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Celebration of United Nations Day

October 23, 2003

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

“A British Perspective on Iraq”

Featuring

Michael Bates, OBE

Consul General, British Consulate, Atlanta, GA

**Appleton Room, Jubilee Hall
Fisk University**

Directions from Downtown Nashville – West on Charlotte,
right on D.B. Todd, right on Jackson, left on 16th,
left on Meharry, park on Meharry or in lot on the left

Reservation Required

Call the UNA-USA office at (615) 321-1200
by Monday, October 20, 2003

Cost: \$16.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students
(Scholarships available)

Michael Bates, OBE, Consul General, British Consulate, Atlanta, GA. Michael Charles Bates was appointed Her Majesty's Consul General in Atlanta in June 2001. Mr. Bates was previously the British Deputy High Commissioner in Mumbai, India, since 1996.

Apart from a spell as Assistant Press Secretary to Prime Minister Thatcher (1987-89), Mr. Bates has spent his whole career in the British Diplomatic Service. He entered the Foreign Service as it then was in 1966. Since then he has served in New Delhi (1971-74), Moscow (1974-77), Singapore (1979-83), Brussels (1983-87), Riga (1991-93) and Bratislava, where he was Charge d'Affaires and later Ambassador (1993-95). Mr. Bates was awarded the OBE (Order of the British Empire) for his services to the Diplomatic Service in 1994.

In addition to his overseas assignments, Mr. Bates has also worked in various capacities at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. His two most recent positions there were as Head of the Parliamentary Relations Unit (1990-91) and as Deputy Head of News Department and Head of The Newsroom (1995-96).

Mr. Bates is married. His wife, Janice, originally comes from Malaysia. They have one daughter and one son.

UNA Co-Sponsor's 34 Million Friends Luncheon

On September 29th, the Downtown Library in Nashville was the site of a kick-off luncheon of the Tennessee campaign for the 34 Million Friends of the UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund). Sponsored by the United Nations Foundation, the United Nations Association, the Nashville Women's Political Caucus, the League of Women Voters and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at Vanderbilt University, the program featured Jane Roberts, who along with Lois Abraham, has gained national attention for her effort to help provide medical services to women in 142 poverty-stricken countries through the UNFPA.

The goal of their 34 Million Friends campaign is to reach 34 million Americans willing to contribute at least \$1 to fund the invaluable services of UNFPA and replace the \$34 million pledged and then withdrawn by the US government. Currently, more than \$1.5 million has been contributed to the campaign, including nearly \$500 collected at the luncheon, but there is still much more to be done.

UNFPA is the world's largest multilateral source of population assistance. Since it became operational in 1969, it has provided more than \$6 billion in assistance to developing countries. It is estimated that the \$34 million in funding from the United States could prevent 2 million unwanted pregnancies, nearly 800,000 abortions, 4,700 maternal deaths and 77,000 infant and child deaths.

For more information about the 34 Million Friends Campaign and the UNFPA, check out <http://www.34millionfriends.org>

President's Corner

Welcome to this issue of our newsletter. The Nashville Chapter of the United Nations Association has been busy recently, co-sponsoring a luncheon to kick off the 34 Million Friends of the UNFPA and "The People Speak: America Debates Its Role in the World." (see related articles in the newsletter) This is in addition to our regular Brown Bag Luncheons and getting ready for our annual UN Day Celebration on Oct. 23rd.

We are honored to have Michael Bates, Consul General of the British Consulate in Atlanta, to speak to us as we celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the founding of the UN on Oct. 24th, 1945.

We hope you are able to join us for what I'm sure will be an interesting and informative evening in the beautiful, historic Jubilee Hall at Fisk University!



Tim Stewart

UNA Offices Open Extended Hours!

During **October** and **November**, the UNA Offices located in the Nashville Peace and Justice Center, 1016 18th Ave. S., will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays**, and during **December**, the office will be open **Mondays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



Come see our vast selection of
UNICEF Cards and Gifts!



On Monday, Oct. 6, the United Nations Association – Nashville Chapter, joined Fisk University, the League of Women Voters, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, the Nashville Peace and Justice Center and WPLN FM in partnering with the United Nations Foundation and Vanderbilt University in hosting “The People Speak: America Debates Its Role in the World”. About 300 people attended the debate, one of 13 in a nationwide series organized by the United Nations Foundation.

A panel, including U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Nashville; former U.S. Rep. Ed Bryant; former U.S. Senator and Ambassador to China, Jim Sasser; federal appellate Judge Gilbert Merritt, Professor Thomas Alan Schwartz, Nashville attorney Forrest Shoaf and radio talk show host Phil Valentine, participated in a discussion moderated by *Tennessean* Chairman Emeritus John Seigenthaler. Issues discussed included:

- Should the U.S. use preemptive military force to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction?
- Should America focus more on issues like the environment, poverty and health?
- Under what conditions should the U.S. take part in military interventions?
- Is America better off working with international institutions?

For more information about the series of debates around the country and the United Nations Foundation’s effort to promote a national dialogue on U.S. foreign policy, visit <http://www.jointhedebate.org/>.

Global Communities: Building a Bridge to Literacy

In January 2003, the United Nations launched the International Literacy Decade, an initiative that seeks to increase global literacy levels by 50 percent by the year 2015. Evidence shows that increasing levels of literacy--particularly literacy among women--is a determining factor in reducing infant mortality rates and in improving child health. As a result, the Literacy Decade will be a vital part of realizing the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.



United Nations Day 2003 will focus on this issue, and can involve programming on a number of sub-themes that are addressed under the larger umbrella of *Global Communities: Building a Bridge to Literacy*. Some of these sub-themes include education as a human right, the critical needs of the girl child, education as the foundation for reaching many of the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals, and the relationship between education and poverty eradication. UNA-USA Chapters and Divisions, the Council of Organizations, Model United Nations, and other civic organizations are encouraged to discuss these issues, on both the global and local level, in the variety of United Nations Day 2003 educational and outreach programs that are possible this year.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Pack a light lunch and join us for these "brown bag" foreign affairs seminars, another educational service of your Nashville Chapter, UNA-USA:

Oct. 16, 2003

"Light Green Society, and Contemporary France" - **Dr. Michael Bess, Assoc. Prof. of History, Vanderbilt University**

Nov. 20, 2003

To Be Announced

All Luncheons are free and open to the public at the Nashville Peace & Justice Center, 1016 18th Ave. South, 12:00 -1:30 p.m. Parking available at the Scarritt-Bennett Center directly across 18th Ave.

Thanks for your support!

Thanks to the many generous folks who have contributed nearly \$1000 in sustaining contributions to the United Nations Association – Nashville Chapter this year. We couldn't do what we do without you!

As you can see from this Newsletter, we have been very busy lately with some wonderful opportunities that have fallen into our laps and were not budgeted for this year. Additional contributions will enable us to keep taking advantage of opportunities that arise to let people know of the work of the U. N.

If you can help, please send your contribution directly to the UNA, P.O. Box 121745, Nashville, TN 37212. Do not send a gift for our Nashville Chapter with your dues to New York. Thanks to everyone who is supporting us in this way.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The United Nations Association is conducting a national membership campaign, asking people to join, or rejoin, our organization. Some of our chapter members have received such letters, even though they are currently members in good standing. If you receive a letter from the New York office about your membership, please check your membership card, which has the month and year of expiration. Also feel free to call our membership chair, Dot Anderson, 269-4401, if you have any question about your status. She has a current listing for every member of the Nashville chapter. On the other hand, if you know that your membership has expired, let that letter inspire you to renew your membership.

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