

Mr. MacKenzie - Do you see any indication that the Soviet Union - that the Communist countries - have taken a more co-operative attitude towards the United Nations since the fifteenth Assembly, when all that trouble occurred?

Mr. Green - The co-operation last fall and so far during 1962 has been much closer than it was a year earlier. A number of steps have been taken by agreement, and tension has lessened a good deal since the problem of a replacement for Mr. Hammarskjold was worked out. You will recall that that was done by unanimous agreement, although the Russians had demanded that the Secretary-General's office should be filled by three men - one from the Communist world, one from the West, and one from the uncommitted countries - and that each should have a veto. However, they dropped the idea and agreed to the appointment of U Thant.

Mr. MacKenzie - A suggestion has since been made in the United States, and in Britain - and it may be that this has only been made in the press and not formally - that some kind of mechanism (not a three-part Secretary-General, but a representative group of advisers, or something of that sort) be set up under the Secretary-General. Has there been any movement toward this?

Mr. Green - U Thant has actually done that since he took over as Acting Secretary-General. He now has a larger advisory group around him than Mr. Hammarskjold has and they represent a much wider group of countries. That is in effect today.

Mr. MacKenzie - To return to the suggestion that this is a particularly critical time at the United Nations. This is partly based on the view of some of the European countries that the United Nations is just a "talk-shop" and partly on the concern, which Lord Home expressed, that the small powers may be voting in a different manner on issues where they are using force than on issues where a larger nation uses force. Do you see any attitude on the part of the small or middle powers that is likely to cause the big powers to rely less on the United Nations?

Mr. Green - I would hope not. In my experience at the United Nations, I have found that the representatives of all countries are a pretty good lot. Of course they are trying to put forward the views of their own people, but I don't think that any more criticism should be levelled at the small or middle members of the United Nations than at the large ones. One thing to remember is that all these delegates are human and that they make mistakes. Almost everyone has faced some criticism.