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# Model UN to be on NET

The United Nations.

Is it the only hope for world peace or only a farce presented to a world-wide audience with plenty of rhetoric but little action?

The Union's Model UN (MUN) committee believes the UN is "our real hope," according to chairman Dave Holst. The committee offers its program as a means for students to understand UN operations.

Model UN is "an important learning experience" where relevant issues are discussed, Colleen Harper, MUN publicity chairman said.

By working with other delegations and supporting positions other than those of the U.S., participants get a better perspective on world politics, she explained.

Issues to be considered at the Dec. 4 and 5 mock assembly will be Red China's admission to the UN, the Middle East situation, the South African

apartheid problem and the mini states problem.

The committee hopes to have 85 delegations at the assembly which will be televised on educational TV, said Harper.

MUN Advisor Jim Smith said the committee is trying to get a speaker for Dec. 3 through the Newsweek magazine speaker service. This service provides speakers for specific topics at no cost to students, he added.

At present, 25 delegations have been formed. Applications may be obtained from living units, Harper said.

Applications require the names of five delegates and the country the delegation wants to represent. Countries are assigned on a first-come first-serve basis.

Harper said an \$8 fee from each delegation covers all costs of the program except individual meals and lodgings.

Model UN will take place at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on East Cam-

pus. Committees will be formed to discuss proposals the first afternoon and the general assembly will meet all day Saturday.

Each delegation receives a handbook, resolutions and background information. The handbook lists information on where to find a particular country's position on issues.

Holst said the committee is having an all-out campaign this year, and "everything to date is going ahead of schedule."

## Hail to thee, blight spirit

Claire Porter, manager of the NC+ Hybrids, will speak on corn blight and its effect in Nebraska at the Mechanized Agriculture Club. The Club meets Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Engineering Building.

# 'Russia still controls Eastern Europe'

Americans are floundering in a morass of mythical fantasy while Eastern Europeans continue to languish under Russian oppression, according to a former member of the Polish Underground.

"The Brezhnev doctrine reserves for the Soviet Union the right to interfere in the affairs of any member of the socialist commonwealth," said Jerzy Hauptmann in a lecture sponsored by the Institute for Political Analysis Tuesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union.

Hauptmann chairman of Park College's political science department in Parkville, Mo., added that this doctrine made any coercive action such as the Czechoslovakian invasion "completely rational" from Russia's point of view.

Meanwhile, "we in the United States are fascinated by the theory of evolution," said Hauptmann. "We believe there is a kind of progress in Eastern Europe that will occur no matter what we do."

Hauptmann said time-worn elements of this "evolutionism mythology" are the belief that a general liberalization is going on behind the Iron Curtain, that the Soviet-style planned economy is evolving into a market economy, and that anti-Soviet nationalism is sweeping Eastern European countries.

But the fact is, Russia "tells you how far you can go" in

Eastern Europe, stated Hauptmann. "If you overstep, something happens to you."

Two myths were added during the Czechoslovakian experiment, in Hauptmann's opinion. The first was "socialism has a human face and can be good to individuals." The second was that the Communist Party could act like a party, and perhaps even accept opposition.

"Soviet tanks destroyed these myths," said Hauptmann.

The Czechoslovakian invasion caused a lot of confusion in the West, continued Hauptmann, but now "we're back to playing games again. We're talking about Hawks and Doves in the Politburo, analyzing the seating arrangement at (Communist) meetings, and so on."

And Americans are creating "a new revised standard edition of myths," he said. "We love myths."

One of these myths, as Hauptmann sees it, concerns Red China. "We think the Soviets are so afraid of that big giant that they are going to leave Eastern Europe alone now. As if they can't concentrate on more than one area at a time."

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