

Legal Clinic

□ Please express my appreciation to the staff and management of *The Carolina Times* for the outstanding manner in which the article, "Central's Legal Clinic Helps Students Get Into Cases," was prepared and written.

One of the significant contributions of the Black press — especially *The Carolina Times* — has been the forthright manner in which it has portrayed the realities of the Black-American experience while nurturing the hope that through persistence, dedication and commitment, the lot of Black-Americans can be improved.

I congratulate *The Carolina Times* for its continuing service to Durham and the surrounding area; I salute *The Carolina Times* for reporting stories of human experiences that might not otherwise be written.

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United Nations Needed: A Symbol To Africa in the U.S.

By Curtis T. Perkins

I have recently returned from travel to again observe the great and small events at the United Nations. The scene is tragic as this institution gropes for peace.

The new Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has been given key tasks by the general Assembly and Security Council but has been stymied in carrying them out.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar from Peru has experienced first hand the lack of magnanimity from the supposedly great peace keeper, Great Britain, in dealing with the Falklands (or Malvinas) debacle. His suggestions to settle that silly military excursion were equally rejected by the generals of Argentina. The fighting seems over for now, but the causes remain.

Israel, in a heavy handed fashion, has ignored practically every resolution to behave in the Middle East. With the siege of her guns on the ground and in the air she has devastated Lebanon. Her objective, she claims, is to destroy the Palestine Liberation Organization which in the past has been accused of having in its charter to wipe out Israel.

Russia continues to impose its will on Afghanistan — Moslem nation. Thousands have been left homeless and dead. The Islamic Conference of over 43 nations continues to press for departure of the Soviets.

South Africa, with the foot dragging intervention of certain Western contact States, holds up elections for an independent Namibia. The apartheid policies of this bigoted government doggedly persecute its huge black majority with house arrests, detention and long jail terms.

The Nose Thumpers

First, let me state categorically that I do (as others) believe the UN is a fair organization. All of its decisions are democratically arrived at — often with hours, days and weeks of debate. Some accuse it of block voting and that the smaller or least developed countries have no right to make decisions affecting the industrialized West or, in Russia's stance, of representing the Communist group.

One has to have the patience as a writer to actually talk to all levels of diplomats — especially the ideals which they represent to arrive at what concerns the UN generally. Although the majority of the chief delegates are non-aligned, much can be gathered from the Western and Eastern groupings.

Here are some definitive conclusions which I wholeheartedly share:

— Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher should have used the UN negotiating process and the skills of Secretary-General, Mr. Perez de Cuellar to reach a settlement with the Argentines. The efforts of U.S. Secretary of State were termed duplications. The Secretary is thought to have made the UN's role next to impossible in the Falklands/Malvinas War. The Argentines were thought more cooperative.

The problems remain in these barren islands. Mrs. Thatcher, with high inflation, unemployment and an array of economic woes, has added a loss of scores of lives and wasted funds in military action. She may be a heroine in the United Kingdom with her people but in the eyes of the world her actions are seen as not needed and hurting America. The Argentine government cited as inept and brutal was bound for failure. It has fallen.

— Israel's blood letting in Lebanon is the result of her denial of a Palestinian homeland on the West Bank and in Gaza. She knows that the Palestinians have no where to go. Prime Minister Menachem Begin with every conceivable U.S. military hardware and unlimited direct aid has, with implicit U.S. backing, created a nightmare in the Middle East.

Thousands of lives have been lost. Neither the Palestinians or their present leadership, the PLO, will ever go away until these people, deprived of their homes and land, are settled.

In Lebanon, Israel is producing another emotional and dangerous course. She is siding with the Lebanese Christians against the Moslems and the Palestinians.

Sometime ago, I wrote a column — "Islamic Nations Impact On The World As A Newly Organized Force". In researching this article, I was amazed to note that there are close to one billion Moslems as against fewer than four million Israelis. This should compel Israel alone to be realistic and not arouse further this great giant of humanity.

I am sure Dr. Habib Chatty of Tunisia, Secretary General of the Islamic Conference and his Ambassador at the UN, Dr. Yousouf Sylla of Senegal, will commence talks with their 43 members to curb Israel. This organization, well conceived and with vast programs throughout the world, is a factor in behalf of the PLO and the Palestinians which will have to be reckoned with.

The conference is also highly critical of Russia for her occupation of Afghanistan and is working for her departure.

When over two-thirds of the UN membership either did not attend or walked out on Prime Minister Begin's appearance at the General Assembly, it shows the depth and the low esteem in which Israel and her policies are viewed by the world.

Because the UN has passed resolution after resolution both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly asking Israel to respect international law, Zionists in America are leading an all out effort to diminish the need for the UN.

Letters to the Editor:

Primary Elections

□ In the June 29, 1982 primary elections, the Black Community in Durham County like many of its sister counties across the State of North Carolina, turned out in such numbers as to have the significant voice in assuring the election and reelection of a meaningful number of progressive Black and White candidates. You the voter are to be applauded. Just as significant, was the impact that the Black vote had on the outcome of the Durham Civic Center Bond Referendum; without which, the winning margin of 2,700 votes would not have been possible. However, the margin of passage also reflects the reality that those who voted "No" should also be applauded for their conscientious expression on an issue for which the verdict is still out; the expression of this conviction must not and cannot be taken lightly by those empowered to prove to the entire Durham citizenry that their projections were based on sound social and economic analysis, rather than expedient political rhetoric. Your "No" vote, epitomized so clearly by the Pearson District, substantiates the validity of a pronouncement by Dr. L.H. Whelchel and the Durham Pilgrimage Coordinating Committee that "...an informed voter makes the right choice." Your "No" vote, supported by an ongoing demand for accountability, dispels forever the contention that you the Black Community cannot make a conscious political decision independent of self-serving paternalism.

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to the PLO along with Israel is a cause in part of the killings by Israel in Lebanon. The vetoes by my country in the Security Council and the General Assembly have helped to keep the Palestinian sore.

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□ Now that the "dust has settled" on the June 29 Primaries, it is appropriate to take stock. I for one feel strongly that the voters in Durham County made history two weeks ago Tuesday. And I am not referring to the results on the bond issue. At best the vote there was close to a stand-off, and leaves our community split as in the past.

For more significant and meaningful trends of the voters, one needs to look elsewhere. In the race for County Commissioners, the majority of the voters registered a strong signal in favor of better leadership. The spectacular vote of confidence given to Mrs. Elna Spaulding and Bill Bell, along with the election victory of Becky Heron as our new Commissioner, are harbingers of the future. Congratulations are in order to the many thousands who went to the polls and used their ballots so effectively.

Equally significant was the Senate contest between Mrs. Rosalie Gates and the incumbent Twins, Senators Royal and Hancock. Rosalie had her two opponents literally running scared, judging by their campaign tactics. But many voters sensed the high quality of Mrs. Gates as a new type of dedicated leader, more in tune with the needs of the times. In Person County where she was better known, Mrs. Gates got 3,824 votes to 1,629 for Royal and only 1,490 for Hancock. Durham, too, stood by her, giving her 8,000 votes. Not bad at all for a newcomer. And as Rosalie Gates put it on election night "Victory is not success and failure is not defeat." Well spoken!

There was still another significant vote cast on June 29, and that is the one given to the front-runner in the 2nd District for U.S. Congress. Durham can be proud of its backing of its "Native Son" by over 16,000 votes, thereby helping Mr. Michaux come out with a 44% tally in the 10 County District. If this trend continues, and is improved upon on July 27, the people of the 2nd District could have a winner.

Samuel Reed
Durham

MSA Resolution

□ I hereby submit the copy of the resolutions taken by the Muslim Student Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in a meeting of the Association which was held on Friday, June 25, 1982. It would be appreciated if you would kindly publish these resolutions in your newspaper:

Resolution Number One: "The Association expresses its strongest condemnation of the barbarous, cold-blooded aggression perpetrated on the millions of innocent people of Lebanon and the freedom-loving Palestinians by the war-mongering government of Israel. The Association deplors the false reports by the Israeli government that Palestinian casualties only number in the hundreds when, in fact, the Israelis are killing thousands of men, women, and children and making countless others homeless. The Association therefore demands an immediate withdrawal of all the Israeli armed forces from Lebanese territory without any further bloodshed."

Resolution Number Two: "The Association expresses its deepest concern for the non-compliance, of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution Number 507, by the Israeli government and demands that an immediate sanction be imposed by the United Nations against Israel for failure to honor the unanimous resolution of the world body."

Resolution Number Three: "The Association expresses its deepest shock for the failure of the United States' government to publicly condemn the Israeli acts of aggression, and demands an immediate suspension of all military and all other forms of aid to the Israeli government."

Resolution Number Four: "The Association strongly urges the community of peace-loving nations of the world to come forward and to help establish a permanent homeland for the suffering people of the Palestine who have been uprooted from their own soil and denied the right to exist as a nation."

Mamdouh Rezeika, President
MSA at UNC-Chapel Hill

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