

However, that does not mean they will not be successful in the future, because the Soviet Union, as I am sure all Members know, is a very determined country. Time does not mean the same thing to Russians as it means to the people of the West. We are accustomed to accomplishing objectives within a matter of months or a few years. On the contrary, the Russian concept of time certainly appears to be much different. There is ample indication that the Russians are prepared to wait five, ten or fifteen years, and perhaps longer, to attain their ultimate objectives. Last year no horses were spared, so to speak, in making these attacks upon the Secretary-General. Even when misprints appeared in United Nations documents, Soviet delegates suggested they were manifestations of the inefficiency of the Secretary-General. That is an example of the type of thing which occurred last year.

The other principal method employed by the Soviet delegates involved attacks upon and suggested changes in the structure of the United Nations. The suggested changes gained certain sympathy among other delegates to the United Nations chiefly because of the great enlargement in the number of organizations within the United Nations and because they had not expanded as perhaps they should have. I will have more to say in that regard in a few moments.

The Troika Idea

The suggestion by the delegates of the Soviet Union involved a tripartite leadership or "troika", a three-headed affair much like Cerberus in mythology, the three-headed dog who guarded the gates to Hades. This suggestion sounded very logical, there being one head from the West, one from the Soviet bloc and one from the neutrals, whoever they may be. Under this set-up there would be three Secretary-Generals each with a veto power. Recently, Mr. Khrushchov informed Mr. Sulzberger that was not the meaning of the suggestion. However, in view of Mr. Khrushchov's recent statement that the Soviet Union would never be first to resume nuclear testing, I do not think much weight can be placed on his undertakings.

The effect of a three-headed organization for all branches of the United Nations is pretty obvious. The Secretary-General's duty is to implement resolutions passed by the General Assembly. In regard to the establishment of three Secretary-Generals, I do not think I need go further than point out that the difficulties would be almost insurmountable in view of the difficulty experienced on the part of one Secretary-General in implementing some resolutions in the past. If we had three Secretary-Generals attempting to implement resolutions, I suggest the Russian delegates would be successful in accomplishing their intentions, and completely stultifying the work of the United Nations. If this three-headed monster were to be duplicated in all branches and organizations of the United Nations, I suggest the chaotic results are very obvious.

The Soviet Union has not succeeded so far, but that does not mean it will not succeed; because the election of a new Secretary-General comes up before long and the Soviet Union, with veto power in the Security Council, will not agree to the appointment of a Secretary-General. They can hold up the appointment until they get their own way or partly their own way, and that is a very great danger to the United Nations at the moment.