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Official: U.N. role can improve despite negative media reports

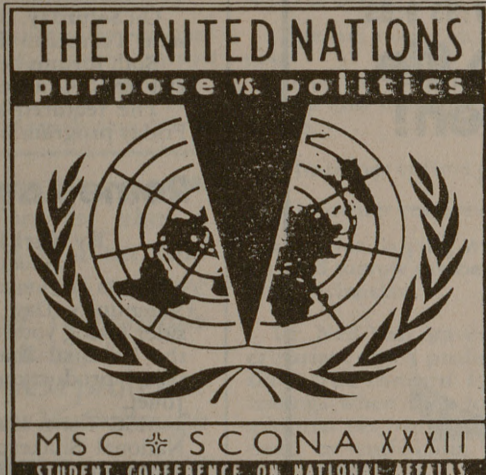
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Although the United Nations is not always effective in its struggle to achieve international peace and security, it does not deserve the constant bombardment of negativity it receives in media reports of its activities, a U.N. official said Thursday.

Dr. Mpazi Sinjela, an official of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs in the United Nations, told about 100 conference delegates in Rudder Theater that the role of the United Nations was not only an excellent choice for a theme for the 32nd Student Conference on National Affairs, but provided an opportunity to share ideas on improving the United Nations.

Sinjela spoke about the history of the United Nations, including discussion about the U.N. charter, the U.N. Security Council and the ineffectiveness of both to bring world peace.

Sinjela said the United Nations created the Security Council as the primary organ for international peace and security. The Security Council in turn created world peace-keeping forces (that currently occupy the Middle East) to provide military aid to the Council, he said.



The United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, France and China are permanent members of the Security Council, and 10 other countries are elected for two-year terms. The Council was empowered by the General Assem-

bly of the United Nations to make inquiries and take actions in cases of international friction, Sinjela said.

"But we know that since 1935 there have been several conflicts in the world, in which 120 million people, military and civilian, have been lost," Sinjela said.

"Why?" he asked. He said this is a question delegates and the world must answer.

But he added, "the U.N. has provided a forum for warring factions to come and debate their grievances."

"I want to assure you that many situations — explosive situations which would have been international incidents — have been settled through peaceful means before they explode into war," he said. "These are things that you don't hear about... because they are not newsworthy."

He also said that the United Nations provides the best chance smaller developing countries have for survival.

"Without the U.N., these smaller countries fear that any one of the militarily strong countries would move in and there would be nowhere to run to and register their grievances," Sinjela said.

State appeals court upholds award against Texaco in oil merger case

HOUSTON (AP) — A state appeals court Thursday upheld most of a landmark \$10.53 billion jury award against Texaco Inc. for wrongfully interfering in a planned merger between Pennzoil and Getty Oil Co. The judgment is the largest in U.S. history.

The decision upholds a \$7.53 billion award in actual damages. With the actual damages plus \$1 billion in

punitive damages, and interest of \$2.5 million per day, the award now stands at \$10.2 billion, said Bob Harper, Pennzoil spokesman.

A state district court jury in Houston in November 1985 found Texaco wrongfully interfered in the planned merger in 1984 and ordered Texaco to pay \$10.53 billion in damages to Pennzoil.

"In this case, punitive damages of \$1 billion are sufficient to satisfy any reason for their being awarded," the appeals court said.

The three-judge appeals panel said it had received many briefs suggesting the verdict should be greatly reduced or overturned because of the adverse economic impact it would have on certain states and industries and on Texaco shareholders if allowed to stand.

"Though we are mindful of the economic effect the judgment might have on some individuals and some institutions and we are sympathetic with those who might be affected by the verdict through no fault of their

own, we are not authorized by law to substitute our judgment for that of the jury and to make redress as we deem appropriate," the court said.

Neither Pennzoil nor Texaco had any immediate comment.

Texaco attorneys argued that no evidence was presented showing the company knew of any contract between Pennzoil and Getty.

"There was no contract, and Texaco had no knowledge even if there was," Texaco attorney Richard Keeton told the three-judge panel.

But Pennzoil's lead attorney Joe Jamail insisted Getty and Pennzoil had an agreement and that Texaco was aware of it.

Restaurant Report

Because the supervisor of sanitarians for the Brazos County Health Department is on vacation, the restaurants inspected this week will appear in next week's Restaurant Report.

What's up

Friday

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: will have free baby-sitting for A&M staff and faculty from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower.

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.

LATTER-DAY SAINT STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at noon at the LDS Institute Building.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will meet at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder Tower.

DELTA SIGMA PI: will hold a meeting for prospective members at 5 p.m. at Interurban Eating House.

SAUDI STUDENT CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 201 Memorial Student Center.

TAMU TABLE TENNIS CLUB: will meet from 7 p.m. to midnight in 304 Read.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY: will meet for a "peanut butter fellowship" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rudder Fountain and for a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. at the A&M Presbyterian Church.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: will hold its spring semi-formal at 8 p.m. at the A&M Methodist Church gym.

CHESS CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower.

BUCK WEIRUS SPIRIT AWARD: applications are available through today in the Memorial Student Center, Department of Student Activities, office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Student Affairs office.

BIG EVENT: applications for organizations and individuals are available through today in the Student Programs Office and the Student Government office.

Saturday

TAMU EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: will meet at 7 p.m. in 226 Rudder Tower.

SAUDI STUDENT CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 201 Memorial Student Center.


TAMU SAILING CLUB: will hold an outing at Lake Somerville today and Sunday.

Monday

MILITARY SCIENCES INSTITUTE: Frank J. Wetta will speak on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder Tower.

COLLEGIATE 4-H: will meet at 8 p.m. in 200 Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days prior to desired publication date.

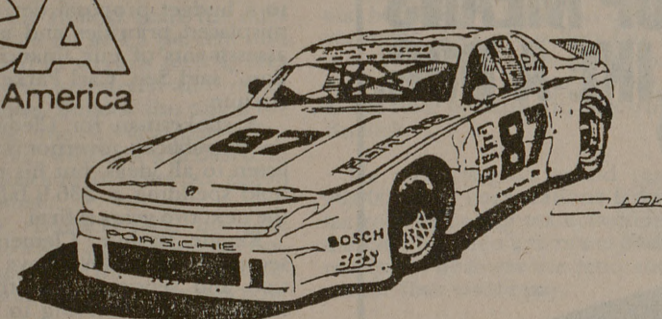


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