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REMARKS BY SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT  
ON PRESENTATION OF MEDALS FROM POPE PAUL VI  
TO MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION (UNCA)

Monsignor Giovannetti, Mr. Stajduhar and friends, I am very happy to be able to participate in this delightful function where the Holy Father, through Monsignor Giovannetti, presented the medallions to all the members of UNCA.

This recognition by the Holy Father of the very close links between UNCA and the United Nations is very meaningful to me.

I endorse every word of what Monsignor Giovannetti said just now; the Holy Father's visit to the United Nations was historic in every sense of the word.

His speech was a source of great moral inspiration for all of us, regardless of religion or creed, and this fact is being increasingly recognized all over the world. To my way of thinking, his speech can be classified as even one of the greatest documents of history. The more you delve deeply into the significance of the Holy Father's speech, the more you realize how pregnant it is with meaning and significance, and I want to take this opportunity of, once again, expressing my sincere gratitude to the Holy Father for his historic visit to the United Nations and his message of peace which I hope will serve as a beacon light for all of us in these tense times.

While speaking of the tense times, I have been wondering sometimes about the development of our mentality, in these technological societies. Sometimes, I feel that there are two kinds of brains -- one is technical and the other is emotional. It is, of course, a matter for psychoanalysts, or of philosophers perhaps, who would delve more deeply into this aspect.

I think in advanced societies our brain is apt to be more technical than emotional, while in more primitive societies, I would say less developed, the brain is more emotional than technical. The people react with much more emotion. What I mean is that they have more feeling, more sensitivity, for instance, to human suffering, to afflictions, death and destructions.

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I feel sometimes that we need more and more training in emotions. I am not saying that the technical brain is inferior to the emotional brain nor that the emotional brain is inferior to the technical brain, but what I want to say is that we ought to be a little more emotional and have a little more feeling in our approach to problems. I hope to develop this theme a little more in detail, at an appropriate time.

Well, Mr. Stajduhar, as I have just said, I have very great pleasure in giving you an ICY medallion as a mark of recognition of the United Nations for the great service by UNCA, particularly in the year which is ending, International Co-operation Year.

As you know, the Committee of ICY (International Co-operation Year) has authorized me to present these medallions to all permanent representatives. I have done so. And I feel that the United Nations Correspondents Association must also be treated similarly as permanent representatives to the United Nations. Of course, because of the limitations, I am not in a position to present one medallion each to every member of UNCA, so, as a symbolic gesture of my esteem, affection and regard for UNCA, and particularly for your very dedicated co-operation with the United Nations activities and your understanding of the United Nations problems, I have very great pleasure to give this medallion to the President, our esteemed friend, a great man and good man, Mr. Stajduhar, who, I understand, is leaving our midst very soon.

I want to take this opportunity of expressing my very sincere and very best wishes to you, Mr. Stajduhar, for your success and for your continuing contribution to the success of the United Nations activities wherever you are and whatever functions you are going to perform. I am sure I share the sentiments of all of you when I say that we wish you a very happy New Year.

Of course, the same message I want to transmit to all of you, members of UNCA, for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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I don't know whether the members of UNEA are aware of this publication which was out only two days ago. It is an account of the Holy Father's visit to the United Nations -- we published it. We propose to publish it also in French, Italian and Spanish, and I have very great pleasure to give this, one of the first copies, to you. I am sure the caption of the book is of significance. I understand it is available in the United Nations Bookshop.

Well, Milton, congratulations on your very well deserved election as President. I want to say just one word to you -- on behalf of the United Nations Secretariat I welcome your election. I am sure all of our colleagues will share my assessment that you are one of the most perceptive political analysts of United Nations affairs.

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