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Ex-Official Brands U.N. A Dependency of U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., (AP)—A Brazilian once high in the United Nations calls it a dependency of the United States and says it cannot hope to have outstanding men in key positions.

The Brazilian, Hernane Tavares de Sa, is critical of all three secretaries general but especially so of U Thant—the man who decided to dispense with Tavares's services. He describes Thant as non-brilliant, ineffectual, vague and hectoring.

These views are in a book by Tavares published Monday, called "The Play Within the Play: The Inside Story of the U.N."

Tavares became U.N. Under Secretary for Public Information in 1960 appointed by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. When his five-year contract expired last year Thant did not renew it.

Tavares says Hammarskjold was guilty of blunders and sins of omission, but "a man I learned to admire."

In time of crisis, Tavares says, Thant "did not rise to the occasion." He adds that

he was no match for world leaders such as Lyndon B. Johnson, Charles de Gaulle and Nikita Khrushchev, and says he failed to press home the U.N. case when it really mattered.

Tavares blames part of the U.N.'s problems on what he calls the low caliber of its officials at all levels. The level sinks a little lower each year, he says.

Concluding that no man of outstanding qualities stands a chance of being elected Secretary General, he adds:

"No Western power—to say nothing of the Soviet bloc—is willing to run the risk of that deadly combination of ability and character either in the office of the Secretary General or of any of his key aides."

He offers other comments:

"The U.N. is not an international body, but rather a dependency of the United States that has in recent years been infiltrated by Afro-Asians.

"Nobody dares say anything resembling the truth about the Black Continent."