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"There is a million jobs, 700,000 families, 100,000 children, and 100,000,000 people who are waiting for the United Nations to do something for them. The UN has over 100,000 people working for it. It has a budget of over \$2 billion. It has a staff of over 100,000. It has a mission to make the world a better place."
— George Chalmers
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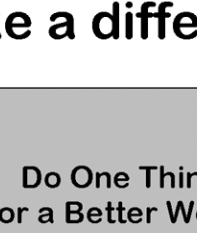
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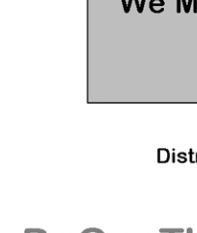
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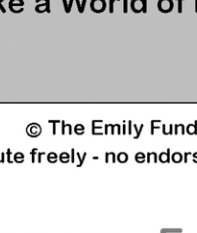
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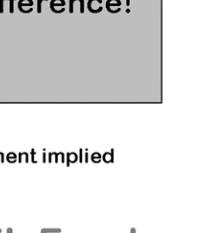
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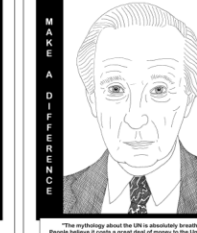
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After the horrors of World War II, the United Nations was created to provide a forum for nations to work out their problems in a peaceful way and to help nations work together to create a better world for all. For more than 60 years since then, the United Nations has shone as humanity's greatest hope for a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. It has helped to promote human rights, freedom and democracy, erase poverty and hunger, improve health and education, and urge the governments of the world to work together in peace.

However, the UN can only do what governments allow it to do. Across the globe, a people's movement has been growing to convince governments to help the UN in its goals and to allow the UN to work more closely with civil society in solving the planet's problems. People's Assemblies have convened at the UN and in local gatherings around the world.

United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24, commemorating the anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Charter on October 24, 1945. United Nations Day is the perfect opportunity to highlight the important achievements for a better world that the UN has won for all humanity and to support the people's movements to make it more democratic and effective.

*"I am working for a better United Nations. Nothing is perfect.
You should never rely on only one source, but rather rely on those you believe in the most."*
-- Angelina Jolie

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1. Learn more about the United Nations
2. Hold an event in support of the United Nations
3. Support the UN Association and other organizations working for a stronger and more democratic UN

United Nations Support

- Better World Campaign (betterworldcampaign.org)
- Citizens for a United Nations People's Assembly (empowertheun.org)
- United Nations (un.org)
- United Nations Association of the USA (unausa.org)
- World Federation of United Nations Associations (wfuna.org)

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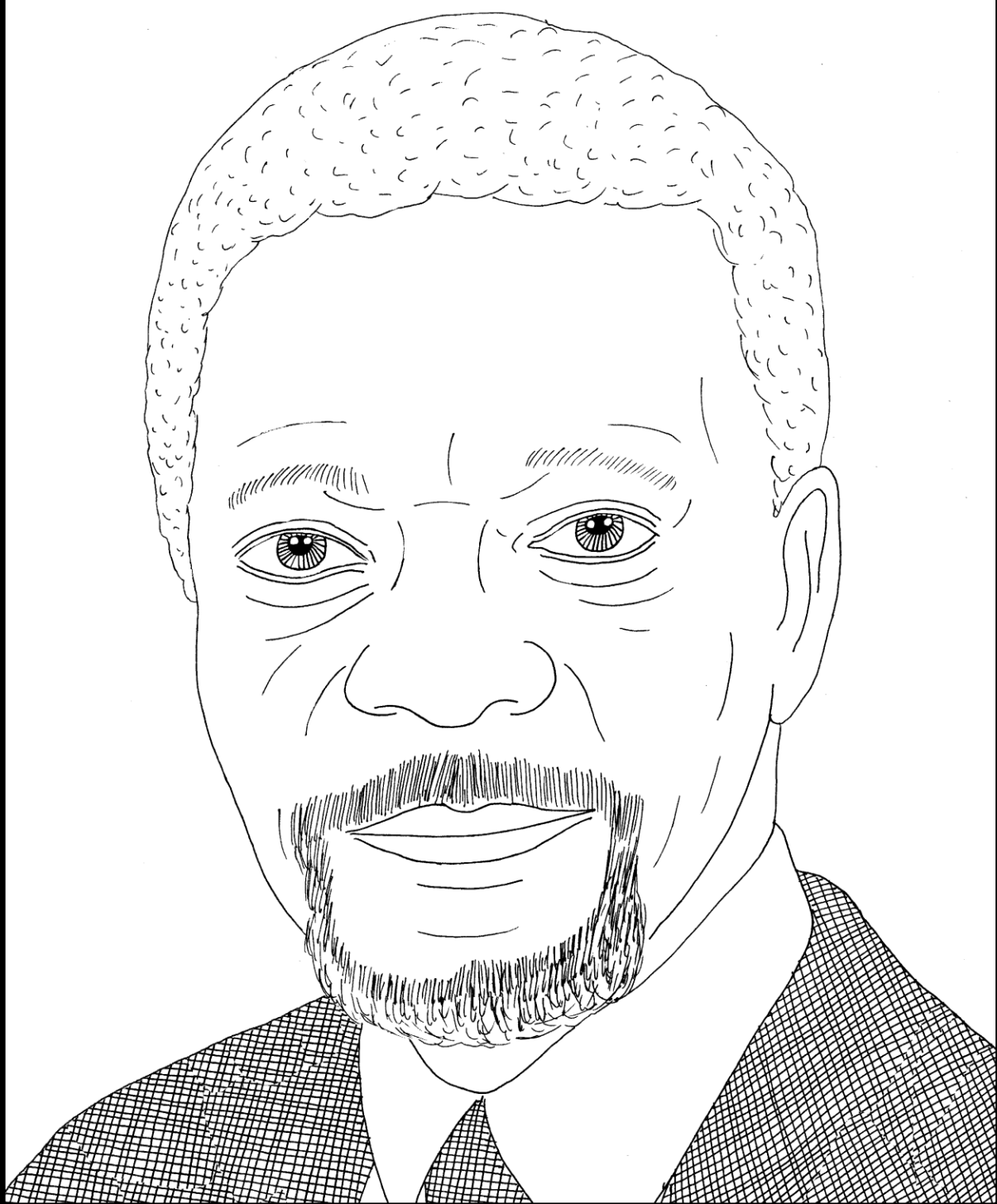
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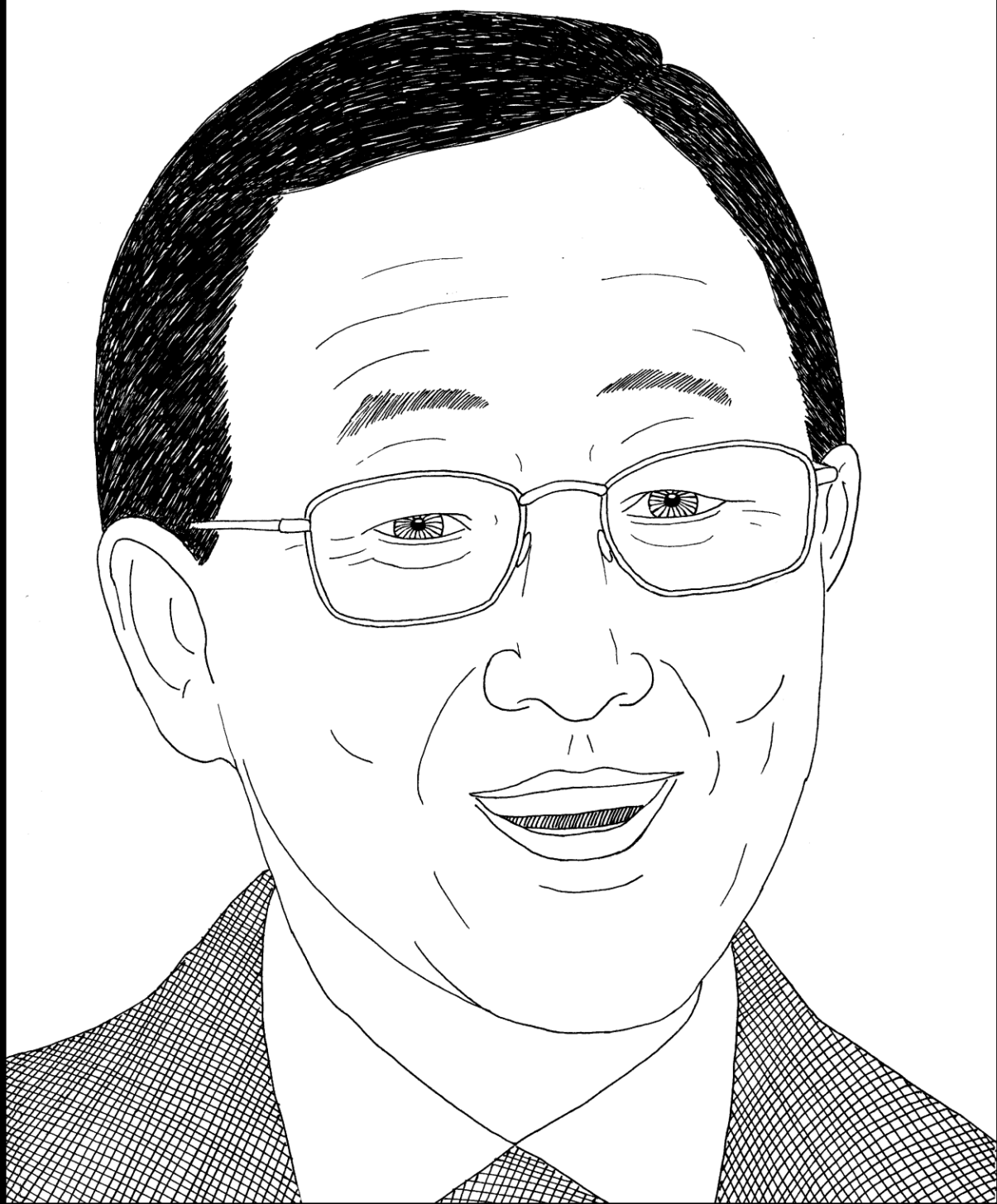
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"The UN is committed to the goal of ensuring that all nations share in economic, social, & scientific progress. It delivers humanitarian assistance to the victims of wars and natural disasters."

-- Bill Bradley

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**"There is a story which is not being told strongly enough of the Afghan employees of the UN inside the country who are saving hundreds of thousands of lives everyday by their bravery and nobody talks of them."
-- Lakhdar Brahimi**

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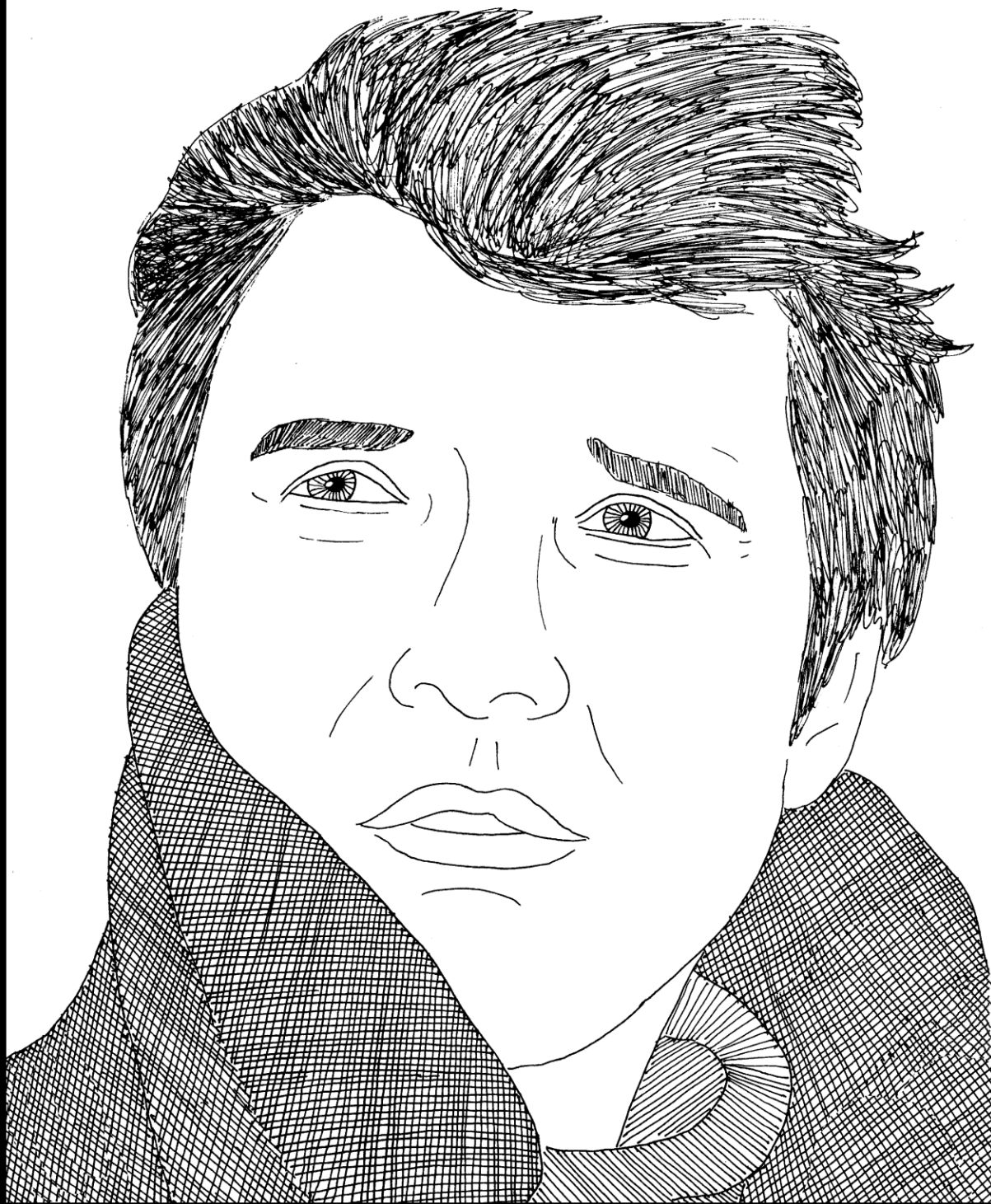
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"At (UNHCR's) headquarters, I met extraordinary people, men and women, especially from the emergency team, who shared with me their passion, their dedication and their commitment to this organisation and refugees. They told me about the daily difficulties they have to face and also the joy they felt when they managed to save a person whose life was threatened."

-- Julien Clerc

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"Peace is a fulltime job. It's protecting civilians, overseeing elections, and disarming ex-combatants. The UN has over 100,000 Peacekeepers on the ground, in places others can't or won't go, doing things others can't or won't do. Peace, like war, must be waged."

-- George Clooney

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“If the United Nations is to survive, those who represent it must bolster it; those who advocate it must submit to it; and those who believe in it must fight for it.”

-- Norman Cousins

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"In a nutshell, this United Nations non-profit organization [World Food Programme] feeds millions of starving children at schools in third world countries as an incentive for them to attend school, which in turn might better their futures."

-- Sheryl Crow

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"If the United Nations once admits that international disputes can be settled by using force, then we will have destroyed the foundation of the organization and our best hope of establishing a world order."

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"For all the civilians saved thanks to the presence of peacekeepers, there have been those who were lost – the United Nations personnel who sacrificed their lives for a noble cause. Even as we mourn our fallen colleagues, we are all uplifted by their unflinching commitment and are inspired to strive even harder for the collective cause so eloquently envisaged in the United Nations Charter: a world free from the scourge of war."

-- Jan Eliasson, 60th United Nations President of the General Assembly

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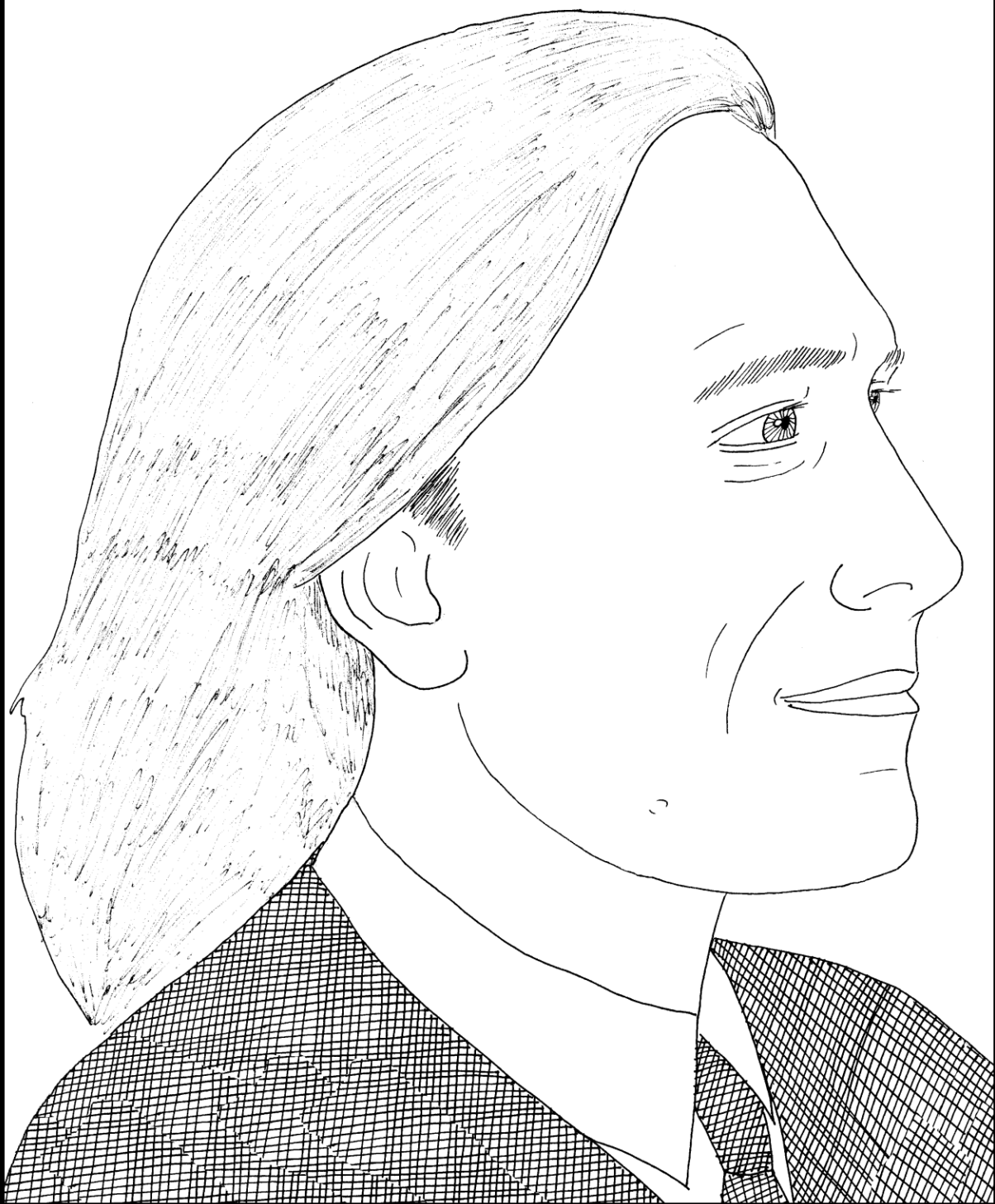
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"We need to support the governments of the world to create the world we want and I also think we need to empower the UN so that the secretariat, the people who work day in and day out, know that the people are behind them."

-- Jeremey Gilley

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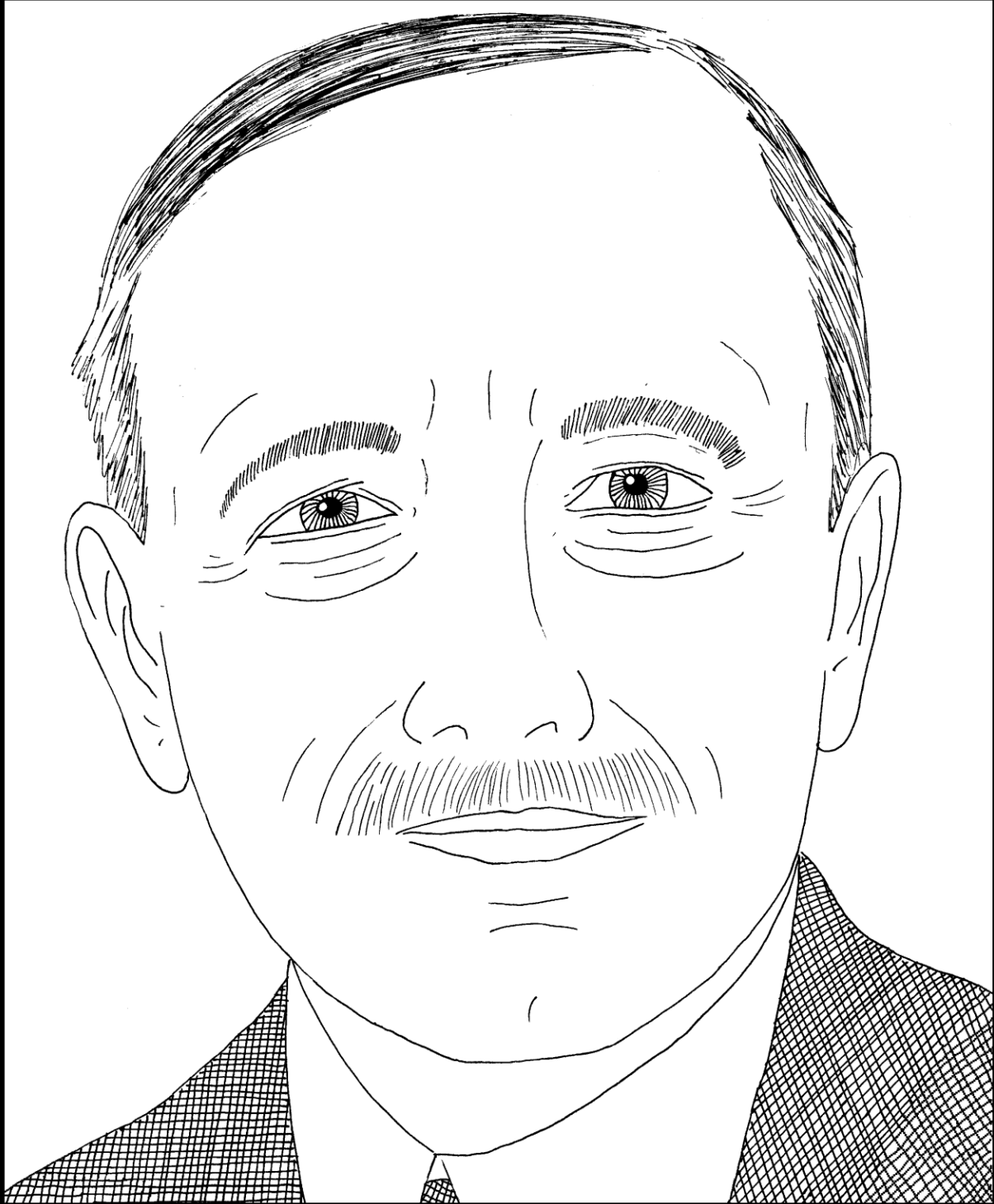
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"The nations must be organized internationally and induced to enter into partnership, subordinating in some measure national sovereignty to worldwide institutions and obligations."

-- Arthur Henderson

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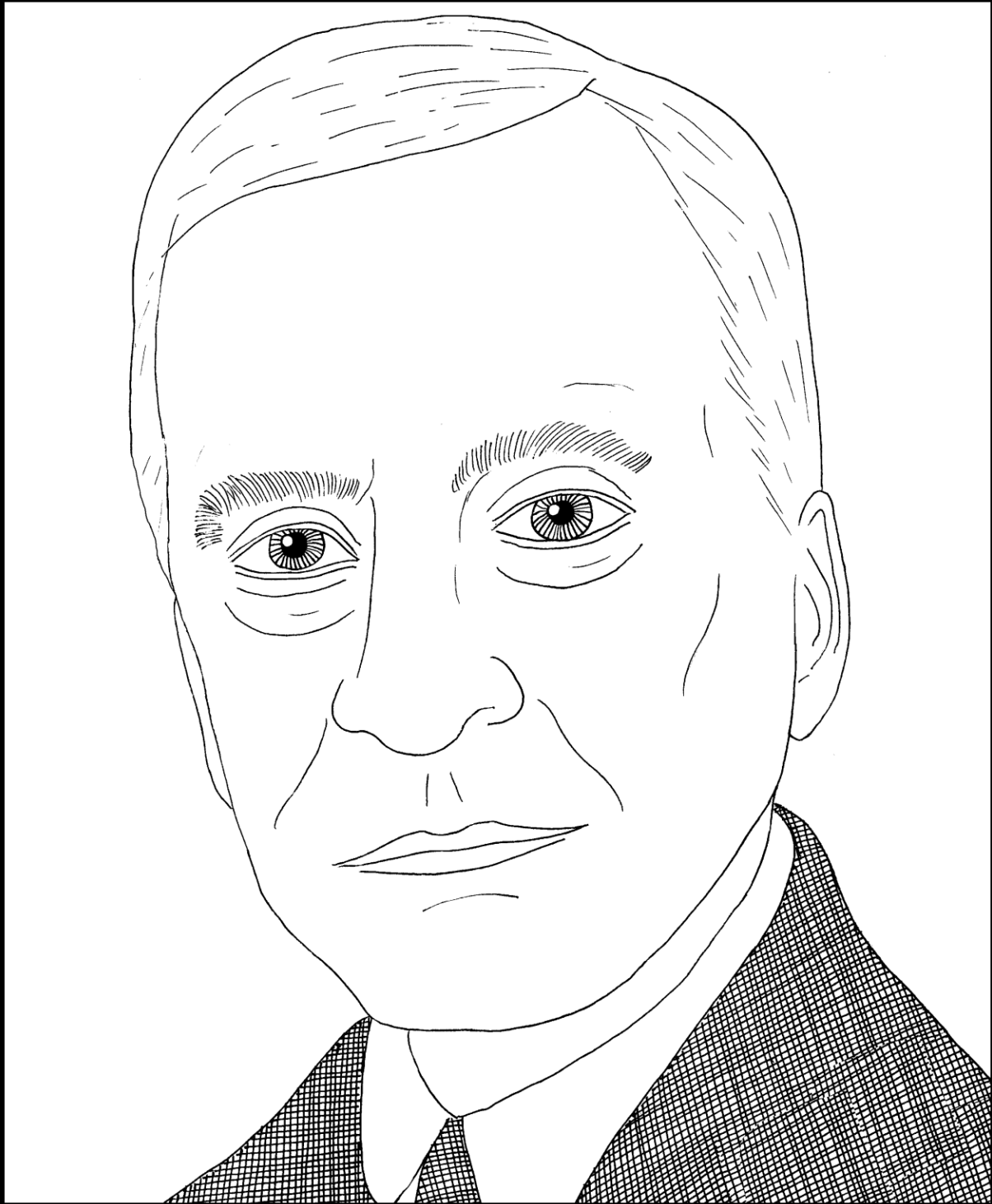
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"Fortunately, the war has brought with it not alone a stark realization of what another war would mean to the world, but as well the creation of an international agency through which the nations of the world can, if they so desire, make peace a living reality."

-- Cordell Hull, "The Father of the United Nations"

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"The heroes of the world community are not those who withdraw when difficulties ensue, not those who can envision neither the prospect of success nor the consequence of failure -- but those who stand the heat of battle, the fight for world peace through the United Nations."

-- Hubert Humphrey

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"The United Nations is an organizational body where people, through their Governments, come together; and it can be the only place where there can be a melting pot."

-- Asma Jahangir

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**"I am working for a better United Nations. Nothing is perfect.
You should never rely on only one source,
but rather rely on those you believe in the most."
-- Angelina Jolie**

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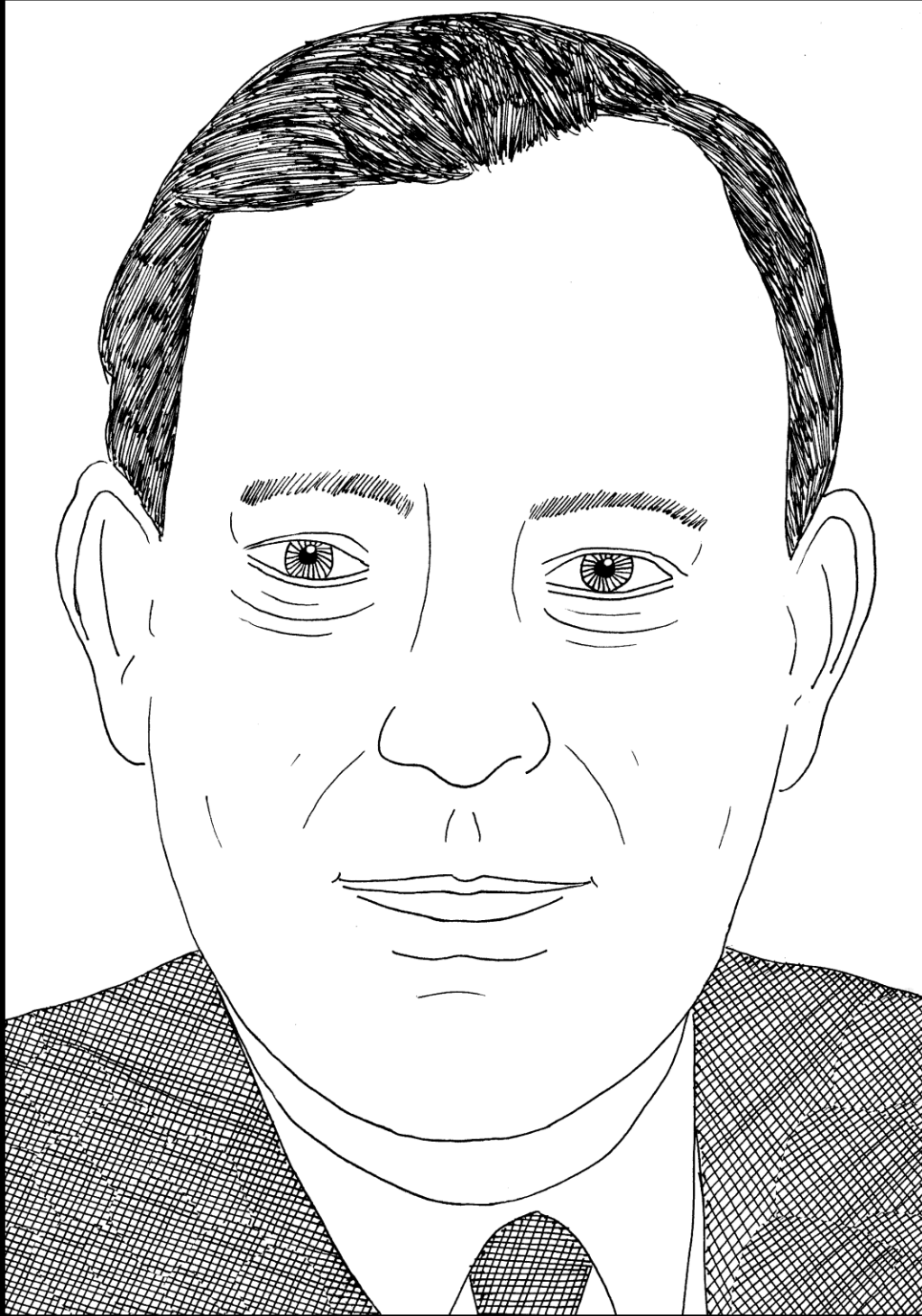
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**"The one common undertaking and universal instrument of the great majority of the human race is the United Nations. A patient, constructive long-term use of its potentialities can bring a real and secure peace to the world."
-- Trygve Lie (1st United Nations Secretary-General)**

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**"UNESCO is the conscience of the United Nations."
-- Federico Mayor, 8th UNESCO Director General**

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Tell the people of all lands
Let's get together the future is in our hands.
United nations have to agree
To say no to war, and yes to peace.
-- Country Joe McDonald

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**"I believe that UNICEF is the most important branch of the U.N.; they do exceptional work to help the neediest children around the world."
-- Liam Neeson**

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"Of all our dreams today there is none more important - or so hard to realise - than that of peace in the world. May we never lose our faith in it or our resolve to do everything that can be done to convert it one day into reality."
-- Lester B. Pearson, 7th President of the UN General Assembly

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**"The aim of political institutions like the United Nations is to draw the line between struggle and conflict and to make it possible for nations to stay on the right side of that line."
-- Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, 5th UN Secretary-General**

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**"Despite a decade of criticism and budget cuts,
the specialized UN agencies have far more expertise and
hands-on experience than any other organizations in the world."
-- Jeffrey Sachs**

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**"The United Nations is our world's
greatest mechanism for making peace."
-- Gillian Sorensen, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General**

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“The whole basis of the United Nations is the right of all nations - great or small - to have weight, to have a vote, to be attended to.”
-- Adlai Stevenson

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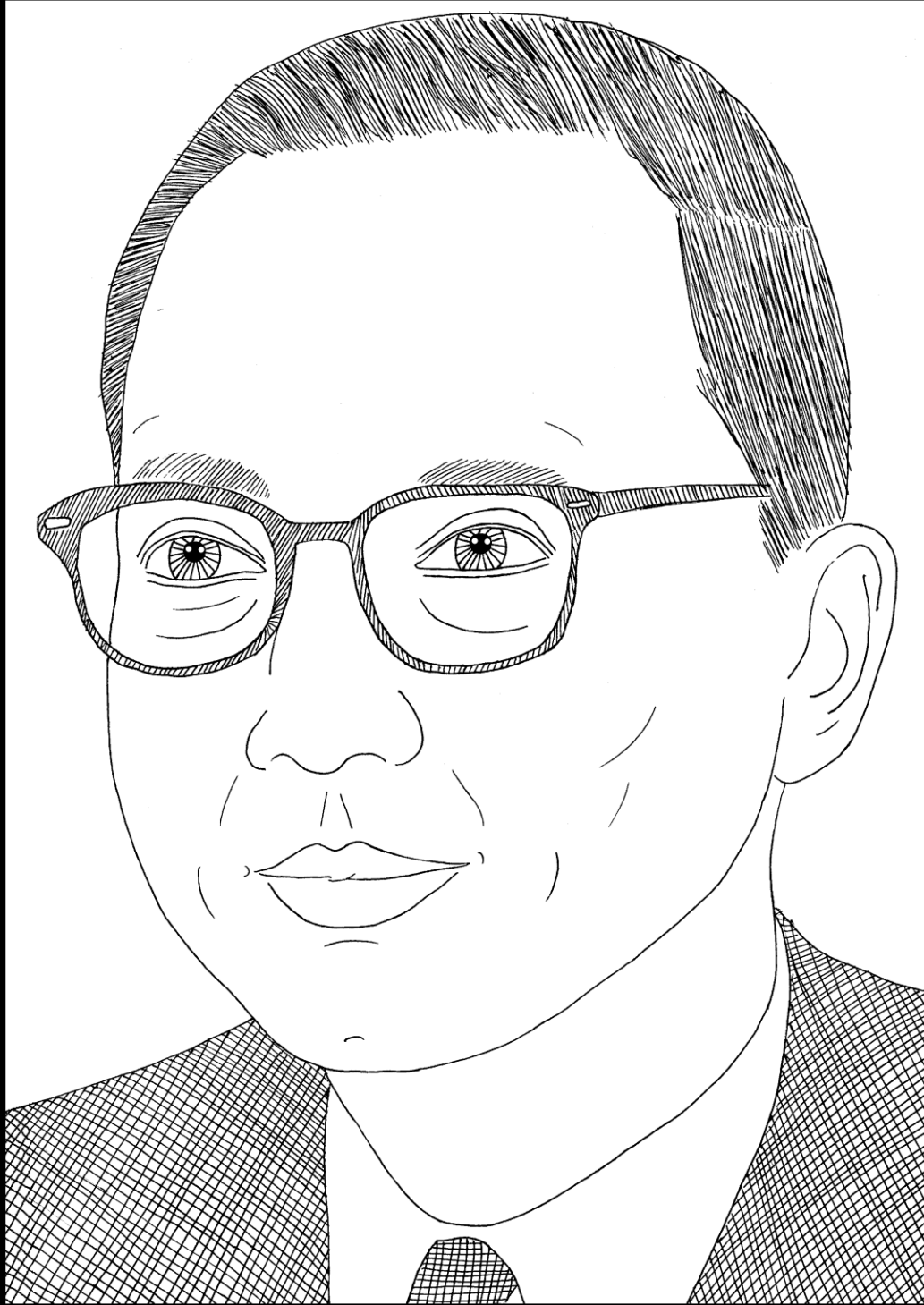
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**"Every human being, of whatever origin,
of whatever station, deserves respect. We must
each respect others even as we respect ourselves."
-- U Thant, 3rd United Nations Secretary-General**

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"Universality of the UN is a worthwhile thing in its own self because it means that every country belongs, feels it has a stake, and participates, rather than going away and finding other methods of conducting international relations."

-- Shashi Tharoor, Former UN Under Secretary-General

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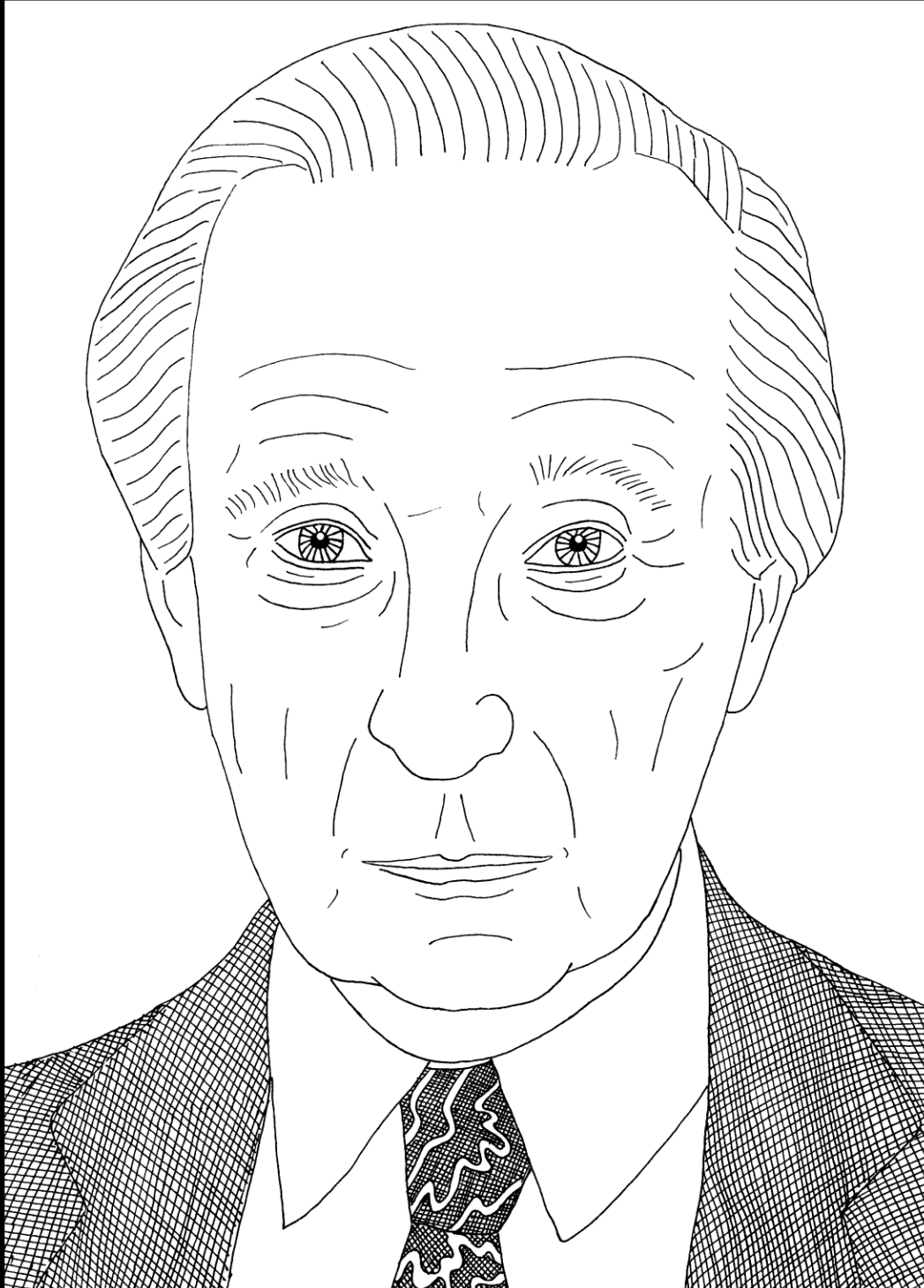
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**"The mythology about the UN is absolutely breathtaking. People believe it costs a great deal of money to the United States. Completely untrue: it doesn't. The United States makes a net gain."
-- Sir Brian Urquhart**

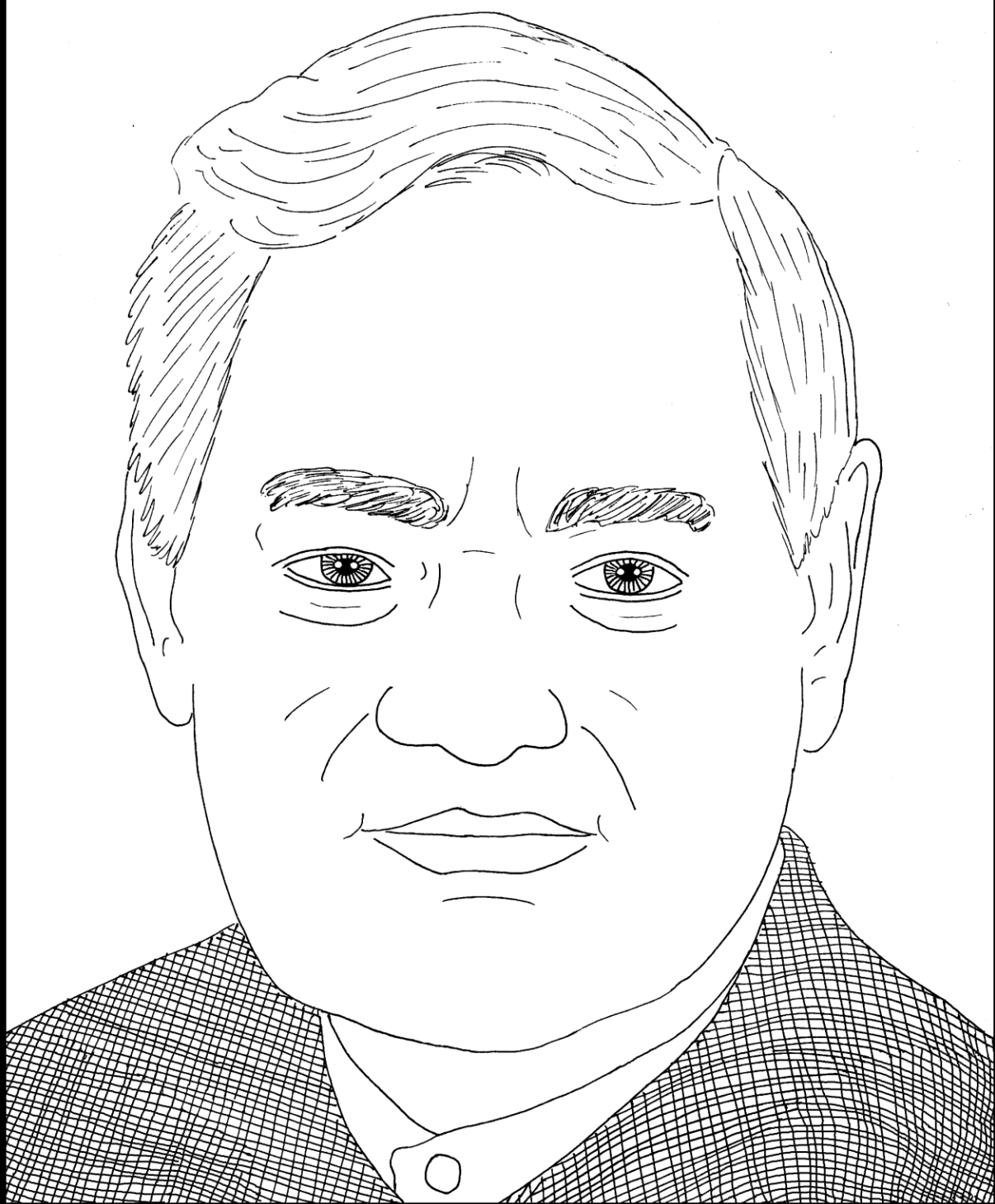
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**"The reality is that international institutions like the UN
can only be as effective as its members allow it to be."
-- Atal Bihari Vajpayee, 11th and 14th Prime Minister of India**

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"Through your support of UN peacekeeping, you can help to make this tantalizing word—"peace"—a reality for all the world's citizens. Together, we can spread the message that UN peacekeeping is essential. Without it, the world would be a much less stable, and more violent, place."
-- Timothy Wirth

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