

## Model United Nations

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Briefly, here is the way the Model U.N. will function: Groups of students are assigned to serve as the delegates from particular countries to the United Nations. Members of each delegation familiarize themselves with all aspects of their country--political and social. Within the framework of the Model U.N. they work to represent their country's policies and attain solutions for contemporary international problems. The conference delegates will debate international issues through various committees of the General Assembly: Political and Security Committee, Social and Humanitarian Committee, and the General Assembly Plenary. Also, the Security Council decides implementation policy for the recommendations from the General Assembly.

Tomorrow at 9 a.m., in five different locations, faculty members will be talking to the delegates on international politics in various blocs. Dr. Robert Bresler will speak to the Western Bloc countries, Dr. Robert Simko will address the Group of 77 (Non-Aligned Nations), Dr. Carol Nechemias will speak to the Warsaw Pact (Eastern Bloc nations), Mr. Gilpin will talk to the Organization of American States, and Dr. Sabir Dahir will speak to the League of Arab States. At 10:30 a.m., there will be a program for the high school teachers on international education which will be directed by Ms. Leslie Zuidema, international student advisor and affiliate instructor at Capitol, and Dr. Robert Schell of the State Department of Education. The program will be held in the Black Cultural Arts Center and is open to the public. It will be especially beneficial to Primary and Secondary Education ma-

jors to attend, Clem points out, because there they can freely interact with teachers from the area high schools.

The selection of the high school students who participate in the event is a long process, a process which began as early as last October. High schools in the six-county region in South Central Pa. receive invitations, and this year there are 19 schools registered: Annville-Cleona, Bishop McDevitt, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Cedar Crest, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, Elizabethtown Area, Harrisburg, Hershey, Lancaster Catholic, Lebanon, Lower Dauphin, Manheim Township, Middletown Area, Northern Lebanon, Steelton-Highspire, Trinity, and Warwick.

In the first week of January, Clem begins to assign the schools the countries they will represent. Since the schools are asked to indicate their preference on the invitations, the assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis. Commenting on the schools' preferences, Clem said, "The requests tend to be greatly varied. Before, big countries were popular, and nobody wanted the smaller nations with names they couldn't even pronounce. Now, however, countries such as the Arab nations are popular, because they are in the news so much." Exchange students are always a big part of the Model United Nations, and these students naturally request to represent their home countries. In the past, according to Clem, the Capitol Campus event has seen exchange students from West Germany, Mexico, France, India, Sweden, and even Iceland, among others.

Although the procedure for selecting the individual delegates is left entirely

up to the schools, the students who attend are expected to familiarize themselves with the political and social aspects of their country. "We ask them to have an understanding of the rules procedures of our conference (based on those practiced in the United Nations), know how to write resolutions, and be familiar with the procedures for preparing delegations," Clem noted. "Overall, the students come prepared. In the past, we've had some extremely bright young people."

Due to the popularity of the Capitol Campus Model United Nations program, some of the participating schools incorporate its curriculum into their courses while others use it as a basis for the courses they teach. "I have high school teachers calling me as early as September--before our term even starts--to find out the dates," Clem remarked. "In the past, I visited some of the high schools to help conduct practice sessions. But now, there's no reason for me to because most of the teachers know as much about it as I do!"

The response of the students and faculty on the campus to this year's conference has been equally enthusiastic. "In all the years I've helped with the Capitol Campus Model U.N., there's never been a response as favorable as this year. The RA's have done a great deal of work, and we certainly appreciate it," acknowledged Clem. As evidence of the positive campus response, one need only know that close to 115 of the high school delegates will be staying in campus housing facilities this year--more than twice as many as in previous years. According to Clem, the arrangement of housing the visiting students with Capitol students (who volunteer, of

course) is a unique opportunity for the students to develop a positive interaction among themselves.

The idea itself of Model U.N.'s, however, is by no means unique to Capitol Campus. In fact, the concept actually predates the founding of the United Nations. In the 1920's, college students held a Model League of Nations some 20 years before the present-day United Nations was established. At Capitol Campus, the Model U.N. actually predates the inception of the IAA. According to Clem, the first Model U.N. held on campus was in 1973, and the IAA was not established until two years later. There are nine similar high school programs in Pennsylvania, as well as a few for college participants.

Although the Capitol Campus program is listed in a national directory of model U.N.'s, the larger ones listed in the book make it pale by comparison. For example, a conference in New York hosts over 1,750 delegates from all over the United States.

Perhaps this comparison may make the Capitol convention seem insignificant, but to Clem, ours is much more rewarding. "A more moderate-sized gathering is better, chiefly because each delegate receives a better chance to participate, and doesn't get z'lost in the crowd," as he would at a larger nationwide conference."

Both Clem Gilpin and Sal Sebastiani, president of IAA, expressed their thanks to the many Capitol students who have so generously helped their efforts. "The IAA is very appreciative to all students who have been willing to give their room and floor space to help make this conference the huge success it's been so far," Sebastiani said.

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## Darrell:

## Goodbye And Good Luck

## Priest Disputes U.S. Foreign Policy

By Sal Sebastiani

President of Chi-Rho and I.A.A.

On Monday, February 22, Father Albert Reymann, a Maryknoll Priest, with 30 years experience in Central America, addressed a Capitol Campus audience on the political and social turmoil in El Salvador and Guatemala.

According to Father Reymann, conflicts presently occurring in these countries are the result of gross inequalities and maldistribution of economic resources. He stated that in El Salvador, for example, much of the country's wealth is controlled by an oligarchy comprised of 14 families, while over 80% of the population is lordless peasants. The economic situation in El Salvador is much more complicated, due to the fluctuations in the international prices of coffee (the country's major export), and escalating costs of energy imports (oil).

Commenting on American involvement in El Salvador, Father Reymann said that the United States is making a "grievous mistake" in its support of the military junta. In his opinion, U.S. involvement in this conflict is an effort to

block the spread of communism. Rather than citing an East-West conflict, Father Reymann expressed the opinion that the basic problems of that country are those of North and South (the industrial powers vs. the third world). He believes that there is no military solution and that the U.S. should withdraw immediately. He acknowledged that there is some minor communist involvement in the Salvadorian struggle, but there are probably more communists in Philadelphia than in El Salvador.

Having witnessed the hardships and sufferings of the peasants, Father Reymann believes that he, like other priests, must be spokesmen for the poor. Although he has been in the state for the past year and a half, he has every intention of resuming his post in Central America, even though there is a great risk of physical harm.

Father Reymann's visit to Capitol Campus was sponsored by the Catholic/Social Club, Chi-Rho, and the International Affairs Association.