



AND THE WINNER IS... ..GERMANY!!

by Becky Zeman
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On Sunday morning, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) heard the arguments for the LaGrand case, *The Federal Republic of Germany V. The United States*. Germany took the U.S. to court because they felt the U.S. went against the provision of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (VCCR). The VCCR, which was signed by the U.S., says that countries have to tell foreign citizens of their right to communication with their home country. Also, Germany felt that the U.S. should have told Germany that their citizens were arrested even though it is not required by the VCCR. Germany argued that the U.S. failed to notify them before they executed the LaGrand brothers in Arizona.

After a six hour debate, the ICJ made the unanimous decision in favor of Germany's position. Justice Blackwell felt it was unanimous because Germany "has the facts, and the facts are on their side."

The advocates for the second case, *Argentina V. Uru-*

guay, presented their case on Sunday night. Argentina's position is that Uruguay violated the Montreal Protocol when they built and operated a pulp mill by the River Uruguay without consulting Argentina. Argentina states that the pulp mill is environmentally damaging and harms the health of its people, because of the chemical methylbromide that is released from the pulp mill. Methylbromide can cause neurological damage in humans and Argentina says that people who live by the river have become gravely ill.

Uruguay argues that they told Argentina before construction, and without hearing anything from them within a 180 day period, started construction on the mill. The Uruguay advocate stated, "our case is based on law, not environmental studies," and that methylbromide was not "an issue" in the river in July 2008.

The ICJ began deliberation on the second case at 8:30 pm on Sunday, but had not come to a decision by press time.



ICJ Justices ponder their court rulings, lunch choices.

Meet the Press

Notes from Recent Representative Press Conferences

Representatives from Belarus, Switzerland and Portugal announced that they are working on a resolution for the First Committee proposing disarmament in light munitions and small arms with economic incentives to nations. The resolution would support and increase the span of the Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration efforts to regions outside of Africa and would require full transparency and open up participating countries to U.N. inspectors. The resolution would have the U.N. contract an organization for disposal of the weapons.

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Representatives from the CCPCJ held a press conference this morning at 9:00. The subject was education and awareness in order to curtail human trafficking. The Representatives

described a resolution addressing the needs of rural and urban communities for increased education and technology in regions that lack resources.

The resolution would utilize existing NGOs and use their ties to aid rural communities. The authors strove to keep the resolution culturally sensitive by calling on local politicians, religious leaders and teachers in the region to speak out against human trafficking and sex tourism. The group also stressed its creation of national hot lines to report instances of trafficking victims.

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GA Plenary Representatives from Burkina Faso spoke at a press conference on the subject of eradicating malaria. The delegates stressed the importance of

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Update on the HSC

by Allison Roy
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Where is Ian Smith? That was the question falling from a slew of loose lips in the Historical Security Council Sunday afternoon.

Leaked intelligence later confirmed by the Kremlin

disclosed that the United States, United Kingdom, France and China have held secret meetings with Ian Smith, the notorious minority government leader of Southern Rhodesia during the ongoing discussion about the situation in that region.

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SECRET MEETINGS IN THE HSC

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The enraged delegates from the U.S.S.R. took the lead in making accusations.

"The Western countries treat Africa as its [sic] personal playground. We must move with the Security Council, not around it," said the Representatives of the U.S.S.R. "These organizations are not tools to distract the international community while the West flexes its muscles in its pride."

Such inflammatory debate rhetoric eventually precipitated a vote to call Smith into the Security

Council for questioning and concession-making. However, Smith remained mysteriously absent. An intelligence update presented to the council Sunday evening revealed that authorities raided Smith's home, but found that he had already left for New York to appear before the Security Council. Although they found the house empty of its highly sought resident, a teeming reserve of Soviet weaponry was confiscated from the premises.

Smith made his highly anticipated appearance at approximately 8:40 pm, but

offered unclear and contradictory information. Smith was subsequently dismissed from Council questioning.

The Historical Security Council is currently discussing its first draft resolution which outlines the necessary measures that must be taken in order to displace Smith's regime within a five-year time frame.

Representatives seem generally dissatisfied with the rate of progress of the Council and seem to collectively regard the matter as a case of excessively altruistic world policing.

Sovereignty & Accountability Win The Battle

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A resolution on the issue of Malaria by the United States, Russian Federation and Albania passed in the Concurrent General Assembly Plenary on Monday morning. This resolution came after they passed a motion with a significant majority to end debate on the issue of Malaria by 10 pm on Sunday night.

Rhiannon Borders, Representative of the U.S., said the resolution had a "cohesive approach between the

World Health Organization and State Officials." The premise of this would be to "allow both sovereignty and accountability," said Borders.

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Egypt voted against the resolution. "There were too many gaps," said Representative Ahmad Jimale of Egypt. "It wasn't specific enough" on how the resolution would be funded.

Josh Donnelly, Representative of Uruguay, abstained from the resolution, like many developing countries, because "it was too broad."

A resolution proposed earlier did not pass, partially because it lacked support from most developing countries.



A Representative speaking to the GA Plenary

Tammy Grit, Representative of El Salvador, said she supported the resolution because "it talked about providing technical training for community mem-

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individual plans of action for each country in Africa, rather than treating the continent as one country.

The Burkina Faso Representatives have adopted a plan under the Global Malaria Action Plan (GMAP), a campaign created by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. GMAP is a subsidiary of the rollback program and is regulated by the UN; however, GMAP is privately funded. The Representatives indicated this plan would better suit Burkina Faso because it was more time efficient and scientific research could be conducted to create a program specific for the country.

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A press conference was held at 9:30 am with Third Committee Representatives from Burkina Faso on the issue of human rights and the administration of justice, particularly pertaining to juveniles. The Representatives described the juvenile justice system in their country and were hopeful a resolution could be drafted using Burkina Faso as an example.

The Representatives emphasized family involvement and education instead of incarceration for juveniles caught in the legal system.

The Representatives also described their utilization of the social system as a way to aid juveniles. "Social workers are involved in every process in a way that treats children with dignity and respect," said Representative Kia Hebb of Burkina Faso.

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POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE (A.K.A. PERSONALS)

SWM Botswana looking for SWF who leads a diplomatically courteous lifestyle and dresses in embassy apparel. Must enjoy caucusing and drinking water from the cooler.

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Palestine would like to thank the Fourth Committee for their tireless efforts to bring relief to our people.

Special someone seeking ginger-bearded Swedish "meat" ball for late-night deliberation at delegate dance. I will be wearing black and white. Please meet me for an unforgettable evening.

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To the wonderfully delightful delegation from KZ, don't ever lose that loving feeling.

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Representatives Discuss Religious Intolerance

by Becky Zeman and
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The second press conference held by members of the Third Committee was on the resolution regarding religious intolerance. It was

that sovereignty is a right that countries take seriously. He notes an operative clause dealing with how countries can regulate NGOs so sovereignty is protected. "Frameworks are set so member states and NGOs work cooperatively," he said.



Representatives, discussing religious intolerance

the first resolution passed by the third committee with 51 voting in favor, 38 opposed, and 19 abstentions.

The resolution was drafted by Latin American and African countries, with ideas incorporated from other drafts from numerous blocs.

Time was an issue in the process of amending the resolution. "No one approached us with any ideas until the final few minutes," states Mexico's representative Laura Martinez. The one amendment moved to the floor was not passed because of the time constraint.

Including the values of other countries was extremely important when writing the resolution. The countries' participation with NGOs and attendance to the conference is voluntary. Representative Andy Stefan of El Salvador recognizes

Cooperation is the focus in the Third Committee. They anticipate a majority vote with the next resolution because the countries have learned, according to Sudanese Representative Tera Lutz, "multilateral communication is beneficial." With this cooperation, Representative Jeffrey Vitarius of Uganda hopes that religious tolerance will be "globally supported, but nationally implemented."

Correction

El Salvador, who is represented by Eastern Michigan University, was mistakenly left off the list of schools receiving honorable mention for their timely submission of their position paper.

UNEP: The Green Machine

by Tim Murphy
IPD Reporter

The UNEP worked late Sunday to produce a final report on their first topic. It is worth noting that unlike most committees, the UNEP is tasked with writing reports and passing resolutions that must pass by consensus.

Resolution UNEP/I/3 the World Climate Change Fund, also known as the Green Fund, passed by consensus. Three countries abstained. Representative Kevin Breslin of Syria said that the UNEP had a hard time figuring out how to fund these endeavors and prevent developed countries from "hijacking" the Green Fund. Some of the goals of the Green Fund are to help vulnerable countries adapt to climate change, stimulate research globally and fund grass-roots sustainable development. In an effort to mobilize financial resources to support long-

term cooperative solutions to climate change, the resolution calls for innovative financial mechanisms such as tax incentives and cap and trade.

UNEP also passed resolution UNEP/I/2 by a vote of 34/3/3. This resolution calls for countries to share adaptation strategies to address environmental issues. An amendment was attached to the resolution that garnered wide spread support.

By a vote of 9/14/11, UNEP resolution UNEP/I/1 failed.

With resolutions passed to address long-term cooperation on climate change, the UNEP moved swiftly to begin writing a report on this topic. By Monday morning, the UNEP moved on to topic two: Climate Change and Conflict.

The UNEP "has been very interesting and we are making good progress," said Representative Pieter-Augustijn van Malleghem of Angola.

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Committee Boycott over Lack of Palestine Discussion

by Ryan Thomas and
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A major disruption in the Fourth General Assembly Committee halted proceedings as enraged delegates stormed the Colorado Room

to hold a press conference. Representatives from Iraq, Pakistan, Israel and the United States voiced the collective opinion that the topic of Land Mine Action, while important to the international community, is decidedly less pressing

than the first topic of Israeli practices affecting human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories. The Representatives feel that although progress was

like to pass resolutions that are within our committee's purview," said the Representative from the Israeli delegation. "Our resolutions address the security of refugees and confidence

Committee Updates

SECURITY COUNCIL
by Danae Mercer
IPD Reporter

The Security Council focused on the issue of piracy in Somalia during Monday's first committee session.

Questions concerning Somalia's intentions were directed at a visiting Somali Representative. "What does Somalia want from our peace-keepers?" asked the Representative from the United Kingdom, "As long as what they want is what we want, then they'll get it."

Resolutions emphasized peacekeeping ground forces and anti-piracy naval forces. The SC appeared mostly united on these two issues.

"Overall, we want to do what's best for Somalia while maintaining our own sovereignty," said Hannah Gleeson, Representative from Indonesia.

ECLAC
by Becky Zeman
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The focus of ECLAC is currently on macroeconomics in the Caribbean. Will Thompson, Representative of Brazil, commented on the debate about fair trade and free trade under the jurisdiction of MERCOSUR.

The Representative from the Republic of Korea, Amelia Shister, believes

the economy will improve with better education. Other countries agree that education will benefit the economy in the long run. Shister says that education will "cultivate human capital and allow sustained development." Virginia Vega Siferd, the Representative from the Netherlands, says education is the "tool to diversify the economy."

With multiple resolutions being drafted, education seems to be the topic of choice.

ECOSOC
by Danae Mercer
IPD Reporter

"We're frustrated," exclaimed Robert Placek, Representative from Sudan, when asked about the atmosphere during ECOSOC's Sunday afternoon committee.

After passing four resolutions (three by consensus) on rural development Saturday, ECOSOC decided to switch topics. They are currently examining the status of non-self governing territories like West Sahara and Gaum.

Yet the new topic brought new challenges. A previously united ECOSOC found itself stalled with disagreements. "I think there are going to be some serious voting issues," said Placek.



Leaders of the walkout discuss their frustrations

made in resolution drafting on the first topic, it was highly inappropriate to change the discussion topic to Land Mine Action without further exploration of the previously introduced resolutions.

"The Iraqi delegation feels that moving to Topic 2 [Land Mine Action] was premature," said Representative Derrick Callo-way. "There is a crisis that is happening today and we cannot afford to ignore it."

The Representatives were eager to discuss the resolutions and goals they developed to address the preferred topic and avidly expressed the sentiment that their committee's focus would be better applied to a topic directly within its purview

"We want what is best for the body and we would

building."

The delegations from Iraq, Pakistan, Israel and the United States appealed, not only to the intensely crowded press room, but to everyone in their committee.

"We hope that this is a clear signal that we need to take a step back to Topic 1 [Palestinian Human Rights]," said Representative Calloway. "Let's consider cooperation and find common ground."

The committee, still in the process of discussing Topic 2, has once again come to a standstill as singular delegations find themselves divided in their zealous efforts to pursue their respective topics. Iraq, Pakistan, Israel and the United States remain steadfast in their efforts to return to the topic of Palestinian Human Rights.

BONUS PERSONAL ADS:

The 2008 AMUN Hottest Chair award goes to the chair of GA 2. Congratulations.

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