OMNI CELEBRATES UNITED NATIONS DAY OCTOBER 24, OMNI NEWSLETTER, October 15, 2009, for a Culture of Peace, COMPILED BY Dick Bennett

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OMNI UN DAY ACTIVITIES
OMNI began in April 2001 and commenced celebrating the UN 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 ever since, especially to remember the UN Charter, which as a signed and authorized Treaty is the law of land. Among other things, that Charter/Treaty bound the US not to invade another country unless in defense against invasion or to threaten invasion. Now is a good time to reread the UN Charter, and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It’s not too late for one or several of you to organize a ceremony. And OMNI owns many flags of other nations, which can be hung around the city square.

United Nations Day
Quick Facts

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**United Nations Day 2009**
Saturday, October 24, 2009

**United Nations Day 2010**
Sunday, October 24, 2010
See list of observations below
On October 24, 1945, the United Nations (UN) came into force when the five permanent members of the security council ratified the charter that had been drawn up earlier that year. These members were: France, the Republic of China, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Since 1948, the event's anniversary has been known as United Nations Day. It is an occasion to highlight, celebrate and reflect on the work of the United Nations and its family of specialized agencies.

What do people do?

On and around October 24, many activities are organized by all parts of the UN, particularly in the main offices in New York, the Hague (Netherlands), Geneva (Switzerland), Vienna (Austria) and Nairobi (Kenya). These include: concerts; flying the UN flag on important buildings; debates on the relevance of the work of the UN in modern times; and proclamations by state heads and other leaders.

Public life

United Nations Day is a global observance and not a public holiday.

Background

The foundations for a “League of Nations” were laid in the Treaty of Versailles, which was one of the treaties to formally end World War I. The treaty was signed in Versailles, France, on June 28, 1919. The league aimed to encourage disarmament, prevent outbreaks of war, encourage negotiations and diplomatic measures to settle international disputes and to improve the quality of life around the world. However, the outbreak of World War II suggested that the League of Nations needed to take on a different form.

The ideas around the United Nations were developed in the last years of World War II, particularly during the UN Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, the United States, beginning on April 25, 1945. The UN was officially created when a UN charter was ratified on October 24 that year.

United Nations Day was first observed on October 24, 1948. The UN recommended that United Nations Day should be a public holiday in member states since 1971. There were also calls for United Nations Day to be an international public holiday to bring attention to the work, role and achievements of the UN and its family of specialized agencies. These have been spectacular, particularly in the fields of human rights, support in areas of famine, eradication of disease, promotion of health and settlement of refugees.

The UN does not work alone but together with many specialized agencies, including: the World Health Organization (WHO); the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); International Labour Organization (ILO); United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); and United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Symbols

The UN emblem consists of a projection of the globe centered on the North Pole. It depicts all continents except Antarctica and four concentric circles representing degrees of latitude. The projection is surrounded by images of olive branches, representing peace. The emblem is often blue, although it is printed in white on a blue background on the UN flag.
UNA-USA’s Model UN Discussion Boards are a great way to connect teachers, students, and Model UN enthusiast. The discussion boards are also a valuable resource.

Hey there! unausa is using Twitter. Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one another.

Yesterday I found a great site talking about best charts. My favourite top 10 songs are really the people’s choice! Never listen to what you can’t stand. This

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