Frederick Defends UN As Alternative To War

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Pauline Frederick, prize-winning United Nations correspondent for radio and television, declared that "the U.N. is the only alternative to nuclear war" in a question and answer session Wednesday, March 7, in a program sponsored by the Forum Committee.

Miss Frederick prefaced her program with the remark that "I'm not sure why I'm here, but I am honored to be here," and then proceeded to discuss critical questions facing the United Nations. She emphasized that "if we (the United States) pull out of the U.N., we are doing what Russia wants — and any American who thinks we should is probably wrong."

THE PROBLEM OF U.S. relations with small neutral nations of the U.N. was thoroughly hashed, and Miss Frederick stated that the U.S. "needs to court their friendship." In the struggles of the cold war — the struggle between ideologies (referred to as a struggle between black and white—not races) — Miss Frederick said that "the gray is often more right than either black or white."

MISS FREDERICK commented that Acting Secretary General U Thant had "taken hold surprisingly well." She added, however, that he did not have Dag Hammarskjold's great scope of the overall situation.

THE CONGO situation was used to show the "quick and efficient action" of the U.N. in answering calls for aid from small nations. The U.N., Miss Frederick reported, "went to the Congo to restore law and order and to try to prevent the major powers from becoming entangled."

On the Goa situation she stated that "India was, of course, wrong," but that Indian occupation of Goa was "inevitable" since the Indians do not like the Portuguese. She also stated that Secretary Stevenson was partially responsible for the "grim tone" of the affair, but shortly after retracted his statements.

THE WORLD COURT will soon rule on the financial responsibility of all nations to the U.N. At present, she stated, any member two years in arrears on dues may lose its vote; however, partial payment on the debt allows a member to retain its vote. She pointed out the case of a small Latin-American nation two

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(Continued from Page 1) years in arrears which was about to lose its vote but was allowed to retain its voting status by making a payment of 25 cents on the debt. Miss Frederick then stated that “if a nation is making payment on its debt, then it shows its willingness to accept its responsibilities.”

In her summary Miss Frederick re-emphasized the role of the U.N. as “the only alternative to nuclear destruction” and pointed out that “the U.N. is in essence a conference table substituted for the battlefield.”