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EVERYMAN'S HANDY GUIDE TO U.N.

THE United Nations rule the world. Do you understand how? You should. Here is an attempt by "The New Yorker" to explain how the machinery works.

master the U.N. setup? Follow these simple instructions and astound your friends. Before anybody leaves the room, we'd like to point out that it is indeed U.N., not U.N.O. "Organisation" is a word that keeps popping up in the Charter, but it is not part of the official name; officials frown on it, and they regard the spoken word "Uno" with open revulsion. U.N. is just as easy to get used to, they say, as U.S. or O.K., so why be difficult?

The U.N. began as a wartime alliance, expressed in the terms of a document known as the Declaration by United Nations, which was signed in Washington on January 1, 1942, and pledged the 26 signatory nations to continue co-operating after the war. Since then 19 additional nations have signed it. The Charter was roughed out at Dumbarton Oaks, expanded at Yalta and after heavy revision, signed last June at San Francisco by a total of 50 nations. Poland, No. 51, signed a few months later. The Charter came into force only when the Big Five and a majority of the other nations had, in the words of the Charter's authors, made their "deposit of ratifications" in Washington. This happy day came on October 24, 1945, when the U.S.S.R. deposited the 29th ratification; the United States deposited its ratification on August 8, ahead of everyone else. The last nation to come in was Belgium, on December 27.

The Principal Organs

The U.N. Charter is the constitution of an organisation—there's that word!to preserve peace and, not to quibble over incomplete comparatives, "to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom." It establishes the tundamental structure of the U.N. and has been and will be implemented by an ever-growing corpus of procedural rules and regulations, precedents, and so on. What are known as the principal

OW do you know you can't organs of the U.N. are the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice, and the Secretariat. The General Assembly is the basic organ of the U.N., a sort of parliament in which all the nations have an equal voice, and its functions, like those of the spleen, tend to be advisory and routine. The Security Council has the primary responsibility of putting down aggression and maintaining peace. The other organs are subordinate to these two chief organs, with the International Court of Justice, or great toe, having the largest measure of autonomy.

> The Trusteeship Council will administer non-self-governing territories, and the Secretariat is described by its own officials as being in a primitive stage. The Economic and Social Council has 18 members, elected by the Assembly for three-year terms. Its first big-time activity will be the International Health Conference, which is planning to convene on June 19, possibly in Paris. The International Court of Justice is the successor to the League of Nations Permanent Court of International Justice. The new court's 15 judges (nineyear terms) will sit permanently at The Hague. One of the judges is an American, Green H. Hackworth, who was not invented by Sinclair Lewis.

No Racial Barriers

Any position in the U.N. may be held by either a man or a woman, without regard to race, language, or religion. The U.N. has no flag and no currency. Salaries are paid in the coin of the country acting as host to U.N. headquarters (i.e. the United States), so they will be in dollars, except in the case of the judges of the International Court of Justice, who will be paid in guilders. The U.N. budget has to be approved by the General Assembly. Costs are apportioned according to ability to pay (it's not like poker); this involves a nice weighing of national income, national per-capita

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