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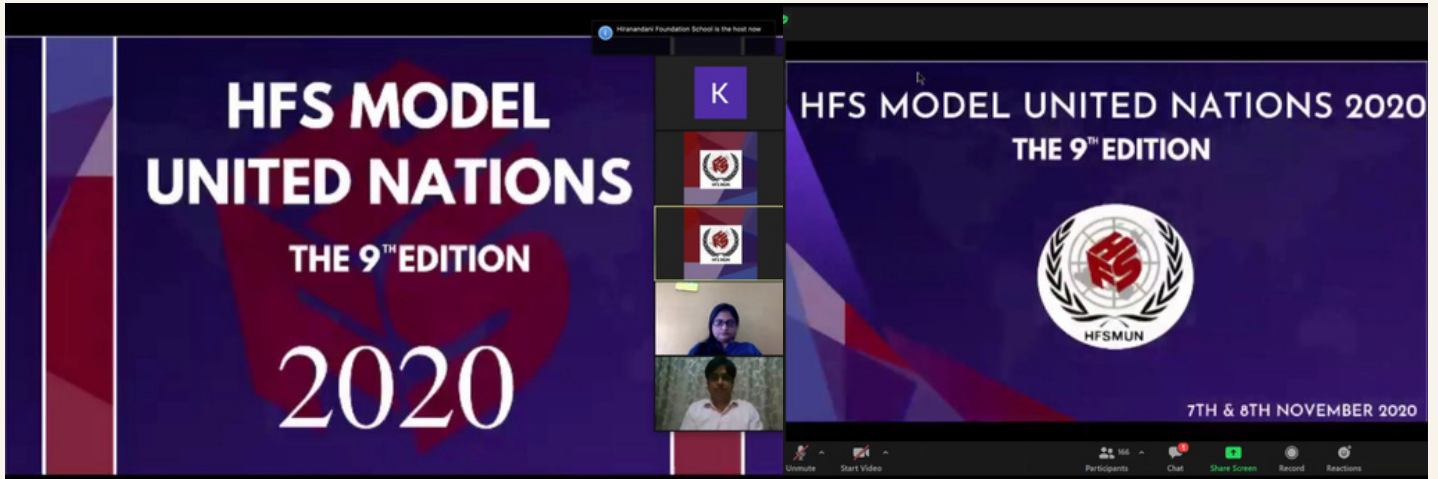


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OPENING CEREMONY



“Investing in sustainable development goals allows us to invest in the future and strive for peace and prosperity.” The words of our Principal, Mrs. Kalyani Patnaik, impeccably manifested the spirit of this year’s theme— Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

The opening ceremony commenced with a warm welcome from the Under Secretary General, Sejal Patil. The shower of blessings from our beloved Dr. L.H. Hiranandani was celebrated through a song.

In the opening address the Director General, Aadhavan Chakravarthy, encapsulated the need for the youth to be a part of the change they want to see in the world. Despite being virtual this year, HFSMUN provides an exclusive platform for those who believe in impacting the world through their diplomacy, irrespective of their age.

Our respected Principal spoke inspiring words, stating that even though we stand amidst a global pandemic, the students who have logged in from all over the continent, and beyond, are a strong precedent that even such a threat cannot deter us in the pursuit of our goals.





Honourable Trustee Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani emphasised the importance of technology in the modern world, allowing us to communicate. In line with our theme of peace, he specified the futility of using up our budgets for wars. Instead, he laid importance on the usage of these funds to provide food and shelter to every individual from all over the world.

Our much awaited speaker of this morning, The Consul General of Belgium, Mr. Pierre Emmanuel Brusselmans, accentuated the very meaning of democracy: caring about others and consequently, wanting to act on it. He specified the importance of bringing a human perspective to the conference allowing the delegates to build on the foundations of negotiation, compromise and communication.

Finally, the Secretary General, Arnav Agrawal, represented the very essence of HFSMUN when he expressed the significance of compromise and understanding in leading to the greater good of the world. He owned the room using a striking quote by Adolf Hitler, “When diplomacy ends, war begins.”

MUNs inspire students to gain knowledge about crucial global issues and teach them the importance of building strong relations between countries, aiding in the achievement of peace. They integrate the voices and outlooks of many under one forum, and that is precisely what HFSMUN stands for.

Although virtual, the delegates at this year’s opening ceremony showed the same enthusiasm as a physical MUN when the gavel came down, declaring the conference open.



UNGA 1



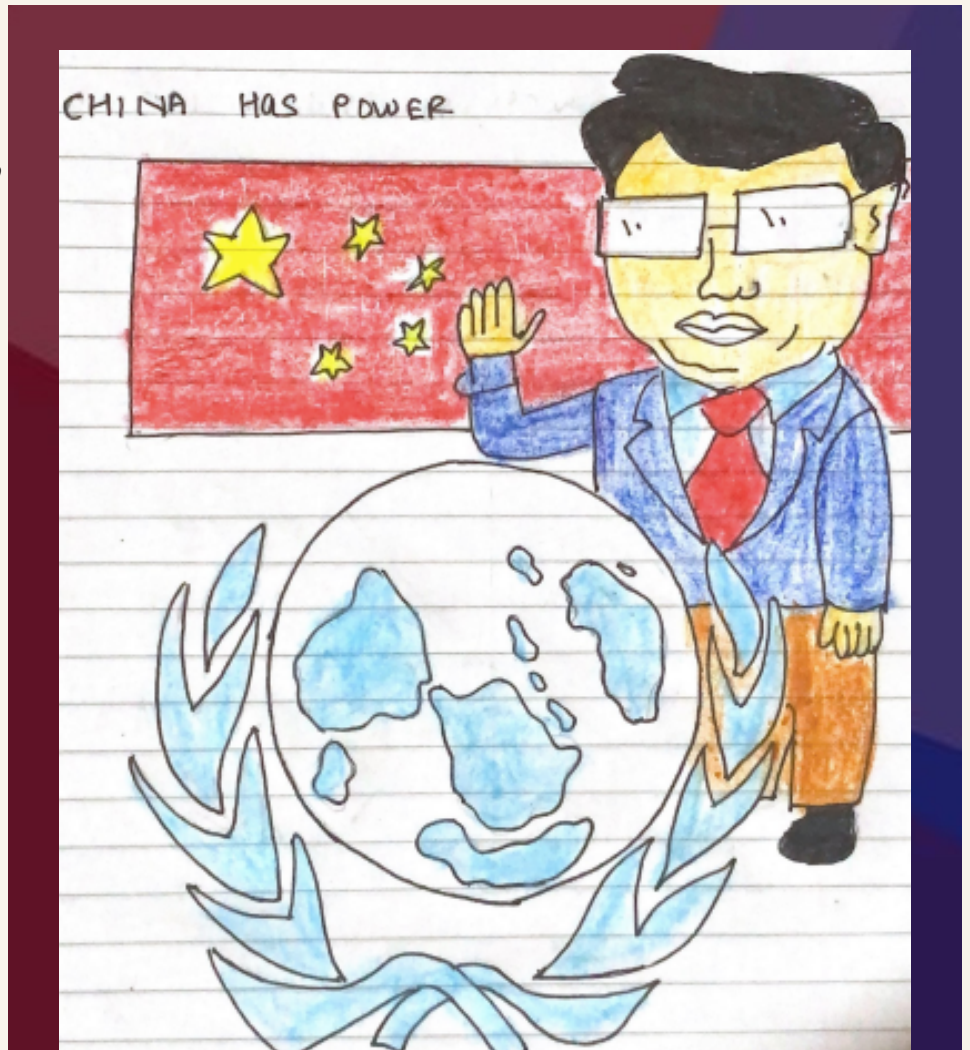
“

I solemnly swear
I'm up to no
good”

said Mark Zuckerberg,
probably.

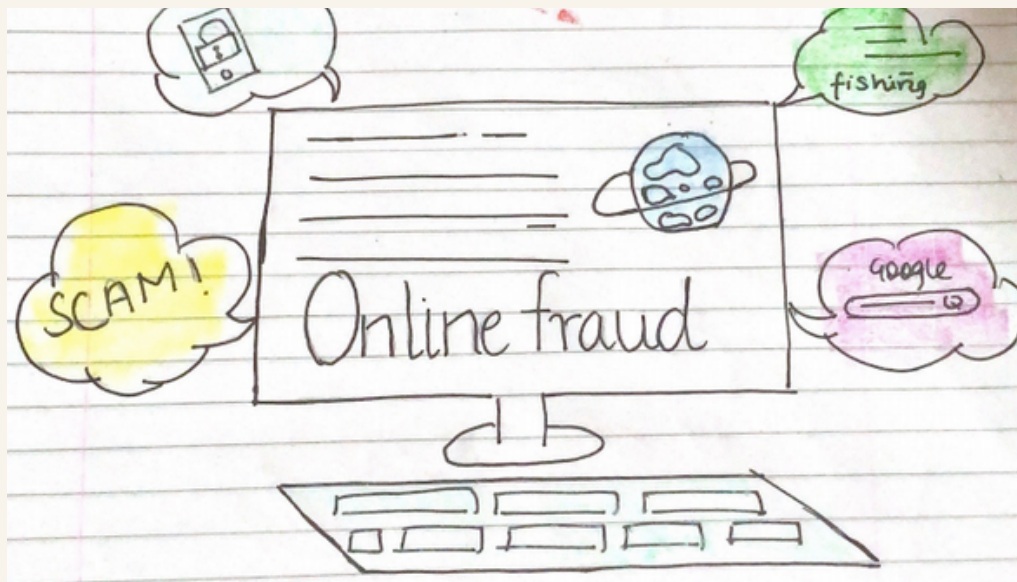
In today's world, the internet has become the new carrier pigeon, except it carries our lives on its shoulders. From personal to behavioural data, every tap we make is carefully recorded, privy to further observations.

The delegates in UNGA-1 passionately talked about the protection of the same, taking up the agenda, “Threats to data privacy.”



'China has Power'





The UNGA committee travelled in an upward curve-- starting slowly, progressing into an interesting dynamic and then bringing in a crisis-- turning everything upside down. Right off the bat, with the commencement of the GSL, the blame game began-- “When your country doesn’t take data protection seriously, how can you claim to take effective precautions against threats to data?” Following this, the committee engaged in a few moderated caucuses relating to online scams, government surveillance on citizens’ data as well as phishing and targeted attacks.

That, however, was simply the calm before the storm. In came Mark Zuckerberg, with quite a few fingers to point. He seemed to have deep contempt for his own country, claiming that the USA, while preaching transparency of information, is actively violating its own citizens’ rights to privacy! Entering a state of chaos, the committee immediately formed blocs with the two superpowers, the UK and the USA, on opposing sides.

Another crisis shortly followed, with Facebook shifting base to the UK, selling information too. The formation of an alliance between the UK and the EU, against the USA, caused a disruption in the committee session with allies being switched, sides being flipped and international data being put on a precarious balance.

Evidently, Zuckerberg still had many bold statements to make-- going to the extent of calling the US and EU governments fascist. The committee took sudden, sharp turns when the delegate of USA voiced a daring suggestion to ban Facebook everywhere and offered two billion dollars for the data of citizens. The delegate of Denmark, upon further discussion with the UK, decided to leave the EU entirely!

The committee ended with a bang with the SSL being brought up and the delegates figuring out how to work through this new crisis. New blocs were formed and work was started on the anticipated Working Papers. That is where we conclude the dealings of today’s session.

What the committee has in store for us tomorrow, we couldn’t dream of predicting.



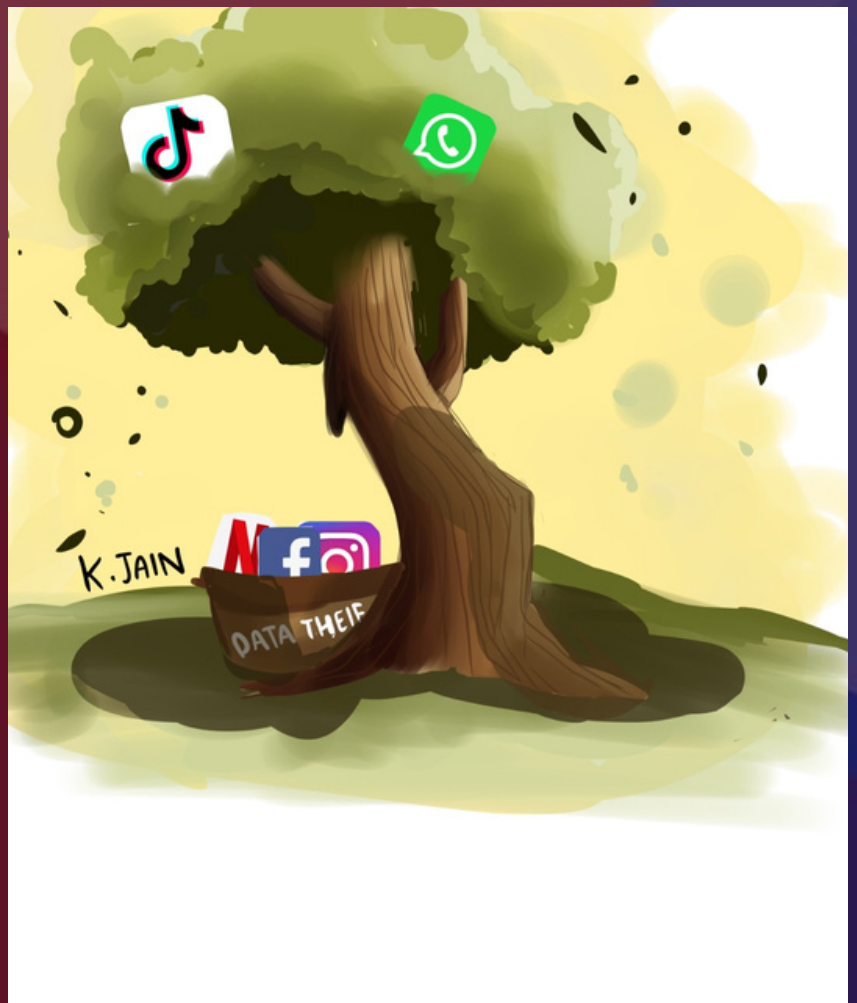
UNGA 2



CHEENI,
ZUCC,
PICHAI--
BHAI BHAI!

From the moment we saw the profile picture of the delegate of the USA displaying an exploding nuclear bomb, it was a clear indication of the volatile committee in store for us. Within the first hour, they had managed to touch upon personal, financial, consumer and legal security measures.

However, the turning point in the agenda came when the delegate of China nonchalantly admitted that their professional hackers have caused a lot of harm to other nations, inevitably causing chaos.



'Data Theif'



The committee proceedings hit a wall when a ‘JAW DROPPING CRISIS’ was introduced - Sundar Pichai and Mark Zuckerberg had legged it to China when they were convicted for stealing the data of US Citizens. They had agreed to sell this data to China for the sum of 350 billion USD each.

Sundar Pichai, the self-proclaimed “Beast”, made a ruthless remark by comparing the USA to Yoghurt in his statement, “even after a few months yoghurt still develops culture but Americans will never change.” Adding to this, Mark Zuckerberg, also known as ‘The Zucc’ stormed in and called the USA a hypocrite and expressed such love for China that the delegate of China actually started dancing with joy.

Heated debate quickly evolved into a round of offensive arguments until finally, the ideas began to spill. Our personal favourite was when Brazil suggested we have “WhiteHat Hackers “ break into the Facebook and Google databanks.”

Despite all the ethical hacking, the data transfer was completed. However, two top spies in plainclothes managed to sneak into China’s MasterControl from India, and put up a firewall. Now, the key to the data of all US and Chinese citizens lay in the hands of two mysterious strangers.

The committee had to come together in the last half an hour to urgently work on a communique in hope of resolving the crisis. After an overwhelming joint effort, the committee submitted ‘Communique Hacker’. With some disputes and extraordinary amounts of editing, it was finally passed with a large majority, and the crisis was solved. Jubilant, China gave us one last dabbing celebration, before we parted ways for the day.



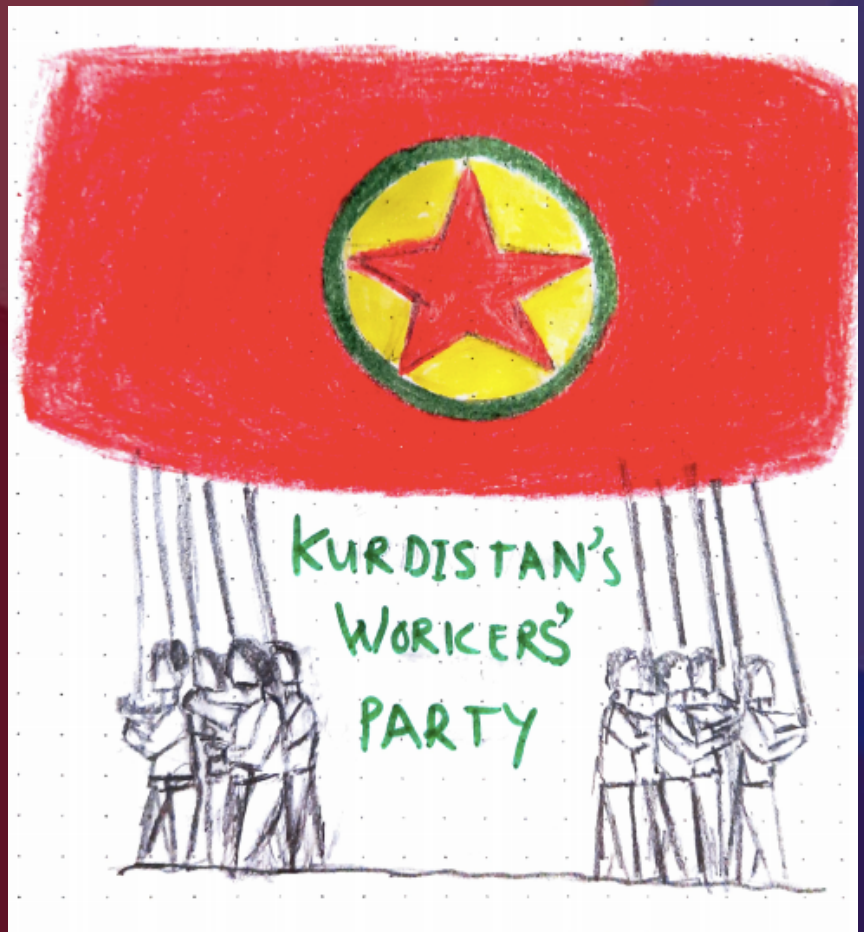
UNSC



DO WE STAN KURDISTAN?

"Why do you want to be like Hitler?" said the delegate of DPRK to the delegate of Turkey boldly accusing them of dividing the nation into two states.

Right from the get-go, a blame game was employed in the committee with the delegate of DPRK accusing Russia and USA of instilling their 'propaganda'; in the Middle East. The delegate of Saudi Arabia quoted the pseudo-government, pseudo-land and absence of ethnicity in the region as reasons supporting the need for Kurdistan to be created.



'Kurdistan's Worker Party'





MANY people talk about freedom, human rights, people's rights, I speak to the International community and say why not apply these principles to the KURDISH PEOPLE?

Resuming the blame game, the delegate of Russia accused the Allies of earlier promising Kurds their land but later saying it wouldn't be 'ideal'.

The delegates made us wait for a resolution longer than one direction is making us wait for a reunion, seriously though, what're you waiting for?

The committee was also led off-track with discussions about football but we'd end it in the chant of "Glory, Glory Man United."

However, the discussion was made productive again with the delegate of Saudi Arabia's impressive presentation showcasing the potential region of Kurdistan, expressing how it would be unjustified for other countries to claim them, definitely the Amy Santiago of our committee.

Serving as a reminder of Squidward, some delegates practiced blaming America and Russia for being powerful while still not helping the Kurds. The delegate of the USA changed his stance from being strongly against Kurdistan as an individual state to being all for it. All we would say about the changing sides, Italy much?

The question of the Kurds' state and their human rights led the session to a conflicted state with the delegates discussing whether their human rights should be more asserted or not. The passion of the delegates shined through in the volatile 2 v 2, ending the session with the spirit of enthusiasm.



UNHRC 1



A GAME OF CHINESE SHADOWS

“Kabhi kabhi lagta hai apunich Bhagwaan hai” - China to the Uyghur Muslims.

The first day started off with us being introduced to the exuberance and also a tinge of nervousness of the first-timers. The ever eloquent delegate of Brazil gave out the feeling - “Welcome to the real world, it sucks. You’re gonna love it!” Beginner’s luck is truly a fickle thing, or is it?



'China's Suppression on Syria'





During the General Speakers' List, The delegate of Syria stated that China has kept the other countries quiet to which the delegate of China said, "Syria doesn't deserve my attention" which was very much an 'ooh!' moment.

The first motion proposed by the delegate of the United Kingdom was on the treatment of Uyghur Muslims. The delegate of India asked China to install CCTV cameras in order to monitor the treatment and this was a typical "pados wali aunty" suggestion!

The delegate of Iraq proposed the formation of an independent survey committee to take psychological evaluations of people in camps in China. We just hope this committee was not a reflection of the census organisation of China. The delegate of the United Kingdom stressed on the need for transparency from China. Pretty obvious coming from the most transparent country in the world.

Suddenly, a crisis came up. A private coalition from the US, UK and Austria have uncovered records of 150,000 Uighur Muslims who had died due to actions taken in their re-education camps. In retaliation, an Anti-Muslim Militia known as CleanChina has issued a press release stating that they have kidnapped 5 government employees from the US, UK and Austria in an undisclosed location. This kidnapping was then confirmed by the UN.

Our guest was none other than Donald Trump who accused UNHRC of its "sheer incompetence". Hence, the United States of America took the executive decision to suspend ALL trade with the People's Republic of China and centralise their imports to India and Bangladesh. They understand the economic repercussions but they refuse to be bullied by the intolerant "Ching Ching Jing Jong". Several remarks and comments were made but Trump held his head high due to his "I am Beyonce, always" attitude.

Remember how Sherlock jumped from the roof of St. Bartholomew's Hospital following his final confrontation with Moriarty and we were left in suspense? Well, something similar happened in UNHRC-1.



UNHRC 2



“

Our business is our business, none of your business”

-Delegate of DPRK

These words are excerpts from the Delegate of DPRK’s speech, as he assumed the role of delegating on behalf of China for himself, much to the dismay of China’s actual representative. This, unfortunately, for the Delegate of China, was not the end of their headache, as the agenda undertaken by the committee was “Addressing The Brutality On The Uighur Muslim Minority And Other Minority Groups In China”.



'A minority'



The proceedings of the committee commenced rather informally with the Delegate of China stating that Western countries, being in a “crappy situation” themselves, have no right to remark about China’s internal affairs. This point of political privacy was echoed by the Delegate of DPRK, leaving us all with the timeless quote mentioned above. Ironically, while representing a nation that made the term ‘fake news’ world famous, the delegate of USA persisted that China should allow independent press outlets into their Xinjiang province, home to a majority of the Uighur Muslim population. The repeated use of the word “allegedly” deprived the committee of coming to a concrete conclusion, as the validity of every source was questioned.

The strong ideologies, heated arguments, and rigid opinions fostered a wall between the two rival blocs: The Chelas of China, led by the delegates of China, Russia and DPRK and The Democratic Duo, led by delegates of USA and UK. The pro-China block reiterated the fact that the ‘re-education camps’ were merely undertaken to combat the so-called extremist tendencies of the Uighur population. However, the anti-China bloc maintained that the re-education centres were in fact concentration camps, and made the claim that China’s “bullish” power in the global economy deters smaller nations from raising their voices. The delegate of Chile adhered strictly to the ‘rule of threes’ in comedy, by emphasizing the wonderful sights of brain washing, nail ripping and sterilization repeatedly. Indulging in malapropism, the delegate of Chile called vocational centers “vaccination centers” instead, transpiring a wave of laughter through the committee.

Despite having a slow start, the committee gradually picked up pace with notable contributions being made by the delegates of Belarus, Afghanistan, Albania and Brazil. With much deliberation, manifold impactful speeches and passionate debates, the delegates were left yearning for another day of enthralling experiences.



ICC



FROM BABIES AND SILVER TOYS TO PEACE AND CAKE

1st August 1965: It has been a week since the commencement of operation Gibraltar. Strong points were made by Indians and Pakistanis in the SSL. Musa Khan, Ayub Khan and Bhaktiyar Rana argued that Muslims were being treated unequally and cruelly in Kashmir while Lal Bahadur Shastri and Lt. Gen. Pat Dunn both bluntly upheld that Pakistan need not meddle with affairs that are not their own. Seems like the 'josh' was high from the very beginning.



'The Argument'





In a shocking turn of events, the committee was hit with a crisis! Operation Gibraltar was not able to fulfil its purpose so 30,000 Pakistani troops entered Kashmir and terrorised Kashmiris present there, the irony of which was later pointed out by General Harbaksh Singh. Indian troops violated the LoC and marched into Pakistan and both countries declared war on each other.

The main objective, to drive out the “tantrum-throwing babies” from Kashmir, was conveyed rather informally by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Pretty sure that didn’t go down well with the Pakistani leaders.

Another crisis update struck the committee. But for a committee that has nations like India and Pakistan on the opposing sides, is anyone surprised? The latter, along with Sri Lanka, had attacked the town of Dwarka. Pakistani forces defeated and beheaded the first Battalion of the Indian Army and Kashmiri pandits and Indian soldiers were being held hostage. Ayub Khan brazenly threatened the committee with his provocative words, “We have acquired a shiny new toy from the USA, would you like to see it ?”

The current date is 3rd August 1965. While Ayub Khan sits on his high horse having ingeniously acquired the WMD, USSR has agreed to supply the same to India. Indian warships have sunk the destroyers near Vishakhapatnam and Dwarka. Pakistani troops in Kashmir were doubled while hostages were beheaded and civilians shot with the death count rising rapidly from 500.

The drastic change of circumstances in the committee had the Indians and Pakistanis in a state of shock. Ayub Khan deeply repented the actions taken by the Pakistani army and took full responsibility for this tragedy, finally showing some maturity. Not funny now, is it?

Day 1 of ICC ended with delegates proposing peaceful reparations (and voicing their mutual agreement that the Chair’s cake looked too irresistible).



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