

PAYING THE CONGO BILL

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health in July 1960, when the Congo operation was launched. The immediate cash outlook is particularly bleak because the assessment notices for the 1960 costs of the Congo operation unavoidably did not reach member states until 1961, and because the Assembly established an *ad hoc* account for the Congo, to which, judging from the UNEF precedent, member states may again not pay their assessments as rapidly as they do the regular budget.

"My Delegation believes that the time has now come to decrease the dangerous reliance which the Secretary-General must place on *ad hoc* procedures such as borrowing from special accounts, from governments, or from commercial sources. To this end we would suggest that the following steps be considered: (1) Member states who are in arrears in respect of the regular budget and the UNEF Special Account should be urged once again to meet these arrears. If they cannot do so immediately, they might consider making monthly payments (as was suggested in this Committee last fall), or they might make partial payments. The fewer the countries which are in arrears, the more likely it will be that legislatures and parliaments will agree to any short-term advances which may later still prove necessary. (2) The Secretary-General should be instructed to send out the assessment notices for the 1961 costs of the Congo operation as soon as the Assembly passes the required financing resolution. (3) Member states should again be urged to pay all their current assessments as early in the year as possible. The current assessments are the costs of the Congo operation in 1960 and 1961, the 1961 regular budget and the 1961 UNEF costs. (4) The Secretary-General might be asked to discuss with member states, using the various means at his disposal, the importance of bringing about reductions in the number of states which are in arrears, and the need to make immediate payment of current assessments. (5) Some kind of negotiating machinery, perhaps similar to the Negotiating Committee for Extra Budgetary Funds, might be established to work towards an improvement in the organization's cash position....

"In conclusion, therefore..., my Delegation would express the hope that we will cease from devising yet more temporary and stop-gap procedures for dealing with the peace-keeping

expenses of the United Nations. We would hope that the groundwork could be laid for a full discussion at the sixteenth session of the questions I have suggested and that, in the meantime, member states would make every effort to meet the obligations of this and past years so that in September we do not need to be faced with a renewed financial crisis but an atmosphere of calm, so that we can take the sort of sound and long-range decisions that the present situation in the United Nations requires."

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TORONTO COMMERCIAL THEATRE

With a \$243,000 advance on "The Sound of Music", finale of the famous musical team Rodgers and Hammerstein, playing Toronto's O'Keefe Centre from April 4 to 22, the management announces from New York that another Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Flower Drum Song", has been booked into the Centre from June 5 to 17.

The touring company of the two-year Broadway show will follow the Metropolitan Opera as the final offering of the O'Keefe Centre's first season, which opened October 1 with the Lerner and Loewe premiere of "Camelot" and offered 36 weeks of solid bookings with 23 different attractions.

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AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the appointment of Mr. Richard P. Bower as Ambassador of Canada to Uruguay. Mr. Bower, who is at present Canadian Ambassador to Argentina, will be concurrently accredited to the governments of both countries and will reside in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Bower was born in Kansas City, U.S.A. in 1905 and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. He joined the Foreign Trade Service in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1930, and has served abroad at the following posts: Rotterdam, 1931-33; Djakarta, 1933-36; Auckland, 1936-39; Sydney, 1939-42; St. John's, Newfoundland, 1942-45; and London, 1946-55. Mr. Bower transferred to the Department of External Affairs in January 1956. He was Ambassador to Venezuela from April 1956 until October 1958 when he was appointed Ambassador to Argentina.