

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTION TAKEN

Political and Security Action

- General Assembly action brought about cease fire in the Suez Canal crisis. U.N. Emergency Force covered the withdrawal of invading forces to prevent further violence and patrols Egypt-Israel border to discourage recurring disputes.
- Soviet action in Hungary censured by U.N. Medical and refugee aid extended to thousands of Hungarians. Soviet Union severely indicted in report of special 5-nation investigating committee. U.N. debate and investigation focused world attention on Soviet intervention.
- Development toward self-government and independence of trust territories and former Italian colonies in Africa arranged for by U.N.
- American flyers freed from imprisonment in Red China through efforts of U.N. Secretary-General.
- U.N. took action to repel aggression in Korea. Action included sending of troops by 16 nations, economic aid by 46 nations.
- Berlin Blockade removed, following Security Council debate and negotiations at the U.N. between the United States and the Soviet Union.
- Fighting between India and Pakistan over Kashmir stopped after United Nations adopted cease-fire resolution. Final settlement is pending.

- Soviet troops were removed from Iran after U.N. Resolution called for withdrawal.

Economic and Social Action

- U.N. conducted the first international conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy and contributed to the establishment of the new International Atomic Energy Agency to promote that end. A second conference is planned for 1958.
- Program of Technical Assistance to less developed countries, begun in 1950, now has programs in 103 countries and territories. It is financed by voluntary contributions from 80 nations.
- U.N. administers war relief and reconstruction program in Korea and refugee program in Palestine.
- U.N. Children's Fund helps improve the nutrition and health of children in areas of need.
- U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, approved by the General Assembly in 1948, represents results of cooperative effort to agree on the basic rights of all men. Declaration serves as a standard only, does not have force of law.
- Specialized Agencies affiliated with the U.N. utilize the resources of international cooperation to meet basic world economic and social problems, carry on programs such as disease control, crop improvement and land reform, extension of education, establishment of better labor practices.

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