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UNITED NATIONS INTERACTION DATA

STUDY INFORMATION

The United Nations Interaction Data study is data collected by Chadwick F. Alger through observation of the meetings of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of the U.N. General Assembly during sixty-nine of the seventy meetings of the Seventeenth Session (1962) and during twenty-two meetings of the Fourth Special Session (May-June, 1963) of the General Assembly.

The goal of the study is to analyze interactions of the U.N. delegates in a main committee of the General Assembly. The theoretical orientation is based on Garland Routt's thesis that high interactors play important legislative roles. The data have been collected and analyzed as part of a study of the effect that political and social processes in intergovernmental organizations have on inter-governmental conflict and consensus development.

The interactions are analyzed in terms of:

- (a) relation of interaction to the legislative process;
- (b) interactions of individual nations;
- (c) relation of interaction to nation public speaking;
- (d) regional group interaction;
- (e) relation between group interaction and voting;
- (f) relation between non-committee roles of individuals and interaction;
- (g) relation between individual reputation for being capable and informed and interaction.

Three papers derived from this study are:

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CODING INFORMATION

I. FORMAT FOR FIFTH COMMITTEE INTERACTION DATA CODING

| <u>Column(s)</u> | <u>Variable(s)</u> |
|------------------|---|
| 1 - 5 | Card I.D. Code "31621" - 17th Session cards "31632" - 4th Special Session cards 31 = study constant 62 = year 63 1 = deck number 2 = |
| 7 - 10 | Card number (consecutively, beginning with 0001) |
| 11 - 17 | BLANK |
| 18 - 20 | Country number (known initiator of dyad; see Appendix) |
| 21 - 21 | BLANK |
| 22 - 23 | Person number |
| 24 - 24 | BLANK |
| 25 - 25 | Post of Person 1 = Permanent Mission to the UN 2 = Foreign Office 3 = Overseas post 4 = Parliamentarian 5 = Other Government post 6 = Private citizen 7 = Other 9 = Unknown |
| 26 - 26 | Membership in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 1 = Member 0 = Non-member |
| 27 - 27 | Initiative 1 = Initiated the interaction 2 = Received initiative 9 = Unknown |
| 28 - 28 | Place of Interaction 1 = Home seat 2 = Seat of other participant 3 = Other place |

29 - 41 BLANK

42 - 44 Country number (known receiver of initiative; see Appendix)

45 - 45 BLANK

46 - 47 Person number

48 - 48 BLANK

49 - 49 Post of Person

- 1 = Permanent Mission to the UN
- 2 = Foreign Office
- 3 = Overseas Post
- 4 = Parliamentarian
- 5 = Other government post
- 6 = Private citizen
- 7 = Secretariat
- 8 = Other
- 9 = Unknown

50 - 50 Membership in Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

- 1 = Member
- 2 = Non-Member

51 - 51 Initiative

- 1 = Initiated Interaction
- 2 = Received initiative
- 3 = Unknown

52 - 52 Place of Interaction

- 1 = Home seat
- 2 = Seat of Other participant
- 3 = Other place

53 - 55 Meeting number

56 - 59 Time the interaction began (0001 to 2400 hours)
9999 = Unknown

60 - 63 Time the interaction ended (0001 to 2400 hours)
9999 = Unknown

64 - 66 Time elapsed during interaction (in number of minutes)
999 = Unknown

67 - 68 Agenda Item number (of item being publicly debated):
In the 4th Special Session, columns 67 to 68 are blank as
the entire session dealt with a single item)

- 69 - 69 Number of persons participating in interaction situation
- 70 - 70 Document jointly consulted
 1 = Document consulted jointly
 0 = No document was consulted jointly
- 71 - 71 Document passed
 1 = Document passed
 0 = No document was passed
- 72 - 72 Humor
 1 = Humorous exchange noted
 2 = No humor noted
- 73 - 73 Congratulations
 1 = Congratulations bestowed
 2 = No congratulations
- 74 - 74 Whether Interaction was between seatmates
 1 = Interaction was between seatmates
 2 = Interaction was between temporary seatmates
 (middleman was absent)
 3 = Interactors not seatmates
- 75 - 75 Whether Interactors entered or departed together
 1 = Interactors left room together
 2 = Interactors returned together
 3 = Interactors entered room together
 4 = No such companionship
- 76 - 76 Presence of exchange of talk upon arriving
 1 = There was arrival talk
 2 = No exchange of talk upon arriving
- 77 - 79 BLANK
- 80 - 80 Data status
 1 = On original deck
 2 = On transposed deck

II. FORMAT FOR NATION DATA CODING

A. Seventeenth Session

| <u>Column(s)</u> | <u>Variable(s)</u> |
|------------------|---|
| 1 - 5 | "31621" - 17th session cards 31 = study constant 62 = year 1 = deck number |

6 - 7 Card number

8 - 10 Country number (see Appendix)

CARD ONE (01) :

11 - 14 Total observed time of interactions (in minutes)

15 - 15 Number of resolutions and amendments

16 - 18 Number of speeches

19 - 25 Bloc membership : 1 = Yes 0 = No

- (19) Soviet bloc
- (20) Afro-Asian bloc
- (21) Arab bloc
- (22) Africa
- (23) Western Europe
- (24) Latin America
- (25) (British) Commonwealth

26 - 27 Laughter

28 - 30 Total length of speeches (in minutes)

31 - 32 Number in permanent U.N. mission

33 - 34 Number in General Assembly delegation

35 - 36 Number of sessions none present

37 - 39 Total attendance

40 - 46 Voluntary contributions (U.S. dollars in thousands of dollars)

47 - 50 U.N. payments as per cent of G.N.P.

51 - 56 Per cent total U.N. contributions

57 - 61 Per cent U.N. regular budget contributions
62 - 80 BLANK

CARD TWO (02) :

11 - 13 Total interactions
14 - 16 Total interactions, non-seatmates
17 - 19 Total initiatives taken
20 - 22 Total initiatives received
23 - 25 Total initiatives taken, non-seatmates
26 - 28 Total initiatives received, non-seatmates
29 - 29 Membership in the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions

1 = Yes
0 = No

30 - 31 Questions asked
32 - 33 Questions answered
34 - 36 Citations of others
37 - 39 Neutral citations
40 - 41 Positive citations
42 - 43 Negative citations
44 - 50 Roll Call Votes : 0 = Absent 1 = Yes
2 = Abstain 3 = No

(44) Vote on Resolution 929
(45) Vote on Resolution 757, Parag. 3
(46) Vote on Resolution 757, Parag. 4
(47) Vote on Resolution 747
(48) Vote on Resolution 766
(49) Vote on Resolution 760, paragraph
(50) Vote on Resolution 760, whole

51 - 51 Total sponsorship, resolutions and amendments
52 - 52 Successes
53 - 53 Failures
54 - 57 Successes/Total
58 - 58 Roll Call vote on Resolution 767, whole

B. Fourth Special Session

| <u>Column(s)</u> | <u>Variable(s)</u> |
|------------------|--|
| 1 - 5 | "31632" - 4th Special Session cards 31 = study constant 63 = year 2 = deck number |

6 - 7 Card number

8 - 10 Country number (see Appendix)

CARD ONE (01) :

11 - 14 Total interaction time

15 - 17 BLANK

18 - 25 Bloc or Organization membership: 1 = Yes 0 = No

- (18) Western European bloc
- (19) Soviet bloc
- (20) Asian bloc
- (21) Arab bloc
- (22) Sub-Saharan Afric bloc
- (23) NATO membership
- (24) Latin American bloc
- (25) Commonwealth

28 - 30 Total length of specches

31 - 32 Number in permanent U.N. mission

33 - 34 Number in General Assembly delegation

40 - 46 Voluntary contributions (U.S. dollars, in thousands)

47 - 50 U.N. payments divided by G.N.P.

51 - 56 Per cent total U.N. contributions

57 - 61 Per cent U.N. regular budget contributions

62 - 80 BLANK

APPENDIX - COUNTRY CODES

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| 001 | Afghanistan | 101 | Gabon | 065 | Nigeria |
| 098 | Albania | 034 | Ghana | 066 | Norway |
| 002 | Algeria | 035 | Greece | 067 | Pakistan |
| 003 | Argentina | 036 | Guatemala | 068 | Panama |
| 004 | Australia | 037 | Guinea | 069 | Paraguay |
| 005 | Austria | 038 | Haiti | 070 | Peru |
| 006 | Belgium | 039 | Honduras | 071 | Philippines |
| 007 | Bolivia | 040 | Hungary | 073 | Poland |
| 008 | Brazil | 102 | Iceland | 074 | Romania |
| 009 | Bulgaria | 041 | India | 075 | Rwanda |
| 010 | Burma | 042 | Indonesia | 076 | Saudi Arabia |
| 011 | Burundi | 043 | Iran | 089 | Senegal |
| 012 | Byelorussian SSR | 044 | Iraq | 108 | Sierra Leone |
| 014 | Cambodia | 045 | Ireland | 109 | Somalia |
| 015 | Cameroon | 046 | Israel | 079 | South Africa |
| 016 | Canada | 047 | Italy | 078 | Spain |
| 017 | Central Afr. Rep. | 048 | Ivory Coast | 080 | Sudan |
| 018 | Ceylon | 103 | Jamaica | 081 | Sweden |
| 019 | Chad | 049 | Japan | 082 | Syria |
| 020 | Chile | 050 | Jordan | 083 | Tanganyika |
| 021 | China | 104 | Kuwait | 084 | Thailand |
| 022 | Colombia | 105 | Laos | 085 | Togo |
| 114 | Congo (Brazza.) | 051 | Lebanon | 110 | Trinidad and Tobago |
| 100 | Congo (Leopold.) | 052 | Liberia | 087 | Tunisia |
| 023 | Costa Rica | 053 | Libya | 086 | Turkey |
| 024 | Cuba | 054 | Luxembourg | 111 | Uganda |
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| 028 | Dominican Rep. | 060 | Mongolia | 094 | United States |
| 029 | Ecuador | 061 | Morocco | 112 | Upper Volta |
| 030 | El Salvador | 062 | Nepal | 091 | Uruguay |
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| 055 | Fed. of Malaya | 064 | New Zealand | 092 | Yemen |
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