

L II 1. ROBERT MULLER is notable not so much for spending much of his adult life working for the UN, or even for the many years when he was Assistant to the Secretary General, but for the fact that, with that sort of a life, he still retained his optimism about the future of the human race through it all. Most people in that situation would have been so bothered by all the difficulties of accomplishing anything in that framework that they might be expected to become quite bitter. Not Muller.

The book that tells about his experiences growing up in an area that changed nationalities several times as a result of wars, and that tells how he became an optimist that carried him through all his experiences in international affairs is MOST OF ALL THEY TAUGHT ME HAPPINESS. It is a delightful book to read and is the Muller book I recommend people start with.

All of his books are worthwhile and all carry a hopeful message, something most of us want if it is not just wishful thinking but is based upon some realities that Robert Muller knows full well.

The UN has not prevented wars because it was not structured in the beginning to be able to do that, but as Muller shows it has many quite important accomplishments to its credit. See especially his book MY TESTAMENT TO THE UN. The UN can have a better future the more nations desire to cooperate in useful ways in it.

His experience and thoughtfulness enables him to see what sorts of global institutions will be needed to deal effectively with the war problem and with other problems that can not be handled by individual national action alone but require some global solutions if they are to be dealt with at all effectively.

Muller is a prolific writer--read anything he writes. Two of his other books are A PLANET OF HOPE, and WHAT WAR TAUGHT ME ABOUT PEACE: with a Peace Plan 2010, and a novel FIRST LADY OF THE WORLD.