

UN Expulsion

A number of congressmen and senators have expressed support for cutting our country's voluntary contributions to the UN as a "moral retaliation" because of expelling Nationalist China. This would be the worst kind of political opportunism and hypocrisy.

Most of the voluntary contributions that the U.S. makes to the UN, both of dollars and commodities, go toward its less publicized functions — feeding the hungry of the world, providing health care and funds for medical research, providing the avenue for international cooperation in environmental projects, etc.

The supporters of a cut in funds want to keep up a good front by continuing to pay the formal obligations of the U.S. while cutting down on funds for these less visible but just as important activities . . .

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The absurdity of cutting our contributions to the UN is clear when we compare what we spend for war against what is spent for peace. As Americans we actually spend more than the entire UN deficit every single day on war and armaments . . .

This is not the time to lessen our support to the UN or to be influenced by small men with myopic vision . . . The challenge is to strengthen the UN by revising its charter to allow creation of a parliament where people are represented as well as nations . . .

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