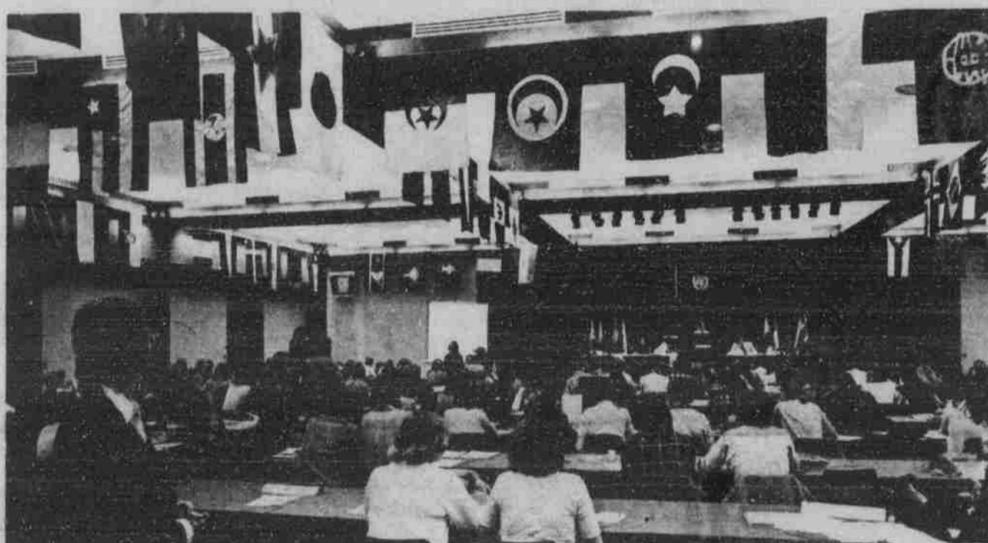


Luxembourg and Syria were two of the delegations that dressed in their "native" garb during the Nebraska Model United Nations (NMUN) which delved into such areas as nuclear nonproliferation, over-population and the Middle East crisis. Photos by Steve Boerner



The NMUN General Assembly, in its three-day session, passed four resolutions, defeated one and indefinitely postponed another. Photo by Steve Boerner

'Queen,' 'Castro' visit Model UN

By Gina Hills

The three-day session of the Nebraska Model United Nations (NMUN) adjourned Saturday evening after the General Assembly passed four resolutions, defeated one and postponed another indefinitely.

Delegations from midwestern high schools and colleges represented about 65 countries at the conference. A visit from the United Kingdom's queen, Cuba's Fidel Castro and the threat of an oil embargo were conference high points.

Castro and the Queen, represented by UNL students, gave short speeches at the General Assembly (GA), as did Frank Black Elk, coordinator of the Lincoln American Indian Movement (AIM).

Recognize Indians

A resolution submitted by the Luxembourg delegation requested that American Indians be recognized in their own rights as sovereign peoples. The resolution further recommended that the United Nations demand the United States to stop criminal and civil prosecution of sovereign native peoples.

Black Elk read his resolution to the NMUN delegates and told them he would submit the same resolution to the United Nations for its consideration.

The Republic of Turkey submitted a resolution to the GA requesting that MUN Secretary General Dean Kirby be reprimanded for his "irresponsible behavior."

Disrupted discussion

The Turkey delegation said Kirby attempted to gain recognition as an unregistered delegation, disrupted important discussion in two committees and violated voting procedure.

The secretary general replied to the resolution but it was never debated on the floor of the assembly.

A resolution was passed which requested the "establishment of a new United Nations agency to regulate the legal and moral responsibilities of multinational corporations" and to tax them.

The revenue collected would be "redistributed by existing UN agencies according to the directives of the General Assembly."

A second resolution that passed established an international commission to develop and control the deep sea bed and continental shelf.

Pollution, environment

Pollution and the human environment were dealt with in a third resolution.

It recommended that an "organization be formed to monitor the pollution levels of air and water" and to compile statistics to be used for further legislation.

The final resolution passed during the conference proposed the creation of an independent Palestinian state. The resolution, which passed by one vote, also outlined recommendations for investigating the world refugee problem.

A resolution dealing with the proliferation of nuclear weapons was defeated in the GA. Had it passed, the committee on disarmament would have investigated all countries which have produced nuclear explosions.

The top six delegations, chosen by the secretary general, were United Kingdom, China, Syria, Austria, Ecuador and Israel. The outstanding high school delegate was Marcy Reed, a junior at Lincoln Southeast, who represented Ivory Coast. She won a \$50 scholarship.

UNL sophomore George Rubaurnya won the outstanding collegiate award for his representation of Zaire. He received a \$100 scholarship.

John Dean, former White House counsel and convicted Watergate conspirator, has been invited to speak at UNO as part of a series of lectures sponsored by the Student Programming Organization (SPO), according to Mike Massey, SPO board member.

Massey said Dean has not yet confirmed the \$3,500 offer to speak March 7. SPO has been trying for three weeks to schedule Dean and has agreed to provide for all expenses in addition to the speaking fee, Massey said.

Dean is expected to speak on the general theme of morality in politics, Massey said.

Also scheduled to speak at the UNO Student Center on Feb. 12 is Victor Marchetti, former CIA agent, Massey said.

Massey said Marchetti is expected to discuss the power of the CIA.

UNO invited John Dean to speak

SUN funding—caution urged

By Don McCabe

State Sen. Richard Marvel said the Unicameral should move cautiously before providing funds to the State University of Nebraska (SUN).

Marvel, chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said the committee would want to know if the students, served by SUN are also being served by other state learning institutions.

Marvel's statements were in reply to NU President D. B. Varner's request last week to the Appropriations Committee to consider matching the costs of getting SUN courses to the students.

SUN is an experimental project offering college courses at home through various media.

Varner estimated the cost of making the courses available at \$500,000 to \$600,000, half of which is recovered by tuition payments. The remainder, about \$200,000 is the amount Varner would like to see shared.

Compete for same students

Although Marvel has praised SUN, he said other state institutions are competing for the same student body. Junior colleges, vocational and technical schools are seeking adults, who compose the largest number of students enrolled by SUN, he said.

"The Unicameral is not in the position to provide funds to state learning institutions and adult classes which have overlapping courses."

Marvel said questions about who is served by the SUN courses and whether or not these people have been contacted by other institutions must be answered before considering allocating funds.

He also expressed concern that the economy may be a factor in the Unicameral's decision.

"Money will be tough this year," he said, "and people will be hurting economically."

No state funds

Varner, however, noted that no state funds have been used for SUN. He said he hoped the Legislature would be willing to participate in adult education in Nebraska.

He said his request for funds is "strictly to make the courses available to Nebraskans." The money is needed, he said, to cover mailing materials to students and phone conversations with students.

Also included would be the equipment costs and the faculty salaries of the four SUN learning centers, which are in Lincoln, Omaha, Scottsbluff and Kearney.

SUN is now supported from private foundations and the federal government.

A proposal for the money will be submitted to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for approval at their February 21 meeting, Varner said. If approved, he said, the request will be submitted to the Legislature.