

U.N. 'dreams' of 'force for good'

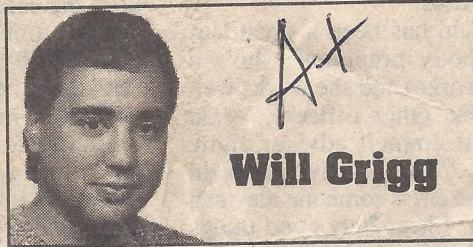
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In a television program broadcast last Sunday, a pundit announced that "The United Nations is becoming, in effect, a planetary police force." American troops in Somalia were described as "agents of a new United Nations" — a U.N. "with muscle, which gave itself the right to interfere in a country's internal affairs."

Were these statements extracted from a right-wing alarmist infomercial? Hardly. They were culled from "Our Planetary Police," a sedate and candid program produced by CNN, the New World Order's network of record. One need not be paranoid to obtain confirmation of the ominous enrichment of the U.N.'s power; one need only be observant.

When American troops were sent into Somalia at U.N. Secretary General Boutros-Ghali's behest, the public profile of the mission was strictly humanitarian: they were to feed the hungry. Once they were entangled in ground combat, American troops were informed that their mission had evolved: they were not only to hand out grain, they were to hunt and gather weapons. Where "peacekeeping" is concerned, Boutros-Ghali believes that his writ runs uncontested. The U.S. Constitution — lest we forget — disagrees, particularly with respect to American troops.

In an ABC interview last Sunday, Boutros-Ghali casually declared that further American involvement will be needed to facilitate Somalian "reconciliation." He also insisted that Americans will be required on the ground in the former Yugo-



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slavia if the Serbs reject U.N. peace terms. Those terms contain no incentives for Serbian comity and the prospect of U.N. war crimes trials. The creation of a U.N. war crimes tribunal presupposes American involvement in Yugoslavia: only American force can compel Serbian surrender.

The U.N. has yet grander designs. In the CNN program Boutros-Ghali proclaimed that the U.N. requires "more soldiers, more fighting power, more money" to consummate its ambitions. Edward Luck of the U.N. Association of the United States was optimistic that the U.N.'s needs will be met; he rhapsodized, "Now we have the possibility of realizing the dream of the founders of the U.N., of having a universal organization using force for the universal good."

Those who were suckled on civics-lecture platitudes about the U.N.'s devotion to "peace" might be provoked by Luck's locution: the dream of the U.N. involves

"using force?" Indeed. A less euphemistic synonym for "universal organization" is totalitarian order. Every modern dictatorship, from the Committee on Public Safety to the Politburo, has considered itself ordained to define the "universal good" and compel its imposition by force.

The Founders hedged such presumption by the restraints contained in the Constitution and Bill of Rights. However, on April 2 of last year, the Senate ratified the U.N. Convention on Civil and Political Rights, which authorized U.N. meddling in our internal affairs. The U.N. has used that covenant to invalidate laws in Australia.

The current issue of Ms. magazine features an interview with "Justice" Elizabeth Evatt of the U.N. Human Rights Committee (who is Australian by birth). Evatt insists that, "many situations that affect women in their daily lives are human rights situations" and thus, presumably, under U.N. jurisdiction. Citing U.N. precedent, Ms. maintains that when a domestic law is in conflict with the U.N. Covenant, the latter must prevail. Are U.N. "gender discrimination police" in our future?

A U.N. that can squander American blood in quixotic "peacekeeping" projects, transgress borders with impunity, change its own rules without notice, and intrude into America's domestic affairs does indeed embody the aspirations of its founders. It is also the undisguised enemy of the America established by her founders.