

Three D's Dominate UN's Agenda

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 UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI) — The greatest diplomatic show on earth is on, as on many a midway of the general run, the sideshows promise to outdraw the big tent.

The sinuous diplomatic dance of the Big Three foreign ministers seeking agreement on "next steps" in private talks and the fire-eating act of the Africans against colonialism and racism in the Security Council seem to hold more import than the old and familiar acts in the United Nations Assembly hall.

Despite top billing for three heads of state — President Kennedy, Yugoslavia's Tito and Algeria's Ben Bella — and 36 foreign ministers, the cast for the 18th regular session of the assembly pales in comparison with some of the past.

Russia's Khrushchev and his table-pounding shoe are not here. Nor is Cuba's Castro present to hear Khrushchev's bald head into his beard in a caricature of an oversize egg in a nest.

Titans of assembly sessions before the historic 1960 hippodrome are missing. There is no Vishinsky of Russia, no Beloude — "the white Vishinsky," as the Soviet originally called him — of Peru, no Romulo of the Philippines — no Hammarskjold.

Secretary General Thant has called this the assembly of the three D's — disarmament, decolonization and development of backward areas.

Other Questions

Although the three D's dominate the printed agenda, other questions overshadow it in caucuses and corridor conversations.

There is the question of Viet Nam, sparked and headlined by

Survey by United Crusade To Start In Area Monday

The Home Crusade, the United Crusade name for residential solicitation, will not be conducted this year, according to Jerald McGrew, campaign chairman.

After 10 years of residential solicitation it appeared desirable to suspend this feature for a year, to see if sufficient funds could be collected from firms and employees without the extra work of women volunteers in house to house calling, McGrew said.

The United Fund method of solicitation is at places of employment. Less than 2 per cent of the campaign goal was raised last year from the residential drive, he noted.

A residential survey will be conducted for three days starting Sept. 23 by women volunteers.

Mrs. Allen Sterton is the chairman of the survey. She has Mrs. Lou Cranton, Mrs. Wayne Chilwood, Mrs. Robert Hercher, Mrs. Richard Schieferstein, Mrs. Donald Burrell, Mrs. Donald Hills, Mrs. John Dumas, Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. Robert Fasel, Mrs. Albert Schwab, Mrs. Eric Carlson, Mrs. Richard Mole, Mrs. Robert Balk, Mrs. Rod Witham and Mrs. William Towne, as colonels of various Medford areas.

They have each obtained a group of women who will do the survey work in their sections. Answers to survey questions will be tabulated and reported by the United Crusade during the campaign.

Dr. Elliott Becken will conduct the training of the survey group over a local television station at 10 a.m. Monday.

The survey teams will gather at various homes to receive their instructions from Dr. Becken, and will be given the materials they will use in making the survey.

Thurmond Attacks Test Ban Treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Strom Thurmond (D - S.C.) launched a new attack on the nuclear test ban treaty, finding it wanting from both a military and political point of view.

In a 20-page statement, Thurmond criticized the proposed pact for its "gross and significant ineptitudes" of language.

A reserve general and a member of the Armed Service Committee, Thurmond said political as well as military considerations "weigh against" ratification.

He warned that the United States would not initiate withdrawal from the treaty unless it was "overtly" broken by Russia. Then the United States would still need indisputable proof of a violation, he said.

the demand of 14 countries for a thorough look into the persecution of the troubled country's Buddhist majority.

There is the highly vocal demand of Africans, which lacks the steam of a formal move for floor action, for expulsion or severe discipline of Portugal and South Africa for their colonial and racial policies in Africa.

There is the money problem. Thant foresees a \$140 million deficit for the United Nations by the end of this year. Hard-nosed, figure-minded experts in the 11-nation fifth (administrative and budgetary) committee must determine how to meet it.

Live Up to Charter

In the back of everybody's mind is the question of whether the world organization will live up to its charter and take the vote away from Russia, France, South Africa, Belgium and others who refuse to pay a portion of the UN peace-keeping costs.

The decision doesn't necessarily arise until the first assembly meeting of 1964. The United Nations computes arrearages on a calendar basis and the cut-off figure for the chronic delinquents will not be reached until the first of the year.

There is the question of China. Despite the current festering relations of the two Communist regimes, Russia is expected to demand again that the assembly give China's seat — including permanent membership in the Security Council — to the Communist regime.

Last year's vote against the move to seat the Chinese Reds returned the greatest margin against the Peking regime in years, however, and cannot be expected to be reversed at this session.

New Oratorical Artists

The list of problems, old and new, runs to 81 items inscribed on the assembly's formal agenda. But argumentation on most of them is expected to be a playback of old refrains, in some cases by new oratorical artists.

While the assembly plods through its annual parade to the podium for the opening general debate in which every member is entitled to deliver a policy speech, three quiet men meet quietly elsewhere in New York.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, British Foreign Secretary the Earl of Home and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko hoped to use the session as a background against which to seek new agreement.

The signing of the partial test ban treaty in Moscow last month created what Thant described as a "new psychological climate which has dawned over the world."

Treaty Brings Expressions

The treaty brought expressions of hope all over the world that it would be followed by "next steps" to ease the cold war and create an actual, not propagandistic, co-existence between East and West.

The ministers have no formal agenda as they seek "next steps." Thant told his pre-assembly news conference: "I venture to express the hope that they will take advantage of their presence at UN headquarters at the same time to engage in discussions on possible next steps. I would also hope they would include in their discussions the question of a comprehensive test ban treaty, including underground testing, on terms to be agreed upon among themselves."

Surface, air and underwater tests were banned by the Moscow accord. Underground tests, because of the difficulty of verified detection, were not included.

The United States set off a series of underground blasts only a few days before the assembly convened.

Brightest Spotlight

Within the United Nations, the brightest spotlight could be expected on the Security Council, despite the presence of the General Assembly in session.

Thant was instructed by the council to report to it by Oct. 31 on steps taken by Portugal to end repression and grant self-government and independence to the natives of its overseas territories — notably Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea.

There is little evidence that Portugal has done anything noteworthy to meet the demands put before the council and approved by it, despite a Western watering down of their resolution, on July 31.

A new council session is expected on Portuguese problems and African demands for sanctions against the Lisbon government, if not its expulsion from the United Nations, will overshadow any ordinary debate in the assembly.

Another Sore Point

Africa's other sore point is the apartheid racial policy of the South African government. The Security Council voted an arms embargo against South Africa on Aug. 7 and its African proponents said it was a "last warning" to abandon its racial policies.

Prime Minister Henryk Vorwoerd's government is defiant of the UN action instigated by his black African neighbors and they are expected to return to the Security Council with de-

mands for a complete economic boycott of South Africa — or, perhaps, as in Portugal's case, for its expulsion from the world organization.

Thant, puzzled because, he says, "Certain elements all over the world (which) were critical of the way in which ONU (the UN command) discharged its responsibility in the Congo . . . are now coming out with a proposal to maintain UN forces there for another six months beyond 1963."

Financial Authorization

Thant's financial authorization for the Congo and Middle East peace-keeping operations expires Dec. 31. He wants a new mandate, including authority to use force if necessary, and says he will not accept that "UN forces in the Congo perform the functions of Boy Scouts or

Sunday school teachers." He will have to go to the council to get it.

The financial puzzle also may wind up in the council, for the non-payers take the legalistic position that peace-keeping assessments are not valid voted by the prime peace-keeping organization of the United Nations. Previous assessments carried assembly approval.

The UN peace observation mission in revolt-torn Yemen is not going well.

Resigns in Disgust

Veteran UN military leader Maj. Gen. Carl Carlsson Von Horn of Sweden resigned in disgust because his command lacked facilities to police unending support to the opposing belligerents in Yemen from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic.

The Security Council approved the Yemen operation because Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic agreed to finance it — with a skimpy \$400,000 apiece — for four months. The four months ends Nov. 3 and the case of Yemen can be expected back on the council floor.

Syria and Israel wrote another chapter, ending in a Soviet veto of UN action against the Syrians, in the council's long history of troubles between Israel and her Arab neighbors. The Middle East is restless. The long-running debate may come back to the council.

A thousand delegates from 111 countries — and hundreds of aides, secretaries, strong-arm personal assistants and newsmen from the world's narrowing four corners — will throng the blue-and-gold Assembly hall

from now until Christmas. Whether the big show is there, in the ring of the Security Council's horseshoe table, or taxing the air conditioning of a mid-town hotel room, the UN circus could well employ a barker to truthfully proclaim: "Never a dull moment."

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