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Celebration of United Nations Day

October 19, 2004

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

“How Multi-Nationalism Works: The Test-Ban Treaty of 1996”

Featuring

*Hazel O’Leary, President of Fisk University,
former Secretary of Energy*

**Appleton Room, Jubilee Hall
Fisk University**

Directions from Downtown Nashville – West on Charlotte,
right on D.B. Todd, right on Jackson, left on 16th,
left on Meharry, park on Meharry or in lot on the left

Reservation Required

Call the UNA-USA office at (615) 321-1200
by Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Cost: \$16.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students
(Vegetarian Option and Scholarships available)

President O’Leary most recently served as President of the international energy-consulting firm O’Leary & Associates, Inc. that she founded in 1997 to focus on issues of corporate change, leadership and arms control.

From 2001-2002 she served as President and Chief Operating Officer at Blaylock & Partners, L.P., a top ranked African American investment-banking firm in New York.

During the first administration of President Bill Clinton, 1993-1997, President O’Leary served as U.S. Secretary of Energy, leading the Cabinet-level Department of Energy’s 120,000 Federal and contract employees in the pursuit of practical solutions in national security, science and technology, energy policy, sustainable development and economic productivity.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary to Speak at UN Day Dinner

The UNA Nashville Chapter is proud to announce that the Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary, President of Fisk University, will be speaking at the organization's Fall Dinner commemorating United Nations Day. The dinner will take place at Fisk University in the Appleton Room of Jubilee Hall on October 19 at 5:30 PM. President O'Leary's topic will be "*How Multi-Nationalism Works: The Test Ban Treaty of 1996.*" Please RSVP to the United Nations Association Office at 615 321-1200 by October 12.

Mrs. O'Leary was the first African-American, and first woman to hold the post of Secretary of Energy. One of her major tasks as Secretary of Energy was to negotiate the securing of nuclear materials in the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. She also led international trade missions to India, China, Pakistan, South Africa, and Latin America. During her tenure as Secretary of Energy Mrs. O'Leary was instrumental in getting the United States to end nuclear testing. This decision by the United States helped to encourage the establishment of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1996. This multi-lateral treaty has been signed by 126 nations. While Secretary of Energy she also ended the secrecy regarding U.S. government involvement in radiation experiments on human subjects.

Mrs. O'Leary received a law degree from Rutgers University Law School and graduated cum laude from Fisk University. While at Fisk she was inducted into the graduate chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Mrs. O'Leary received the prestigious Averell Harriman award for contributing to the ending of nuclear testing as well as the securing of nuclear materials around the world. In addition to her public and private sector service in the energy field she serves on several boards of directors for major corporations. She also serves on the boards of non-profit organizations including the World Wildlife Fund, and the Arms Control Association.

Please join old friends and make new ones as we celebrate the 59th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and hear about a vital issue of global security that will only become more important in the coming decades.

Hope to see you there!

Best Wishes,

John Miglietta
President



White House Chooses Leahy and Sununu as Congressional Members of U.S. Delegation to the 59th General Assembly, Sept. 21 from UNA-USA Website, www.unausa.org

On Friday September 10th, the White House announced the nominations of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Senator John E. Sununu (R-NH) as the Congressional members of the United States Delegation to the 59th U.N. General Assembly, which convened September 14th. The White House selected the nominees on the recommendations of Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Ranking Member Joseph Biden (D-DE). The selections require both the approval of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the full Senate, which Sununu's office believes will occur within the week. The two will be joined by the nominees for the U.S. Delegations' Public Representatives, Jane Dee Hull of Arizona and Yousif B. Ghafari of Michigan.

Leahy Returns to Congressional Delegation to Battle Landmines and to Increase Global War Relief

In last week's press release, Sen. Leahy said of his nomination, "We need the United Nations to succeed, and we need to be constructive in our relationship with the UN. I feel strongly about the dangers of the rift that has opened between us and the rest of the world, and I felt I should match that concern with my own direct participation." Leahy, who served in 1994 on the Congressional Delegation to the U.N., declared his intentions to use his return to the Delegation as a way to establish a U.N. permanent relief program to assist civilian war victims and to continue his fight to ban landmines worldwide.

Sen. Leahy, a former Vermont county prosecutor, was first elected to the Senate in 1974. Currently he holds two positions critical to U.S. funding of U.N. programs: as a member of Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce, Justice and State and ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Foreign Operations. Throughout his career, Leahy has led the battle to eliminate landmines globally by endorsing the Mine Ban Treaty and the UNA-USA's Adopt-a-Minefield® program.

Sununu Honored to be Nominated and Looks Forward to New Role

In his September 14th press release, Sen. Sununu joined his colleague from Vermont in expressing the importance of the U.N., "The international community continues to face complex issues, and the United Nations remains an important organization to facilitate global cooperation." Of the White House selection, Sununu said "This nomination is an honor, and I look forward to participating in the opening of the UN General Assembly next week." General debate opens September 21st and, according to Sununu's press release, President Bush will address the General Assembly on that day.

Senator Sununu began his Senate career in January 2003 after impressive victories against an incumbent Senator in the primary and an incumbent Governor in the general election. Prior to his election to the Senate, Sununu served three terms in the House of Representatives. Currently, Sununu chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Operations & Terrorism, which address several U.N. related issues.

UNA-USA National High School Essay Contest

Since 1986, the National High School Essay Contest on the United Nations has inspired students to engage global issues and the work of the U.N. through scholarship and critical thinking. Each year, UNA-USA publishes a topic and question of particular importance to the international community. Students then conduct research and write a response to the question, based not only on the information they have found, but also on their own views and opinions.

The purpose of the essay contest is not to summarize or evaluate the work of scholars, thinkers, government officials or authors. Instead, UNA-USA asks students to use these resources to structure their own arguments and reach their own conclusions.

The world in 2004 is a very different place than it was only a decade ago. Today, foreign military campaigns often overshadow a host of other international issues. But as many in America concern themselves with security-related matters, other areas of the world are quietly falling behind in health, human rights and developmental arenas.

High school students must engage these concerns and build awareness of America's place in the world not simply in terms of security, but regarding other global issues as well. International events will impact nearly every facet of a student's future life. And today, it is becoming more apparent that all people must think of themselves as citizens not only of a particular town or nation, but of the world as well.

For many students, this essay contest is a continuation of the work they already undertake in school, whether for a social studies course, an elective class on international affairs, or a club or program such as Model United Nations. For others, the event is an introduction to global issues and the U.N.'s work. Regardless of their experience though, all students have opinions and thoughts about the issues that impact their lives.

This year's question asks students to focus on another, equally important component of the U.N.'s work: the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDGs have set down ambitious, though achievable, benchmarks for the global community. As the world reviews its progress toward the Goals this year, we are hoping that students nationwide will come to understand the important of the MDGs and the U.S.'s role in achieving them.

The UNA Nashville Chapter is pleased to announce that we are partnering with the Vanderbilt and YMCA Model UN programs to offer more than \$1000 in prize money to winners from our region. For more information about the contest, please visit our website, www.una-nashville.org, or contact John Miglietta, education@una-nashville.org.

High School Model United Nations Conferences in Nashville



VANDERBILT
UNIVERSITY

Only in its third full year at the university, Vanderbilt MUN has blossomed from a casual meeting of friends who discussed international politics to a fast-growing organization with over 150 members representing a broad cross-section of Vanderbilt's campus. In its first two years, Vanderbilt MUN attended two intercollegiate conferences, the 2003 University of Chicago MUN and the 2004 Harvard National MUN (and won awards at both). In addition, the club hosted their first high school MUN conference, VUMUN 2003, attended by over a hundred students from across the state.

Currently, we are busy planning VUMUN 2004, Oct 29-31. We have schools representing several states planning to attend the conference, including ones from as far away as upstate New York and ones as close as across the street (University School of Nashville). In addition, we plan on attending at least three intercollegiate Model UN conferences this year alone (and on winning awards at each)!

We look forward too working closely with the UNA-USA in order to achieve our common goal of educating the populace on international events and politics. For more information on our programs or to find out what you can do to help, please visit our website at <http://modelun.vanderbilt.edu> or contact me, Jimmy Kerrigan, jimmy.l.kerrigan@vanderbilt.edu.



The YMCA of Middle TN's 22nd Annual Model United Nations Conference will be held in two sessions, November 5 – 7, and November 12 – 14, at the Hilton Suites Hotel in Downtown Nashville. More than 1000 high school students from around the state will participate. Information about the conference can be found at <http://tennesseeyig.org/>.

Volunteers are needed at both sessions to help with judging delegates and proposals for the awards ceremony. Judges are needed from 1:00-4:00 and 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. on Friday the 5th and the 12th and from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 6th and 13th. UNA Nashville Chapter has provided a number of judges in the past and it is a very rewarding experience. **If you are interested, please contact Susan Moriarty, 259-3418 ext. 109, smoriarty@ymcamidtn.org.**

Model United Nations, a simulation of U.N. multilateral bodies, introduces students to the world of diplomacy and negotiation.



Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Pack a light lunch and join us for these “brown bag” foreign affairs seminars, another educational service of your Nashville Chapter, UNA-USA:

October 21, 2004

***“Tibet and the United States”* - Derek Waller,
Prof. Emeritus of Political Science, Vanderbilt
University**

November 18, 2004

***TBA* – Marc Hetherington, Research Associate,
Political Science, Vanderbilt University**

December 16, 2004

***“Genocide in Darfur”* – Larry Helfer, Prof. of
Law, Vanderbilt University**

All Luncheons are free and open to the public at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, 1016 18th Ave. South, 12:00 –1:30 p.m. Parking is available at the Scarritt-Bennett Center directly across 18th Ave.

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