

*\* There are times when United Nations debate – prolonged boring, discouraging – is in fact a sophisticated, useful and often planned device for finding time in which the fever can subside.”*  
(World Affairs Interpreter, June, 1955)

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*\* The ancient Parthians poured molten gold down the throats of those of their country who spoke longer than was deemed fit in public council. And in seventeenth-century New England, loquacity was often punished in the ducking pool. If these practices were yet in force, the corridors of the United Nations would be filled with precious cadavers of men shaking water out of their ears.”*  
(United Nations News, Oct. 1955)

\* While both the views reveal something about the General Assembly, neither discloses that it is in the corridors of the UN building and in inter-delegation consultations at private meetings in Permanent Mission offices that much of the substantial work of an Assembly is facilitated.