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You are learning!

DISSENT with destruction - Repression
Reaction

DISSENT ^{with} DEBATE. DIALOGUE - change -
Progress

Agony Responsibility - 184 votes
you are the Difference - conditions
conducive
to
Peace

SIGNATORIES TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS ~~have pledged~~ pledged THEMSELVES TO "SAVE
SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS FROM THE SCOURGE OF WAR,"
"REAFFIRM FAITH IN FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS,"
"ESTABLISH CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH JUSTICE AND
RESPECT FOR THE OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM TREATIES
. . . CAN BE MAINTAINED," AND "PROMOTE SOCIAL
PROGRESS AND BETTER STANDARDS OF LIFE . . ."
~~AND~~ TO PURSUE THESE ENDS THE MEMBER NATIONS promised
TO PRACTICE "TOLERANCE AND LIVE TOGETHER IN
PEACE," "TO UNITE OUR STRENGTH TO MAINTAIN
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY," "TO ENSURE . . .
THAT ARMED FORCE SHALL NOT BE USED, SAVE IN THE
COMMON INTEREST," AND "TO EMPLOY INTERNATIONAL
MACHINERY FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF ALL PEOPLES."

High Standards - Great Goals!

High standards - Great Goals, conceived
in the agony of war - And the Memory
of the failure of the League, & the Isolation of the
U.S.
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IF WE WERE NOW TO DRAW UP A SCORE CARD,
MATCHING PERFORMANCE AGAINST THESE DEFINED GOALS,
THE FINAL SCORE WOULD NOT PLACE ANY SINGLE NATION
OR GROUP OF NATIONS, OR IN FACT OUR GENERATION OF
CIVILIZATION IN THE WINNER'S BOX! WITHOUT POINTING
THE FINGER AT ANY ONE, THERE IS NOT AN ABUNDANCE
OF EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT WE ARE EVEN CLOSE TO
ATTAINING THE NOBLE AIMS WHICH WE HAD HOPES OF
ACHIEVING WHEN THE UNITED NATIONS WAS FOUNDED ON
THE ASHES OF WORLD WAR II.

WHILE THE SCORE HAS NOT BEEN PHENOMENALLY
HIGH, THERE HAS BEEN ENOUGH ACTION TO KEEP THE GAME
MOVING FORWARD. PLAYERS HAVE STUCK WITH IT AND
SOME OF THE MORE POWERFUL ONES HAVE TAKEN A RENEWED
INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE.

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AS WE LOOK AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS 25TH YEAR, WE CAN, THEREFORE, NOT GO OVERBOARD IN REJOICING BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD NOT GO INTO MOURNING. THE UNITED NATIONS IS ALIVE AND WELL; WHAT IT NEEDS MOST OF ALL IS AN ADDED SPIRIT AND STRUCTURAL FLEXIBILITY CAPABLE OF COPING WITH TODAY'S DEMANDS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY. THE SHOT OF ADRENALIN MUST COME FROM THE MEMBERS THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES WHO IS A FOUNDING FATHER AND WHOSE INFLUENCE COULD BE THE NECESSARY CATALYST FOR STRENGTHENING THE ENTIRE NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FROM THE VANTAGE OF HINDSIGHT, IT IS MOST PLAUSIBLE TO CONCLUDE THAT ONE REASON FOR THE RELATIVELY LACK LUSTER PERFORMANCE WAS THE SCALE

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OF THE GOALS WE SET FOR OURSELVES, WHICH WERE BLOWN UP BEYOND HUMAN PROPORTION. IF THESE GOALS SERVE, ON THE OTHER HAND, AS A GUIDELINE FOR INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR, THE RECORD IS NOT NEARLY AS GRIM, NOR IS THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING REAL ADVANCES NEARLY AS REMOTE.

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I THINK MEMBERS ARE MORE CONSCIOUS OF REDUCING THEIR GOALS TO A MANAGEABLE SIZE THAN THEY WERE AT THE OUTSET. ~~MOSTLY BECAUSE OF A PROCESS OF SYMBIOSIS WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.~~

THE THERE IS HOPEFULLY A GREATER APPRECIATION OF NATIONAL DIFFERENCES AND A CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT TO MOVE FORWARD SLOWLY, EVEN IF IT IS IN STOPS AND STARTS. JOHN STEINBECK NOTED MAN'S ENTIRE EXISTENCE IS SPENT IN MOVING TWO STEPS FORWARD AND ONE STEP BACKWARD.

It IS PERHAPS THE BASIC DESIGN OF OUR LIVES. WHAT
MAKES THE WHOLE PROCESS WORTHWHILE IS THE
EXCITEMENT AND GRATIFICATION OF ACTUALLY MAKING
PROGRESS AND RETAINING OUR FORWARD MOMENTUM.

WE SHOULD NOT DEMAND FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
ANY MORE THAN WE ASK FOR OUR OWN LIVES -- MOVEMENT
IN STOPS AND STARTS BUT, NEVERTHELESS, REAL
PROGRESS. ONE AREA WHERE WE CAN REALLY PUSH AHEAD
IS IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
OF THE HUMAN CONDITION

*Development - new
name for Peace.*

ON THE ONE HAND, IT MEANS AN AMOUNT OF
STRUCTURAL REFORM SO THAT U. N. ORGANIZATIONS
WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE A MUCH LARGER
VOLUME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PRE-INVESTMENT

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(1) Principle of Universality -
 all Nation States to be members
 " Peoples Republic of China "

(2) Peace Keeping Machinery -
 If U.S. not to be world policeman
 Doesn't mean no need for

(Mideast) Peace Keeping - U.N. must
Regional Security

(3) U.N. On Arms control +
 Disarmament -

(4) U.N. Space - Treaty
Oceans - Treaty

(5) U.N. Expansion
 of Permanent Members
 of Sec Council.

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AND ON THE OTHER, MUST BE THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP
TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF INSPIRATION NECESSARY FOR
WIDER, MORE RESOLUTE COOPERATION AND COMMITMENT.

WHAT WILL DEFEAT US IN THIS UNDERTAKING IS WHAT
LESTER PEARSON CALLS THE "FAINTNESS OF HEART AND
NARROWNESS OF VISION." It IS THE UNITED STATES
WHO ^{we} MUST ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IT WAS INTENDED
TO HAVE; OTHERWISE, EVEN THESE MODIFIED HOPES
WILL FADE AWAY, LEAVING ONLY A TRACE OF THE
FAITH AND ENERGY THAT WENT INTO THEM. I SINCERELY
HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES THE ROLE WHICH
IS INCUMBENT UPON THIS COUNTRY AND THAT HE DOES

EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO CARRY OUT THESE DUTIES.

~~With Drawal from Vietnam must not~~
~~HE HAS NOT, THUS FAR, INDICATED WHAT ACTION HE WILL~~

~~mean a new Isolation for U.S. - We have~~
~~TAKE, WHICH IS NOT A GOOD OMEN SINCE IT IS TIME~~

~~a world Role to Play -~~
~~TO COMMIT OURSELVES.~~

UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SESSION WAS THE ADOPTION
ON OCTOBER 24 OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
DECADE, BEGINNING JANUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR. THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY DOCUMENT WHICH LAUNCHED
THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, ~~IT INCLUDES GOALS~~

~~AND OBJECTIVES, POLICY MEASURES IN INTERNATIONAL~~

~~TRADE, FINANCIAL RESOURCE TRANSFERS, INVISIBLE~~

~~TRANSFERS INCLUDING SHIPPING, SPECIAL MEASURES IN~~

~~FAVOR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING~~

~~COUNTRIES AND ALSO FOR LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES, THE~~

~~*Sharing* OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT~~

~~AND PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION~~

~~OF PRODUCTION.~~

ONE OF THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THE DOCUMENT
WAS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT EACH ECONOMICALLY
ADVANCED COUNTRY SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BY 1972 AND AT THE LATEST BY
1975, ^{assistance} FINANCIAL ~~RESOURCE TRANSFERS~~ OF A MINIMUM
NET AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO 1 PER CENT OF ITS GROSS
NATIONAL PRODUCT. THE UNITED STATES ^{rich} WHO WAS ONCE
THE LEADER OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HAS NOT YET
ENDORSED THIS TARGET, ~~and~~ STRONGLY URGE THE

PRESIDENT TO DO SO. IF WE DO NOT HAVE GREATER
^{Rich + Poor - gap.}
EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS HOW CAN WE EXPECT TO HAVE
^{where constant want, no peace.}
A WORKING, FUNCTIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM?

^{Environment} ANOTHER EQUALLY IMPORTANT POINT ADOPTED IN
THE STRATEGY STATEMENT WAS THAT GOVERNMENTS "WILL
INTENSIFY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO
ARREST THE DETERIORATION OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

AND TO TAKE MEASURES TOWARDS ITS IMPROVEMENT, AND
TO PROMOTE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP TO MAINTAIN
THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE ON WHICH HUMAN SURVIVAL
DEPENDS. L PARTICULAR EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED,
AS IT SHOULD BE, ON THE LINK BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND
~~ON THE FACT THAT WHILE MANY TECHNOLOGICAL QUESTIONS~~
~~REMAIN TO BE SOLVED, PROBLEMS OF THE HUMAN~~
~~ENVIRONMENT ARE INCREASINGLY OF A SOCIO-ECONOMIC~~
NATURE.

L A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN
DONE IN THIS AREA DURING THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT
DECADE. L POLLUTION OF THE SEAS WAS ONE OF THE
EARLIEST ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CONSIDERED TO
WARRANT INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WAS SIGNED
IN 1954 IN THAT REGARD.

↳ THE CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS CALLS FOR
FUTURE REGULATION TO PREVENT POLLUTION; THE
CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION OF THE
LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS OF 1966 STRESSES
THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT
THE DANGER OF OVER-FISHING; AND THE CONVENTION
ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF 1964 WHICH STIPULATES
THAT THE "EXPLORATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF
AND NATURAL RESOURCES MUST NOT RESULT IN ANY
UNJUSTIFIABLE INTERFERENCE WITH . . . THE
CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE SEA."

↳ IN ADDITION, THERE HAVE BEEN CONFERENCES ON
QUESTIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SOURCES OF ENERGY,
AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF CONFERENCES ON FAMILY PLANNING.

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THESE EFFORTS CREATED THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE
FOR MORE PRECISE WORK WHICH ~~IS TO~~ ^{must} BE DONE IN
THE NEXT DECADE. I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST ACT ON
THE GLOBAL ASPECTS OF POLLUTION FOR TWO BASIC
REASONS, EACH OF WHICH CONCERNS THE FUTURE OF
MEN ON EARTH.

FIRST, BECAUSE POLLUTION IS A FORM OF AGGRESSION.
WHEN THE SOOT FROM ENGLISH FACTORIES TURNS THE
SNOW OF SWEDEN BLACK -- THAT IS A FORM OF AGGRESSION,
WHEN AMERICAN WASTES FOUL THE OCEAN SO THAT
EXPLORER THOR HEYERDAHL SEES GARBAGE AND OIL SLICKS
IN MID-OCEAN -- AND THE OCEAN IS INTERNATIONAL
PROPERTY -- THEN THAT IS A FORM OF AGGRESSION, AND
INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL
ACTION.

L MY SECOND REASON IS THAT WE MUST ALWAYS BE
ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TURNING POTENTIAL ADVERSITY
INTO REALISTIC PROGRESS. L THE WAYS OF POLITICAL
PROGRESS ARE SOMETIMES STRANGE. L THE TRAGEDY OF
THE DEPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES GAVE BIRTH TO
SOME LONG-TERM LEGISLATION (SUCH AS SOCIAL
SECURITY) THAT HAS BENEFITTED AMERICANS LONG
AFTER THE DEPRESSION PASSED. L THE TRAGEDY OF THE
WAR IN VIETNAM TURNED AMERICAN THOUGHT TOWARD --
AMONG OTHER THINGS -- THE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF
MONEY THAT IS DIRECTED TOWARD MILITARY SPENDING.
L TODAY, AS A RESULT OF THAT SORT OF AWAKENING,
MILITARY SPENDING IS BEING REDUCED.

IN A SIMILAR FASHION, I BELIEVE THAT THE
POTENTIAL ECOLOGICAL CRISIS MAY PROVIDE MANKIND
WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET OFF THE DIME AND MAKE
ONE SMALL STEP TOWARD A SYSTEM OF ^{enforceable} WORLD LAW.

HERE, SPECIFICALLY, IS MY PROPOSAL.

IN 1971, A SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
OUGHT TO BE CONVENED TO CONSIDER A PLAN TO CREATE,
THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS, A BODY OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW DIRECTED TOWARD PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT;
AND A U. N. COMMISSION ON POLLUTION CONTROL TO
ENFORCE THE LAW. THIS COMMISSION'S FIRST FUNCTION --
ONCE ESTABLISHED BY THE U. N. -- WOULD BE TO
CREATE INTERNATIONAL POLLUTION CODES AND QUALITY
STANDARDS THAT WILL INSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT THE
WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE IN 1971 OUGHT TO PROPOSE
GUIDELINES FOR SUCH STANDARDS.

THEN, IN 1972, THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO
THE STOCKHOLM U. N. ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE
OUGHT TO PROPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A
U. N. COMMISSION. HOPEFULLY BY 1973, A PLAN FOR
A COMMISSION, WITH A MODEL SET OF STANDARDS COULD
BE PRESENTED TO THE U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR
APPROVAL.

THE UNITED STATES SHOULD THEN EXERCISE ALL OF
ITS POLITICAL MUSCLE IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO
ESTABLISH THIS COMMISSION. FURTHERMORE, WE SHOULD
ACTIVELY AIM OUR WORK IN THE U. N. TO SEE TO IT
THAT THIS NEW COMMISSION BE GIVEN A RARE AND CRUCIAL
COMMODITY IN THE REALM OF U. N. ORGANIZATIONS: POWER.
THE NEW U. N. POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION WILL BE
EFFECTIVE ONLY IF ITS CHARTER HAS TEETH IN IT TO
ENFORCE ITS CODES.

AS A FIRST STEP, THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE
GIVEN POWER TO IMPOSE FORMS OF ^{Political} COMMERCIAL SANCTIONS
ON NATIONS WHO VIOLATE THE POLLUTION CODES.

THIS MAY PROVE DIFFICULT, BUT THIS IS AN
UNPRECEDENTED UNDERTAKING. THE ISSUE AT STAKE IS
NOT IN THE FAMILIAR REALM OF POWER POLITICS --

WHICH OFTEN BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN EACH OF THE
MEMBER NATIONS. THE ISSUE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
INVOLVES THE VERY SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES OF MAN.

IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO LET THE SPECIES OF MAN LIVE
IN DIGNITY ON THIS BEAUTIFUL PLANET CREATED BY HIS
MAKER.

THIS ISSUE TRANSCENDS REGIONAL OR IDEOLOGICAL
RIVALRIES, POLLUTED OCEANS WILL WASH THE SHORES OF
NATIONS BOTH COMMUNIST AND CAPITALIST -- OLD AND
NEW -- RICH AND POOR.

*Polluted air knows
no boundaries. Remember that there* 535

*between nations recognize no
sovereignty.*

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LAND SO, THIS EFFORT MUST BE EXPANDED TO
INCLUDE THE NATIONS THAT ARE NOT NOW MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS: THE TWO GERMANIES, THE TWO
VIETNAMS, THE TWO KOREAS AND COMMUNIST CHINA, SHOULD
BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE,

THESE NATIONS ARE AS INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEM AS

WE ARE. CHINA HAS A GRAVE POLLUTION PROBLEM AND

a serious
~~a grave~~ POPULATION PROBLEM AND *It is* THEY ARE ATTEMPTING

TO COPE WITH BOTH PROBLEMS. WE CAN DO NOTHING

BUT HELP OURSELVES IF WE HELP THE CHINESE SOLVE

THESE SORTS OF PROBLEMS.

SIMILARLY, THE RUSSIANS NOW HAVE MAJOR POLLUTION
PROBLEMS AS DO THE COMMUNIST NATIONS OF EAST

EUROPE. PROPERLY APPROACHED, I BELIEVE THEY WILL

BE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

mutual advantage,

MOREOVER, BECAUSE OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION,
I BELIEVE THEY WOULD COOPERATE BY PUTTING TEETH
IN THIS PARTICULAR UNITED NATIONS ENDEAVOR. ¹⁴
THE LEADING NATIONS OF BOTH THE FREE AND THE
COMMUNIST WORLD ARE WILLING TO MAKE SANCTIONS WORK,
I BELIEVE THEY WILL BE EFFECTIVE.

↳ I MUST ADMIT THAT NO ONE KNOWS IF SUCH AN
AMBITIOUS -- EVEN VISIONARY -- PROPOSAL WILL BEAR
FRUIT.

BUT I BELIEVE WE MUST TRY, THE STAKES ARE
TOO HIGH NOT TO TRY. THE CAUSE IS MANKIND. ¹ THE
CAUSE IS OUR POSTERITY AND THERE IS NO GREATER CAUSE.

↳ THE TIME HAS COME, THEREFORE, WHEN WE MUST
SEEK ACTION ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. WE MUST
PROMOTE NEW INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, TREATIES
OR AGREEMENTS ON THESE QUESTIONS AND OTHERS;

THE SYSTEMATIC DATA COLLECTION AND MONITORING
OF POLLUTION LEVELS; EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
AMONG COUNTRIES; SETTING OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
AND LIMITS FOR CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL
~~CONTAMINANTS~~ *water* AND OTHER QUANTIFIABLE INJURIOUS
~~FACTORS~~; PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO DEVELOP
ENVIRONMENT-SAVING ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS PLANT
DERIVATIVES AND BIOLOGICAL METHODS TO REPLACE
PERSISTANT TOXIC CHEMICALS FOR CONTROLLING PESTS;
AND THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICIES AND PLANS, TO ENSURE *water* ~~OPTIMUM~~ LAND USE
AND ACHIEVEMENT OF SUCH GOALS AS CONTROL OF
URBAN SPRAWL, RATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES,
AND EXPANDED LOW-COST HOUSING.

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L I PLACE MY FAITH IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO
CARRY OUT THESE PROGRAMS KNOWING FULL WELL THAT IT
HAS BEEN FAR LESS THAN A TOTAL SUCCESS IN RECENT
YEARS. L BUT I SAY IT KNOWING THAT UNLESS WE HUMAN
BEINGS BEGIN TO MAKE THE UNITED NATIONS FUNCTION
BETTER THAN IT NOW DOES, WE MAY PERISH NOT FROM
A POLLUTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, BUT PERISH FIRST
FROM THE POLLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL POWER POLITICS.

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