



Ministry of Magic

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Welcome Delegates!

My name is Will Palmieri, and I am thrilled to be serving as your co-chair for our specialized committee, Council on the Ministry of Magic, as well as your Under-Secretary-General of Registration. I am a senior at John Jay, and am in my second year of Model United Nations. Beyond Model UN, I serve as president of two clubs at John Jay and have participated in student government over the years, exemplifying my interest in politics and public affairs. In addition, I have developed a strong passion for history and literature, and am an avid fan of prose fiction and modern world literature. Bearing this in mind, I am very excited to introduce to you our very first Ministry of Magic specialized committee!

Our initial ideas to establish a Ministry of Magic committee were borne out of a sheer curiosity for ways to integrate fantasy fiction into feasible public policy initiatives. We sought to incorporate famous literary scenarios into real-life conflict resolution in an exciting, challenging, and innovative format. In this committee, you will be assuming the role of a Harry Potter character who maintains various positions within the Ministry of Magic at Hogwarts. Then, through the lens of your character, you will be working alongside others to orchestrate and propose comprehensive and pragmatic solutions to the most pressing matters that the Hogwarts community faces. Attached is a preliminary list of characters, as well as corresponding descriptions.

As per usual, the Council on the Ministry of Magic Committee follows the standard ECOSOC/General Assembly protocol. But more unique to the specialized

committee, it will be imperative that you ensure the utmost accuracy with your character, and that your actions over the course of the committee sessions remain in relative accordance with the occurrences of the novels. With this in mind, however, we absolutely encourage that you think diplomatically, intuitively, and creatively. The topics provided in this committee necessitate that you work dynamically and well with others, which will inherently require you to act beyond the conventions of your character. To provide some guidance in this regard, we've attached portfolios that uniquely correspond to each character; these portfolios outline all the information necessary to your success in the committee, such as a list of contacts, appointments and positions, and special abilities. Lastly, it is imperative to bear in mind that some of the characters portrayed in the committee are from varying time periods; however, every character listed maintains some affiliation with the Ministry. Ultimately, it is our hope that you all leave this committee having gained a stronger ability in diplomatic and unconventional action. I wish you all the best of luck in your future MUN endeavors, and cannot wait to meet some of you!

Until November,

Will Palmieri (USG of Registration)

Character Bios

Broderick Bode: Broderick Bode is an Unspeakable of the Ministry of Magic and has been targeted by the Death Eaters to retrieve a prophecy from the Hall of Prophecies

pertaining to Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort. He has been placed under the Imperius Spell by Lucius Malfoy in order to retrieve the prophecy.

Amelia Susan Bones: Amelia Bones is the head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement, sits on the Wizengamot, and is loyal to the Ministry. Amelia's brother, Edgar, was killed in the first wizarding war and Death Eaters consider Bones dangerous.

Reginald "Reg" Cattermole: Reg Cattermole is the Magical Maintenance Department worker. He despises mudbloods and muggles and protected his wife when she was tried at the Muggle-Born Registration Commission. His allegiances lie with the Ministry.

Dirk Cresswell: Dirk Cresswell is a muggleborn wizard who is the head of the Goblin-Liaison Office. If the Ministry does not win the war, Dirk will be prosecuted by the Muggle-Born Registration Commission and will be sent to Azkaban.

Amos Diggory: Amos Diggory works in the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures. His boggart is Lord Voldemort and his son, Cedric, was killed by Lord Voldemort after the House Cup. He is a half-blood and supports muggles.

Madam Edgecombe: Madame Edgecombe is a Floo Network Regulator and supports Cornelius Fudge's claim that Lord Voldemort is dead. She and her daughter, Marietta, are both loyal to Dolores Umbridge because they work together.

Mafalda Hopkirk: Mafalda Hopkirk is the Commander-in-Chief of the Improper Use of Magic Office. Under Cornelius Fudge, she sent Harry Potter messages regarding his use of magic outside of Hogwarts. She is loyal to the Ministry and believes that Muggles should not be exposed to magic.

Griselda Marchbanks: Griselda Marchbanks is a governor of the Wizarding Examinations Authority. She is against the appointment of Dolores Umbridge as the in Hogwarts and resigned from her position, because she believes that Hogwarts should not be infiltrated by Cornelius Fudge.

Bob Ogden: Bob Ogden is a wizard who works in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement. In the 1920s, he performed magic in front of a Muggle and then turned him in to Wizengamot. He is aligned with the Ministry, but more importantly, the Muggle-Born Registration Commission.

Tiberius Ogden: Tiberius Ogden was a member of Wizengamot, but resigned when Dolores Umbridge was appointed High Inquisitor of Hogwarts. Although not much is known about him, we do know that he is loyal to the Ministry.

Perkins: Perkins is a warlock who works with Arthur Weasley in the Misuse of Muggle Artefacts Office. Perkins believes that Muggles should not be exposed to magic and works to prevent this from happening. He is loyal to the Ministry and is an ally of the Weasley Family.

Albert Runcorn: Albert Runcorn is a high-ranking wizard in the Ministry of Magic who inspects potential Muggle-Borns. He has close ties with Dolores Umbridge and they work together once they are both appointed.

Newt Scamander: Newt Scamander is a Magizoologist and wrote Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. He worked in the Office For House-Elf Relocation before moving to the Beast Division. He was expelled from Hogwarts before obtaining a position in the Ministry. In 1926, a Muggle in New York opened a cage that he had, letting out a large and dangerous beast.

Wilkie Twycross: Wilkie Twycross is the Apparitions Instructor at Hogwarts and is loyal to the Ministry. He worked in the Ministry of Magic until 1979.

Percy Weasley: Percy Weasley is the Personal assistant to Barty Crouch Sr. and works in the Department of International Magical Cooperation. He is loyal to the Ministry

of Magic, but is skeptical that his high position will lead to his family and Albus Dumbledore being watched.

Dolores Umbridge: Dolores Umbridge is a Mudblood who is the Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher at Hogwarts and Senior Undersecretary to the Minister of Magic. She is a Slytherin and is suspected to be associated with the Death Eaters.

Pius Thicknesse: Pius Thicknesse is the Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement and succeeds Amelia Bones. He is part of Lord Voldemort's puppet regime and is put under the Imperius Curse in 1996.

Rufus Scrimgeour: Rufus Scrimgeour is currently the head of the Auror Office and is loyal to the Ministry. He will do anything in his power to ensure the safety and security of the Ministry during the Second Wizarding War.

Bertha Jorkins: Bertha Jorkins is a worker in the Department of Magical Games and Sports. When she set up a meeting with Barty Crouch Sr., she discovered that he hid his son, Barty Crouch Jr., because he was also under the Imperius Curse placed on him by Death Eaters. She can be described as nosy, but not very bright.

Cornelius Fudge: Cornelius Fudge is the current Minister of Magic and his goal is to convince everyone that Lord Voldemort is dead. He also regularly meets with the

Muggle Prime Ministers to inform them that magic does exist. In 1983, he sent Reubus Hagrid to Azkaban to convince the public that the Ministry was working, although he was innocent.

John Dawlish: John Dawlish is an Auror and is the personal bodyguard to Cornelius Fudge. He has attempted to spy on Albus Dumbledore for Cornelius Fudge to prevent the spread of rumors that Voldemort is alive.

Barty Crouch, Sr: Barty Crouch Sr. is a former Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement during the First Wizarding War. His son, Barty Crouch Jr., is a Death Eater under the Imperius Spell.

Ludo Bagman: Ludo Bagman headed Magical Games and Sports until mid-1995, when he had to run away from the goblins that he lost a bet to. He was also tried for giving information to Augustus Rookwood during the First Wizarding War.

Phoebus Penrose: Phoebuse Penrose is a wizard with experience as both a professor and member of the Ministry of Magic. Penrose is very intrigued by Muggles and spends time studying and researching their knowledge of Magic. He and his committee at the Ministry published a report, "A Study into Muggle Suspicions and Magic", examining the extent to which Muggles have witnessed and identified magic.

Damocles Rowle: Damocles Rowle was the Minister for Magic from 1718-1726. He was an authoritarian wizard with strong anti-Muggle beliefs. He created Azkaban and was responsible for the idea of using Dementors as prison guards.

Perseus Parkinson: Perseus Parkinson was the Minister for Magic after Rowle was forced to retire. Parkinson was a pure-blood wizard who held his position as the Minister of Magic from 1726-1733. He had strong anti-Muggle beliefs and tried yet failed to pass a law making it illegal to marry a Muggle.

Eldritch Diggory: Eldritch Diggory was the Minister for Magic after Parkinson from the year 1733-1747. Diggory fought to improve conditions in Azkaban and remove Dementors as prison guards.

Albert Boot: Albert Boot was the Minister for Magic from 1747-1752. Boot led one of the many goblin rebellions of the 18th century, protesting their mistreatment by wizards. He was unable to manage the rebellion and soon after resigned.

Basil Flack: Basil Flack was the Minister for Magic in 1752. He replaced Albert Boot and resigned from office due to the goblin rebellions.

Hephaestus Gore: Hephaestus Gore was a temporary Minister for Magic in 1752 during the Goblin Rebellions. He was then re-elected several times and was the

Minister of Magic until 1770. He succeeded in keeping the rebellions under control during these years and strengthened the security of Azkaban.

Maximilian Crowdy: Maximilian Crowdy was the Minister for Magic from 1770-1781. He combatted pure-blood extremist groups planning Muggle attacks.

Josephina Flint: Josephina Flint was a pure-blood and was the Minister for Magic from 1819-1827. She despised Muggles and their new technology.

Priscilla Dupont: Priscilla Dupont was the Minister for Magic from 1855-1858. She developed a hatred for the Muggle Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston and was forced to give up her position because of it.

Leonard Spencer-Moon: Leonard Spencer-Moon was the Minister for Magic from 1939-1948. He maintained the stability of the wizarding world during WWII and the first Wizarding War.

Ignatius Tuft: Ignatius Tuft was the Minister for Magic from 1959-1962. His time in office was cut short because of the Dementor breeding program he wished to begin.

Nobby Leach: Nobby Leach was the Minister for Magic from 1962-1968 and was the first Muggle-born to ever hold this position. Some members of Wizengamot resigned from their positions in protest.

Eugenia Jenkins: Eugenia Jenkins was the Minister for Magic from 1968-1975. She was demoted from her position because of the rising power of Lord Voldemort. It was determined that she was not capable of managing the Ministry and was forced to step down.

Unctuous Osbert: Unctuous Osbert was the Minister for Magic from 1789-1798 and was heavily influenced by Septimus Malfoy during his two terms.

Harold Minchum: Harold Minchum was the Minister for Magic from 1975-1980. He proved incapable for the position and could not defend from Lord Voldemort's inevitable rise to power.

Balfour Blane: Balfour Blane was born in 1566 and died in 1629, 78 years before the establishment of the Ministry of Magic. He created the Committee on Experimental Charms.

TOPIC A: Treatment of Muggles and the Muggle-born

Introduction

Throughout time, Muggles have always been a target for wizards. From the "Magic is Might" Statue brought to The Ministry by Death Eaters, to the derogatory

name itself, Wizards have always felt superior to those not possessing their powers. Beyond mistreatment of Muggles, wizards have also had an everlasting prejudice against Muggle-borns and are constantly making their lives more difficult due to unnecessary hate and bigotry. Although certain laws and commissions have already been passed in order to protect Muggles and the Muggle-born, there still may be some issues between Muggle-borns and wizards that have yet to be resolved by these laws. It is our job as the Ministry of Magic to decide if additional legislation is necessary in order to protect Muggles and discuss whether or not Muggle-borns should be given the same opportunities as wizards.

Background/History

Muggles, those in the wizarding world who do not possess magical powers, have been commonly seen as inferior to witches and wizards. People born without wizarding powers have not only been treated poorly over the years by dark wizards, but also have been subject to derogatory phrases and terms. These people have fallen victim to many harmful activities such as Muggle-baiting, magical artefacts, and misuse of magic by dark wizards.

Certain forms of legislation have been appointed by the different leaders of the Ministry. Under Lord Voldemort's control, the ministry appointed the Muggle Born Registration Commission, a committee dedicated to registering wizards who were born from Muggle parents. This commission tortured Muggle-borns by interrogating them with questions regarding their wizarding powers and accusing them of "stealing" their

powers from “real” wizards. This committee has been responsible for the imprisonment of countless innocent muggle-born witches and wizards. These wizards believe that Muggle-born wizards deserve to “suffer the consequences” and therefore have been rounded up by Snatchers sent by the Ministry. This commission, lead by Dolores Umbridge, has left many innocent Muggle-borns sentenced to Azkaban--impoverished or jobless. Groups compiled of wizards, motivated by deep bigotry and prejudice against Muggles and Muggle-borns, have been damaging the wizard world and community as a whole.

Regarding those without wizarding capabilities, certain laws have been passed in order to keep Muggles safe from potentially harmful parts of the wizarding world. The Muggle Protection Act was written by Arthur Weasley and was enacted in order to prevent Muggles from coming in contact with dangerous magical artefacts. Many wizards have opposed these laws designed to protect Muggles and have gone to extreme measures in order to prevent such acts from being passed. Lucius Malfoy, a wizard strongly opposed to the Muggle Protection Act, has fought very hard to discredit Arthur Weasley and prevent new legislation from being passed in favor of Muggles.

Only a portion of the wizarding world has had a extreme prejudice towards Muggles and Muggle-borns. However, those who have acted on such hate have shown to be an immense threat to the Wizarding World and Muggle community as a whole.

Focus Questions

- Should Muggle-borns be afforded the same freedoms as other “pure” wizards?

- Should Muggle-borns be permitted to attend wizarding schools such as Hogwarts?
- What laws should be enacted in order to safeguard Muggles and Muggle-borns from the dangers of the wizarding world and dark wizards?
- How should the Ministry assess and manage the Muggle Born Registration Commission?
- How can we provide aid to current Muggle-borns who suffer from the effects of the Muggle Born Registration Commission?

Possible Solutions

- Creating new laws such as a Muggle-born Discrimination Act, designed to protect Muggle-borns from hate crimes and other harmful forms of abhorrence.
- Seeking out wizards who misuse magic at the expense of Muggles or Muggle borns through private organizations (Dumbledore's Army, The Order of the Phoenix).
- Assuaging the presence of bigotry due to ignorance towards Muggles by creating mandatory classes at wizarding schools regarding Muggle life, laws, and treatment.
- Disbanding the Muggle Born Registration Commission in order to prevent the victimization of innocent Muggle-borns.
- Increasing defense against dark arts and dark magic by creating a new commission through the Ministry

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TOPIC B: Defense Against the Death Eater Army

Introduction

The most exigent threat in the wizarding world at this time is Voldemort and his followers, the Death Eaters. There have been countless attacks made by Death Eaters, marking the beginning of the Second Wizarding War. These dangerous witches and wizards have recklessly infringed upon wizarding law and continually endanger, injure, and kill hundreds of innocent wizards. Death Eaters are becoming increasingly fortified, and their attacks progressively more damaging. As the Ministry of Magic, we must devise a plan in order to combat the Death Eaters and Voldemort and make the wizarding world safe again.

Background/History

The year is 1995. The Death Eater Army, prompted by the influence of Lord Voldemort, has seen a rise in power and supremacy over the Hogwarts community in recent years. The Ministry of Magic enters a time of turmoil as the prevalence of attacks committed by Death Eaters increases, marking the beginning of the Second Wizarding War.

The Death Eaters' rise to prominence during the Second Wizarding War was borne out of the demise of the previous Ministry of Magic, which was under the authority of the former head minister, Cornelius Fudge. Because the previous Ministry lacked a sturdy infrastructure and was perpetually unstable, its collapse became inevitable as years progressed. Witnessing this slow degradation, Lord Voldemort sought to seize an opportunity to claim and establish power. Once Voldemort was resurrected, he began a militaristic coup, starting with the revival of a nationalist (pro-wizard/anti-Muggleborn) group known as the Death Eaters. With this new rise, Voldemort began to consult and establish connections with Ministry insiders, and, through democratic process, he began to manipulate elections, appease public opinions, and exploit employees in his favor until it became his choice to decide the fate of the new Ministry. As such, Voldemort was able to effectively govern the Ministry, without actualizing fear and paranoia among the common populace.

The Death Eaters were guided by the goal of purifying the general population of non-wizards, also known as Muggles, through insurrectionary anarchism and political acquisition. This ideology manifested in the establishment of the Muggle-Born Registration Commission, as well as the ubiquitous spreading of anti-Muggle and anti-Harry Potter propaganda.

Focus Questions

- Should a security gauntlet should be established in order to safeguard the Hogwarts community from further transgressions or the threat of usurpation?
How might this be facilitated?
- What steps should be taken in ensuring that the Ministry of Magic retains a strong infrastructure and stable governance?
- What factors need to be taken into consideration in coordinating a method of offense, especially against such a powerful group of individuals (many of whom maintain covert affiliation with the Ministry itself)?

Possible Solutions

- Establishing a subsidiary peacekeeping body to institute tighter law enforcement and better monitor the actions of those individuals under suspect of Death Eater affiliation.
- Implement a new series of laws to counteract the harmful ramifications of the Muggle Born Registration Commission.
- Devising a defense task force or commission to orchestrate a plan of counterattack against Death Eater transgressors.
- Holding legal hearings to prosecute those involved in furthering Death Eater agenda.
- Instituting more classes at Hogwarts aimed to inform students on Death Eaters, in order to better prepare members of the community for confrontational and hostile encounters with Death Eaters.

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