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Hottelet Notes Difficult UN Position

World Organization Worn But Hopeful

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The United Nations is in grave trouble, in a world that is in grave trouble; but if there were no UN today, one would have to be invented.

This was the paradoxical conclusion reached last night as Richard C. Hottelet, Columbia Broadcasting System U.N. Correspondent, offered the first presentation of this year's Great Issues series in the Memorial Student Center.

HOTTELET, who has served in his present post for the past six years, spoke on "The United Nations on its 21st Anniversary." The organization takes Oct. 24, 1945 as its birthdate, he explained, because the member nations ratified the charter on that day.

Hottelet turned early in his remarks to point out the controversial nature of the U.N. today, particularly in the United States. "THERE ARE people who say the meeting in San Francisco which produced the U.N. charter was the most important meeting since the Last Supper," he noted.

"On the other hand, there are those who will inevitably attempt to draw up a sort of scorecard based on the accomplishments of the last 21 years and call the U.N. a dismal failure."

HOTTELET ATTACKED those he termed "cynics, who don't realize the destructive difference between healthy skepticism and cynicism," adding that "this is no time for wishful thinking or flippant generalization."

He emphasized the importance of objective thinking where the U.N. is concerned, warning against "illusions, escapism, and the cave of fanaticism," which are

able to influence opinions.

"The U.N. was never meant to be a fairy godmother, to pull people out of their individual messes," he asserted.

"Neither is it a world government, greater than the sum of its parts. A much stronger organization would be needed to impose a set of standards on the world, and thus the standards set forth in the charter have been accepted by the nations of the world in name only."

BUT HOTTELET went on to describe the accomplishments of the past 21 years, pointing out that "given the proper frame of reference, the U.N. has functioned well."

The Congo crisis of 1960 illustrated one important facet of the U.N.'s capabilities, Hottelet said.

This "vacuum-filling" ability helped prevent a direct confrontation between American and Soviet forces in Africa, he asserted.

"PREMIER Khrushchev was the great gambler of the Kremlin at that time," Hottelet explained. "He saw Patrice Lumumba as the perfect vehicle to run interference for him on the international scene."

The United States warned the Russians that no open or covert intrusion into Africa would be tolerated, Hottelet went on, and the stage was set for an open collision when Russia threatened to send in "volunteers."

"BUT THE U.N. stepped in and prevented a great war," he concluded, adding that the improvised U.N. force sent in by the late Dag Hammarskjold remains in the Congo today.

"The situation there today is anything but perfect," he noted,



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"but the Congo is no worse off than the other African nations and Africa was not the scene of World War III."

Another function of the organization has been as a "shock absorber," as in the Korean Conflict, Hottelet said.

"FOR THE U.S. to go into the Asian mainland so soon after a world war would have been highly inadvisable to say the least," he asserted. "The U.N. forces, though largely American troops, were able to go in without bringing about such an awkward international situation."

Furthermore, the U.N. played a "modest but very useful role" in the 1962 Cuban Missile crisis, as a "third party," through which, according to Hottelet, most of the negotiations that led to a peaceful settlement were carried out.

As a "center for aid and development," the organization has helped new countries become accepted as equals, Hottelet added.

Finally, the U.N.'s "forum" function has seen its application in setting up a "Court of World Opinion," in the late Adlai Stevenson's phrase, during the missile crisis.

One of the biggest difficulties faced during the 21 troubled years since the founding of the U.N. has been its own internal problem, Hottelet said.

He discussed the Soviet pressure on Secretary-General U Thant and the organization's financial problems, noting that nei-

ther problem has a readily-visible solution.

"U Thant has never indicated definitely whether he will seek election to another five-year term," Hottelet pointed out, "and who his successor might be is currently the \$64 million question."

He said the only candidate being mentioned prominently is the current General Assembly president, a Pakistani delegate.

Hottelet termed the 1964 decision to shelve the debt claims against the U.S.S.R. as a "phony and feeble deal," adding that when the situation comes up again, he feels the U.S. will not take a similar stand.

SUMMING UP his remarks, Hottelet said the main function of the U.N. during the past 21 years has been to "buy time until man comes to his senses" — and, he added, "There is already much to indicate that we have begun to face reality in respect to large-scale conflicts."

Hottelet emphasized his conviction that the U.S. must not abandon the U.N. Quoting former President Harry Truman's saying, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen," he said there are only two alternatives in our present situation.

"EITHER WE CAN face up to our responsibilities as a world power," he concluded, "or we can get out of the kitchen — but we'll be carried out in the garbage pail of history."



GUEST SPEAKER

Kenneth S. Armstrong (left), guest speaker night, is shown here chatting with a couple of helicopter pilots in South Viet Nam.

Armstrong, Asian Observer To Narrate Viet Nam Film

South Viet Nam will be the subject of correspondent Kenneth S. Armstrong in a Great Issues Series presentation tonight.

Armstrong, an expert on Southeast Asia, will show a document-

ary color film and lecture at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

GREAT ISSUES CHAIRMAN Steve Kovich said the specialist in world affairs has spent more

than a year traveling throughout South Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand since 1962.

Armstrong's visit to A&M last year was a highlight of the Great Issues Series, Kovich pointed out. Several hundred persons attended Armstrong's film-lecture.

Since 1960, Armstrong has shot 11 miles of film footage in Southeast Asia.

HIS ARTICLES in the Cleveland Plain Dealer indicate that only through deeper knowledge of the people, their history, religion and customs, can one understand the events in South Viet Nam.

Armstrong is a 1948 graduate of Michigan University. For 13 years he was news and public affairs director for WJW-TV, Cleveland. His sphere of interest from 1956 to 1960 was Europe, where he concentrated on Russia and the satellite nations.

THE SPEAKER'S citations include the Press Club of Cleveland Award for outstanding reporting.

Tickets are available at the Student Program Office and at the door. A&M students with activity cards are admitted free.

Raccoon 'Drop-In' Finally 'Treed' By Impromptu Dorm Coon Hunt

A college "drop-in" raccoon got dropped out of circulation recently during an impromptu "coon hunt" by several occupants of Hart Hall.

THE YOUNG RACCOON was first spotted near the back door of B ramp of Hart by Bill Pechanec, a mechanical engineering major from Houston.

It quickly eluded Pechanec by racing across the Nagle parking lot and became "treed" just outside the west door of the Physics Building.

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WITH THE HELP of several of the 15 to 20 spectators, whose arsenal included a flash light, a mop, and much enthusiasm and noise, Brumley soon had the animal in his sack.

The raccoon turned out to be more hungry than shaken by the episode and soon settled down to enjoying a dime pack of cookies.

The "bandit" was later given to the Wildlife Department for keeping.



WHOOPING IT UP FOR UF

"Red Feather" Indians Kathy Robinette and Fritz, a dachshund, powwow in favor of the United Chest drive now underway. Kathy, 7, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinette, 3210 Green, Bryan. Fritz is one of the family, too.

United Chest 50% To Goal

The College Station United Chest fund drive is 47 per cent complete with two days to go, officials announced Wednesday.

Drive Director James E. (Jocko) Roberts said about \$10,000 has been donated, with several large departments at Texas A&M still to report.

"One called me yesterday for more envelopes and material, so we may get some unexpected boosts when they report," he said.

The Oct. 10-21 drive has a \$21,000 goal.

"Though some people are not personally solicited, we expect them to contribute," Roberts added.

Associate Director George Taack estimated contributions "are coming in a little slower than last year, though the rate has been pretty steady." The 1965 United Chest drive reached its goal in eight days, one over the allotted time.

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.

B-CS Carr Dinner Spearheads Central Texas Senatorial Race

Attorney General Waggoner Carr, Democratic nominee for United States senator, arrived in College Station Wednesday afternoon on the Central Texas leg of his campaign tour.

CARR WAS greeted by local dignitaries including State Senator Bill Moore, County Judge William Davis, former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Judge W. S. Barron, Brazos County Sheriff J. W. Hamilton, and local business executive Cecil Culppeper.

Accompanying Carr to College Station was State Senator Dr. H. J. Blanchard of Lubbock.

CARR AND his party went to the local television station, KBTX, where he made a broadcast in support of his candidacy for senator.

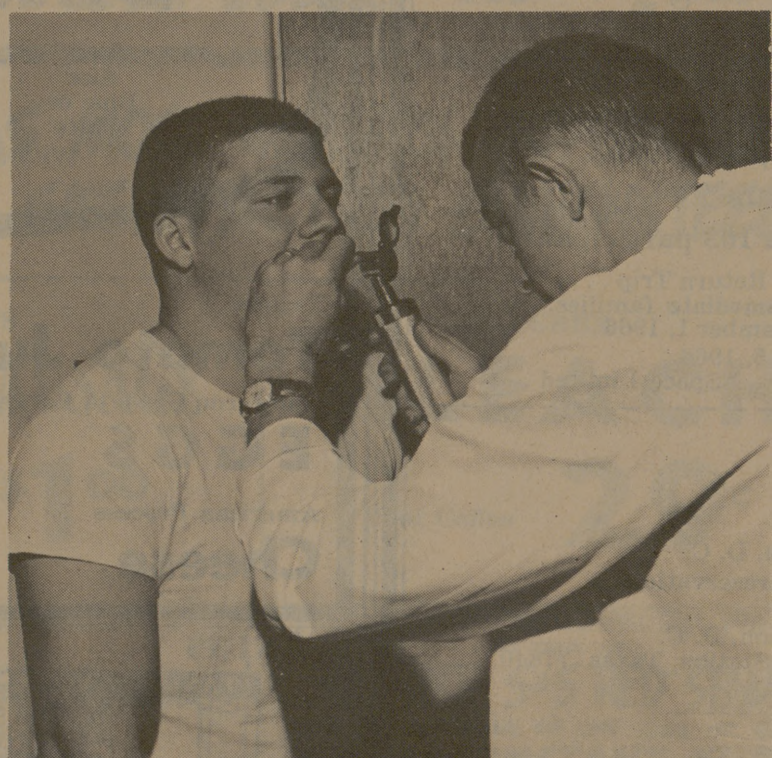
Wednesday night Carr attended a \$10-a-plate dinner at the Ramada Inn in College Station given by the local members of the Democratic party.

AN AUDIENCE of 350 at the dinner listened to the candidate's comments on, among other things, Viet Nam.

"We have shown patience, and we seek an honorable peace," said Carr.

"But if all of President Johnson's effort for such a peace are ignored, then it's time to take off the gloves and begin using both hands and end this war," Carr said.

"OUR CAMPAIGN has really caught fire these last two weeks," said Carr, "just like the Texas Aggie football team."



OPEN WIDE CADET

Capt. Charles Lewis, M. D. checks cadet Thomas D. Faver of 703 Eagle Pass, Bryan, as Air Force physicals for sophomores continue at the University Hospital. The doctors, from Bergstrom AFB, handle approximately 60 cadets a day to check physical qualifications for the Air Force contract program.

Storm Provides Cruise Research

By JAMES PLAKE
Battalion Special Writer
Hurricane Inez forced the A&M research vessel "Alaminos" to change course and seek refuge in Vera Cruz, Mexico, it was revealed this week.

OFFICIALLY labeled Cruise 14, the expedition remained in the Mexican port about 36 hours, then went back into the western part of the Gulf of Mexico along the same stopping points it had visited before the storm.

This was the first time anywhere in the world biologists have been able to compare the water masses before, and immediately after the effects of a full force hurricane.

IN ADDITION to the record set by the biological research expedition in investigating the effects of the hurricane, A&M set another record: For the first time, three Mexican scientists were on board the "Alaminos" participating in the research.

DOCTORS Guillermo Salado Chavez, Hector Romero, and Jesus Macias Ortiz used their experience from past work at the marine biology station in Vera Cruz and the biology station at Tampico in the research conducted on the cruise.

Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, chief scientist, explained the presence of the visitors on the ship.

"WE WANT TO foster future cooperation between Texas A&M

and Mexico in the field of Biological Oceanography."

Cruise 14 set out from Galveston October 3. It traveled to the western part of the Gulf along a route connecting predetermined points.

"The overall objective of the cruise was to study the biological productivity of the western Gulf of Mexico and how it was affected by the continental shelf in that area," Dr. El-Sayed said.

"WE WANTED to make an assessment of the production potential of plants in that region. Many tests were run using the relatively new Carbon 14 testing technique.

Chemical aspects of the sea were also observed. The scientists took specimens along the route to investigate the effects of temperature, salinity, and light on the productivity of the area of the western Gulf.

"WE ALSO hoped to continue our research on the chemical constituents of water, with special emphasis on the distribution and concentration of nutrient salts such as phosphates, silicates, and nitrates," Dr. El-Sayed said.

"We also measured the depths to which light penetrated the sea with a submarine photo-meter."

IN ADDITION to the three visitors, the crew of scientific personnel consisted of Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, chief scientist; Wil-

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