per

cent each year, starting one year after the student leaves college.

As an added benefit to students planning to enter the teaching field, students who become full-time teachers in public elementary or secondary schools pay only 50 per cent of the principal of the NDEA loan plus interest at the rate of 10 per cent per year taught.

Emergency loans also are granted through the loan office. Students needing small amounts of money for no longer than 30 days or until known funds arrive such as at the end of the month may qualify for an emergency loan. Rather than interest, these loans have small fixed charges.

### SO SORRY

Newtown, England — Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Meadows have received a postcard from the gammas who robbed them of \$200 worth of jewelry, apologizing for inconveniencing them. He kept the loot.

## Rocket Bomb Test Slated in Pacific

Honolulu — The United States will make its third attempt to explode a rocket-borne nuclear device 200 miles over Johnston Island tonight — despite reports that a mysterious ship may be operating in the test ban area.

The Coast Guard announced Wednesday that the unidentified vessel, which falsely acknowledged Coast Guard identification, was seen inside the

539-mile danger area early last Friday. Joint Task Force 8 announced that everything was "Go" at Johnston Island for the megaton shot between 1 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. (PST) Friday.

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## Prisoner's Escape From State Prison In 1902 Recalled

Salem — It was a June morning 60 years ago when train robber Harry Tracy broke out of the Oregon penitentiary here, leaving a 59-day trail of terror and death in the Northwest that finally ended near Spokane, Wash.

Seven men were killed during his two months of freedom. The June 9, 1902, escape resulted in one of the Northwest's biggest manhunts.

The escape began when Tracy, a sullen prisoner, broke out a 30-30 rifle secured in the prison's stove factory and fatally shot guard Frank B. Ferrell.

Another guard, S. R. T. Jones, was killed as Tracy and a companion, David Merrill, his brother-in-law, scaled a prison wall with a ladder. A third guard used as a hostage, B. F. Tiffany, was slain outside the prison walls, and the inmates vanished into some brush.

The prisoners headed north, surprised two fishermen, and made them row across the Columbia river to Clark county, Wash.

Tracy and Merrill appeared a few days later at a farm near Harbor, Wash. Tying up the farmer, Henry Tiede, they ate breakfast, and read an account of their escape in a newspaper.

Tiede later told authorities that Tracy was furious because Merrill was getting as much notoriety as Tracy. Later, near Chehalis, Merrill's body was found. Tracy bragged that he and Merrill fought a duel, and Merrill lost.

Near Olympia on July 4 Tracy commandeered a boat at the Capitol City Oyster Co. dock, making the crew take him into the Seattle area. The hunt wore on, and Tracy, fatally shot another pursuer, Deputy Sheriff Charles Raymond, near Bothell.

Tracy broke into a Seattle home two nights later, and while the woman of the house was fixing his supper at gunpoint, a sheriff's posse stormed in.

Tracy escaped again, but not before two deputies were killed in the fray — E. E. Breese, and Neil Rawley, the latter hit by a wild shot fired by another officer.

Tracy wandered through rural parts of King and Pierce counties, finally heading east to the Creston area, 40 miles west of Spokane, where he was spotted.

This time Tracy became trapped in a grain field, behind a pile of rocks. A big posse surrounded him, and while he stood them off, he was wounded in the leg.

That night, while waiting him out, the posse heard a shot. The next morning Tracy was found dead, shot in the face with his own gun.

His vow when he escaped was that he would never again be put behind bars.

## Divers To Join Search for Vessel

Tillamook, Ore. — Divers were to join the search today for clues to the fate of the unlucky "Lucky M." teased sunk with her skipper.

The 28-foot salmon boat with Ray Jenkins, 55, of Tillamook aboard vanished Monday night while following another vessel off the coast north of here.

Coast guard boats and aircraft searched without success Monday and Tuesday. The Coast Guard said divers would probe the area where the "Lucky M." disappeared.

**TO ASK CONSIDERATION**  
Georgetown, British Guiana — Prime Minister Cheddi Jagan said Wednesday he will ask the United Nations to consider Britain's postponement of talks aimed at giving independence to British Guiana.

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