Wadsworth Traces UN's Early Growth, Present Maturity

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James J. Wadsworth, former Deputy United States Representative to the United Nations, spoke in Hamman Auditorium Tuesday night on "The United Nations Today" as part of Houston's observance of U. N. Week.

Mr. Wadsworth, in comparing the U. N. to a child of the same age, spoke of their similar aspects: spurting growth, changing voice, and a growing sense of maturity.

The word Wadsworth uses to illustrate the immature frame of mind prevalent in the U. N.'s early days is hyper-sovereignty. He felt that one could not expect a powerful U. N. without giving up some sovereignty to achieve it.

In a strikingly objective tone, Wadsworth went on to examine reasons for distrust of America's word by other nations. First, we are not spotless, having denied treaties, guided by national interests alone, including one only a few years ago.

In our own way, we are just as dedicated as the Communists, but with opposing aims. But much of the world does not have full confidence in our beliefs because we have not acted in the manner necessary to insure such confidence at times.

Wadsworth feels that men are quarrelsome by nature, but that we can adjust and get along; basically, this is what the U. N. is trying to achieve. But first everyone must be convinced that (Continued on Page 8)
it is to his own selfish interests that he and his nation get along with others, and to be willing to act on the convictions by giving up some self-determination to the compromise.

The giving-up of a measure of self-determination Wadsworth characterized as one facet of "from the cave to the ideal," part of his increasing maturity. The United Nations is only part of man's striving for the ideal, an attempt to create a peaceful world.