

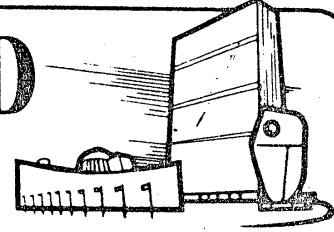
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Robert C. Lonati, Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization has decided to convene a World Tourism Conference. At a press conference, Lonati said that the Conference would be held at Manila in September 1980.

Negotiations Near Collapse UN Pushes SG's Election Plan

As so often before in the tortuous history of the negotiations on the future of Namibia, the carefully drawn independence plan endorsed by the U.N. Security Council last September teetered on the brink of collapse as the U.S. and four other Western nations proposed yet another New York conference, in a desperate bid to stave off disaster.

This time the omens were grimmer than before, with the mineral-rich territory's South African rulers apparently determined not to give another inch and the SWAPO guerrilla movement quite as adamant on its side.

Namibia Adversaries Criticise U.N. Plan

Short of a near-miracle, the ~~an independence settlement~~ acceptable to the U.N. appeared headed for an ignominious end. South African Prime Minister

force which is one of the key elements.

At press time, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, British Foreign Secretary David Owen, Canadian External Affairs Minister Donald Jamieson and



U.S. Mission to the U.N. were representatives of the five so-called front-line states: Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia.

Until a final communique, no one was willing to rule out the resurrection for the settlement plan, which involves the dispatch of a 7,500-man U.N. army and more than 1,000 civilian officials to the Namibia to supervise and control pre-independence elections. After President Carter's experience of Egyptian-Israeli peacemaking, in which he appears to have snatched victory from the jaws of near-certain defeat, even the most pessimistic U.N. diplomats wanted to hedge their bets.

Outcome of Negotiations **BP000589**

outcome of disputed diplomatic negotiations were seldom better illustrated than by that New York

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by Petronius

The United Nations Association of New York sponsored a public forum on "The United Nations Today and Tomorrow." British Ambassador Ivor Richard the guest speaker. Alas for Richard, if the polls are to be believed his U.N. term may be limited. If the Conservative party wins the upcoming elections, Richard, a Laborite, would be replaced.

Richard's boss, Foreign Secretary David Owen, visiting China next month, his first visit to Peking in that capacity.

Delegates saddened by the death of Per Haekkerup, who attended several sessions of the General Assembly as foreign minister of Denmark and was one of first Western leaders to call for action to stem South Africa's racist excesses.

Juliet Ofori-Mankata of Ghana, Remi Puissegur from France, and Kate McAnaney of the United States chosen to ring the Japanese peace bell at the U.N. heralding the spring equinox on Earth Day. John McConnell, founder of the annual celebration, reports that 900 city schools lined up to participate. Juliet, 11, Remi, 9, and Kate, 11, attended an Earth Day press conference, along with Jean Young, co-chairman of the program.

Ignoring a Security Council appeal, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted in favor of sending an American observer team to Rhodesia to monitor those April 20 elections in the Former British colony.

Islamic leaders in Iran accused of instigating attacks on the Bahai religious community, in a statement by Victor de Araujo Bahai representative at the U.N. The Bahai has N.G.O. consultative status.

Eric Gairy, whose interest in UFO's got the U.N. involved in the phenomena, deposed in a bloodless coup while he was in New York for talks with Secretary-General Waldheim, Gairy, prime minister of Grenada at the time, called Waldheim to cancel their meeting, pleading "events in my country." Later, he asked the U.S. and Britain to help put down the uprising.

Two new permanent representatives: Noel Sinclair of Guyana and Umberto Larocca of Italy. Larocca Egyptian-born.

Former Ugandan permanent representative Grace Ibingira, now a U.N. consultant, appealed in a statement to the Uganda army to revolt against Idi Amin. Ibingira, who was imprisoned by the former government, urged his compatriots to make sure "such tyranny shall never come again to our land."

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Pieter W. Botha and Foreign Minister Roelof F. Botha continued to make hostile statements about Secretary-General Waldheim's proposals for implementing the nationhood plan, and SWAPO President Sam Nujoma criticized the proposed composition of the U.N. security

sioner for Namibia and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Namibia.

the deputy foreign ministers of France and West Germany prepared for a crucial face-off with Roelof Botha. Also scheduled to join the talks at the

UNCTAD Drafts Meeting On Multimodal Transport

A draft Convention on International Multimodal Transport has been completed after more than five years of preparatory work under the aegis of the United Nations Conference On Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The draft Convention will be submitted to a United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries, to be convened in November.

According to M.E. Selvig, of Norway, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for all the six sessions held since 1973, the draft Convention constitutes a good basis for the work of the forthcoming Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

The draft Convention contains six substantive parts dealing with general provisions on the scope of the Convention; the issue, content, and evidentiary effect of the multimodal transport documents; liability of the

multimodal transport operator for loss; damage or delay to the goods entrusted to him; liability of the consignor of the goods; claims and actions in connection with recovery for loss, damage, or delay of goods, and miscellaneous provisions.

Selvig observes that the increased utilization of cargoes in the past decade -- the use of containers or pallets that allow door-to-door transport without the need to break bulk at transshipment points -- has given a strong impetus to the growth of multimodal transport operations.

The new Convention, according to Selvig, would establish an international legal regime to which the contracts and documents devised by commercial interests would have to conform.

The Convention would also set international legally binding

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Limp Home, Pactless" the very day the president obtained Egypt and Israel's agreement to his proposals, putting a treaty pretty well in the bag.

But the feeling persisted in U.N. circles that, in the Namibia case, South Africa was never 100 per cent committed to acceptance of the Western plan, while SWAPO might prefer a continuation of the bush war to a test of its political strength in free, U.N.-supervised elections in the territory.

As a press conference in Johannesburg on his return from a protracted visit to Europe, the South African foreign minister said his white minority government was not prepared to renegotiate the settlement proposals.

Military Action Intensifies

Botha also questioned the usefulness of the New York talks.

Meanwhile, according to the Angola defense ministry, a South African force of infantry and armor, with air support, penetrated 10 miles inside Angola from Namibia in a new strike against an alleged SWAPO base in this neighboring black African state.

Bombs and rockets were used in support of the ground action in the Cahama area, the ministry said.

South Africa Objects

To SWAPO Base Proposal
South Africa's principal ob-

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