

United Nations Plans Series of Treatments for Growing Pains

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI) — The United Nations is about to begin a series of treatments for growing pains.

The first operation is due to start as soon as the current General Assembly ends before Christmas. Carpenters will take over the meeting rooms as soon as the diplomats leave. Their job is to increase the seating capacities.

When the United Nations was founded 18 years ago, it had 51 member nations. Today it has more than double that number, and more are anticipated in the near future as additional territories become independent.

Delegates have multiplied, and the U. N. staff necessarily has had to grow to handle the mushrooming activities.

As a result, facilities designed for a maximum 70 delegations have become grossly overtaxed. Conference rooms are crowded with makeshift arrangements. Administrative officials are woefully short of office space. Dining facilities cannot handle all the delegates and their guests, and lounge areas are jammed during peak periods. Long lines are the rule at the staff cafeteria.

Submits Program

To alleviate the situation, Secretary General Thant has submitted a three-pronged program for expansion and improvements.

Overall, the program proposes changes costing about \$14 million. At present, however, only a \$1.7 million renovation of the conference rooms and a \$1.2 million development of the basement area are certain. An \$11 million plan for enlarging the dining and lounge facilities has been deferred for further study in 1964.

Priority has been given to converting the assembly hall and trusteeship council for use as regular conference rooms, and to expanding the desk and seating arrangements in the existing four main conference rooms. Carpenters will be busy on this job until the assembly reconvenes next September.

Special features of this part of the program are the installation of individual microphones at assembly desks to save the

long walk to the podium during routine debates; and possibly an experimental electrical voting system in one conference room to speed up the proceedings.

Second Part of Program

The second part of the program calls for an overhaul of the basement area into office space and facilities for television and other visual services.

This would require basic structural changes and installation of plumbing, heating, air conditioning, fire protection and electrical equipment. It is proposed that this work be done in 1964 and 1965.

At present both office and television facilities are woefully inadequate. One high official com-

plained that he needed more staff to complete the work asked of him by the assembly, but pointed out that he had no physical space for additional employees even if he got them.

Official U.N. television and films are gaining importance rapidly as a means of conveying the organization's work to much of the world, but facilities

in this field are cramped, makeshift and inefficient, and do not permit the desired expansion.

Controversial Phase

The most controversial phase of Thant's program is the proposed enlargement and improvement of dining and lounge facilities. The Russians already have served notice they will demand a thorough debate of this phase next year because of the high costs involved. The target for starting this phase is 1966.

Briefly, as recommended in an extensive architectural and engineering survey, this phase calls for:

—Doubling the delegates' lounge by extending the confer-

ence building 20 feet to the north and erecting a sweeping balcony over the main floor of the lounge.

—Enlargement of the delegates' dining areas with an extension of the existing dining room to occupy half of the present staff cafeteria. The rest of the cafeteria would be converted to a coffee shop.

Two-Floor Extension

—A two-floor extension of the conference building at the south end to house a new cafeteria and kitchen, and additional offices.

Taking a long-range view, the survey urges the assembly to consider eventual erection of another building at the north end

of the headquarters site as had been projected in the original U.N. scheme.

It warns that existing build-

ings cannot properly house the many necessary functions that are causing increasing pressures, such as staff recreational

activities, permanent exhibitions for the daily tourist throngs, storage of permanent record archives, and car and bus parking.

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A PARABLE

And it came to pass that the Lord left the city and went over the mountains with His disciples and they came to a hill where the way was steep, and there they found a man with a mule. His animal had fallen because he had overloaded it, and he was beating it so that it bled. And Jesus drew near to him and said: "Fellow, why beatest thou thine animal? seeth thou not that it is too weak for its burden, and knowest thou not that it feels pain?"

The man answered: "What hast thou to do? I may beat it as much as I please, for it is my property which I bought for a good price. Ask them that are with Thee, for they know me and know also of this." And some of the disciples said: "Yes, Lord, it is as he says for we saw how he bought the animal."

But the Lord said again: "Then see ye not also how it bleeds and hear ye not that it moans and cries aloud?" They answered and said: "Nay, Lord, we hear not that it moans and cries out." Then Jesus was sad and cried: "Woe unto ye that hear not how it complains and cries out to Heavenly Beings for mercy, but thrice woe to him against whom it cries out and complains in its agony."

Then He drew near to the animal and soothed it and it rose up and its wounds were healed. But to the man spake He: "Go now upon thy way and from this time on, beat the animal no more, that thou mayest thyself find mercy."

From the handwritten Coptic Bible in the Paris library.

CHRISTMAS PETS

An adult dog is often better for children than a puppy. The chances are that he has been trained and you can be sure about the size of the animal. A spayed female has been found to be the most satisfactory dog around children. There are many dogs at the Jackson County Pound eagerly awaiting a new home. Perhaps former owners discovered they didn't really want a pet. So, parents, be sure you are willing to take on the responsibilities of supervision and care and that the animal is wanted enough to be assured of a good home.

Jury Finds Local Man Guilty of Petty Larceny

Robert Delaine Johnson, 35, of 2063 Griffin Creek Road, was found guilty by a Jackson County District Court jury on a charge of petty larceny.

His brother, Lloyd Johnson, who was tried with Robert Johnson, was found innocent of a similar charge.

The men were charged with the theft of firewood Nov. 11. Robert Johnson was fined \$50.

