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## The United Nations in the Balance

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Overall, this appears to be as careful and balanced an analysis of Africa as is possible in today's gyratory relations among infant nations. This book is recommended for its substance, impartiality, and interest and is considered well worth inclusion in any collective or research endeavor in this specific realm.

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This book is a reprint of the Summer 1965 issue of *International Organization*, a World Peace Foundation publication whose board of editors includes Professors Padelford and Goodrich. It is identical in text to the source except for slight changes in the Introduction, which remove association with the *International Organization* issue and which briefly note the sudden death of Adlai E. Stevenson, to whose memory the book is dedicated. In this challenging symposium, leading authorities provide a broad appraisal of the successes and failures in the United Nations' 20-year history and point to the problems that cloud its future. Its past is best summarized by the editors, who state:

The twentieth anniversary of the United Nations is a milestone meriting special recognition. That the Organization has come thus far is a tribute to the vision of those who drew the founding plans, a testimonial to the soundness of the guiding principles upon which it was built.

Its future is speculated on by Inis L. Claude, Jr., in the final paragraphs of the book:

We cannot be unconditionally certain that the United Nations has a future. We can only assert that there is a clear need for the Organization, a need that appears to be generally recognized, and that the Organization has developed a distinct usefulness, a usefulness that appears to be generally appreciated. The value of the United Nations for the future lies not in any prospect that it will become stronger but in the promise that it may become more useful . . .

The greatest potential value of the Organization lies, however, in its being used as an instrument of the whole body of states to promote the stabilization of international relations, the accommodation of divergent interests and aspirations, and the development of consensus and cooperation wherever possible.

Among the 28 eminent contributors are Francis O. Wilcox, Walter R. Sharp, Louis Henkin, and the editors.

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