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Discussion on Korean crisis in SC

The last day of the fifth MUNA was hectic as the debates were suddenly stopped to discuss the North-South Korean crisis.

On a seventh of May, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) was attacked by air force units of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK). The US 8th army and armed sources of South Korea confirmed this news.

The delegate of DPRK in the GA, MUNA, Durga Shetty, said that its main aim is to defend socialism and this decision was well thought of by the Government.

The US delegate, Zayd Sukhni, said that this is a very dangerous situation and there was no threat from the US.

He thinks that DPRK should immediately stop this aggression and wants the UN to impose sanctions on DPRK unless they stop this.

Sukhni says that South Korea will have as much as help as they want from the US.

The Japanese delegate, Sara Abdullah Bader, said that she is very sorry for what has happened and said that Japan is with South Korea.

The delegate of Japan in the general assembly asked if war is a solution then this would only complicate the present situation.

The Chinese delegate in the security council, Andy Gelester, said that this was a bad idea and requested North Korea to put an immediate stop to the bombings.

The delegate of France in the GA, Ahmed Al Aseri, says that the French Republic sees DPRK's attack as not acceptable. It also believes that NATO troops presence in North Korea is not an excuse to conduct air raids on South Korea.

The delegate, Fatima Hashmi, was a guest speaker at the security council. She said that there were already enough problems in the world.

DPRK did not have enough reasons to start the bombings. She requests DPRK to stop air strikes in South Korea and also to stop behaving violently.

The Russian delegate in the GA, Marcia Pietrzak, who was also a guest speaker at the security council, said that Russia is ready to send more troops when the order is given by the security council.

The Yugoslavian delegate in the GA, Kristian Johnson, said that due to the present situation in his country they will try to remain neutral.

DPRK is under tremendous pressure due to the unexpected raising of South Korea.

Submitted by Roshni Alex and Sanobar Najam.



PRIZE GIVING: Abdul Abdul Nabi Abdullah Al Sho'ala, the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, is giving away trophies to the participants of MUNA. He congratulated all the participants, directors of various schools, and members of the Rotary Club of Adliya for having presented V ROTMUN.

Ethiopian and Eritrean war highlighted on last day

The final assembly of the SC yesterday commenced with the debate between delegates concerning the issue of the Ethiopian and Eritrean war.

Guest speakers discussing the topic yesterday, were delegates from GA representing Eritrea, Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Kenya and Russia.

Eritrea's delegate Fahad Juyehkar declared that "we must remember that this war has a high resulting number of casualties" adding

that peaceful ends should be used. Several clauses were passed and debated upon within the security council, resulting in a final passing of a resolution promising the UN aid to both the warring nations.

Furthermore, the co-operation of numerous aid agencies was promised to support the people of each country and the gradual withdrawal of military aid from Security Council

nations was also resolved upon. This proved to be a heated and successful debate within the Security Council as various points were raised concerning the wording of clauses and the operation of different plans.

The overall discussion was effective and progress was made concerning this important issue.

Submitted by Azzad Mulla and Sarah Smith

Specialist calls it a great experience

The Press Corps had a great experience interviewing Education Specialist, Safiya Al-Baharana, who is one of the people who have established the Press Corps to deal with this important position.

When asked her how she felt to be the founder person of the Press, Safiya said: "I am so proud looking at this group learning and growing so much. They enter through one door in one way and they go out as well through the same door but as a totally different people. I think it's something really great and is a worthwhile experience for youngsters."

We asked her whether the Press plays an important role in it, she replied: "Of course, the Press did play an important role. No one had the experience of Journalism. They did a fantastic job and wrote such wonderful

articles that people who weren't even present got an idea of the whole thing.

"I have been keeping copies of all the articles for the past two years and I am doing the same this year as well," she added. When we had asked her why she did not take up the Press experience this year she said: "I am involved in certain projects with the Ministry and I have certain private projects in hand, which is taking up my time. And when I finish I will certainly come back."

She said the inclusion of the Arabic Press is a great thing. The Press Corps have been doing a wonderful job. This is something great. This was her reply to our question on how she feels about this year's Press Corps.

By Ajit Joseph & Mariam Al Mannan

Students' views

THREE days of the Model United Nations have gone by and everyone present here all the delegates, the Security, the Press and all involved feel that MUNA is a great thing and they all feel very happy being a part of it. Here are the words of some of the participants.

Mexico (Mohit Sadani): "I think the MUNA is a great experience for many of us. Also, I feel great being here and I like the MUNA in the way that it feels so real."

France (Ahmed Al-Asery): "This is the third time I am participating in an event like

this. I was in ROTMUN last year and in CACMUN (Cairo American College Model United Nation) representing Belarus and the Russian Federation respectively."

Honduras (Aditya Vaidya): "I think that the MUNA is very constructive because it gives the participants more awareness of world issues. It also develops debating skills in all delegates which will be useful in the future. I think that all small countries have been given a fair chance to express their views openly in this Assembly. - By Ajit Joseph



THE FINAL CLICK OF MUNA '99: Memories of the unity that lasts.

'MUNA aims at motivating students' Face to face with MUNA directors

ANKARA American School MUNA director, Paul Generelli, said that it was his avid interest in the current events around the world that led him to encourage the students to take part in this event.

Generelli opined that the issues of water rights and child labour were very appropriate in the current global scenario. However, he regretted that more time could not be devoted to the issue of water rights in the general assembly due to the South Korean crisis.

Generelli was not in support of making the programme more international because the current size was just perfect and any addition would only lead to more focus on the programme rather than on the individual.

He hoped that the students have taken the MUNA seriously and have learnt the complexity of world issues.

"Adolescents usually think in black and white," said Generelli. "I hope that they realise after these three days of participation that the issues can be grey too," he added.

Interview with IKNS director Jennifer West.

Miss Jennifer West said that MUNA gives students an opportunity to excel academically and to excel at assembly are based on social, economic or political issues," he said.

He said the countries are selected in such a way that they are concerned with at least one of the two issues. He said if the citizens of a country represent their own country then they would speak out of emotions, assumptions and cultural baggage. Thus a country was not assigned to its own citizens. He also said that the final outcome is always a surprise and let's hope that it is a great success.

By Jean George and Lucia Johnson

time to see how much they have to offer to these problems. She found this as a real life experience for all students.

According to her this was an opportunity to meet teachers from other schools and listen to their ideas and experiences concerning the MUNA. This was her second year as the MUNA director and she found it considerably as improvement comes through experience.

A discussion with Steven Powers

We started off with a query about what Powers thought about the role MUNA played in helping the youth of today.

He said that there are basically two ways young people would find it helpful: First it introduces them to many difficult issues they are faced in the coming years. Secondly he said that it develops skills to enable them to effectively deal with problems when they arise.

Asked about how the parents could be more involved, Powers said they could help their children by sharing their own experiences and the knowledge they have.

He said it would be very helpful for the students to encourage their parents to attend the assembly.

He was also interviewed on what prompted him to take up the responsibility of becoming

a MUN advisor, to which he replied that just a little effort on his part provided an irreplaceable learning opportunity for the students.

He affirmed that this year's issues were momentous because they were truly international.

Asked about the plans of the MUNA going more international, he replied that indeed they were planning to include more schools from abroad since the internationalism in the conference would incorporate the true UN flavour and would provide different perspectives for all involved.

However Powers does not believe in expanding the MUNA for youth to university students since the universities would tend to dominate the assembly due to their increased depth and maturity.

Finally, Powers lent his words of wisdom while advising the participants to realise the value of words and working together in co-operation and kindness throughout their life would help in the socialisation and interaction with the public.

Interview with Jennifer Wallace

The interview started off with a query about what motivated her to take up the responsibility of being the person behind the scenes of MUNA.

She answered that she had gone to the Cairo Conference last year and had met Toops and Pratt there. She wholeheartedly accepted the chance to be a director, and explained that this was the ACNS's first ever Conference.

As for the parents' role in MUNA, she said since her husband had come all the way from Beirut, parents would not be able to play a significant role.

But their support and encouragement would be valuable to the children for keeping them abreast with current issues.

She emphasised the importance of learning co-operation and political acumen and to debate and speak eloquently, developing tolerance for the views of the other delegates.

Children could make the best use of the programme by realising the fact that they could grab small victories such as getting their resolutions included in the resolution book or getting people to support their views, she said.

Finally, she suggested students be very active listeners or getting people to support their views, she said.

Face to face with the directors Menon and Swami

The director of the MUNA, Krishnaswamy, was asked about his total impression about the MUNA, he said: "It is a very good opportunity for the students to get rid of their shyness and gain confidence. Krishnaswamy feels that it is a good chance for the students to come to know the problems of the world and become more practical in their views."

"The experience which they gain from this meeting must be practised. I was an eye opener to me," says Nandini Menon, one of the directors of MUNA.

Interview with Mr Michael Pratt from Bahrain School

Mr Michael Pratt, one of the directors of the MUNA, says that this is the first time he is part of the directorial team of the programme.

He accompanied his group to Cairo last year.

When asked what he thought about the programme he said: "If you look at it from the view point of a teacher, it is the best form for issuing ideas from the children."

We asked him if we would see him next year he assured us that nothing could keep him away.

Submitted by Roshni Dominic, Preethi G.M, Sanobar Najam, Roshni Alex and Jinu Abraham.



HE Abdul Nabi Abdullah Al Sho'ala, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, being presented with a memento by Ali Foulladh, President of the Rotary Club of Adliya.



A chat with Toops.

"TO MAKE the young people better aware of what happens around the world in which they live, to make them leaders of tomorrow, and to make them aware of the problems that can affect different nations are the main aims of the Model United Nations Assembly," said Earl Toops, Director of the MUNA.

He said that it is to instil in them self-confidence, enable them to stand in front of a large group of audience, give speeches, learn to work with other people, become critical thinkers, probe and learn to ask questions and also to make

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