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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION/USA
This is an important organization for peacemaking for its support of the UN. Their magazine, The InterDependent is outstanding, a cornucopia of ideas and activities for peace. The Fall 2008 no. contains several articles on the eight Millenium Development Goals adopted in 2000, an article on Navanethem Pillay, the new Human Rights Commissioner, Eleanor Roosevelt and the UDHR, a comparison of Obama and McCain on 10 issues, a rev. of Feith’s defense of the Iraq war, Bush vs. the UN Population Fund, and more and more. [Dick]

UNA/USA ARKANSAS CHAPTER
Arkansas’ chapter began in 2004 in Central Ark. Prof. Mark Mullenbach was its founder and first president. That year and in 2005, OMNI invited Mark to speak in Fayetteville on UN DAY, both times at a luncheon at Uncle Gaylord’s Café. [Dick]

NEWS ABOUT UN/USA/ARK
Lori Delk, a teacher at Mills High School in Little Rock, was elected as chapter president for a two-year term beginning in January 2008. She took over from Mark Mullenbach, who served as chapter president for the previous four years.

The chapter is sponsoring, along with the UALR Middle Eastern Studies Program, a "United Nations Day" speech "Islam and Feminism" by Ms. Mohja Kahf at UA-Little Rock on Friday, October 24th, Noon to 1:30pm, Donaghey Student Center.

The chapter is sponsoring the local high school essay contest for the UNA-USA. The topic of the 2009
UNA-USA essay contest is “What can the U.S. do to help ensure environmental sustainability?” For more information, please go to the following link: http://unausanationalhighschoolessaycontest.com/ (thanks to Mark Mullenbach)

OMNI UN DAY ACTIVITIES
OMNI commenced celebrating the UN as soon as OMNI was created; that is, on October 24, 2001, in a ceremony at the United Campus Ministry attended by 18 people: Rhett Baird, Dick Bennett, Dana Copp, Mary Anne Copp, John Day, Melanie Dietzel, Louise Kraemer, De De Long, Ladeana Mullinix, Anne Prichard, Rachel Skoney, Karen Takemoto, Lyell Thompson, Markie Thompson. Hoyt Purvis spoke. Two journalists attended: Will Shane, Robbie Hammer. The DAY has been accentuated on October 24 since 2001.

Dear Dick,
This Friday, people around the world will celebrate UN Day, marking the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, which was created with the far-sighted vision and leadership of the United States.

That founding vision remains as relevant today as it did in 1945, as illustrated by the multitude of current transnational challenges that demand collaborative global solutions.

The enlightened and determined American leadership in support of international cooperation that gave birth to the United Nations is still needed today.

While the UN is playing a critical role in resolving the greatest threats facing the international community, its valuable contributions too often go unnoticed by the American public and media. This, in turn, leads to inconsistent support from US political leaders.

In observance of UN Day, please send a letter to your local newspaper to help raise awareness within the United States, the UN’s birthplace and home, about the organization’s valuable work and the importance of promoting international cooperation by working through the United Nations.

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UN DAY OCTOBER 24, 2008

1. United Nations Day, 24 October
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2. United Nations Day | UNAUSA.org
Two years later the U.N. General Assembly adopted a U.S.-sponsored resolution declaring October 24th United Nations Day, to be commemorated annually by all ...
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3. United Nations Day - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 10, 2008

UNA-USA STATEMENT ON
2008 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT MARTTI AHTISAARI
October 10, 2008. Ambassador William H. Luers, president of the United Nations Association of the USA, has issued the following statement regarding the Nobel Committee’s awarding of the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize to Martti Ahtisaari.
The United Nations Association of the USA warmly congratulates Martti Ahtisaari, the former president of Finland, for winning the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize. Ahtisaari has been a leading diplomat at the United Nations who has set the highest standard for conflict resolution and peacemaking from Asia to Africa to Europe.
“Those in the world concerned with peace and diplomatic solutions to conflicts are uplifted by the decision of the Nobel Committee to award this year’s peace prize to Martti Ahtisaari,” said Bill Luers, the president of UNA-USA. “In this time of serious conflicts on several continents, the decision of the Nobel Committee is an important and healthy reminder to us that diplomacy works. Diplomacy and Ahtisaari have been honored by this selection of one of diplomacy’s most distinguished living practitioners.”
From his groundbreaking diplomatic work in Namibia as an Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General in 1989-90, to his mediation work in Aceh, Indonesia, to his most recent efforts in Kosovo, also under the auspices of the Secretary-General, Ahtisaari has quietly, confidently and successfully completed his missions.
“We congratulate Martii for having consistently given diplomacy a good name, for authenticating the valuable role of the UN in peacemaking and for the remarkable skills, patience and intelligence he has brought to the Angels Game – the historic name for diplomacy,” Luers added.

Ahtisaari is the 10th UN official or agency to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The others are the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (with former Vice President Al Gore) (2007), the International Atomic Energy Agency and its Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei (2005), Kofi Annan (2001), UN Peacekeeping Forces (1988), the Office of the UN High Commission for Refugees (1981 & 1954), the UN Children’s Fund (1965), Dag Hammarskjöld (1961) and Ralph Bunche (1950).

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