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Dear Reader,

When the first part of „Livets Bog” (The Book of Life) was issued in 1932, a critic wrote that „the author did not expect to receive any other reward for this unique work than the one life in its eternal circuit would give him”. I have often later on thought of these words and the intuition of which they were an expression. For contrary to most authors, who merely write more for their contemporaries than for the future generations, Martinus knew already at the beginning of his mission that what he was to give the world, the world was not matured enough to accept in a higher degree. He knew through experience that true religious feeling in itself is based on an inborn talent, and furthermore, he knew that this religious talent is still not very common.

But he knew something else too. He knew that life from year to year would confirm this World Picture he had come to give us. And the critic must have been thinking of that when he formed the sentence quoted above. Martinus' real reward for this mission he preaches among us is the fact that life in its eternal circuit will confirm all his cosmic analyses. Even those which seem most incomprehensible. For it cannot be denied that a lot of things in Martinus' World Picture go far beyond our present faculty of comprehension. It is a necessary truth. If we already today were able to understand all of Martinus' Cosmical Analyses, his World Picture would very quickly be forgotten. As it is, one must love Martinus because of his words, that the best way to receive his thoughts is to take those of them which we understand and need, and then leave the rest of them until the day when new experiences make it possible to remove the boundaries of our consciousness a step further into the unknown land.

All these thoughts came to me on reading the U.N. secretary, Mr. U Thant's statement during his short visit here recently. Every one of his words was as taken out of „Livets Bog” (The Book of Life), perhaps only apart from the statement that war could be started by a „miscalculation”. Should war come, it will not be the result of any miscalculation. Then it will be part of a plan which in an ancient language was revealed through the words, „Is not a sparrow sold for a farthing, and not one shall fall to the ground without my father's will”. But one understands the remark, one understands the anxiety which must rest upon anybody who knows more than most people about that enormous nervous strain which exists between the great groups of power, and who have not acquired a clear cosmical background as basis for their evaluation. For seen from the point of view of

temporality, the world is constantly moving so close to the disastrous abyss as never before.

But the truth Mr. U Thant formed with the words, „Human beings must love each other or die”, expresses in its brevity what Martinus has now used a long life to try and make us understand. And that even in a wider sense than what Mr. U Thant said; for death has also two quite different aspects. We can, as in Algeria, fall for the hand of a murderer, and then death seems definite and final, but we can also more or less consciously cut ourselves out of the great entirety, and thereby evade our duty to the community, which solely is the way forward. If we do this, we „die from the world”, and the world has in reality lost a valuable co-operator.

In our time a great number of people seem to be „dead for the world”, and apparently an enormous increase in the common welfare has created a material demand, whose results are not all of the very pleasant to observe. At this rather desolate spot (Kosmos Ferieby, Martinus Summer Colony at Klint N.W. Zealand, Denmark) I met an old man with whom I entered into conversation about the present „good time”, which causes that it is quite impossible to find help, whether it be man or woman. He commented the present state of things in the world with the words: „Well the Prime Minister says „Make good times better”, but to me it seems that the good times make people worse”. And he may be right in this. For as quite an ordinary worker up here said to me „In the old days, people always had time to help each other, but today everybody has enough with his own affairs, and becomes annoyed if he is asked to give a helping hand”. Isolation has always been the result of abundance. It looks as if prosperity has its own laws, and in its initial stage it seems rather unpleasant, a little parvenue-like.

Personally, I understand very well that to possess a house, a car and a summer cottage has a great power over the mind. But no matter how attractive these things are, they are not the essence of life. Compared with human beings' cosmical purpose, these things only belong to the small ends of the existence, and you may pity the people to whom these things cover their whole spiritual horizon. For these people are actually dead. What they are searching for is not the happiness of whole mankind, but only their own happiness, and many experience just now that the fulfilment of these wishes does not give them the pleasure they believed they would give them at the time when their wishes seemed unobtainable. No we „must love each other or die”. We must learn to realize that there is only one humanity and that each of us constitutes an inseparable part of this humanity. If we are divided up into a lot of nations and declare ourselves satisfied with belonging to such a nation, the near future may perhaps give us some chocks that can be difficult to overcome. For the world of today is like a ship which with full capacity sails on unchartered seas. Following in the wake, we shall experience how one nation after another disappears out of sight for ever. The first port we shall call at is „The United States of Europe”. It is pleasant to be a Dane, for Denmark is an extremely pleasant spot in the world, but we must realize that the near future will turn us into practical Europeans. But this future day is not the final port, which is not reached until the day the „United States of the World” become a reality, and it is in proportion to this previously utopical idea that we must control our feelings. Too many people become furious when they hear about the negative aspects of the national thought. To them the thought that Denmark is not continuing to be what it was, is identical with everything evil. But Denmark has not always been what it is today.

# U Thant: „Vi må elske hinanden – eller dø“

*FN's generalsekretær i Studenterforeningen i København*



## U.N. SECRETARY AT FREDENSBORG PALACE

U.N.'s acting General Secretary Mr. U Thant came yesterday to Denmark. He went direct from Kastrup Airport to Fredensborg Palace, where King Frederik was host at a lunch. Mr. U Thant was the guest of honour. The premier, Mr. Jens Otto Krag, had also found time to participate. The picture shows Mr. U Thant, on his right the successor of the throne, Princess Margrethe, and on his left Queen Ingrid and King Frederik.

FN's fungerende generalsekretær, U Thant, kom i går formiddag fra sin embedsfor-gængers, Dag Hammarskjöld's land, Sverige, til Danmark.

Han er på sin første rejse til Europa siden sin udnævnelse til midlertidig ufløser for Hammarskjöld, og Danmark nyder den ære at være det andet europæiske land, han besøger. Hvilket vi kan takke vort svenske broderfolk for.

Kong Frederik ventede U Thant til frokost på Fredensborg, og der blev kun en kort modtagelse i Kastrup, da hans Stockholm-maskine landede. Undervisningsminister Helveg Petersen, Udenrigsministeriets direktør Paul Fischer og FN's herværende chef, direktør Hugh Williams, tog imod U Thant.

Inden FN's generalsekretær i aften talte i Studenterforeningen — ligesom tidligere begge sine skandinaviske forgængere, Hammarskjöld og Lie — var han æresgæst ved en reception på Angleterre. Vært var Dansk Samråd for Forenede Nationer — og blandt gæsterne så man prøvede FN-delegerede som Hermod Lannung, kontorchef Alice Brun og fhv. udenrigsminister Ole Bjørn Kraft. Og Københavns nye overborgmester Urban Hansen mødte også frem for at hilse på.

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U THANT: „WE MUST LOVE EACH OTHER OR DIE“

## THE U.N.'s GENERAL SECRETARY AT THE COPENHAGEN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The acting general secretary of U.N. Mr. U Thant arrived yesterday in Denmark from his successor, Dag Hammarskjöld's country Sweden.

He is making his first trip to Europe since his nomination as provisional substitute for Dag Hammarskjöld, and Denmark has the honour of being the second country he visits, thanks to Sweden. King Frederik had invited Mr. U Thant for lunch at Fredensborg Palace, and there was only a brief reception at Kastrup Airport when his Stockholm plane had landed. Minister of Education, Helveg Petersen, director of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paul Fischer, and the local manager of U.N. Mr. Hugh Williams met Mr. U Thant at the airport.

Before U.N.'s general secretary last night made an address at the Students' Association just as his previous Scandinavian predecessors, Messrs. Hammarskjöld and Lie, he was made guest of honour at a reception at Hotel d'Angleterre. This reception was held by the Danish Joint Council of the United Nations and among the guests were experienced U.N. delegates, such as Mr. Hermod Lannung, Mrs. Alice Brun and ex foreign minister, Mr. Ole Björn Kraft, and the new Chief Burgomaster of Copenhagen, Mr. Urban Hansen.

Mr. U Thant addressed a few words to the guests, but it was in the overcrowded room of the Students' Association he made his great speech.

#### THE DECISIONS CREATE THE REOURCES

The truth - the amazing truth of the industrial countries - is that they can today obtain as big reserves as they decide upon. It is no longer the resources that limit the decisions, but the decisions that create the resources. This is a fundamental, revolutionary change which has taken place, perhaps the most revolutionary change humanity has ever been facing, said the general secretary of U.N.

This revolution is an amazing extension of the freedom of human beings, Mr. U Thant continued. Liberty means to choose. Liberty is the ability to act. The rich industrial countries have the liberty to help their neighbours who are not in possession of the abundance, and they have also the liberty to refrain from it. Therefore, the next decade, the so-called "decade of development" is not a technological and an economical challenge, but an ethical challenge. I still believe, said Mr. U Thant, that our greatest enemy is ignorance. The ignorance of the industrial countries as to the resources in our world. If we were intelligent enough to make progress towards a disarmament, the total capital vested on this could be made available for humanitarian improvements.

#### A DECADE OF CRUSADES

The organizations within the U.N. have not before undertaken so great a task as now lies in front of them the next ten years. Ten years ago we did not possess the necessary experiences. Now time has come. The task cannot wait. It becomes more difficult the longer it is postponed. This decade is a decade of Crusades.

#### IN OUR OWN INTEREST

May I make a confession, said the general secretary Mr. U Thant. I belong to the people who think that the help for the underdeveloped countries is in the interest of the developed countries too. I shall go further, I believe that ordinary men and women - having once been convinced of their ability to feed, help and encourage their fellow-beings - will not rest until the task has been solved.

The history of the human race is not only a statement of war and horrors. It also includes quiet support and all-embrasive charity. This charity has been limited by poverty. Today there is no limit. I shall end with the words: We must love each other or die. Mr. U Thant's address was met with prolonged applause. Today the U.N. secretary is to meet a number of Danish representatives from the government after having held a press conference, and later in the afternoon he will fly back to U.N.'s glass sky-scraper in New York.

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Also our country has gone through a development from the mere state of barbarity to the refinement we find today, and I have no doubt that it will very easily adapt itself to the problems which lie ahead. Why not try and get used to the idea that life in itself expresses a process which means constant development, and I, on my part, do not think it wicked and humiliating that some day Denmark will constitute a living active and most positive part of a world community in which the charity, all great wise men have announced as the only real and true way to the happiness of a greater and deeper nature than the one we have hitherto known, has finally got a chance of being carried into effect. These continuous quarrels among the nations must cease. The armies must be replaced by an international world police force, and the world economy must be based on quite other principles than those ruling today. I am not naive, to me the conception of idealism expresses „the art of the possible”. By nature we are no angels, but there is so much goodness in each single individual that all this goodness, this urge to see the smile lit in other human beings' eyes could possibly be organized in a better way than is the case today. We must all of us learn to think great thoughts in broader perspectives than before, and here the danger threatens us all, for separately we are members of a generation. And generations get old. It is not the youth of today who are threatening the world, it is all those spiritually old. For old people have, perhaps without knowing it, an inclination to think backwards. They too often think that everything was better in the „good old days”, but it wasn't better, it was worse. Worse for the majority, and it is the majority that count.

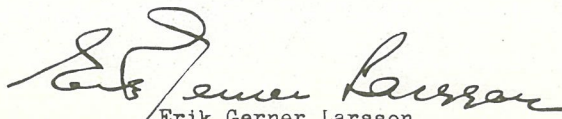
The majority of people in this world will never derive the full benefit until the world constitutes an all embracing „World State”. To believe the opposite is against the development in which we are now placed. The world has now passed its non-intellectual stage, it has reached the culmination of the intellectual stage, expressed by our most fantastic, technical skill, but ahead is the high intellectual stage, where the spiritual forces of life, the real power factors of life, constitute the final goal, for how attractive the merely intellectual stage may seem to us, it cannot in itself be the goal, as it is an unshakeable fact that even the meanest of characters can pass examinations excellently, and thus acquire power and influence.

High intellectualism and love are identical in the same way as primitive intellectualism and murder. The latter we have experienced as never before in the history of life, whereas the former is just now being born. We have observed Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld giving his life for the love which Mr. U Thant is now a brilliant spokesman for. The World State's thought has got its „knights”, and the number will increase in time to come. But the opposition against them will also grow, since pressure creates counter pressure. Judged in comparison with what must necessarily happen, Martinus' World Picture seems well-founded. To thousands of people in the West, as well as in the East, it will become a never failing inspiration in the service of the high intellectualism. Hundreds of thousands will in the future through the study of his thoughts mobilize the necessary power to defeat that in their own minds which is against the world development. In its eternal circuit life will confirm the truths he gave us. What life can give a human being a greater reward than the one that will be given to him?

With kindest regards from Martinus and all our co-workers,

Yours sincerely,

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