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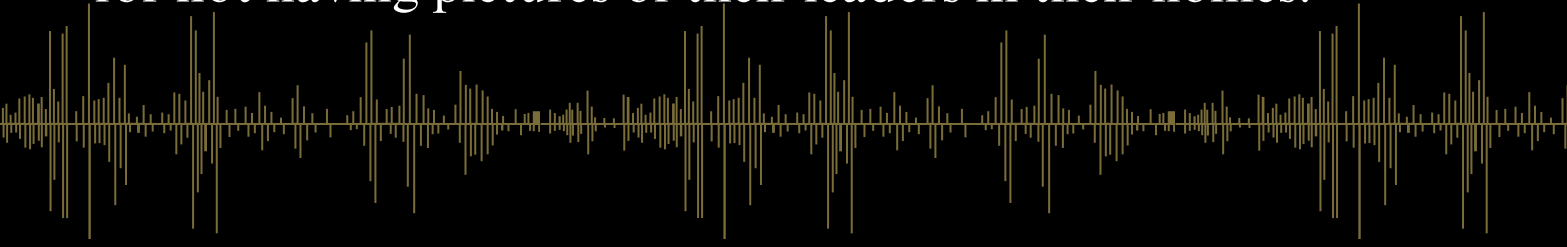
The United Nations General Assembly assembled to formulate a draft resolution, the agenda being, “Discussing the Outer Space Treaty to counter militarisation and technological threats in outer space”. The air quivered as words sliced through it, causing a varied range of opinions and fortunately enough, solutions.

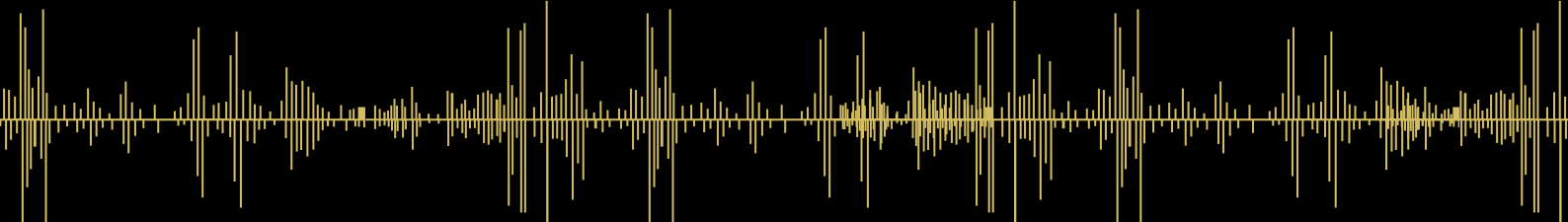


The start of the day dissolved into a series of speeches, as Finland began by quoting Nelson Mandela— “It is in your hands to create a better world for those who live in it.”

“Committee will not progress until we realize who is at fault,” Finland said. She urged the ban of Anti-satellites.

“The past is the past, the future is unknown, but the present can be changed, it is in our hands,” she stated. North Korea asked Finland how the latter could criticize others when the individuals in their community were mistreated. To this, Finland firmly said that it was ironic that North Korea was saying this since individuals in North Korea were mistreated for not having pictures of their leaders in their homes.





Mexico emphasized the urgent need for international cooperation. She also stated that global security was being threatened by space militarisation.

Fortunately, Costa Rica managed to take the path which led to constructive solutions, instead indulging in pointing fingers. Portugal asked, “Was militarising the Earth not enough, that you are militarising space now?” Portugal was asked if

Portugal was putting their international relations with the United States of America above international cooperation.




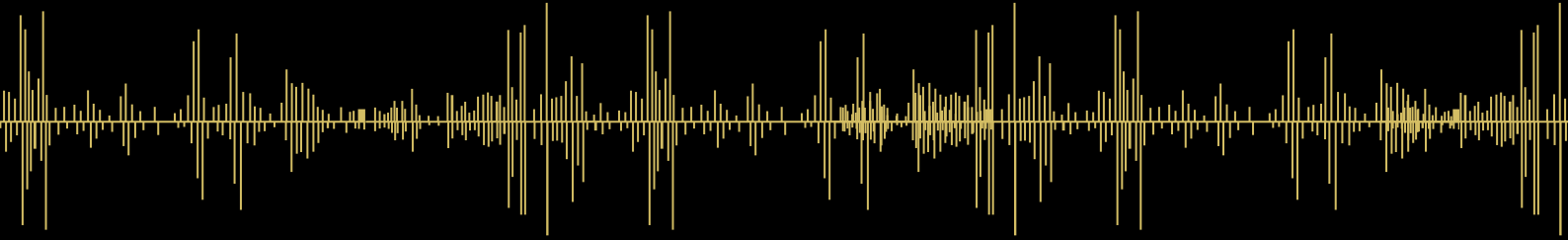
“Domination of space is domination on Earth,” New Zealand said. To which, Brazil asked about the condition of the citizens due to the floods that occurred the week before.

The United Arab Emirates stated that space was turning into a stage for competitors.

Everyone flocked together into separate groups as there began a buzz of discussions. Everyone prayed silently, waiting for the names of the first two draft resolutions received to be called out.

“USA,” a voice announced as a wave of excitement engulfed them. “India and Canada,” the voice followed. Excitement was engulfed by disappointment from those whose names had not been called out.



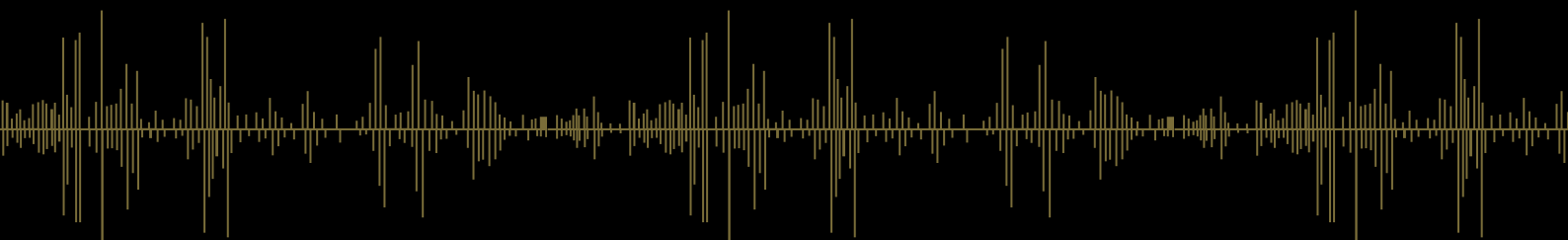


The first draft resolution suggested steps to recognize the increasing complexity of space activities and the need for an updated framework. It further suggested the need to emphasize the necessity to prevent the arms race in outer space as a form of threat to Outer Space and disturbance of the ecological balance of space. It also suggested that one must keep in mind the growing threat of space debris.

However, it was brought to notice that there was a full stop before the solutions right after the signatories. This led to the entire resolution being scrapped which further resulted in an uproar. India and Canada were co-authoring the next draft resolution. Instead of getting 36 signatories, there were only 31. USA was ordered to step out for a few seconds to be expressive of his eagerness.

The next draft resolution was brought forth by China and it was headed as “OH ZAALIMA”. This led to an immediate uproar of excitement with glimmers of agenda. It was brought to notice that the agenda itself was not written. Everyone rose, banging tables, feeling an embrace of excitement.

Unfortunately, the day ended with a sentence of despair— “The committee has failed.”






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At the onset of the third day, the committee was looked forward to constructive debate, and a Draft Resolution. Australia began their speech by accusing the superpowers of playing the blame game and urged them to immediately stop doing so. Australia then proceeded to accuse the USSR for using its veto power 43 times in a span of less than 5 years. They raised two solutions for the problem — first was the reformation of the veto power in cases regarding genocides, atrocities are war crimes and second one being the introduction of a consensus based mechanism to help overcome such problems.

North Korea reminded us of previous findings discussed in committee and considered the attack an “unjustified act” by the western bloc and the NATO countries for they completely disregarded the international laws as well as the UN charter.



They urged the committee to come to a solution for the huge conflict and bring justice to the thousands of victims. Multiple nations felt that the council was dominated by western forces which would make it quite biased. USA suggested that the powers should be vested in the General Assembly in regards to what should be discussed in the Security Council. The US tried its very best to convince the members to vote for resolution 33AA. South Korea felt that the resolution had already been passed on the day before, however the Executive Board clarified that the resolution will be passed after voting.




Iran suggested the committee to sign an agreement on nuclear disagreement so that new weapons are not developed, but this failed to make any significant impact among the nations. Czechoslovakia wondered how it will be ensured that none of the committees are secretly producing weapons and then Iran proposed the formation of an United Nations committee that will moderate the rest of the countries and make sure that none of them are producing any weapons. The nations were informed that two-third of the members of the committee should vote for the resolution for it to be discussed and instructed the authors to carry a list of signatures of their signatories to avoid any confusion.

With this, the committee began discussing resolutions. The delegates enthusiastically gathered to go through the resolutions. The resolutions were thoroughly detailed and well executed.



They were extremely attentive and full of energy. Fallacies were pointed out by the delegates. The Executive Board's table was overflowing with amendments from the delegates. The delegates were alert throughout the committee and noticed even the extremely intricate details in the resolutions as well as the speeches and raised intriguing questions. After three days of hard work and dedication of the delegates from all over the nation, and having discussed over five resolutions, the committee had unfortunately failed. However, we witnessed unity among the delegates and lifetime friendships were formed, thus fulfilling the main aim of LMC MUN 2024.



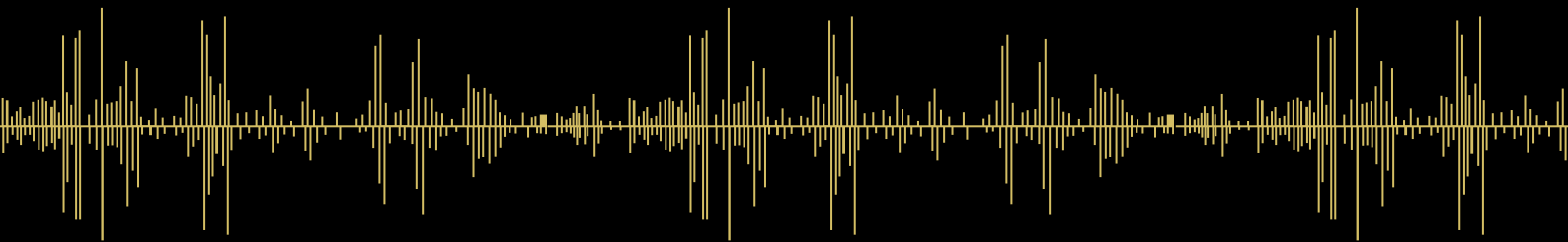


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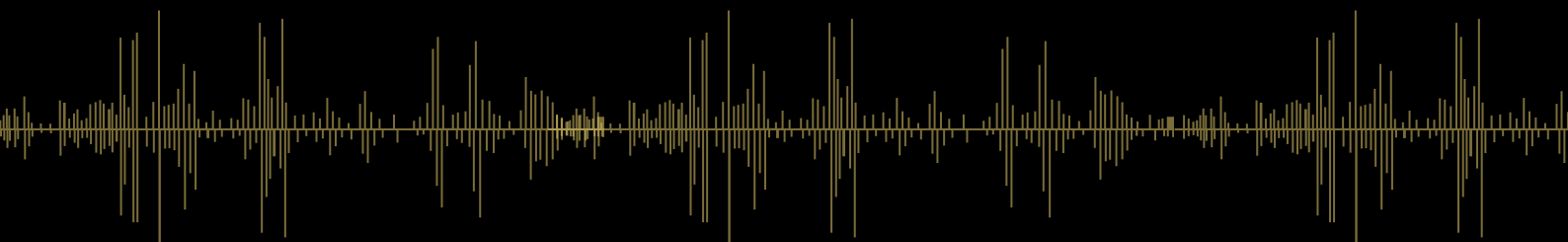
In today's committee, we started with the delegates of Nigeria. They made a statement very clear that people in Africa should be treated with equality calling for an end to apartheid and racial discrimination across the continent. Nigeria urged to take action to prevent the recurrence of such injustice and to uphold the rights of the individuals. Nigeria proposed equal rights to all African citizens. The developments of nuclear weapons indicate attacks directed at the USSR, with reports suggesting the use of chemical weapons in the Brazilian area. One main concern of these attacks was the impact of this on the population living on the west coast of South Africa.

The USA also deployed 50 troops raising questions about the intention behind this. The committee discussed addressing security concerns and facilitating the withdrawal of troops. There was a proposal to impose sanctions on South Africa to prevent further tests and explosions like the one at the Welfare Research Centre. Zimbabwe is urging the United States to stop supporting South Africa's arms development, as per Security Council Resolution 480. They also expressed concern about American involvement in Vietnam and reported missile sightings in Berlin, as well as missile testing in the Kalahari Desert.





Then there were resolutions. Despite numerous resolutions being discussed and voted on, the resolutions were failing. The session was filled with discussions and debates as delegates delved into topics, from serious to light discussions. Resolutions were proposed on issues such as "peace", the intriguingly named "Chili Chipi Chapa Chapa," "Cheesecake", "Maxxing", and even the hour of "3 am". Clauses were being scrapped during the discussions. There were also discussions about apartheid, with numerous "no" votes and abstentions. A second round of resolutions took place where the three resolutions were discussed in committee. Firstly, the committee discussed a resolution named "Blueberry Cheesecake" which the USA and France were the authors. Clauses four, nine, six, eleven, and ten were scraped, despite that the resolution was still standing. During the question-answer session of this particular resolution, the authors were thoroughly questioned by four nations in the committee including Angola. However in the end due to numerous "no" votes the resolution was scraped. Till the end the possibility of the next two resolutions passing was very high, but when it came down to voting unfortunately both of them failed. After three fruitful days full of intense debate and a number of resolutions, the committee had failed however the time in committee has been truly a learning experience!





BERLIN CONFERENCE

The committee started with a general speakers list where each party, the African polities and European nations, discussed what they wanted from the general act. They discussed the territories the Europeans wanted and the rights of the Africans to protect their territories. The delegates were then given about an hour to formulate, write, and submit the General Act. The General Act was signed by the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, the United States of America, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Sweden-Norway and Turkey (Ottoman Empire). The act consisted of twenty-four clauses. Article one of the first clause consisted of a list of African territories that were to be a part of the sovereign territory of the German Empire. Article 2 was the same but the African territories were to be a part of Belgium. The next few articles were the same but for the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy etc. Out of these twenty-four clauses, seven clauses were scraped and there were two amendments, article sixteen and article twenty-one. There was then a 3v3 debate which was very fruitful and intense. However in the end, during voting, there were two “no” votes which led to the committee failing.



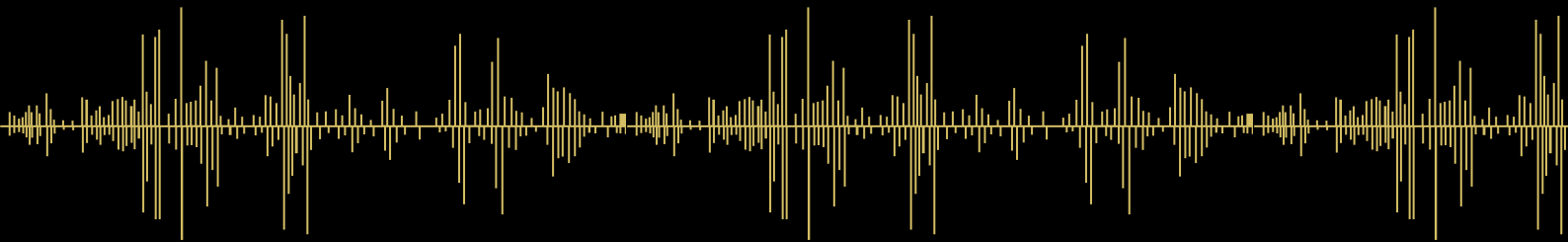


OSCE

The last and final day of the committee and started off with speeches from different countries. The delegates were surely tired after two days of intense debate and paperwork but the excitement was at an all-time high as it was the day the delegates would come up with a feasible resolution for solving the crisis. An interestingly polarising speech ended with the words, “The KLA is a leech who is sucking blood from Kosovo and there should be immediate action taken to neutralize them .” Then the committee transitioned into discussing about various issues regarding the crisis of Pristina and the abducted children and the demand for independence of workers in Kosovo. The committee at each step was full of ambiguity and excitement.

At this juncture, the committee came across news that on 1st November, 1998, the US and UK formed a bilateral intelligence agency known as the Corleone Force Framework. This force was sent to Yugoslavia, focusing on unearthing crimes committed by Yugoslav security forces. However, they found out something more horrific--the KLA was found perpetrating heinous acts against humanity, including bombings and brutal attacks on Serbian civilians and villages. One in every ten KLA soldiers was from Russia. Thus heated arguments ensued and some laughs along the way.

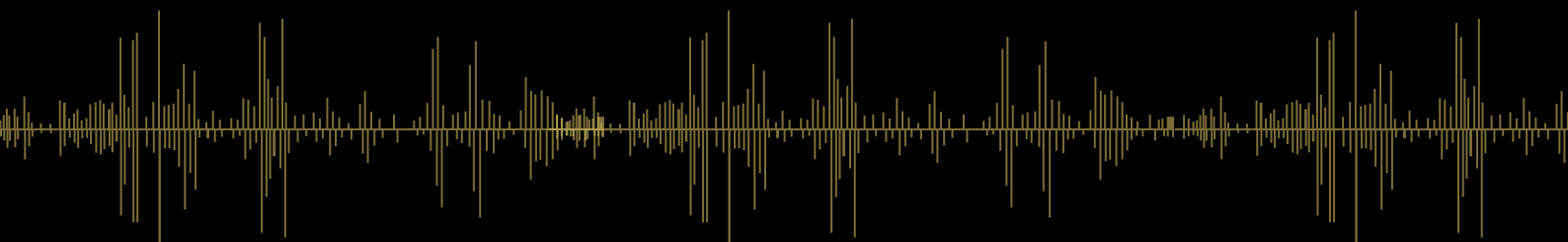


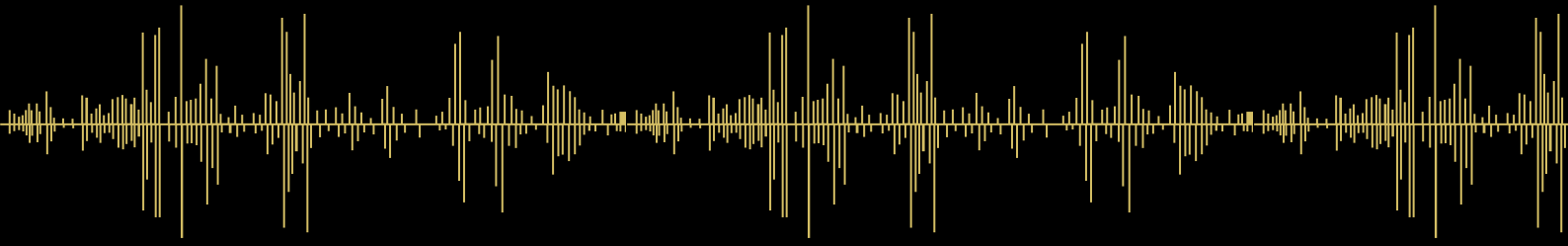


The discussion that followed kept everyone on their toes and challenged the delegates. The dirty blame game continued to prevail as it does in OSCE with all the blame being pinned onto one country, intensifying the situation further. As they say, “Russia is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.” A delegate used his dramatic skills quite well and expressed his hatred and sorrow towards their biggest ally. Certain delegates were convinced that this ‘live actor’ was doing nothing except playing the ‘victim card’; and yet again there was an important development. It truly became a ‘crisis committee’. The polarised committee formed two bands before further discussion.

The attention of the committee then turned to the one last explosive development. Sources stated that Sluzhba Vneshney Razvedki, the Foreign Intelligence Service of Russia launched an operation called ‘Operation Fein’ carried out by 4 agents. The sources stated that KLA is strictly abiding by the commands of the US, Hungary and Denmark to assure its autonomy. USA, Denmark, and Hungary cleared that they will not engage with KLA.

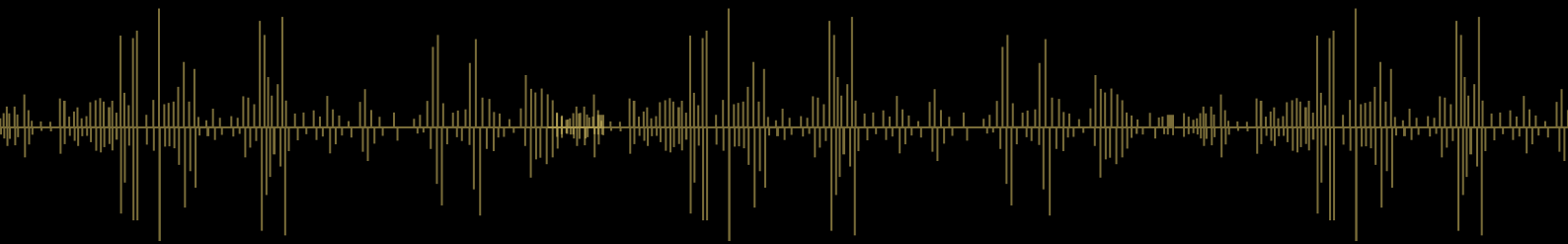
Then it was time for the much awaited event, discussing the draft resolution. Several draft resolutions came into picture including the Draft Resolution 2.0, Draft Resolution 4.2, Draft Resolution Jungus, Draft Resolution Messiah, Draft Resolution Money Trees and out of which Draft Resolution Money Trees was passed by majority. After much debate, consensus and friendly competition the draft resolution was decided upon by majority yet again showcasing the collaborative spirit of OSCE but alas the preambles were sadly scrapped. The resolution did not contain the agenda! It was indeed a very careless mistake. After much consideration and deliberation the whole resolution was scrapped.





The committee struggled to get a majority of votes and this was proving to be worrisome for the committee. With this we came down to the final hour of the committee. The chair had no choice but to declare that the committee in reality had failed. And even though the committee had failed, all the delegates will surely remember this committee for the rest of their lives. From friendly fights to blame gaming, the committee was truly dynamic and with this OSCE comes to an end. As Harvey Specter once said and I quote, “That’s the difference between you and me, you want to lose small, I want to win big” and truly all of us in committee felt like we won something today.

With this the committee comes to an end with heavy hearts and fruitful conversations.





CONCLAVE OF THE 49ERS

'In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity'

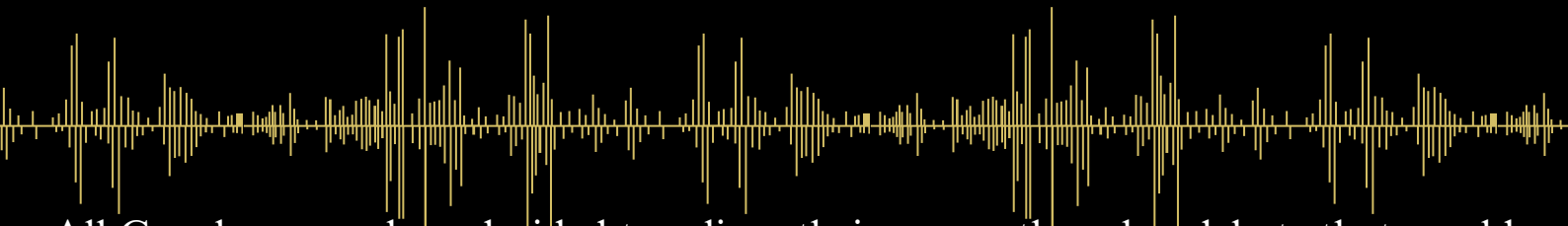
– Sun Tzu.

The meeting kicked off with the kind of gusto usually reserved for a Hollywood blockbuster premiere. But red carpets were substituted with red faces as members launched into a heated debate over the removal of Richard Mason. But, as every cloud has a silver lining, the removal of Mason resulted in his troops being put in the hands of the governor, Mr. B. C. Riley, who assured the Conclave that they would act only for national interest.

After this optimistic turn of events, the hope of the members was marched out by an advancing unidentified task force who had captured a gold rich region southwest Sacramento. This was further worsened by the fact that Joseph Lienhard had taken over Sacramento aided by European influence. Several Maidu tribes had settled in a ranch belonging to John Charles Fremont and locals had sighted several warehouses full of artillery and food.

The committee took an eerie turn as the presence of a note on Harry Love's desk was finally noted. It stated – **AS I SAID, I TOLD YOU SO**. Seven words, words which would not make any difference under any other circumstance was now the main nucleus around which the entire committee was revolving due to the fact that both Love and Fremont were not present in committee.





All Conclave members decided to relieve their nerves through a debate that would climax all the updates received. Charles Fairfax passionately declared that he had disapproved strongly of Richard Mason but shared most of his ideas and thoughts, conveniently choosing to ignore the audacity of his own proclamation. He then went on to suggest the removal of Lienhard from committee.

William Ide, with all the wisdom of a saint, pointed out that this was the Conclave of 49ers and not the Conclave of Removal. This statement was recognized by the Conclave but the flame of their enthusiasm was doused by the disclosure of a piece of information which stated that the police, on breaking into Fremont's house for investigation, had found several pieces of paper which were written in Morse code, the heading translating to INFILTRATOR.




This news caused the committee to elapse into a drama that would have made even Shakespeare jealous. The heat from this event must have made the Conclave members' blood run hot as they began throwing angry words at each other. Unparliamentary language was now considered normal.

Just when it was thought that that the committee couldn't get any wilder, Fremont dropped the bombshell of the century: he was resigning!

Dear Conclave, the letter read, I regret to inform you that I step down from the position of leader in this conclave. I am mentally unstable and unfit for this position. Best of luck. Thank you for your precious time.

Courageous is the one, who can admit his own mistakes – as the wise saying goes. However, courageous as it was for Fremont to acknowledge that he was mentally unsound, the others did not see him in a good light. All the Conclave members were at breaking point, and when John Charles Fremont marched in through the door, they finally lost it.





Exclaiming that being held hostage had made him thirsty, Fremond drank a cup of water prior to addressing the committee showing that he clearly cared more about his own bodily needs than California.

He was shocked when he was told that he was removed from his position as a leader since he had declared himself mentally unstable. He stated that he had been made to write the letter at gunpoint but it made no difference whatsoever.

At the end of committee, a unanimous constitution was drawn up for the state of California, which was then ironically, unanimously scrapped.

The authors for the constitution must have forgotten that they were time travelers from the future when they mentioned the establishment of free-trade zones, a concept which was not introduced till almost a century later.

To sum up, since the committee failed to produce a proclamation, it had failed!





INDIRA GANDHI'S CABINET


“At this rate we're better off dead.” Said an extremely frustrated Indira Gandhi, as each second ticked by. No solutions had been provided yet, and the Ministers refused to give up on their blaming segment. With 25 minutes at hand, 22nd May, 1974, seemed to be a blasted one.

Discussions got heated as most Ministers wanted to falsely negotiate, but the scientists present amongst all members were ready to put the secret tunnel in use. Immediately the scientists were termed as 'traitors', blamed for mishandling chemicals, and how they had developed bombs without taking into account the consequences. The scientists were accused of not being patriotic and the bickering exceeded limits as personal affairs were brought up, mainly targeting the Chairperson of AECI.



“Aaj Pakistan Kashmir maang rahe hai, kal Delhi bhi maangenge, aur Cabinet aisa hai, ki hum de bhi denge.” Said our newly introduced Home Minister. He demanded an immediate curfew in Delhi in order to limit the movement of the culprits, rather terrorists, around the country.

“Indira Gandhi bhagwaan nahi hai. I will not listen to her. I am not her puppet.” Grumbled Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Scientists VS Minister- two important bodies of India put against each other. They accused each other without taking into account the limited time frame which as always, lead to last minute panics as nobody knew what solutions to bring up.



At the mark of 19 minutes to the explosion, suggestions poured in. Once again some Ministers refused to negotiate and wanted to escape through the secret tunnel, although the tunnels were not in fact a secret as there was a public plan published in 1963 which revealed the pathway.

Others still wanted to negotiate and even expected to sort things out after inviting a member of the terrorist group into the Rashtrapati Bhavan; in case of unexpected turn of events, it was ensured that the Indian Army and Bomb Squad were on standby.

With a mere 3 minutes left, everyone decided to unite and negotiate, but as the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi refused to interact with the terrorists. Thereafter it was revealed that the name of the man who lead the full operation was Narendra Modi and he had ultimately been arrested. The Cabinet was finally free of the death threat.

Soon the members broke into yet another argument. The following proceedings were still unclear and upon extreme brainstorming, it was unanimously decided that the session had finally been put to an end.

This brings us to the end of Day 3. Indira Gandhi's Cabinet, 18th May 1974 to 22nd May 1974, had officially been adjourned.





IPC


The sound of the gavel cracked a split through committee, and that summed up the last day in the International Press Corps.

Polarization and divisive debate was the spirit, on Day III. Starting off with a tense video of an agonized Russian hostage, TASS and Times of India presented constructive arguments, informing the theme of appearance versus reality, as the delegates debated on whether the hostage footage was doctored or genuine. The ambiguity of the source on their part urged the delegates to not “behave like TOI.”

Additionally, there was a bone-chilling, distorted audio, with ‘nuclear’ being the only audible term. As the Executive Board took to the floor, walking around and observing delegates make their statements, accusatory glances flew amongst rival news-agencies and rapid alliances were forged.



A vastly stressed-on solution to journalistic risks in conflicted areas, was self-defense education and awareness for media-persons and whistleblowers.



Although Press is known famously for its unconventional nature, pleasant shock is in store for whoever has patience.

After three days of brilliant arguments, fabricating Presidential meeting footage, citing whistleblower-protection acts, and blaming government-funded news agencies, the delegates formed two blocs, which led to a formal round-table conference – and ultimately, two formal paperwork presentations.

The gavels hit the table, once the article was passed.

The pen, as it turns out, is truly, mightier than the sword.

