

Editorial Opinion

A Successful Experiment

The balance sheet on the Model United Nations General Assembly conducted on campus this weekend is a businessman's dream. Its assets are overwhelming!

For the more than 500 students who actively participated as members of delegations and in various other capacities, it was an invaluable experience.

We are certain that it was extremely beneficial for those students who watched the Model U.N. either on television or live in Schwab.

While listing assets of the operation, we must also mention the organization of the event. The committee which organized and directed the Model United Nations deserves a hearty "well done."

The active interest which many students took in this event is indeed a credit to both students and the University. Students put themselves into their oft-times unnatural roles and all benefited as a result. We cite the vigorous demonstration given by the Soviet delegation after the introduction of Konstantin G. Fedosseev of the Soviet mission in New York.

We hope that the success of next year's Model U.N. will be even greater than that of this year. We feel this could be partly assured if the new officers would call on groups this spring to select the countries which they wish to represent in the next Assembly. While individual delegates could be chosen next year, all members of the group would have almost a full year to follow the activities of their country and to learn the policies and alignments of their nations well.

While all sessions were very beneficial, we feel the program tended to be too long. Perhaps the number of committees could be reduced from five to three thus cutting down the amount of time required for general session.

We realize that this would reduce the size of each delegation but believe the remaining interested students could form other delegations so that every country actually belonging to the U.N. would be represented.

We would also like to see the committee schedule the event for a better time in the term. The event this year was held in the throes of mid-term examinations. Perhaps a program scheduled earlier in the term would leave students more time to participate.

We would like to express our admiration and gratification to all those persons who planned and carried out this very successful "experiment."

The Froth Case

For the last three weeks we have anticipated a decision by the Committee on Student Organizations on the charter application for a new Froth.

Today is another Tuesday and the committee will meet again. We hope that all of the minor problems which have stalled action by this committee have been settled.

We hope that the committee will take action today and that that action will approve a charter for Froth.

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Point of Order

by kay mills

Progress, a commodity largely in absentia at the University, can logically come only through ideas followed by action. An idea which short months ago was only a tickle in a few minds bore rich fruit and, with it progress, this weekend.

Penn State's Model United Nations, beginning in a big way, provided a forum in which students could explore divergent views of member states of five key questions: Cuban-U.S. disputes, cessation of nuclear tests, establishment of a capital development fund, humane treatment for South West Africans and reorganization of the secretariat.

Students needed and responded well to this prodig' to consider these crucial issues.

As a point of order, however, may I remind delegates and observers that in the U.N. there is order, unless Nikita Khrushchev violates its decorum by shoe-banging techniques. Sunday's sessions in Schwab more resembled

an American political convention than diplomatic dealings in New York.

Yet one can't really blame the delegates because Schwab facilities could hardly duplicate the halls and lounges of the U.N. in which such politicking normally occurs.

The meetings had a certain spirit which ebbed and flowed from committee to committee, session to session, even minute to minute. The final plenary session especially had its light spots and sticky situations:

Delegates panicked and miscast votes as their countries were called in roll calls on resolutions and amendments. Many delegates declined to stop smoking, maintaining that the auditorium had been declared "free territory" Friday night. Bitterness, too, enveloped the hall in discussions on South West Africa and the Cuban question: a reverent hush prevailed when U.N. official Andre Bovay spoke of the late Dag Hammarskjold.

There were accidental misstatements and misalignments. During one committee's debate, a delegate twisted his phrases and announced that a country would be receiving Polaris missiles, each capable of carrying 16 submarines.



MISS MILLS

Letters

Ramadas Reviews Model U.N.

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to review the First Annual Model U.N. as I see it from my position as Chairman of Committee II.

On the whole, both the committee sessions and the Assembly sessions went nicely and in a very enjoyable and exciting manner. Being their first experience with a Model U.N., for most delegates, I would venture to say that it was a success.

The Executive Committee had selected special delegations to represent the United States and the Soviet Union. Of these, the United States delegation did a very good job in representing views of the United States correctly on all issues. But, their organization was very poor, they failed to mobilize their forces and failed very miserably in lobbying.

The USSR delegation did a very good job in lobbying, went on an all out mobilization, gathered all the support they could, treated the other delegations from the Soviet bloc really as satellites, but, unfortunately, in so doing, very badly compromised Soviet views, especially on the India-Mexico draft resolution on Cuba. This resolution very clearly stated that the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba was a threat to world peace.

The Soviet Union would never and has never accepted this. The maximum that the Soviet Union would ever say is that removal of such missiles avoided war and saved peace. They would never admit that presence itself was a threat to peace.

From this point, the Soviet Union, at best, would have abstained from voting. But, the Soviet delegation not only voted "yes," but went around lobbying for support of the resolution.

Undoubtedly, the delegation from the Varsity Women's Debate was the best. All the delegates from this team had worked hard in working out their resolutions, in lobbying for support, and in working adamantly to get their resolutions through. This team represented India. But, unfortunately, they also deviated grossly from India's position.

This is excusable since India's position has changed significantly in recent months, and would not be noticeable to anyone but to those who have followed India's actions very closely.

The India-Mexico resolution on Cuba had unpalatable material to the United States in that it considered the United States quarantine of Cuba an act of war. As of October 22, 1962, and since then, India has been trying its best not to antagonize the United States.

The same is true for the resolution on the United Nations Cap-

ital Development Fund. In view of the U.S. opposition to such a fund, the least India would have done was to accept the United States amendments "to incorporate the above fund into one of the existing agencies, if found necessary by a committee of the Economic and Social Council."

As for debates relevant to Committee II, Dianne Lamb, representing India, did a great and wonderful job. Carol Beecher, representing the Soviet Union, was the most aggressive and effective delegate in the final plenary session of the Assembly and excited the whole audience by her assertive remarks. Susan Krauss, representing the United States did a wonderful job too, but was ineffective due to reasons mentioned before.

At this point, I have to inform the readers of the role of Dr. Elton Atwater, head of the Department of Political Science and adviser to this Model U.N. This Model U.N. would not have materialized but for him. He had advised all people in charge of the committees and the Assembly on their proper roles, on how the actual U.N. works, and on how exactly to go about doing their jobs.

He was responsible for collecting and printing all the bibliographical materials handed out to the delegates. But for his advice and his experience with the actual U.N. at our disposal, the Model U.N. would not have been a success. I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for all his help which I am not able to express through words.

-V. RAMADASS
Chairman, Committee II
1963 Model U.N.

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WDFM Schedule

- TUESDAY, FEB. 5, 1963
4:15 "The Philadelphia"
Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2
Sibelius: Finlandia
Berlioz: Rakoczy March
5:00 Dinner Date with Greenspan & Joseph
6:00 This Week at the United Nations
6:15 Weatherscope with Joel Myra
6:20 Contemporary Classics with Pat Dell:
Hindemith: Sinfonia Serena for Orchestra
Janacek: Taras Bulba
Martinu: Les Fresques
7:30 Highlight: Organizations with Petersen
7:40 Sports Parade with Joe Grata
8:00 Sound of Folk Music: Mike Thomsen host: International Show with special live talent: Larry Robbins and John Frink with flamenco guitars
9:00 Meet the Professor
9:15 Mostly Music: Bob Resch & Judy King commenting on the soundtrack from "Gigot"
10:00 Symphonic Notebook: Ron Smolla host:
Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto
Shostakovitch: Symphony No. 10
Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4

That's what the man said. Truly strange voting combinations emerged with traditional allies (or vassals) opposing one another.

The Cuban delegate to the economic committee added national flavor when he appeared dressed in the standard guerrilla garb of Fidel Castro's rebels, complete with Havana cigar.

Diplomacy left some delegates as the lobbyists scurried from country to country questioning national stands. Participants got a true feeling for which countries dominate the U.N. by watching the Soviet Union and United States members in action. But the "real life" Indian representatives might benefit by seeing their campus counterparts in action winning votes.

The students possessed more candor than their elders could ever dare to express. At one point, in committee, the Soviet delegate said he could speak for Poland because "Of course, Poland is under Russia..." The chairman quickly ruled that he recognized Poland as a sovereign nation. Applause.

Many students deliberately represented countries with views opposite from their personal feelings. Indeed, something inside me protested when I cast several of Spain's votes. Other delegates, who themselves deplore U.S. participation in the U.N., found they were leading floor fights and aligned with the Soviet Union. Harangues delivered against the United States seemed all too realistic from a number of delegates.

Nervous amusement, feelings of frenzy or exhaustion and the exultation from overwhelmingly passing a resolution or from receiving a standing round of applause after a speech were the prevalent emotions. Before this backdrop, the assembled students learned what the U.N. is and what it is not. Even if each participant took away only a small measure of understanding, all the labor was justified.

Mr. President, I rise to one final point of order. Please don't be offended by my choice of words, but the Model U.N. was "a right good show." And the show must go on. To amend a familiar slogan: "Progress MUST be our most important product."

