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To whom it may concern,

Glorious comrades, members of the Inner Party, and council to Big Brother, I welcome you to this emergency meeting of the Cabinet of Oceania. As trusted members of the Inner Party and as designated secretaries of your various ministries, you have been called here to discuss a very troubling matter. It has come to our attention that there is talk of the brotherhood revolt brewing in Air Strip One, or as some of you may know it – the United Kingdom. As you well know, revolts of this kind are unheard of, especially from the mindless masses of the people. Thus far our spies have been unable to ascertain the source of this potential rebellion or the cause. Big Brother is concerned that there may be something more behind this rebellion, and he wants you to suggest a course of action.

It is recommended that you act swiftly, as the front against the evil Eurasian empire is ever-changing, and the tide of war could shift at any moment. Though minor riots could be quelled with a few well placed missiles, a full scale rebellion could divert enough resources to damage the war effort, and lose Oceania some of the disputed land that is rightfully hers. I suggest you use every tactic available to you, and execute your operations with the utmost discretion. We await your prompt arrival at your nearest dock, where you will be transported come morning to the floating fortress on which this meeting will be held. Remember War is Peace; Freedom is Slavery; Ignorance is Strength

May Big Brother guide you,

Abby Lu

Director

George Orwell's 1984

Position Paper Policy

Well-prepared and successful delegates all have used position papers as a way to get through MUN conferences. Well-written position papers consolidate your research and ensure that you will be an able participant in quality debate. Consequently, debate will be more rewarding and resolutions will be more realistic and thorough. For your staff, the position paper illustrates your grasp of the topics and your overall ability to support your ideas. The submission of position papers is mandatory in order to qualify for awards.

Formatting

All papers should not exceed 1 page
- 12 font and in Times New Romans with 1.15 spacing
- Country Name, Delegate Name, Committee Name, and Topic clearly labeled on the top left-hand corner in that following order
- APA citation style

Paragraph I - TOPIC SUMMARY

Introduction to your main topic

Explain the significance of the problem from your country's position.

- You should discuss your country's perspective on the problem as it manifests itself at a national and international level.
- Refer back to the Historical Analysis in the background Guide for insight. Select some key points that your country believes the committee debate should focus on.

Paragraph II - PAST SOLUTIONS

- Identify and discuss past actions from your country and the international community. Discuss the implications of those actions in addressing the problem.

Paragraph III - PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Identify and discuss some of your country's proposed solutions.
- What country blocks will support or not support your proposed solutions? Why or why not?
- How can your country or the internationally community realistically initiate your solutions?
- What are some of the key elements that must be included in a new resolution on the topic?

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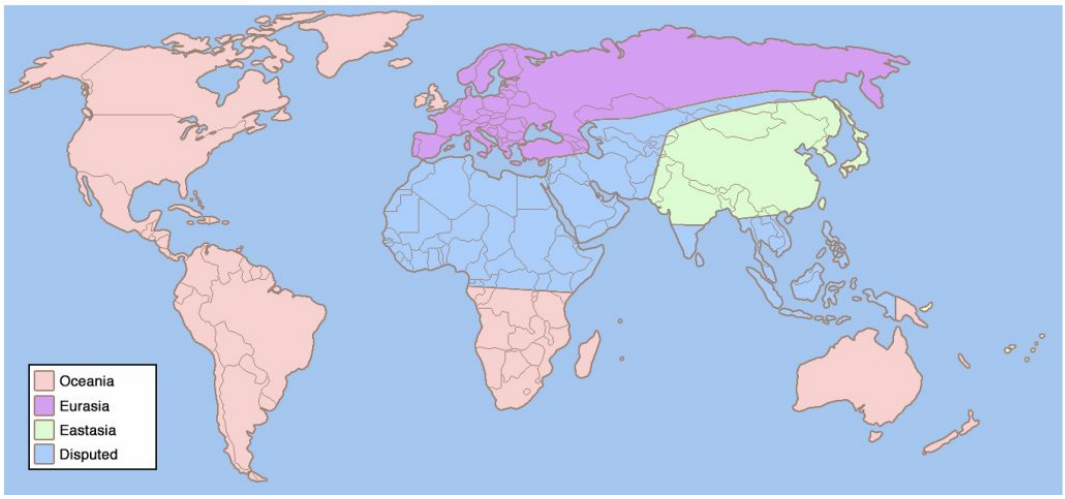
1984 Topic A

George Orwell's 1984

Topic Introduction



(Map of the world)

After the great clash that was World War II, the world was in turmoil. Once allied forces retreated from Europe, the Soviet armies advanced swiftly across Europe, seizing weakened Europe with relative ease. This event serves as a precursor to the world we know today. The world is now divided into three major superpowers: Oceania, Eurasia, and Eastasia. The Cabinet resides in Oceania and has been hand picked by Big Brother himself. The Cabinet reigns above all - sans Big Brother who is the ultimate supreme leader. There have been changes within the members, Big Brother has added a couple of Outer Party members to this meeting believing that they are trustworthy individuals who will help provide insight for the Cabinet members and if they impress Big Brother may look at a more permanent position in the Cabinet.

Ultimately, the Cabinet must do everything possible to maintain power and keep the obedience of the people. They must also work together to complete the ultimate goal at hand; maintaining the peace and order of Oceania as well as managing the ongoing war. It will be useful for the members to note that some individuals have certain powers and are expected to take advantage of their powers. This also means you should not refrain from

nefarious actions such as backstabbing, lying, blackmail, etc. It is important to note, that members are restricted by their ethicacy and roles, for example, the Minister of Peace, might not want to advocate for a pacifist approach as this does not make sense for the role.

Timeline

- **February 3, 1984** – 10th edition of Newspeak dictionary completed and distributed
- **March 14, 1984** - Whispers of unrest within the lower party erupts
- **May 9, 1984** - Eastasia has made significant advances in the disputed territory
- **June 24 1984** - Rumours of Goldstein being spotted around Airstrip One
- **August 23, 1984** - Riot occurs in Victory Square, London
- **September 1, 1984** - Eastasia advances into Eurasia territory
- **October 19, 1984** - Reports of an upcoming revolt in Airstrip One and other territories
- **October 20, 1984** – Emergency Cabinet of Oceania meeting called

History

The effects of World War II were overwhelming. Europe was now at its most vulnerable point, and the Soviets saw this as an opportunity to gain more land and expand their power. In response to the annexation of Europe by the Soviets, the United States attempted to strengthen North America as a whole. The United States then proceeded to annex the United Kingdom to stop Soviet advances then Latin America, Australia and some parts of Africa.

Feeling threatened by each other's rapid growth, the two supernations plunged the world into a nuclear war. Though many feared nuclear war would be an apocalypse scenario, comparatively little damage was caused to civilization. Other than Mainland UK and the West of Europe, most of the world was untouched by nuclear bombs. During this nuclear war, however, the United States struggled to maintain control over a massive empire holding democratic capitalism as a central ideology. The weakened state suffered a coupd'etat, which overthrew the established power and ushered in the ideology of English Socialism (Ingsoc) in the country now known as Oceania. This new socialist government

declared a state of total war, and Oceania's entire economy was then structured around the reconstruction of Oceania and the supply of war materials.

A decade after nuclear war died down, the fighting and turmoil in the Far East subsided, and Eastasia, the last great power, finally emerged. From this point onwards, the three powers have been at constant war, fighting over the unclaimed land in parts of Africa and the Middle East. Originally, Oceania prefaced attacks on major cities with nuclear missile strikes. Eurasia and Eastasia used similar tactics during the initial stages of war. However, when the purpose of war shifted from land and resource accumulation to resource expenditure, the world powers unanimously agreed that nuclear weapons were counterproductive, as they threatened to upset the power balance currently established and also ruined any vital resources that may be used. So the wars drew on, with the disputed territories constantly changing hands. This brings us to the present day, where Oceania and Eurasia are allied in a war against Eastasia.

Current Situation

Military

The photo above shows how the world is currently divided, also showing also the disputed territories. Throughout this committee, if no military instruction is given, all troops will hold their ground and continue to be supplied with what we have to give them. If anything changes in this map you will be notified. We are currently, as we have always been, at war with the treacherous Eastasian empire and allied with the Eurasian Empire. The fronts are fairly steady at our part, however, our Eurasian allies are having significant problems as their territories are slowly being occupied by Eastasia. This might prove problematic as if Eurasia falls to Eastasia then there is nothing stopping them from taking Oceania.

In our territories there is trouble brewing; rumours of the brotherhood re-emergence are surfacing. There are fearful whispers of Emmanuel Goldstein himself coming back and forming a revolution. The Cabinet has firm control over the Atlantic, though the North Sea and the English Channel are very much contested waters. The Pacific Ocean is also contested, however, the vast sea poses challenges of its own, so little combat takes place there. The Arctic territories, prior to the great melting, were populated with anti-aircraft and anti-nuke technologies, but are now just a very cold ocean.

Social

Oceania has a very structured and strict social hierarchy. The Proles make up 80% of the population, they are the bottom feeders. People who have little to no education and have no idea about their country or the outside world. Due to their large numbers, they are our best ally in the threat of another war.

The Outer Party make up about 19% of Oceania's population, they are the middle class, the working class, they work government jobs and have been properly taught to love Big Brother. Their children know no life without Big Brother and are taught to spy on their own parents for the sake of the party. Outer Party members generally look down on the proles as less than them, which discourages them from too much interaction. Outer Party members have a decent understanding of the societal hierarchy and understand their roles within that hierarchy. Outer Party members are also the most vulnerable, meaning they are more likely to commit thought crimes and go from goodthink to crimethink thus they must be carefully monitored at all times.

The Inner Party make up 1% of Oceania's population, they are the upper class citizens. Inner Party members are usually the ones in charge of factories or are ministry officials. These are the people who are fanatical supporters of Big Brother and the party. Being a member of the Inner Party holds countless privileges such as turning the telescreen off for periods of time, having access to nicer food and a servant, though they are still carefully monitored by the Thought Police. Inner Party members look down on both the proles and Outer Party members, this is because these members are usually their higher ups.

The highest authority of all, of course, is Big Brother. He is the one who is responsible and controls everything that happens in Oceania. There is not one thing that Big Brother does not know about. Most of the time, Big Brother allows his cabinet to rule in place of him, allowing them to make the specific decisions based on his orders. He will step in if needed, however he prefers to talk via his Under-Secretary of the State. Ultimately all Big Brother wants is what is best for all of his citizens because he does love all of them equally.

This love is ultimately loss due to the ongoing war. Hate towards the government is brewing and it is brewing fast. The proles right now are indifferent towards the rebellion because, they still dislike our East Asian enemies and they have not yet rallied. They may prove crucial in the war against Eastasia or in the fight against the brotherhood.

Political

Oceania is slowly losing its political stability, with areas of the government not functioning as efficiently as they used to. There have been no significant resistance movements yet but our spies have noted chatter about one brewing. The Cabinet must act quickly to quench this revolt as Oceania cannot afford to spend their resources fighting the rebellion and Eastasia at the same time. The other supernations however are not particularly forthcoming about their internal affairs. As far as we are aware, they are both socially and politically stable.

Economic

Oceania's economy is structured around the dependency of the people to the government. The more people rely on the government, the less likely they are to desire an improvement from their current situation. The constant state of war also helps with this mentality and it also helps account for the lack of certain items and the constant changes in the rationing numbers. This also allows for "war factories" to be created, factories that are solely focused on churning out goods and equipment without increasing the standard of living. Ultimately, all of this helps to make Oceania's "War Economy" an economy that does not grow or improve because it is only able to create enough for its citizens but also has enough resources for a proper army.

Possible Solutions

The Cabinet has two major crisis at hand; the brewing revolt in London and ongoing war with Eastasia. Though these are the major issues, the Cabinet may also have smaller crisis going on as well during the meeting. Each of these problems will be complex and are continually evolving and adapting to the Cabinets actions, meaning that the Cabinet must come up with multiple solutions to combat the ever changing problem. These are possible solutions that the delegates may use, however they are expected to take these solutions and transform them to a more in-depth and comprehensive solution.

The brewing revolt is a problem ,if left alone, may cause detrimental problems to the Cabinet in the future. The Cabinet could rectify this problem by increasing the amount of Thought Police. Greater restrictions and sanctions could also be imposed on the people. Eastasian missiles could also "accidentally" land around the areas and can be used to direct attention elsewhere pushing the revolutionaries to forget about the cause and instead focus on the true and real enemy Eastasia. The Cabinet could also utilise some of its members and attempt to rally the support of the proles. Educate and teach them to spy

and betray on the brotherhood and Goldstein, make them hate the revolution and love Big Brother. The Thought Police could attempt a man hunt for Goldstein himself, paying certain people "nightly visits." These officers could also be scattered and placed around the United Kingdom for rapid responses if mini rebellions do break out or if the actual revolution strikes. The Cabinet could also utilise the children, making their teaching stricter than ever and thereby ensuring that they can act as mini spies, creating a perfect army of mini soldiers on the off chance that the revolution actually happens

The other major problem that Cabinet must deal with is the ongoing war against Eastasia. Our ally, Eurasia, has experienced significant attacks from Eastasia. It is only safe to assume that Oceania is next. The Cabinet could attempt to reach out to Eurasia to offer military aid. In exchange, Oceania would get some of Eurasia's territories, preferably those around the Mediterranean. Oceania could also push north into the Asian front, securing the Indian Ocean and parts of the Pacific, thus increasing the defensibility and also gaining more control of Asian ports. Placing more military opposition on the disputed areas in the asian front could ensure control over these disputed territories. This would also enable you to respond quicker if Eastasia decides to attack Oceania. If the tactic above fails, resort to Scorched Earth tactics to draw out the Eastasian armies and heavily impact their supplies then rebound and push full force frontward, hopefully securing Southeast Asia and parts of Europe.

Bloc Positions

Chief Advisor
Description: Chief of Advisor is in charge of the 4 major ministries. Makes sure that the ministries are doing their job effectively.
Powers: May, with the support of the other ministries, activate any of the ministries Powers. May, with the signature of all four ministries, request peace with or declare war against any of the other powers.

Minister of Peace
Description: Head of Oceania's Ministry of Peace. Responsible for foreign relations, special operations, and Oceania's military industrial complex.
Powers: Representative for Oceania in foreign talks. May, with the signature of his or her superior, declare an increase or decrease in production of military goods, and change distribution or supply lines. May commission the deployment of a special operations team

for any purpose outside of Oceania. May direct or redirect general troop movements and concentrations.

Minister of Love
Description: Head of the Ministry of Love. Responsible for creating, managing, and maintaining reverence for, love of, and absolute compliance with Big Brother, the Party, and its goals.
Powers: May, with the consent of the Chief, commission the deployment of a Thought Police for any purpose within Oceania. May change any corrections department policy or order the release of anyone from Minister of Love's correction facilities. May direct research funds to the development of any technology. The speed of development will change depending on the technology.

Minister of Plenty
Description: Head of the Ministry of Plenty. Responsible for organizing the development, production, and distribution of food, goods, and money.
Powers: May declare an increase or decrease in non-military food. May direct or redirect goods to or from any place in Oceania. May, with the consent of the Chief of Finance, direct or redirect party funds to or from any ministry or department in Oceania.

Minister of Truth
Description: Organizes Oceania's media and literature. Responsible for the production, correction, and distribution of fiction, news, literature, and history.
Powers: May call for reports and news on any topic anywhere in Oceania. May also set any week as Hate Week, giving a huge boost to party solidarity at the cost of slowing down production across Oceania. May, with the consent of the Minister of Education, declare any information as false.

Minister of Education
Description: Organizes the education of the children. Working with the Minister of Truth to assure the absolute obedience of the next generation
Powers: May declare any document, broadcast, or piece of information as false and have it collected for correction.

Chief of Thought Police
Description: In charge of the Thought Police. Responsible for managing the pursuit and elimination of crimethink throughout Oceania. This includes suppression of unorthodox thought, rebellion, and protest.

Portfolio Powers: May, with the consent of the Minister of Peace, commission the deployment of a Thought Police Special Ops team for any purpose within Oceania.

Chief of Finance
Description: Manages the finances of Oceania. Responsible for the collection and assignment of money to and from different areas.
Powers: May direct or redirect party funds to or from any ministry or department in Oceania.

Chief of Propaganda
Description: Chief of Propaganda is not only in charge of propaganda but also responsible for the production of Tele-broadcast programs as well as propaganda.
Powers: Can create any propaganda for the Cabinet and can broadcast any content onto the telescreen.

Chief of Language
Description: Chief of Language is in charge of the creation of the new Newspeak dictionary.
Powers: Can outlaw certain words and create new words in their place.

Chief of Anti-Sex League
Description: Chief of Anti-Sex League is in charge of the celibacy of the party members. Ensuring that procreation is meant only to happen for the sake of the party.
Powers: Can separate people and throw them into the correction center in the Minister of Love. Can also arrange partners for certain people for the good of the Cabinet.

Chief of Junior Spy League
Description: Chief of Junior Spy League is in charge of making sure that the children are actively spying on the adults. Organizes the covert half of the military. Responsible for organizing and maintaining all covert operations including spying, inciting rebellion, sabotage, and assassinations.
Powers: May commission the deployment of spies in and outside of Oceania.

Ambassador of Eurasia
Description: Works under the government of Eurasia, their job is to always put their country first
Powers: Consults with the government of Eurasia. Can request their country to take specific action.

Chief of Equality
Description: Ensures that the social order is maintained, keeping the balance between the parties and the proles. Cabinet's representative when talking to the citizens of Oceania.
Powers: Can conduct polls about public opinion and is the representative of the Cabinet when meeting with Oceania's citizens.

Rachel Atkinson
Description: Inner Party Member
Power: None

Paterson Prescott
Description: Inner Party Member
Powers: None

Wilson Hughnes
Description: Inner Party Member,
Powers: None

Lucinda Paige
Description: Outer Party Member, currently working on the Newspeak Dictionary
Powers: None

Dominick Hayes
Description: Outer Party Member, currently working under the Ministry of Truth
Powers: None

Tammi Peters
Description: Outer Party Member, currently working under the Ministry of Truth
Powers: None