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THE U.N. AND A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER  
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NEVER BEFORE HAS THE NEED FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC  
INTERDEPENDENCE BEEN GREATER, AND NEVER BEFORE HAS  
THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THIS  
GOAL BEEN WORSE.

THIS IS THE IRONY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION!

THE UNITED STATES MADE VERY FAR REACHING  
PROPOSALS BEFORE THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SEVENTH  
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS. OUR POSITION  
~~WAS ONE THAT~~ WAS SUPPORTED BY DELEGATES FROM THE  
INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING ~~COUNTRIES.~~ <sup>NOTES</sup> IT RECOGNIZED  
THE URGENT NEED FOR A COORDINATED APPROACH ON SUCH  
ISSUES AS RESOURCE TRANSFER, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOP-  
ment, Science + Technology, Monetary reform,  
COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, AND AN EQUITABLE RE-  
STRUCTURING OF THE U.N.

L BUT PROGRESS MADE AT THIS SPECIAL SESSION HAS  
BEEN ERODED BY THE RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE  
ON ZIONISM.

L THE UNITED NATIONS IS A WORLD PARLIAMENT,  
*~~assembly~~ in a sense*

L IT IS A POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION,

L WORKING TOGETHER ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

WITHIN THIS FORUM REQUIRES MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

AND COOPERATION. L THIS TYPE OF ATMOSPHERE IS

DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE WHEN POLITICAL HOSTILITY AMONG

MEMBER STATES IS INTENSIFIED BY RESOLUTIONS SUCH

AS THE ONE PASSED LAST WEEK.

L SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE IS DETRIMENTAL TO FORMULATING  
SOLUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE  
NATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD MUST UNDERSTAND  
THAT THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO ATTACK THE INDUSTRIALIZED  
NATIONS ON THE POLITICAL FRONT AND DEMAND FUNDAMENTAL  
CHANGES AND CONCESSIONS ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT.

L FAR TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE TO PERMIT THE  
SITUATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO DETERIORATE  
FURTHER. L THE U.N. SYSTEM ITSELF MAY BE IMPERILED.

L AN EQUITABLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE WORLD'S  
ECONOMY IS NOT ONLY A HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVE.

L ULTIMATELY, THE PROSPERITY OF ALL NATIONS DEPENDS  
ON FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE GROWING PROBLEMS OF  
HUNGER, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION AND OVERPOPULATION.

The New Economic order is  
not "an american handout"  
Our contribution of \$ 70. billion  
has been declining -

The New Economic order  
requires investment, credit,  
Technology, expansion of  
Production, Commodity  
price stability, & a free  
movement of goods

~~The fact of~~ International Interdependence is  
the compelling fact of ~~our~~ this century;

THE WIDENING GAP IN THE DISTRIBUTION, ~~AND~~ <sup>use,</sup> and

CONTROL OF GLOBAL RESOURCES MUST BE NARROWED. THE

UNITED NATIONS IS ~~A GOOD~~ <sup>one</sup> PLACE TO WORK ON THIS

PROBLEM IF WE CAN EASE THE POLITICAL CONFRONTATION

NOW OCCURRING THERE.

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Development is the new name for  
peace;

↳ The new internationalism must be  
based on economic cooperation  
~~and~~ development.

↳ Development is the new name  
for Peace - and like war  
waged for victory, Development  
will require sacrifice, commitment  
coordination ~~and~~ planning and performance  
among all participants.



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