

THE DELEGATE

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As day 3 dawns, we hope everyone had a productive day yesterday going through all the resolutions in each committee and enjoyed the Sunday night entertainment.

Well done to everyone who participated, from Hurst's amazing dancing duo to Royal Russell's very own perfectly reciting 51 digits. Special mention to the lovely Niryen from Norway with her beautiful cover of 'Hallelujah'.

We also hope you had a wonderful time in the disco with the theme 'Pyjamas'. Everyone looked great and you'll be able to see some of the highlights further on in the paper.

There have been sightings of an unidentified and invisible object currently in the earth's atmosphere. All the committees have chosen which countries to go to crisis, many choosing various ways to decide, from dance battles in SOCHUM to rap battles in DISEC. Everyone chosen will be working hard to resolve this and we pray we have bring back some safety back to the earth.

We have faith in you delegates.



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WHAT HAPPENING IN CRISIS?

As if we haven't got enough problems in the world, with Covid and a climate emergency, who would have known – there seem to be creatures from outer space about to invade. And of course we hadn't seen this coming - because we can't see them!

Scientists have revealed that a spherical object several kilometres across, and with a completely non-reflective surface, has appeared in our orbit, itself being orbited by a smaller sphere. With no magnetic features and a very high density scientists are perplexed. Worse still countries are in turmoil with many reporting troops on the streets and religious riots.

It may seem a load of balls (well two large ones) but what can the UN do if these spherical objects are space ships, and the world is about to be taken over? Until now each country has been working alone. USA, China, Russia, India and Japan have all sent probes into space. But the world needs to work together. Thanks heavens for the United Nations. The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres is reported to have said: "Now is the moment for nations to act together. Now is the moment for calm, careful and considered action. Mistakes must be avoided. We will convene a Crisis Committee to offer coherent leadership to our world."

And so the Crisis Committee has been convened. At 9.00am as your special correspondent entered the committee room the voices could already be heard discussing what on earth could be done. 14 delegates had been elected on Sunday evening to act as delegates to this new committee. At 9.10 the meeting was called to order.

"Did anyone want to chair?"

Two placards shot up - Vietnam and the United Kingdom. Vietnam explained he had much chairing experience, he even trained chairs and had a testimonial from his Advisor which he was keen to share with the committee. But the world is about to be invaded so no time for that.

United Kingdom was also keen to chair. This is only his second conference but United Kingdom wanted to hear the views of everyone in the committee and promised to listen.

The committee adjourned for ten minutes to allow delegates to prepare clauses for debate. Now that debate has begun ideas for solving the problem are coming quick and fast. First up they agreed to set up an Alien Super Station (ASS) – presumably to make an ass of the aliens. Next up was the need to communicate. Brazil and Costa Rica were adamant that creating good communication links with the aliens was the top priority, and the committee unanimously adopted a clause advocating this.

Further research was the priority for others. United Kingdom, doubtless believing that uniting the world's scientists was going to be easier than bringing together world leaders, proposed that scientists from across the globe should work together to discuss the problem. This was again unanimously agreed.

Debate will continue for most of today. Can the committee come up with ideas to save the world? Can they make sure the invaders come in peace and not come to break up the world into pieces? We will only know when their resolution is debated in GA on Tuesday. Here's hoping.



WEAPONS FROM SPACE

Weapons in space: how an unassuming metal rod can pose an international threat. In the 1950s, Boeing scientist Jerry Pournelle conceptualized a new form of space age weaponry. A global threat, capable of unloading devastating damage using exclusively “telephone pole sized” projectiles.

The “Rods from God”, or Project Thor, as it was known by Pournelle, took this simple concept a step further into its most extreme potential context, space. The project would involve the arming of an orbital satellite with tungsten rods. Each rod would contain no payload

and would simply be expected to cause damage in its collision with the surface of the Earth due to its extreme force of impact. The rods were to be modified only to improve aerodynamics, assisting the dense metal in descent. Such a projectile could be launched from an exceptionally steep height, rendering many countermeasures for such threats unreliable. Having such a small radar cross-section, the projectile would be difficult to detect and its infrared launch signature would occur outside of the Earth’s atmosphere, giving no clear information on the whereabouts of the rod

post-launch. Given that it would also approach speeds of between Mach 8 -10 (in some simulations), its closing velocity would be so great that reactionary response would need to be extremely fast and based on little information.

The damage that such a weapon could cause is, thankfully, more limited than that of a typical payload-based ballistic missile with the potential of Pournelle’s design specifically being compared to the damage caused by a battlefield tactical nuclear warhead. This being said, the nature of this weapon as a means to



bypass or mitigate the effects of the preventative measures elevates its status as a threat.

In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, formally titled the Treaty on the Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, among others drafted and adopted by the UN, forbade the placing of “Weapons of Mass Destruction” in space or on any celestial bodies to preserve peace in space. However, there is still nevertheless debate regarding what constitutes a weapon of mass destruction.

Seeing as Pournelle’s original concept is comparable to a tactical nuclear weapon it could be argued that the actualization of his design would be excusable as it fails to cause “mass” destruction, whatever that relatively subjective term actually means. For this reason, there has been a push to demand no weapons be placed in space to avoid semantic loopholes and subjectivity compromising the intentions of original agreements.

Ultimately, to the common reader, need there be any more fear of the tungsten rod than the ICBM or even the combination of the two?

When the Pandora’s box of the weapon of mass destruction was opened, when Oppenheimer proclaimed that he had “become death” in his assistance in the creation of tools that can raze cities and decimate any trace of hundreds of thousands of lives in fleeting moments, we had already taken a plunge into a state of ultimate, constant, threat that we may never step away from. It is too late to be afraid of a new method of total annihilation when we already live the nihilistic reality that there is always potential for this.

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FASHION

Continuing
from yesterday,
we found our
favorite outfits
to show case to
you all, as good
taste should be
appreciated!





MUN'S GOT TALENT

For Sunday nights entertainment, MUTV brought us MUN's Got Talent via live stream into the PAC. The judges were the lovely Secretary General Luke McCabe and Presidents Anastacia Allan and Hamzah Mughal along with the 'double trouble' presenters Polina Pavlyukevich and Max Newark-Symonds.

First off, we had the duo Em-dog and T-dog from West Sussex. They gave the audience a very creative and crazy dance along with music 'Bonkers' by Dizzee Rascal. However, Judge Luke "hoped that they were better at debating" and Anastacia hoped to see the "exact routine" at the disco.

Then the second act of the night was the lovely Mark from Ireland and his incredible sequence of beatboxing. The audience was so amazed by his unique talent, that Luke complimented him by saying that he was

"fantastically bonkers!". Hamzah was so enthralled that he stated, "forget the DJ, get Mark here now".

We then saw two strange acts rubik's cubing and remembering Pi before the night's acts were rounded off with the winner of the night Niryen from Norway with her singing a cover of 'Hallelujah' originally sung by Leonard Cohen. Everyone was so amazed by her singing ability that there were goose bumps in the Media studio. She received a 10-pound voucher for Domino's Pizza for her win and in her interview after the show, she hopes to "continue her education and hopefully take her singing to the next level".

BECCA BURTON



A DAY WITH SECRETARIAT

A typical day for a secretariat involves doing all the behind the scene jobs to ensure MUN runs as smoothly as possible. After eating breakfast, we have a quick meeting for a debrief and head straight to our positions. Some go to committee rooms; here, we wait at the back in case the chairs or any delegates need assistance. Others, are recruited to aid Mr Porter in approval panel, where we do A LOT of printing to ensure the delegates receive their resolutions. Whilst this may seem boring, we tend to have a lot to do and I must admit myself that I found the workload quite surprising; having said this, I have enjoyed every second. Unfortunately, due to COVID, some jobs that I was looking forward to (in particular, note passing), has been cancelled. However, we hope to see them back in place next year! Tomorrow, after the end of the conferences, we will be

tidying up the rooms so that they are ready for the return of students after half term. Our favourite role as a secretariat has been greeting other schools; we loved showing them around our school and hearing about their journeys - some of which definitely sounded eventful. We hope we have been helpful secretariats and look forward to help out at future conferences held here at Royal Russell.

SERENA BIJU





SO, YOU'RE BORED?

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unpack	unbutton	unwrap	unequal	unfair
unhappy	unselfish	unkind	remodel	return
retrace	refill	recycle	review	retake
rewrite	refinish	recopy		



TONIGHTS PARTY THEME...

The 90's