

UN: A World Parliament's Date With Destiny

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (NEA)—There are 81 countries in the United Nations.

They meet in a beautiful auditorium called the General Assembly Building or in a skyscraper of 5,400 windows called the Secretariat.

They spent \$54,000,000 each year (which is about two-thirds what the New York Department of Sanitation spends), and they employ

4,000 people.

The United Nations is the highest step mankind has made to seek peace and cooperation since the League of Nations died a lingering death in 1946.

And now it faces an issue which in the unusually hard-hitting words of U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, "could surely be the rock on which this organization could founder."

Lodge was talking about the overthrow of Iraq's pro-western

government, the steady march of Col. Nasser toward power over the Middle East, and the use of U.S. and British armed force to protect Lebanon.

How does a world parliament go to its date with destiny?

It begins in the Security Council on the third floor of the Secretariat where record crowds of visitors jam into auditorium seats and record crowds of newsmen squeeze into the press section to hear the concerned delegates state their positions and conditions.

This is not how the history books tell us the antebellum U.S. Senate rang out. This is not a showpiece of passion. Nor is it the informal solemnity of the British House of Commons.

It has the feeling of a well-oiled piece of machinery or an elaborate motion picture palace where the film will eventually come to your neighborhood theater, so don't worry if you've missed the show.

Between the heavy, momentous words are the little pieces of detail that could make or avert a war. A delegate rises, stops, returns to confer with an aide and then begins his statement.

He knows that he must be translated as he talks, and so he talks in even cadence while three words behind him the translators turn him into English, French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish.

And then there are the tourists, roaming by two's and three's, with their cameras around their necks and their children at their hands.

They come every day at the rate of 9,000—one-third of them to pay a dollar and take the guided tour.

And what interests them?

The fate of humanity? The assassination of kings?

No. They want to know: "How much do those curtains weigh?" "Where did this marble come from?" "Why can't you use U.N. stamps in city mail boxes?" "Who painted that picture?"

A very pretty guide from North Carolina says: "They don't know. They don't know if they care. They

don't want to ask questions. They are afraid they'll look stupid or something."

But the people who earn their living at the U.N.—the people who are employed to oil the machinery and dust the floors and point the way to the lavatories—they care.

The radio broadcast of proceedings on the third floor mumbles

quietly and steadily in the guides' lounge where the girls get five minutes between tours, and in the book shop, and in the post office.

From time to time the young Chinese woman at the lobby information desk turns away from her inquisitors to dial an inside number to ask: "What's happened?"

A Swedish nurse in the health

office corners a newsmag who has come to get an aspirin: "What is going on?"

And outside of the Security Council itself, a guard asks a departing tourist the same question.

"I don't know," the tourist says. "I'm a tourist."

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Returned—Danny D. Woodley, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson of Klamath Falls, aboard the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans, returned July 21 to Long Beach, California, with Destroyer Division 131 after six months duty in the Western Pacific.

Initiation—Women of the Moose Chapter 467 will hold an initiation meeting Tuesday, August 5, at 8 p.m. in the Moose Hall.

Rainbow Girls—Klamath Falls Assembly Order of Rainbow for Girls No. 57 will have a slumber party Tuesday, August 5. For further information call TU 4-8816.

Woman Tells Teel Shooting

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—An attractive 42-year-old divorcee who told police she shot her drug executive boyfriend and then tried to commit suicide was much improved today. Detectives said she would probably make a court appearance sometime this week.

Mrs. Minnie B. (Connie) Nicholas was well enough yesterday to comb her hair and try to hire a lawyer.

She sent for Charles W. Symmes, noted Indianapolis criminal lawyer, and asked him to defend her against a preliminary murder charge in the death of Forrest Teel, 34, executive vice president of the Eli Lilly & Co. drug firm.

Symmes told reporters he didn't know if his crowded calendar would allow him to take the case.

Mrs. Nicholas emerged from a coma Saturday and told detectives and reporters about the shooting and her attempted suicide.

"I was just going to scare him," she said. "You don't shoot the person you love."

She told of her love affair with Teel over a 15-year period, and related how she followed him from his office to the apartment of his new girlfriend, Laura Mowrer, 29, also a divorcee and an employee of the Lilly Company.

Mrs. Nicholas said she waited in Teel's car for him to leave the apartment on the night of the shooting.

She made a point of discussing a swollen right eye, which she said was a result of being struck by Teel. She told police her .25-caliber French revolver went off accidentally in the struggle.

Teel, who was married and had a 14-year-old son, died of three bullet wounds before an ambulance could arrive.

She told police she drank some pineapple juice containing 75 sleeping pills after the shooting. She was found several hours later unconscious in her parked car.

Laos Unable Form Cabinet

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—The Laotian Cabinet crisis entered its third week today with Premier-designate Souvanna Phouma still unable to form a government.

Phouma's proposal to include six new faces in the government along with eight former ministers has met with stiff opposition, a government source said.

The so-called "younger group" of new men—who have never served in the government before—are demanding eight Cabinet posts to give them a majority and control of Cabinet decisions. They claimed the people are disgruntled with the Old Guard that has been running the country since the French pulled out.



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Family Fight Becomes Riot

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The riot attracted nearly 1,000 persons.

According to police, the outbreak started when two officers arrested the squabbling couple. Spectators objected and began following the police and their prisoners toward the jail.

Then things snowballed. Soon hundreds jammed the streets of this northern British Columbia coastal community throwing anything they could lay their hands on.

The cops called for help. The rest of the 30-man Royal Canadian Mounted Police force arrived, then 12 militiamen and the local Marine patrol. Finally, the fire department rolled up in its truck.

The truck was parked between the crowd and the jailhouse. Firemen doused the mob.

Mayor Peter J. Lester was aroused from bed. Ducking rocks and flying bottles, he read the 18th century Riot Act, which provides terms up to life imprisonment for rioters.

The thought apparently didn't disturb the rioters, but 15 tear gas bombs did the trick.

The mayor blamed the disturbance on Indian resentment of the B.C. Liquor Act, which prevents them from drinking beer anywhere but in a tavern.

However, RCMP Inspector Bert Bloxham said overindulgence during the weeklong centennial caused the riot.

When the dust had settled and the crowd dispersed, 20 persons, including five policemen, had been injured, none seriously. Twenty-two went to jail.

Circus Comet Hurls Riders

MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. (AP)—A souped-up merry-go-round called the "Comet" hurled two riders into a crowd at the Middletown Fair last night.

One, Francis Kearney, 18, Monticello, N.Y., died about three hours later at the Middletown Sanitarium.

The other, George Van Aken, 30, Middletown, suffered a possible fractured spine. He was reported in critical condition today at the sanitarium.

The Comet has 10 cars suspended from cables which rotate around a pole. State police said the cars were whirling at about 45 miles an hour when a cable attached to the Kearney-Van Aken car snapped.

The two riders hit a concrete sidewalk at least 30 feet away and struck four persons, who suffered shock and bruises.

DISTAFF PREMIER
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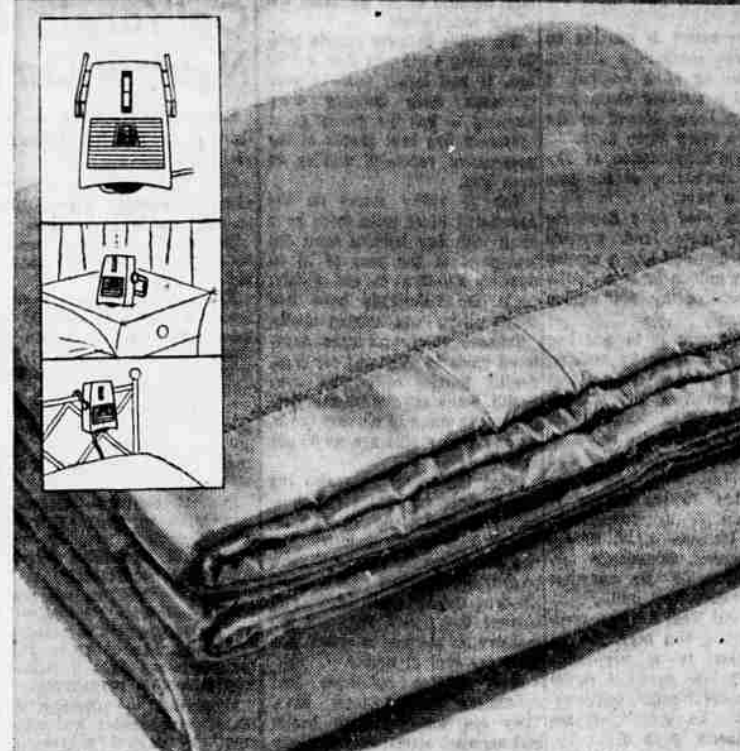
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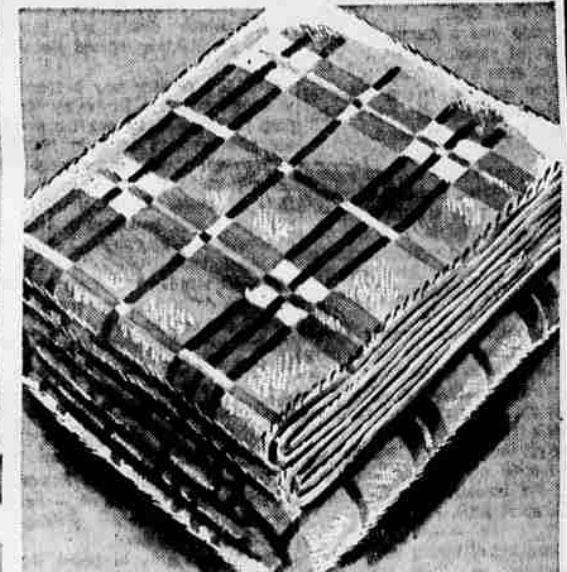
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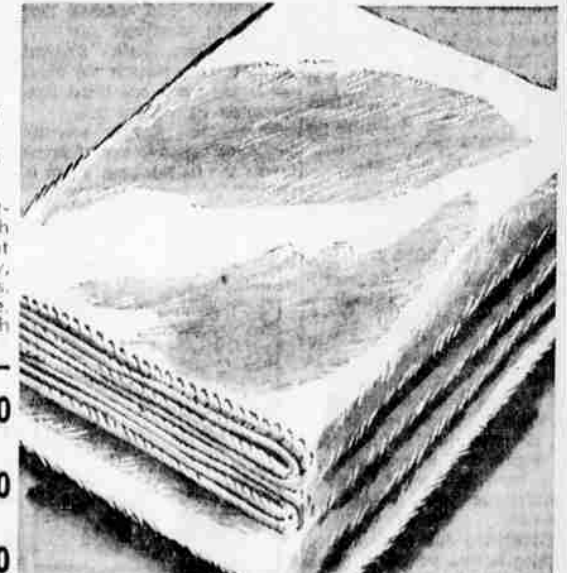
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