CHAPTER 12 - THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Brian Urquart described the U.N. in its infancy as the 'constituency of the good". In,
he said, the U.N. attacked the Palestine problem in the hope of facilitating a British retreat from that area
of conflict while, at the same time, finding a solution to the Jewish refugee problem in Europe and the
decades old conflict between the Jews and Arabs in Palestine.
The innocence, however, was not just a product of idealism and ignorance of the difficult
and virtually interactable nature of the problem. the innocence was a direct product of the U.N. being
dominated by the 'constituency of the good' rather than the 'constituency of the right.'
By 'constituency of the right', I am not referring to the political cliche of right versus left in politics.
The ideology of government as either a passive umpire or as an activist instrument of social goals is just that,
an ideology which of its citizens.