

In my mind, there have been four outstanding achievements so far in this Session:

- (1) A number of big and important issues have been aired without wars or walk-outs.
- (2) The attempt to find a peaceful settlement in Korea, while not yet successful, has united the free world as never before.
- (3) There has been increasing contact between nations and groups of nations previously isolated from one another.
- (4) The patently obstructionist attitude of the Soviet bloc has sharpened the world's perception in distinguishing shameless propaganda from honest strivings for peace.

To me, the most vital service that the U.N. is giving humanity is to let light in on the affairs of nations.

How terrible could have been the history of the past seven years if the nations had not stood under the steady, searching light of world scrutiny! There can be no question that, because of the existence of the United Nations, some conflicts have been avoided, others have been brought to a speedy end, others have been kept from growing into global wars.

Because of the moral force this organization has mobilized, millions are at peace who might have been plunged into war; millions are free who might have been enslaved. Nations have found freedom that might have been left in subjection. The tyranny that disease and hunger and poverty and ignorance hold over men has been effectively lessened through the work of the many humanitarian agencies of the United Nations.

One of the great advantages of world debate is that it educates the ordinary men and women of this earth in the way in which nations behave. Under the revealing searchlight of world opinion the true colours of Communism, for example, are starkly evident. World debate has brought the rulers of the Red empire out where we can see and study them. It has tempted them beyond the Iron Curtain, beyond the vast Kremlin-run concentration camp of Soviet states and satellites to defend their views in the market-place of the world.

Communist propaganda does not wear well. A lie, however big, cannot live long. In time truth will prevail. In the long run, the twists and turns of the sinuous, cynical Soviet line and the brutalities and failures of its system will disgust all except those whose senses have been drugged and dulled by the opiate of Communism's false promises and empty dreams.

Only the truth can make men free. That is why we must continue every effort in the councils of the United Nations to set the record straight, to identify poisonous propaganda, and to speak up for what our people and all people -- even the mute millions of Russia and Russian-run minions -- believe in their hearts.