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At the U N tonight, Vishinsky took a walk. He paraded out of the General Assembly, as the delegate from China began a bitter accusation, charging Soviet Russia ~~xxx~~ with giving aid to the Chinese Reds. It was not a complete Russian walkout; Vishinsky's deputy, ~~Molotov~~, stayed in his place ~~maintaining~~ exhibiting all signs of contempt for the Chinese complaint.

Earlier ~~xx~~ in the day the General Assembly, by an overwhelming vote, turned down a Soviet proposal for a five-nation peace pact coupled with a denunciation of the United States as a warmonger. After which the Assembly adopted a western power program, calling for international action to outlaw the atomic bomb -- the nations to forego some of their sovereignty to deal with the atomic peril. Also a recommendation that all nations permit full political freedom and guarantee human rights.

ATOMIC

President Truman today gave an order to the Attorney General - tighten up the secrecy surrounding the atomic bomb! The President expresses what is called "concern regarding his great responsibility in the field of secret information." And he calls on Attorney General McGrath to take new precautions against the leaking out of atomic information.

BERLIN

A late dispatch from Berlin tells of the killing of an American Air Force sergeant, shot by a Soviet guard. Three American soldiers and two girls were driving through Berlin, and at the Soviet border line they failed to halt. The Russian guard opened fire, killing the sergeant.

FRANCE

In France, the one-day general strike was a good deal of a frost today. The walkout, intended as a demonstration, was only partly successful in stopping activities. Thousands of workers defied union orders, and stayed on their jobs. Tonight officials in Paris are calling it - the biggest defeat in the post-war period for the Communist and Socialist labor organizations, which called the one-day general strike.

NEPAL

The turmoil in high Asia extends to another strange land - Nepal, the mystery kingdom and home of those far famed soldiers, the Gurkhas. Reports from India state that ~~the~~ Communists are agitating discontent in that strange Himalayan realm, which is a tightly closed military monarchy.

This ties in with the story ~~we had last night~~ about the Chinese Reds getting hold of the Panchen Lama ~~who~~ - who, in Tibet, is traditionally rated as second only to the Dalai Lama, the monk - sovereign of the Roof-of-the-World. The Chinese Communist radio quoted the Panchen Lama as calling for a Red "liberation" of Tibet. Nepal is between Tibet and India, so you see the line of Communist agitation from China to India.

Today we hear of stories published in Calcutta newspapers, telling of discontent in Nepal - fomented by the Reds. Six Army generals in that realm of soldiers are said to have resigned as a protest against the medieval despotism exercised by King Tribunaha ~~for~~ Bickram. The British believe that these Calcutta

reports of military discontent are, in themselves, a part of the Communist agitation - and the British know a lot about that Himalayan kingdom.

During their rule in India, they gave Nepal semi-independence, using it as a source of military manpower. The mountaineers, the Gurkhas, are the fiercest of fighters, and for centuries provided some of the toughest regiments of the armies of the British Empire. This recruiting of soldiers was a personal deal between the King of England and the King of Nepal - and, in spite of the independence of India, it still exists. The arrangement - between King George and King ^{*Tribunaha*} Bickram.

Gurkha regiments are still serving with the British, at Hong Kong and in Malaya, and the British believe that, if the Communists were to threaten Nepal, all Gurkha troops who are serving abroad would insist on being sent home at once, to fight against the Reds in their own country.

SUB PANAMA

In Panama the fantastic political comedy rose to new heights today, when the national police called in the ~~new~~ election board -- which supervised the count of votes last year. In that count presidential candidate Arnolfo Arias was defeated, but he never accepted the verdict.

During the last few days we have been hearing how the national police forced the resignation of President Chanis, who refused to stay resigned. The police named a new President, and then another new President. The latter Arnolfo Arias. The way to put him in was to call in that election board, and have them produce a new count in last year's votes. All went according to schedule -- the election board today proclaiming that Arias had really won a majority of votes last year.

Whereupon he took the oath of office before the national assembly -- although, a couple of nights ago that same national assembly re-instated ousted President Chanis in office, and tried to escort him to the presidential palace.

because his brother, a journalist, was foremost in making charges of corruption against the police and demanding their resignation. Which demand was also made by President Chanis, ^{whose} ~~but the~~ commanders compelled him to resign.)

Last night the election board, which handled the counting of the votes more than a year ago, was called to the Presidential palace, and told - count again! They did, and today announced that, last year, Arias had a majority. That being decided, Arias was sworn in as President before the National Assembly which, only a couple of nights ago, had reinstated Chanis as the head of the government and had tried to install him in the Presidential palace.

But what about the other two Presidents? Well, one of them, Chiara, says - he's neutral. He'll accept any verdict. But, at last reports, Chanis was still claiming to be President.

It sounds like a comedy, but there's nothing funny about it in the eyes of our own government in

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Washington. The Republic of Panama is right next door to the Canal Zone, and political disturbances have more than a local meaning - in the neighborhood of the canal. The State Department stated today that it will not recognize the new regime of Arnulfo Arias, and still regards Chavis as the legal president. We're not having anything to do with the new regime; a State Department spokesman today claiming: "Our reaction is one of profound shock. As of now, we don't have diplomatic relations with Panama."

PLANE

Tonight in Washington a B-17 bomber hit a power line, as it was flying to land at the airport. The plane was ~~speeding at one~~ ^{traveling at a} hundred and fifteen miles an hour, when a powerful downdraft ~~of wind~~ swung the tail ~~downward, and the tail~~ ^{so that it} hooked into ~~the~~ ^e high tension line. There was a blinding flash of electricity -- and that was the first the pilot Lieutenant Colonel William H. Campbell, knew about the mishap.

His heart climbed right up into his throat, as why wouldn't it -- his plane hitting a power line and setting off a flash to light up the whole neighborhood. ^{Col.} ~~Captain~~ Campbell says he could hardly believe it - but he was able to keep his B-17 under control, come in, make a perfect landing, thanking his lucky stars all the while.

A large section was blacked out by the smashing of the power line.

FAT MAN

The doctors are saying - I told you so. This, in the case of the fat man of Birmingham, Alabama - who was five by five, five feet tall and five feet around the waist. Weight - three hundred and fifty-seven pounds. He undertook to reduce by fasting, and did take off a hundred and twelve pounds; - but, he dropped dead today.

A restaurant keeper and a one-time racing car driver, the appetite of the five footer was indicated by his favorite breakfast - two dozen eggs. Then, suddenly, he decided to reduce - and how! ~~Moreover,~~ ^{announced} This lover of gargantuan dining ~~came up with~~ a theory. - ~~He~~ He said that fasting would cure anything. So he went on a diet of water, lemon juice and epsom salts - determined to fast for a hundred days. He lived in a penthouse that he constructed on top of a pole - high up there to keep away from the tempting smell of cooking.

Physicians warned him, told him he couldn't last out the hundred days. But he scorned medical advice. So tonight the doctors are saying what they

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always do about patients who go in for self treatment.

They
and
^ echo the old refrain - I told you so.

WRESTLING

The news wire, these days, is hailing the revival of a sport - hailing it, not with cheers, but with groans and grunts. There's a new surge of wrestling, and the ponderous pachyderms are raking in the big money as never before. The reason - television. The video has turned out to be the perfect vehicle of the grappling game, which used to be a sport, but now is a gaudy circus of theatricalism, dramatics and violent emoting.

N.Y. Times
(The ~~Saturday Evening Post~~ displays a pageant of some of the more wondrous characters. There's the inevitable Gorgeous George, with his peroxide locks, golden robe and a valet who sprays perfume in the ring. He is exceeded in beauty by Mr. America, who is the great profile of groan and grunt, and an idol of the bobby soxers. Lord Carlston is, presumably, a titled nobleman of the English peerage, who goes into the ring attended by a valet in full evening dress, white tie and tails and monocle. Primo Carnera, once the lamentable heavyweight boxing champion of the world, is said to have cleaned up a fortune in wrestling during the past few

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years - his giant stature being an invincible attraction. Then there's the Golden Superman, shining with gilt paint, and the Arkansas Hillbilly, who has whiskers, wrestles in overalls and bare feet - and is an atrocious villain.)

The villains provide the breathtaking drama - fighting dirty, cringing with cowardness, and even weeping. The grand original, I believe, was George Zaharias, who now is a flourishing sports promoter in Denver and who married to Babe Didrickson, That female prodigy of athletics. Today United Press correspondent Harman Nichols tells how George, the big burly Greek, earned the odious name of - "cry baby." When the going got rough, he would burst into tears - and for this he used an onion, a fine slice of Bermuda under the tape on his hands.

He^d's have four or five of his brothers at the ringside, then, when a[^] "brutal opponent" put the twist on George, they would set up a howl - "He's killing our brother;" whereupon George would scrape onion in his eyes, and the glistening tears were visible to everybody

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in the place - and they'd yell abuse at the foul

claiming
~~fighting~~ "cry baby".

(The hatred of the villain is so strong that, in this new revival of groan and grunt, a wrestler sometimes incurs danger when he is hurled out of the ring among the spectators. If he's a black hearted scoundrel, the women are known to stick pins into him, or beat him over the head with a high heeled slipper.) ~~Must be disconcerting to be whacked over the head with a French heel, don't you think so, Nelson?~~

ROBINSON

A fabulous character passes -- Bill Bojangles

Robinson, the negro tap dancer who, a grandson of a Virginia slave, became one of the greatest of theatrical stars. His dancing feet ^(earned three) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ million dollars -- but, at seventy-one, he died broke. Tonight's news dispatch explains that Bill was lavishly generous, lived high and just couldn't make the dice behave.

MARGARET TRUMAN

The President's daughter denies all the rumors predicting her engagement. Margaret Truman is sticking to her singing.

Rumors have been concentrating on Frank Handy, son of a publisher at Ipsilanti, Michigan. (Margaret Truman has been seeing Frank Handy recently, and there have been romantic reports.) But today she said - "There is absolutely nothing to it. But he is a very charming gentleman."

She also ridicules other reports that have connected her with a newspaperman in Buffalo, editor Wall who runs a labor paper connected with the A.F. of L. Margaret Truman said today: "I never laid eyes on him. I wish they'd pick someone I know."

~~This is confirmed by Editor Wall himself, who telephoned me the other day saying - He didn't know Margaret Truman, had never even seen her.~~

WEST POINT

Today brings an explanation of the outbreak of war, air raids and cannon fire last night, which threw the Hudson River City of Newburg into a turmoil. It was a West Point send-off to the football team, leaving for the Army-Navy game at Philadelphia. They fired the heavy artillery - twenty-five rounds of blank ammunition thundering from the big one-hundred-and-five millimeter guns.

At Newburg, a dozen miles up the line, they thought ~~it was~~ ^{had suddenly} the cold war turned ~~into~~ hot - the telephone company reporting ^{ed} two thousand calls ^{by alarmed} ~~people~~ Newburgers, ~~in alarm~~. They thought it must be an air raid, probably atomic. An airplane seems to have got mixed up in the roar of the West Point guns, a Newburg newspaper editor stating: "At exactly eleven PM, all kinds of explosions were heard. A plane was in the air, and a huge searchlight was trying to spot it. Anti-aircraft shells were fired, and windows rattled as far as fifteen miles away."

To cap the climax, the War Department in

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Washington phoned West Point to find out what happened.

Today Colonel Robert Nourse, adjutant of the military academy, was puzzled and perplexed. He says it has always been the custom to give the Army team a salute

of gunfire, as it goes into battle with the Navy, ^{and that} ~~but~~ ^{on previous occasions,} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~cannonade~~ ^{cannonade} never created any disturbance ^{before.} ~~before.~~ The

colonel figures it out this way: "Maybe it was because there was a low cloud ceiling and a strong wind blowing towards Newburg." ~~He~~ ^{He} reasons - That weather condition

was such as to cause the football ^{cannonade} ~~boom-boom~~ to thunder ~~up~~ ^{up and down the river - like Henry Hudson} ~~and Rip Van Winkle playing at bowls.~~ ^{and Rip Van Winkle playing at bowls.}

"The colonel explains in a plaintive tone: "It was just a little college rah-rah." Yes, ^{Colonel,} ~~but~~ it sounded like war to the Newburgers.

We've heard from the Army - now let's hear from the Navy - its unofficial spokesman Lieut. Com. Nelson Case.