

## Racism: A Fire Alarm for a Flood

Alex Wenzel

Few people at AMUN have as much first hand experience with genocide as Senator Bob Krueger who spoke yesterday. While serving as the American Ambassador to Burundi from 1994 to 1996, Senator Krueger was frustrated by western governments' non-involvement in Burundi. Krueger explains this as simple, bold-faced racism. I disagree, and posit an alternative explanation: the Senator argued that the difference between America's involvement in the conflict in Northern Ireland and its involvement in African conflicts is because Americans are simply racist. My explanation is the difference in the cultural divide. The Irish-American community, especially in the

Northeast U.S., has strong ties with Ireland culturally, idiomatically, and always increasing with constant immigration, whereas the African-American community has constructed their own culture, separate and distinct from its African heritage.

Another compounded explanation for the disparate involvement of the U.S. in Western European conflicts compared to involvement in developing countries is the difference of direct effects on the U.S. economy and society. When something happens in Africa, there is little if any press coverage because from the perspective of a news source (newspaper, TV news network, etc.), fewer people who consume their products care about a conflict in

Africa, and even fewer are effected (even indirectly) by it. When a few dozen Irish Republican Army soldiers are killed in a conflict, it gets a lot of press coverage because those who run the presses have an interest in European politics, and have the potential to effect American society.

Racism is an inflammatory word and can be thrown around to raise an alarm about worthy or unworthy issues. But the difference between American relations with Northern Ireland and relations with African failed states and developing nations cannot be explained by yelling 'fire' in a crowded theater.

### Sweden:

Gossip Girl here. Seen S. being very diplomatic, much appreciated by L. Rumor has it that some consensus building will be taking place at the dance tonight. Are you prepared? - Lebanon

### Correction:

In our 11/18 Evening Edition we incorrectly labelled Representative Amanda Seiffert. She Represents Paraguay rather than Uruguay

### Personals

Luv u Snuggle-Bunnie.

- Skeeter

Your FACE is an analogy, Kristen!

- Alex W.

### Kiefer:

Remember that it is not a good idea to email your work colleagues Conference inside-jokes.

- E.W.

SWM seeking SWF 4 night of dancing and fun. Have fun!

- SexyMan

## Facts about AMUN's No-Theme Dance

**FACT:** AMUN dances are where the coolest of the cool hang out to get their groove on.

**FACT:** Home Government's Malini will reign oblivion on your soul if you don't attend the AMUN dance.

**FACT:** Not attending the dance is bad + wrong = **BADONG!**

Please, save your soul. Attend the AMUN Dance tonight at 10:00 pm on the Ballroom Level.

We staffers prefer our Representatives to NOT\* be souless drones who do our bidding.

\*this statement may not necessarily be true

Photo by Tony Adamo



Malini's Urge to Kill: RISING...

## What Happened to this Year's Dance?

Corina Katzka

What happened to the fun and excitement of the American Model United Nations yearly themed dance? Every year, during the conference, AMUN holds a dance the third night after council sessions. Every year they seem to come up with a theme that allows for its participants to show off a little of their individuality. Past themes used were Halloween, Pajama, Fashion Faux Pas, Mardi Gras, Black and White, and Pick a Decade.

The representatives that I had the chance to speak with had just a couple of negative things to say. "I think that it is unfair. I think that they

just couldn't come up with anything... Not creative," mentioned Representative April-Dawn Puls of Mexico.

Maddie Daniels from the Special Political and Decolonization Committee believes that a themed dance "is more fun" but finds it to "not be practical."

Although many others decided to remain anonymous, they were not really concerned with there not being a theme this year and found that people tended to wear whatever they wanted to wear, regardless of the theme. According to some, its always fun to dress up but they do not consider it to be a big issue. The dance will be fun either way.

## Bloc Declares Situation In Darfur Genocide

Sam Lieberman

During an International Press Delegation conference Monday morning at 9:30 am, representatives from the United States of America, Belgium, Panama, and Slovakia announced they will be introducing a resolution to the Security Council declaring the situation in Darfur a Genocide. Representative Joshua Smith of Slovakia "strongly feels that this [situation] is a Genocide" and by declaring it as such the Security Council will be able to open doors for action for the United Nations.

The Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, the United



Members of the Security Council answer questions regarding Darfur Genocide during a press conference. Photo by Tony Adamo

Kingdom, and the African nations on the Security Council have stated that they will not support any resolution declaring the situation in Darfur a Genocide.

Representative Salam Lazkani of Indonesia believes that classifying the situation in Darfur as a Genocide is "purely political" because such a resolu-

tion will never pass the Security Council with the veto power of the permanent members.

Sudan has yet to comment on the declaration, however if the term "genocide" were adopted by the Security Council the Convention on Genocide would require military intervention, which the Sudanese government opposes.

## UNCTAD Representing the South

Emily Donohoe

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has a new outlook on the concept of globalization - using information and technology aid rather than economic aid in order to promote development in lesser developed countries (LDCs). France is heading an effort to write a resolution which would promote regional blocs sharing agricultural technology to promote sustainable development and alleviate poverty. Representative Xavier Lopez-Ayala of France says, "France is looking to humanize glob-

alization."

Representative Laura McNair of Venezuela expressed concern over dual-use technology by developed nations, particularly the U.S., to control weaker States that do not have access to advanced technology. McNair spoke of the aid that LDCs receive, money which often comes with conditions attached and becomes a means of control and creating dependency. "Who is representing the South?" asked McNair. This is the question UNCTAD's representatives hope to answer. By helping in the creation of regional blocs and facilitating

the process in order to reduce production, UNCTAD ensures that these nations are able to sustain themselves, and therefore maintain control.

The poverty levels in LDCs are high with 81% of the populations of these nations living below the poverty level. As Representative Lindsey Lilly of Hungary noted, "there is no band-aid solution [to development in the] economic South." By taking these first general steps and customizing programs for each region, UNCTAD hopes to facilitate significant economic change within these nations.



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