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Bombing in Middle East Stops Oil Supply to Western World

Sam Lieberman

Israel bombed two nuclear facilities inflicting massive damage with bunker busters in the Islamic Republic of Iran, killing 40 civilians and causing an emergency session of the Security Council to convene at 1:00 am Tuesday morning. After much deliberation, the Security Council ended its emergency session at 5:45 am without passing a resolution. However a draft resolution was submitted and debate will begin on it at 1:00 pm Tuesday afternoon.

Representative Aneeb

Sharif of Iran, who spoke before the Security Council, demanded that Israel "be punished for this atrocious attack" and declared that the "Zionist regime to the west could be the cause of World War III." Due to the slow pace of the international community in responding to the attack on Iran, they have suspended all oil supplies to the Western world.

Representative David Sahli of Israel, who also spoke before the Security Council, initially denied

knowing who was responsible for the attacks. Eventually Israel took full responsibility for the bombing raid and acknowledged a condemnation from the Security Council, clearing the way for the introduction of the draft resolution.



SC discusses Oil Crisis Photo by Tony Adamo

HSC Emergency Meeting

Yirssi Bergman

On Tuesday, 20 of November, the Historical Security Council was called to an emergency meeting at early hours of the morning because allied forces from Israel, France and the United Kingdom attacked Egypt with massive artillery and air strikes.

Over the next few hours the interested parties seemed unable to reach an agreement on the issue, which first began when

Egypt took complete control of the Suez Canal. The Suez Canal is both a canal and a company, of which France and the United Kingdom are shareholders and have a vested shipping interest. Egypt also sunk ships in the canal in order to keep other countries from traversing it.

After much discussion the United States decided to intervene, and resolution HSC/4 was passed. The resolution establishes

a cease-fire agreement between the involved parties and gives the UK and France control of the West Bank of the Suez Canal. This permitted Israeli ships to pass unmolested and allows for the creation of a dam on the Nile River, funded by the UK and the United States. The United Nation True Supervision Organization (UNTSO) will supervise negotiations between the different countries.

The Allure of AMUN

Emily Donohoe

Twelve- to eighteen-hour days, skipping lunch breaks to write resolutions, and sleeping for as little as three or four hours a night. These scenes should be familiar to every participant of American Model United Nations (AMUN). Why, then, do 1300 plus participants show up for four stressful days, when the life of the average college student is already hectic to an unhealthy degree?

Our reasons range from

Invading Personal Space

To the best SC Trainer this body has ever seen - the note-stopping has passed. Thanks for the sugar! Love, **Your SC Dais**

Quorum and credentials at 1:05 am - your Presi-

the social and educational to the geographic. AMUN provides a uniquely new experience. Representative Subhash Ghimire of Palestine has enjoyed the opportunity to "meet a lot of new people." AMUN is also a great opportunity to learn about the functions of the United Nations. Representative Daniel Hoffman of Morocco chose to participate after a recommendation to do so by a professor. Hoffman says, "I thought it would be a good learning experience."

It is also a chance to ex-

idents are so impressed. The round of applause was fully justified.
- SC Dais
Luke Z. & Tim H.:
It has truly been a pleasure working with you both, studly men. Teehee! ;-)
- E.W.

plore Chicago. Whether this is your first time in the city or you have been here ten times in the past year, there are always new sights and places to discover. Representative Maryana Pleskanka of Luxembourg says this contributed to her decision, as "Chicago is really pretty and there is so much to do here."

Whatever our reasons, the fact that we return to conference signifies that the value we receive overcompensates for the stress we endure.

To the Hot Vice Chair in First Committee:

You're Hot...
- Love, Me

To the RADICAL Chair in GA Plen:

I <3ed your oranges.
- Not-a-Rep
(Keepin' it on the DL!)

Conference in Review

First Committee

Two resolutions were passed under the topic "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Accelerating the Implementation of Nuclear Disarmament commitments" and one resolution was tabled. The Middle Eastern Bloc in First Committee has spent the duration of the 2007 AMUN session working toward the disarmament of Israel. Syria is disappointed and concerned by the apathy of the body in regard to Israel's nuclear weapons programs.

Second Committee

After three intense long days of debate over the habitat problems that are plaguing the countries of the world, the Second Committee has passed three of five resolutions that have been brought to the table. Unilateral sanctions still remains the official topic, but many of the representatives believe that the body as a whole should return to the first topic.

Third Committee

A resolution that encouraged all member states to heighten border security, evaluate countries that are stricken with the drug problem, and educate for prevention purposes for the International Cooperation Against the World Drug Trafficking Problem, was passed in the Third Committee. Member states from Latin America, Asia, and Europe were pleased to see this. The resolution was passed with a unanimous vote.

Fourth Committee

The Fourth Committee has made significant progress in the Comprehensive Review of Peacekeeping Operations in All of Their Aspects. Four resolutions and one amendment have been passed calling for the protection of women, a regular review of peacekeeping, financial donations, more power for sovereign states, and training in the areas of sociocultural sensitivity, legal and ethical standards, and combat. However, many representatives are frustrated that the body has hardly addressed the review of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

ECOSOC

The Economic and Social Council is dealing primarily with closing the technological divide between developed, developing and least developed nations while incorporating environment-friendly technology and/or technology promoting sustainable growth, or "green technology." Two resolutions passed, both by clear majorities. Resolution 1.1 was submitted by Lithuania, Austria, and the United Kingdom. Resolution 1.1 was also amended five times before the final draft was passed.

Concurrent GA Plen

The Concurrent GA Plenary session debated the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and passed four resolutions this week, the most substantial of which (GA/II/5) had the toughest time gaining passage with a vote of 43-38. Debate this week revolved mainly around defining terrorism, roots of terrorism, and normative approaches to combating known terror networks. A focal point of debate was on the roots of terrorism. Some argued that it stems from poverty, while others argued that clashing ideologies fuel the violence.

ESCAP

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) passed a resolution Sunday morning requesting water conservation efforts be separate from politics. ESCAP also brought two more resolutions to the floor. They focused on water conservation and urban housing.

UNCTAD

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has experienced a schism between developing and developed nations. A resolution on the topic of commodities failed due in part to a clause recommending that developing countries have control over their resources. Reports on both commodities and productive capacity were negotiated and completed Monday night.

Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development passed resolution 571 was passed on November 19th. Its focus was primarily on improvement of women's health by providing health care, especially in the rural areas. Providing education on human rights, sexually transmitted diseases, and family planning were also major components of the resolution. China, along with India, Ukraine and the United Kingdom were all sponsors.

Tensions in CPD

In the Commission on Population and Development, amongst already heady tensions, the United Nations witnessed a breakdown of diplomacy and decorum. As a result of perceived insults against her nation the Representative of the United States of America threatened to dissolve diplomatic relations with several Member States by denying them monetary funding. Several of the threatened nations have been long time allies of the US such as South Africa, Indonesia, and Lebanon.

More troubling perhaps was the flippant manner with which the United States threatened the nations of the Libyan Arab

Jamahiriya and Pakistan. Both Member States have been or are in volatile situations in which a breakdown of diplomatic relations with the United States could result in outbreaks of violence and death.

Additionally the American representative threatened to stop providing funds to the Islamic Republic of Iran; a troubling sentiment because if the United States has been providing funds to Iran it would be in violation of a litany of international treaties and sanctions.

Once again we are reminded that the most effective form of diplomacy is the gentle word and not a blatant threat or force.

The Impoverished in America, Families Link Christmas Toy Drive

Adrian Scott

While discussing the problems affecting global society, I would like to briefly point out a few of the problems I have witnessed here in the States through my work in Southern Appalachia as a field agent operating directly under Child Protective Services (CPS). All of the children I deal with have problems, such as parental drug addiction, domestic violence, severe emotional, physical and sexual abuse, neglect, and oftentimes underlying mental illness, warranting CPS involvement. These children are considered high risk

and, without significant family improvements, will be removed from their homes. Imagine the horror of holding a heroine addicted newborn convulsing in your arms- unable to fathom how a mother couldn't care. For a moment picture yourself in the position of a young woman, toothless from twelve years of domestic violence (including a sledgehammer to the face from the father of your children), uneducated, alone, and poverty stricken supporting seven dependent children.

Most of the families I deal with cannot afford to make it

day to day, let alone have the resources to provide their children with gifts for the holidays. After a tear filled visit, I made a promise to a young woman that I would somehow ensure that her boys would have a Christmas they would never forget, and realized that I had a greater purpose in my professional realm.

I am now endeavoring to provide Christmas presents for the several hundred children within my company, Families Link. It is my hope that I can count on each of you, as a compassionate group of individuals (I know you all

are) to help make a significant difference in the lives of those much less fortunate. Donations will be accepted at Conference Services and all money received will be used to purchase holiday gifts for the children of families involved with CPS in West Virginia. Please help me to provide these children with hope for a better tomorrow, and allow them to realize that there are those in the world who truly care.

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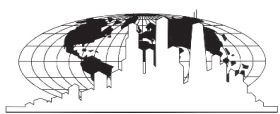
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ICJ Rules for Costa Rica

Alex Wenzel

In a territorial dispute between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, the International Court of Justice ruled against Nicaragua, deciding the South American nation shall pay reparations to the nation of Costa Rica. Nicaragua had been

charging money to Costa Rican vessels that docked on a Nicaraguan river, which the majority decided was in violation of The Treaty of Limits, Article 6. Nicaragua disputed the Court's jurisdiction to rule upon the case because it was made prior to 13 De-

cember 1901. The Court considered this reservation in conflict with the 1848 Bogota Act, supporting their jurisdiction to hear the case.

Oral arguments were heard on the final ICJ case, Spain v. Canada, which considers the question of fishing rights and jurisdiction on the high seas.

Invading Personal Space Pt. Deux

IPD Reporters:

You guys have been a really great asset this year and we appreciate all the hard work you put into our Chronicle. We <3 U!

- Eric, Tim, Luke

Dr. Hody is with us in spirit.

- James Webber

Here's a shoutout to all those here at AMUN '07 and who also debate policy for your respective colleges and universities.

- Jesse Meyer

Secretariat:

It has been a real honor serving as your SG this year. Thanks for making it memorable. I love you guys!

- Chandra

CSUS Crew:

Thanks for the memories. Let's make more please! With love, **The Punchline**

To DS:

Sorry about your room caving beneath the waters of Poseidon. You guys rock!

Chandra, congratulations on running one of the top three conferences in AMUN history.