

After Four Years U.N. Still Trying to Bring East and West Together

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NEW YORK (NEA)—Four years from its beginning, the United Nations is still trying to heal the breach between East and West and establish a firm basis for enduring world peace.

Even as the UN was about to observe its birthday, the gap was widened by a new conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States over Yugoslavia's successful election to the security council. Russian Foreign Minister Vishinsky said the choice of Yugoslavia was illegal and struck at the "very basis of co-operation" in the UN.

But officials say UN prestige is higher than it has been for a long time, largely because Russia's position of the atom bomb has heightened the desire everywhere for more effective international authority.

They concede, however, that in the minds of most Americans and possibly millions abroad the UN is still viewed as a flat failure. It is charged with weakness and inaction. It is lambasted as a mere debating society where talk flows endlessly while the world tumbles toward war.

Appraisal

Almost everyone who has appraised the UN carefully, including UN and state department officials, foreign affairs analysts and veteran newsmen, acknowledges that the organization is indeed a failure when judged by the impact it has made on the critical East-West split.

Many of these observers defend the UN, however, on the ground that it has successfully stamped out war or budding war in Palestine, Kashmir and Indonesia, and has secured many quiet triumphs in the fields of health, agriculture, refugee resettlement, and what not.

Still, the hard-headed appraisers do not pretend that these accomplishments make the UN what people expected it to be. They say frankly that it must be gauged primarily on its record in major political disputes.

Why?

The seasoned analysts offer three chief reasons:

1. It is inherently weak in structure and functioning authority. In truth, except in the matter of outright aggression, the UN has no authority. It is not a government. It cannot make and enforce laws, it can only recommend and advise.
2. The UN is a voluntary association of separate nations, each highly jealous of its own authority and generally unwilling to bow to international control. The veto given the five great powers in the security council reflects this wary attitude.
3. The agency was created at San Francisco to keep the peace, not to make it. But many of the problems embroiling Russia and the United States stem from the fact that peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Japan are still unfinished business.

The UN is badly strapped in its operations by the very dilemma it is blamed for not solving: The inability of the U. S. and the Soviet Union to work in harmony. No agency can function without the willing collaboration of its members.

What To Do?

What can be done about these difficulties?

Many people declare that either sharp revision of the UN charter or its complete scrapping in favor of a powerful world government holds the answer. If weakness is the problem, then provide strength.

There has been a great swelling of activity bent toward building a world government. Most of the advocates show marked impatience with the UN as it now performs.

But Warren Austin, long a chief U. S. representative at the UN, insists world government today is both impossible and unwise. And he has company in this view.

Austin's major point: If you could get the kind of agreement you need to set up a world government, you could reach accord on the problems that plague the present organization.

Not Ready?

Austin and others believe also that neither the U. S. nor any other country is ready for world authority. They say the UN is just as strong as the member nations want it to be.

At the other extreme, some hardened citizens wish to junk the UN and fall back on old-fashioned alliances and stand-offs to keep the peace. But there is little feeling that this viewpoint will get far.

There is a substantial conviction among analysts of the UN, however, that with all its shortcomings the agency is here to stay. In summary, these observers believe:

That the UN is an incomparable meeting ground for men of all nations. It provides the setting and the atmosphere for the solution of problems when the will to solve them exists, as in the U. S.-Russian accord on ending the Berlin blockade. The UN is a point of contact, a medium of communication. It is an antidote for isolation and the consequent misunderstanding that can lead to war.

That the UN is an indispensable forum of world opinion. In this forum nations must defend their policies. Who is to say how many dangerous actions may have been held off because they could not be defended in the UN?

That the UN in the last analysis symbolizes the hopes for peace of all peoples and that therefore they must cling to it desperately. So long as the UN lives, those hopes will not die. The veteran analysts insist that no one, not even Russia, wants the UN to perish because its death would seem to announce the inevitability of war.

Moslems Start New Java State

TASIKMALAJA, Java (AP)—Moslems in Western Java have set up a state of their own. They control much of an area of about 1000 square miles and are believed to be expanding. They say they will fight both the republicans and the Dutch governments. Their enemies say they sponsor a reign of terror.

The new state was announced recently by S. M. Kartosuwirjo, its president. In the fighting between the republicans and the Dutch, Moslem fighters were said to have attacked the republicans. A story is that hundreds of the republican fighters were poisoned in one instance.

The Dutch and republican forces are believed to be too weak at present to mount an offensive against Kartosuwirjo's men.

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TRANSPORTATION NEWS



LEARNS RAILROADING—Newcomer to Southern Pacific is Roger Eckert who is working as an extra clerk in the freight office. Young Eckert has been with the company for about one month and here busies himself with some work on the typewriter.

DUNSMUIR, Oct. 27—William J. Manley, chief train dispatcher of the Southern Pacific Shasta division since 1942, announced he will retire November 1 after 49 years of railroading.

Manley has been a resident here for 16 years. He was honored at a banquet in Hotel Dunsmuir recently. A watch was presented him by J. A. McKinnon, superintendent of the Shasta division on behalf of his many friends in all division departments here.

Manley began his career in 1900 as an assistant agent for the Canadian Pacific railroad in Regina, Saskatchewan, Can. He served on the western lines of that railroad until 1918 as agent, telegrapher, trick train dispatcher and chief train dispatcher, moving with his family to Pasadena, Calif., in 1918.

For a short period of time he operated a business of his own and in 1919 hired out as a train dispatcher for the Southern Pacific company in Sacramento. He worked at various points, including Sacramento, Sparks, Ogden, and Portland until 1933 when he came to Dunsmuir.

Manley will join his family in Pasadena.

William R. Petty has been appointed to succeed Manley. Petty came from Salt Lake in 1940 and worked as chief dispatcher in Klamath Falls during the war.

Iva Winkelman underwent major surgery in San Francisco this week. Word received here indicates Miss Winkelman is doing "very well." She is roadmaster's clerk and is being relieved by Mrs. William Hungate.

Herbie Foster, SP traveling freight and passenger agent, has been nursing a severe cold at home.

Three Southern Pacific railroad men from the Portland division visited Klamath Falls briefly this week on their return trips to their divisions. They are G. E. Stewart, division engineer; H. M. Williamson, assistant division engineer, and T. R. Godley, roadmaster from Oakridge.

Great Northern officials here have received word that E. H. Crawford is ill in a Santa Rosa, Calif., hospital. Crawford came to Klamath Falls in 1928 as one of the first conductors in this area. He railroaded here for 21 years.

In Klamath Falls on business matters Tuesday was A. A. DeJung, Great Northern agent from Beiber, Calif.

Both Southern Pacific and Great Northern officials report that all "headaches" caused by the switch to a 40-hour week for non-operating employees have been ironed out and are working smoothly.

Mrs. Jack Daugherty, GN conductor's wife, left this week for San Francisco for medical treatment in the Southern Pacific hospital.

Also in San Francisco, but on a pleasure trip, is Mrs. Florence Daugherty, Great Northern clerk. She will visit friends for several days.

Teachers' Spirits Fall Flat

BALTIMORE (AP)—Two dozen school teachers heard a lecture on "The Emotional Behavior of Children" and, aglow with new understanding, marched from the lecture hall to their parked automobiles.

They found there were two flat tires on each of the teachers' cars.

2 Brothers Reunited After 47 Years

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Two brothers met here the other day for the first time in 47 years. Samuel and Leopold Austolker parted when Leopold left Latvia for South Africa in 1902. Later the rest of the family including Samuel came to Philadelphia.

Samuel changed his name to Stoker and started an auto accessory business in Baltimore. Leopold changed his name to Ainselker and started a timber business in Johannesburg. Both were successful.

At a family reunion here each brother said he lived in the country with the greatest opportunities.

Jet Engine Powers Wind Tunnel

LONDON (AP)—The air-sucking snout of a jet engine has been hooked to a wind tunnel to speed progress of British research into the problems of faster-than-sound flight. Private manufacturers were unable to finance the elaborate machinery necessary for producing artificial air currents near the speed of sound. And they couldn't test their new models without them.

An alert engineer at the English Electric company where the new "Canberra" jet bomber is built—watched a jet engine gulping great masses of air through its wide-open nose. Why not hook-up the jet to a wind tunnel? he asked. He tried it and it worked. Other British companies are adopting the "jet powered" wind tunnel.

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