sal security and well being -- in short, a time to wish the U.N. well. Our lives may depend upon its continuing good health.

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Sunshine Neutralists

Everyone seems to be agreed that the large block of neutralist nations now holds the balance of power in United Nations affairs. It is worth remembering, however, that their reluctance to take a stand in the East-West conflict is no less based on considerations of the national interest. The Third Force is not a moral force; views as to what is expedient simply differ. That is why the laurel wreaths of peace which are so generously distributed to Washington and Moscow are not always worn in neutral capitals. Peace-love of this kind is produced for export.

A striking case in point is afforded by the widely publicized proposal of Gamal Abdul Nasser. In his speech to the General Assembly (Sept. 27) the Egyptian leader recommended a face-to-face meeting between President Eisenhower and Premier Khrushchev. He called on both to make greater efforts to relieve international tensions and to speed up their disarmament efforts. An immediate "put-up-or-shut-up" rejoinder came from Israel. Foreign Minister Golda Meir, in a radio interview later that same day, said: "We say to Mr. Nasser: If you desire peace in the world, there should also be a desire for peace in every part of the world.

"It is not a secret that our area is one where there are difficulties, because Mr. Nasser says that he is in a state of belligerance against Israel. This is why we say to Mr. Nasser that he should sit down with us and start immediate negotiations to arrive at peaceful solution of the problems between Israel and the United Arab Republic ... This would be a concrete contribution to peace in the world."

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Amusement as well as concern may be prompted by Khrushchev's plan to divide up the Secretary-General, like Gaul, into three parts. Setting up an East, West and Neutral Executive would, by granting constitutional validity to the Cold War, imply the long-range inability of the U.N. to surmount what we should consider as only a temporary disaffection of mankind. After all, the U.N. is more than just the sum of NATO, SEATO, the Warsaw Pact and the Bandung Conference. Of course, if implemented, the idea of a triumvirate would have led to some interesting lobbying by the United States and the Soviet Union. Imagine the claims put forward that X neutralist country is more neutral than Y neutralist country! After the first spate of charges and counter-charges, there should be little left of the neutralist position. This is a possibility that Cold War warriors on both sides may have overlooked.

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Too Late for the Middle East?

President Eisenhower's speech to the United Nations General Assembly contained a statement which should stir ironic memories among Middle East students. This was his request for a "pledge by all nations to respect the African people's right to choose their own way of life and to determine for themselves the course they choose to follow." Shades of the Eisenhower Doctrine!