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THE U.N. AND A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

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NEVER BEFORE HAS THE NEED FOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC
INTERDEPENDENCE BEEN GREATER, AND NEVER BEFORE HAS
THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THIS
GOAL BEEN WORSE.

THIS IS THE IRONY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION!

THE UNITED STATES MADE VERY FAR REACHING
PROPOSALS BEFORE THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS. OUR POSITION
WAS ONE THAT WAS SUPPORTED BY DELEGATES FROM THE
INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING ^{Nations} COUNTRIES. IT RECOGNIZED
THE URGENT NEED FOR A COORDINATED APPROACH ON SUCH
ISSUES AS RESOURCE TRANSFER, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOP-
ment, ^{Science + Technology, monetary reform,} COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, AND AN EQUITABLE RE-
STRUCTURING OF THE U.N.

L BUT PROGRESS MADE AT THIS SPECIAL SESSION HAS
BEEN ERODED BY THE RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE
ON ZIONISM.

L THE UNITED NATIONS IS A WORLD PARLIAMENT,
assembly in a sense

L IT IS A POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION,

L WORKING TOGETHER ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

WITHIN THIS FORUM REQUIRES MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

AND COOPERATION. THIS TYPE OF ATMOSPHERE IS

DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE WHEN POLITICAL HOSTILITY AMONG

MEMBER STATES IS INTENSIFIED BY RESOLUTIONS SUCH

AS THE ONE PASSED LAST WEEK.

L SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE IS DETRIMENTAL TO FORMULATING SOLUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. L THE NATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CANNOT CONTINUE TO ATTACK THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ON THE POLITICAL FRONT AND DEMAND FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES AND CONCESSIONS ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT.

L FAR TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE TO PERMIT THE SITUATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO DETERIORATE FURTHER. L THE U.N. SYSTEM ITSELF MAY BE IMPERILED.

L AN EQUITABLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMY IS NOT ONLY A HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVE.

L ULTIMATELY, THE PROSPERITY OF ALL NATIONS DEPENDS ON FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE GROWING PROBLEMS OF HUNGER, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION AND OVERPOPULATION.

The New Economic Order is
not "an American handout"
Our contribution of \$ for assist
has been declining -

The New Economic Order
requires investment, credit,
Technology, expansion of
Production, Commodity
price stability, & a free
movement of goods

~~The fact of~~ International Interdependence is
the compelling fact of ~~our~~ this century;

THE WIDENING GAP IN THE DISTRIBUTION, ~~AND~~ ~~use,~~ and

CONTROL OF GLOBAL RESOURCES MUST BE NARROWED. THE

UNITED NATIONS IS ~~A GOOD~~ ^{one} PLACE TO WORK ON THIS

PROBLEM IF WE CAN EASE THE POLITICAL CONFRONTATION

NOW OCCURRING THERE.

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Development is the new name for
peace;

↳ The new internationalism must be
based on economic cooperation
and development.

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for Peace - and like war
waged for victory, Development
will require sacrifice, management
coordination and planning and performance
among all participants.



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