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TEXT OF SPEECH BY SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD  
AT THE CEREMONY OF DEDICATION OF THE FELLER READING  
ROOM, UNITED NATIONS LIBRARY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1953  
AT 2:45 P.M. (EST)

My predecessor, Mr. Trygve Lie, has spoken on behalf of all those who worked closely with Abraham Feller during those first seven years of the United Nations, when he contributed so much to the development of this institution.

It will always be a matter of regret to me that I did not know Abraham Feller personally, although I was, of course, familiar with his distinguished record of service.

Since coming here, I have been deeply impressed by the continuing evidence of the fruitfulness of his career. His contribution to the United Nations is a living thing which continues to facilitate our work and will do so in the future. He was a builder in a real sense, and like other good builders his influence lives on in the structure he has helped create.

It is therefore very appropriate, I think, that we should gather here to dedicate this Reading Room not merely to the memory of Abraham Feller, but to the lasting contribution he has made. A library also is a living thing; the books and periodicals in this room will find their usefulness in their application to the problems which face us now and in the future. There will be many who will use this room, and the number will increase over the years.

For the Secretariat of the United Nations it will be a matter of continuing inspiration to be associated with the memory of a man who defined the concept of the good international civil servant by his own distinguished record.

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