



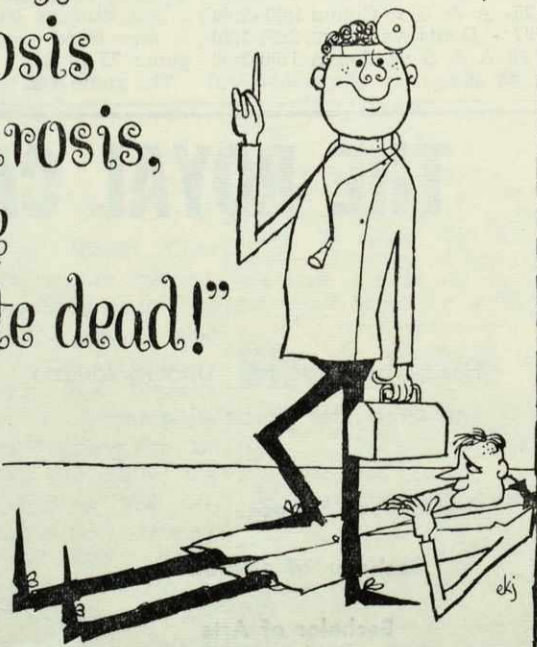
## Foreign Affairs

*Nina Popalot and Senator J. Duck Snear recently met at the United Nations in the interest of foreign affairs. Their consultations were carried out in the best of spirits, but no lasting rapprochement occurred.*

*After due deliberation, Miss Popalot wryly concluded that more attention should be given to foreign affairs.*

A brilliant Med. student once said,  
 "If a person cuts off his own head,  
 I'm sure diagnosis  
 Points to a neurosis,  
 But, I'm positive  
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## America and the U.N.

— Callous and incompetent by turns —

by A. St. G. Abbott

In the course of previous contributions to the *Gazette* I have had occasion to deliver myself on the subject of United Nation's folly and American decline. Far from my efforts having had any salutary effect in arresting such tendencies (it is perhaps too much to expect of Mr. Kennedy and U Thant that they should subscribe to *The Dalhousie Gazette*), at least your political correspondent can draw melancholy comfort from having predicted the consequences of these trends.

**U.N. Activities**  
 Since my previous criticism of U.N. activities, we have learned of the starvation of refugees under U.N. "care"; we have learned of the cold-blooded murder of Col. Andre Cremer while held in U.N. custody; we have seen the U.N. officially proclaim Moise Tshombe the murderer of Patrice Lumumba without permitting the accused one word in his own defence; we have observed how the U.N. has encouraged Baluba tribesmen to butcher and rape in northern Katanga with a view to weakening Tshombe's authority there; we have seen the United Nations permit an invasion of Katanga by a drunken, mutinous mob, masquerading as the Central Congolese Army whose first and only "victory" was, ironically, the assassination and dismemberment of 13 U.N. Italian airmen; and finally we have witnessed the utter and incredible stupidity of a second U.N. invasion of Katanga.

There can be little doubt that this second act of aggression was dictated by motives of revenge, and the desire to regain face. Little men with inferiority complexes can be relied upon to be relentless while their prestige is threatened. These men justify their actions with the fantastic excuse of "restoring order" in Katanga, the one part of the Congo where, except for the bloodthirsty antics of the United Nations, order has reigned from the first day of independence.

**Mutiny In The Congo**  
 The righteous indignation of U Thant over the murder of the Italian airmen can in no way absolve the United Nations from their primary responsibility in the outrage. To shuffle any significant part of the blame onto the so-called "Congolese Army" is as absurd as to try a crocodile for murder. Mutinying against officers who were themselves little other than commissioned mutineers, this "army" behaved in conformity with its own wild, ungovernable, and barbarous nature. Without plans, supplies, or direction, the "Central Government's Army" was routed at the first whiff of shot and smoke, thereafter setting about the more congenial tasks of getting drunk and raping defenceless women. The burden of guilt lies not so much on the "army" itself, as on the United Nations in having failed to disarm or suppress it, but rather in having encouraged it on its errand of brigandage.

Following the failure of its first attempt to suppress Katanga by force, to deny it the right to self-

determination so righteously supported elsewhere — following this and the tragi-comic efforts of M. Adoula's "Central Government Army" — the U.N. finally resorted to breaking its own recent treaty with Tshombe, attaching Katanga for the second time, now with massive United States assistance.

In so doing, the U.N. revives memories of Hitler's Anschluss against the Sudetenland and Austria. Precisely the same arguments (the necessity of incorporating outlying people into a greater whole) and precisely the same methods (terror through military aggression) attended both these unwarranted violations of decent and peaceable societies.

**American Morality**  
 While the U.S.A. remained indifferent and aloof to Hitler's rape of Austria, she encouraged and assisted in the rape of Katanga, her position in both instances being determined by her natural rapacity, covetousness, and greed. Certainly moral considerations do not enter the picture. Morality is something to be preached to the British, the Belgians, and the Russians. While morality may mean one thing to the narrow Puritanical bigotry of a New Englander, and quite another thing to the licentious libertine from Nevada, it means only one thing to the American administration. Like the U.N., it serves as a useful front from behind which to practice the ancient art of theft.

Whereas in the late 1930's, America could see no advantage to herself in resisting Hitler's tyranny, over small and harmless nations, in 1961 she can see a distinct advantage in promoting a similar form of tyranny herself. Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Poland offered no immediate prize, and intervention on their behalf would hardly outweigh the solid advantages accruing from an uninterrupted pursuit of chewing gum promotion and tough-guy movies (it has always amazed me that the most dripping wet nation on earth contrives to have simulated toughness as an ingredient of its culture!). But in 1961, Katanga's great natural wealth and efficiently organized industry offer tempting take-over possibilities. At the very least, the cessation of copper production from Katanga's mines would reflect a solid advantage to America's industry.

**The Fallacy**  
 United States (and United Nations) policy in the Congo is based on a fiction: that there is in the Congo a Central Government which is desirable and, with aid, capable of governing the whole country firmly and justly. The American ambassador in Leopoldville, in support of this fiction, recently suggested that M. Adoula of the Congo Government should be allowed to "extend his authority" over Katanga. This is the same M. Adoula and the same authority which failed so conspicuously to control the rapists of Albertville, the murderers of the U.N. Italian airmen, or the industrious cannibalism of the Balubas. Apart from the manifest immorality of the suggestion, it displays a naive absurdity which only an American ambassador would be fatuous enough to advance — unless he had special fish to fry with the extension of chaos.

**Ignorance And Perfidy**  
 The same odium which attaches to the U.S.A. must necessarily apply to Canada also, in respect of the mutilation of Katanga. The Prime Minister of Canada (in distinct contrast to the Premiers of Britain, Australia, and New Zealand) has seen fit to back the U.N. all the way. A distinction lies, I think, in that Mr. Dieznbaker's Protestant evangelism permits him to believe that he is in on some form of moral crusade, while Mr. Kennedy's more sophisticated Catholic temperament allowed him to know that he is not. The result is the same, the difference lying with the intention — motivated by ignorance in the one case and by perfidy in the other



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