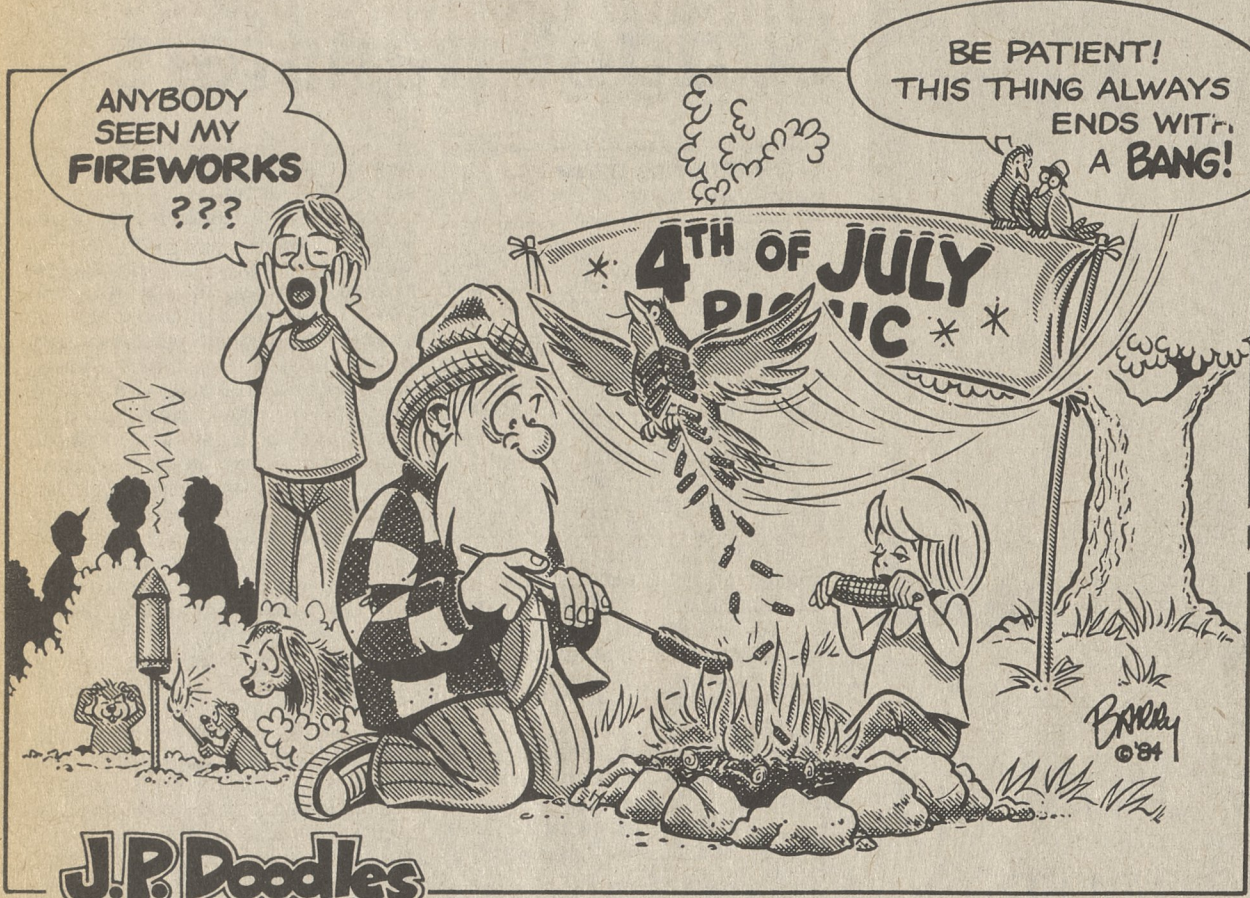


# Perspective



## OPINION

Guest editorial

### United Nations should panic on 40th birthday

By EDWIN FEULNER

Fortieth birthdays usually bring with them varying degrees of panic about one's life. Do I know what I want out of life? Have I fulfilled my goals? Do I have some idea what I want to accomplish in the years ahead?

As the United Nation approaches its 40th birthday, these same questions had better be asked. At 40, the U.N. is no longer a well-intentioned glimmer in an idealist's eye. Its failings can no longer be shrugged off as youthful enthusiasm. The U.N. is a full-grown organization with a real record and history - and not one to be especially proud of either. At 40, the U.N. faces a very real middle-age crisis.

A recently published book, *A World Without A. U. N.*, examines the U.N.'s performance in nine key areas - disarmament, economic development, peacekeeping, the environment, health, food and agriculture, education, human rights, and "its role as a king of safety valve to reduce international tensions." The 12 contributors were asked whether the situation in the world would be better, worse, or unchanged if the U.N. didn't exist.

Their conclusion: the world would be "no worse off" and, in fact, might be better off without the U.N.

Why? Because the U.N.'s track record has become a mixture of failed or broken promises, and its character has undergone an obscene werewolf-like transformation from an organization embodying all of man's noblest goals and aspirations to a ritualistic, even tribal, circus where clubbing the U.S. and western values is considered high art.

The U.N.'s human rights activities, for example, involve mainly passing resolutions, rather than helping end human rights abuses or helping victims, the book explains.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) generally ignores and even is hostile to the one agricultural system which consistently has multiplied the world's food supply - private sector farming. So while millions go hungry, and the U.N. looks to the U.S. and the West for "emergency" food aid for the drought-stricken of Africa, and the Soviet Union produces another failed harvest, so-called corporate farming

in the U.S. is denounced.

The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) promotes none of these things; instead, it promotes the notion that whatever know-how the Western democracies possess they have developed at the expense of the less fortunate of the world and should now 'return' their earnings to their underdeveloped victims.

The U.N. also has done poorly as keeper of the peace, the book shows. In the hundreds of wars and conflicts since the end of World War II, the U.N. has been a significant stabilizing force in only a handful. "The fact is that when it comes to peacekeeping, while the U.N. probably makes the situation worse, it also makes it no better," says Burton Pines, editor of the new volume.

In the area of disarmament, the U.N. has done literally nothing. Those well-publicized and costly U.N. conferences on disarmament yielded only rhetoric, Pines says.

Ambassador Charles Lichenstein, former number two person at the U.N. Mission in New York, says in the foreword to the book that the U.S. should work for reform at the U.N. or consider withdrawing. First of all, he and Pines suggest, U.N. technical agencies once again must deal exclusively with technical matters.

The World Health Organization (WHO) should work on world health; UNESCO should work on science and education. And so forth. Second, the U.N. must stop funding the Palestine Liberation Organization, the South West Africa People's Organization, and similar terrorist groups. The U.S. should not be sending funds to terrorists through the U.N. or any other organization. And finally, the stature of the U.N. General Assembly - a circus within a circus - must be reduced. "So long as the General Assembly refuses to function responsibly, the U.S. should not treat it as if it were responsible," Pines says.

The U.N. at 40 is not the organization its founders intended. Whether it has deteriorated past the point of repair is an open question. Right now, things don't look good for that dream that grew out of World War II.

(Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.)

Only yesterday

## Dallas School District defaults on bonds

50 YEARS AGO - JULY 6, 1934

For the first time in its history, Dallas Borough School District defaulted on \$2,400 worth of bonds due for payment at First National Bank of Dallas. This came following the borrowing of \$4,500 from the State emergency fund in order to meet the borough teachers' payroll. The school board blamed the fact that previous school boards failed to establish a sinking fund as causing the financial problem.

Helen England resigned from Kingston Township teaching staff. Sarah Pfahler was hired to fill her place in the school's commercial department. Her salary was fixed at \$1,053. Daniel N. Tippin was also reelected high school instructor at a salary of \$1,050.

Deaths - Ella Neyhart, Kingston Township; Stella Fiske, Dallas.

You could get - Sardines 2 cans 15c; tuna fish 2 cans 25c; veal roast 19c lb.; round steak 29c lb.; bananas 19c doz.; watermelons 45c; cucumbers 5-10c; lemons 33c doz. Victor coffee 21c lb.; Louella butter 2 lbs. 61c.

40 YEARS AGO - JULY 7, 1944

Robert Norman Smith, son of Lieut. Col. Norman Smith of Huntsville was appointed a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Two Back Mountain boys, one a glider flight officer, the other a paratrooper, were wounded in France. William Glenn Knecht was seriously injured while Jack L. Evans was slightly injured. Both were able to send letters to their parents.

Married - Betty Marie Staub to Christopher M. O'Connor; Virginia Miller to Sgt. Thomas Casterline; Louise Space to Pfc. James C. Lurba.

Deaths - Virginia Ann Griffin, Pioneer Avenue; Russell Houser, Shavertown; Mary Pearson, Outlet

Rd., Alice Major, Lehman teacher.

You could get - Boiling beef 19c lb.; long bologna 33c lb.; skinless franks 35c lb.; watermelons 85c ea.; cabbage 4c lb.; beets lg. bunch 5c; cucumbers 2 lb. 15c; grapefruit juice 2 No. 2 cans 25c; Ivory soap 2 med. cakes 12c.

30 YEARS AGO - JULY 9, 1954

Attorney Roscow Smith, Center Hill Road, Dallas was appointed borough solicitor replacing Atty. Burt B. Lewis who had served the municipality in that capacity for many years.

Thousands were expected to turn out for the Eighth Annual Library Auction. A chicken barbecue was planned. A brand new Chevrolet would be sold. Harry L. Ohlman was chief auctioneer assisted by Robert Bachman and Robert Laux.

Married - Peggy Lou Helfrich to Lt. Peter J. Gaughan; Carol Luella Harding to William C. Reese.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Miers, Terrace Drive, Shavertown, 15 years; Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Traver, Evans Falls, 50 years.

Deaths - Millie Evans, Cintermoreland.

You could get - Jumbo shrimp \$1 bag; fryers 45c lb.; standing rib roast 59c lb.; lemonade 4-6 oz. cans 59c; whole wheat bread 2 lvs. 27c; Lifebuoy soap 2 reg. bars 26c; cracker jacks 6 pkg. 27c; plums 19c lb.

20 YEARS AGO - JULY 9, 1964

The Back Mountain prepared for the 18th annual Library Auction. As in the past a chicken barbecue was planned. Among the antiques were a copper-lined dry sink and a cherry dropleaf table. A Ford Falcon car was to be given away in a raffle at the auction's end.

Firemen unsuccessfully battled the blaze which destroyed the frame farmhouse of Anthony Wisneski, Lake Silkworth. Losses amounted to \$5000.

Married - Mary Sabo and Frank Peter Young; Shirley Uren to Robert E. Grey; Rachel Uren to Thomas L. Hummel; Judith Elva Clark to Eugene Gaydos.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henebault, Dallas, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moen, Dallas, 17 years; Mr. and Mrs. James LaBar, Dallas 13 years.

You could get - Franks 47c lb.; sliced bacon 49c lb.; chicken fryers 49c lb.; Gerber's baby food 6 jars 35c; pickles half gal. 49c; watermelons 79c ea.; Bing cherries 49c lb.; blueberries 3 pt. baskets \$1.

10 YEARS AGO - JULY 11, 1974

College Misericordia was awarded a Ford Foundation Grant of \$120,000. Misericordia was among 177 colleges and universities in the Northeast and Puerto Rico to be considered for the Ford Foundation award, and was one of 12 actually receiving grants. Sister Miriam Teresa, RSM was college president.

The 30th Annual Lenman Horse Show saw Dani Ziegler, a Crestwood High School student, crowned Horse Show Queen. Diane McQuown, Northwest High School was first runner-up while Cheryl Casey of Nanticoke was second runner-up.

Engaged - Susan Owens and John Schneider.

Married - Sharon L. Leinthal and John Charles Link, Jr.; Marie Montoro to Arnold R. Laux; Elizabeth Klug and Charles Desiderio.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Zone Hefner, Country Club Road, Dallas, 25 years.

You could get - Rib or sirloin steak \$1.39 lb.; franks 99c lb.; charcoal 10 lb. bag 99c; Jello gelatine 4-3 oz. pkg. 29c; fruit drinks 3-46 oz. drinks \$1; mushrooms 4-4 oz. cans \$1; white potatoes 10 lb. \$1.29.

## LETTERS

### Festival committee grateful for coverage

DEAR EDITOR:

Thank you (Dotty Martin) for your excellent press coverage of our June Festival.

Advising the readers of what we are doing and what our affair benefits contributes greatly to our success.

DORIS P. COUTTS, CHAIRMAN  
NESBITT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
AUXILIARY  
JUNE FESTIVAL

## STATE CAPITOL ROUNDUP

Here is a summary of important events that occurred on Capitol Hill last week from: Rep. Frank Coslett, 120th Legislative District.

HOUSE LAWMAKERS debated the so-called "right-to-know" bill for almost four hours this week before passing it by a 178-19 margin and sending it to the Senate for consideration. The measure requires employers to place identifying labels on containers holding any of some 2,500 toxic chemicals or chemical mixtures. Employers would further be required to post information

sheets detailing the type of chemical and its effect, and conduct educational seminars for workers about the chemicals. Supporters of the bill said it would make the workplace safer for employees. Opponents, who wanted fewer restrictions, contend it would place an unnecessary burden and expense on small businesses in particular.

REVISED INCOME eligibility limits for the state's senior citizens' rent and property tax rebate programs have been approved by the

House Appropriations Committee and sent to the full House for consideration. The new limits would permit more senior citizens to participate in the rebate program, which is funded through the state lottery. If it becomes law, the legislation would change the eligibility limits from the current ceiling of \$9,000 for single individuals to \$11,999, and from \$11,999 for married couples to \$14,999. The additional cost to the program is anticipated to be \$2.5 million a year.

FULL-SIZE spare tires would be mandatory equipment on new cars sold in Pennsylvania if a bill introduced in the House becomes law. Sponsored by Rep. Robert W. Godshall (R-Montgomery), the legislation would apply to autos manufactured after 1986. Godshall noted that most American car makers began using small tires in place of full-size spares in the late 1970s in an effort to save trunk space and cut the retail price of cars. The small tires are designed to be used for limited number of miles at low speeds. "The inconvenience forced on the motoring public by the car manufacturers is unbelievable," Godshall said. "You've got to be prepared when you travel to carry enough money to buy a new tire if necessary."

NEW REGULATIONS governing the issuance of handicapped licensed plates and parking permits is the focus of legislation offered by Rep. James C. Greenwood (R-Bucks). The bill is intended to benefit the handicapped by ensuring that only those individuals with a genuine need for the special plates and placards receive them. Greenwood said he believes current rules regulating the issuance of the plates are too lenient.

## LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK  
Library Correspondent

We will have in our display case for the next four weeks a collection of fancy tins borrowed from Lisa Augustine of Wyoming.

Lisa has worked for us at the library part time as a page for the past three years. She will be attending Luzerne County Community College in the fall for her second year majoring in commercial art. She began collecting tins a few years ago and likes the antique ones because antiques are a favorite with her. She uses the tins in her every day living and finds them useful, inexpensive and decorative.

The tins are nestled on a polished cotton calico pattern material. There is a commemorative Ladies Home Journal tin dated March 1910; a Singer Sewing basket; a novelty tin in the shape of a suitcase used as a pill box; Railroad Mills, sweet scotch snuff tin; a real antique

purchased at a flea market, The American self-inking stamp pad; Prince Albert in the can with real tobacco; a Humpty Dumpty, made in Switzerland, which was a gift; a Pear's Soap container, a reproduction; a strawberry treat tin bought in an old country store in Louisiana and an Oceanic cut plug tobacco tin. These tins make a very decorative display and will be at the library until July 25.

A very special thank you to some terrific people: Harry Trebilcox who loaned his truck and made many trips to the new building; Susie Stine for her truck and her driver; Kerry Freeman who loaned us his truck for our use for a few weeks and to Melvin Congdon who came with a large truck and did a yeoman's job carrying books, Christmas decorations, benches, chairs and rugs from the annex to the truck, then drove the truck to the new building and unloaded the merchandise and with the help of our custodian carried these things

up to the second floor. We are most grateful for these kind of volunteers.

The place to be from Thursday, July 5 through Sunday, July 8 is the auction grounds behind the library on Main Street for the 38th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. The book booth will open for business on Thursday and Friday at noon. Mrs. Florence Crump, Priscilla Liput and Bill Frederick and many volunteers will be ready to help with your book purchase. Come to the library auction this year for the last time on these grounds and help us celebrate - the start of a new beginning!

New books at the library: "The Hajj" by Leon Uris is an extraordinary narrative, critical and compassionate, and opens windows to the world of Islam and the Arabs, the British, the Israelis, and all who contend for the Middle East. The village of Tabah was ruled by Haj Ibrahim, a man who had mastered the complex ways of his people.

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