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The Foreign Minister of Nationalist China ~~really~~ touched off a furore ~~yesterday~~. George Yeh, saying that America had promised to help defend all of the positions considered important to Formosa. ~~The Minister~~ referring ~~in~~ in particular to Matsu and Quemoy.

~~The biggest reaction came in the Senate particularly~~
~~from Morse of Oregon and Lehman of New York, They led the~~
~~fight~~ against President Eisenhower's Formosa resolution,
~~Now they~~ ^{now} are demanding that the President say just how far
he will go in defending ^{Formosa.} ~~the island stronghold of Chiang~~
~~Kai Shek~~

~~Said~~ Senator Morse, ~~turned his attention more to Minister~~
~~Yeh than to President Eisenhower. The Oregon Independent~~
~~saying~~ "I don't think the Chinese Nationalist Foreign
Minister is telling the truth."

~~When~~ Mr. Yeh tried to end the criticism - by saying
that he had been misquoted. ~~Just before~~ Taking off for
Formosa, he remarked that ~~that~~ he never intended to suggest

anything except that America is pledged to defend Formosa,
and that includes whatever else President Eisenhower decides
is necessary - meaning, certain of the other islands in the
Formosa Strait.

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military alike, are gone. A dispatch from Taipei, describing
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^{take over.} ~~devoted of life~~ when the Communists begin their occupation

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 The final figures on the evacuation of ~~civilians~~ *civilians*
 from the Tachen ~~islands~~ *islands* - nearly fifteen thousand taken off.
 Around ~~fourteen~~ *fourteen* thousand ~~of them were~~ handled by ~~our~~ *the* Seventh
 Fleet ~~the rest~~ *1000 Chinese* by ships belonging to the Nationalist ~~groups~~
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Chiang's Air Force is already set to bomb the Tachens - a change from a few days ago, when the Reds were doing that.

At no time did the ~~the~~ Reds make any attempt to interfere with the evacuation. Why should they? Were'nt they getting the islands for nothing?

Sir Anthony Eden conferred today with our Ambassador, Winthrop Aldrich, and with Premier Nehru. The British Foreign Secretary, pushing his attempt to get some kind of a formula for a Formosa truce.

First Eden sat in on a cabinet meeting - to get last minute instructions from Churchill. Then he conferred with Nehru - trying to find common ground on which to attack the problem. After that, Eden and Aldrich met, ~~They talked~~ for about an hour. ~~No details announced - but London sources say that the two diplomats~~ ^{and} discussed the possibility that the Chinese Nationalists might evacuate all of the islands along the mainland. Eden, hoping that this might create a favorable ^{setting} ~~climate~~ for a conference on a ~~complete~~ ^{full} armistice in the Strait.

U. N.

The ~~United Nations~~ Security Council will convene on Monday. ~~First on the agenda -~~ At U N headquarters, it was revealed that the ~~issue before the Security Council will be~~ a new attempt for a "cease-fire" ~~On the~~ *China Coast. At the previous* ~~Formosa question. This will be~~ the ~~first~~ session, ~~since~~ January Thirty-first, ~~when~~ it was decided to invite Red China to participate in "cease fire" talks. That ~~invitation~~ was flatly rejected by Chou En-Lai. Now the Security Council will try to think up something ~~else~~ *other way* ~~something else~~ to stop the shooting in ~~the~~ Formosa Strait.

The word from Paris tonight is that the leader of the Catholic Popular Republican Party may be able to form a government. This follows a decision by the radical Socialists to support Pierre Pflimlin - who is ^{trying} ~~struggling~~ to form the twenty-first government ^{for} ~~that~~ France ~~has had~~ since the end of World War Two.

The radical Socialists ^{split} ~~were not~~ ~~unanimous~~ about it their vote; ~~went~~ in favor of Pflimlin by sixty-five, ^{against.} ~~to~~ sixty-two. ~~But it did give him an assurance of most of the party's support.~~

The ^{straight} powerful Socialist party has ~~not~~ yet made up its mind. The ~~So~~cialists control one hundred and five votes - but ~~they~~ say they'll abstain until they see what kind of ~~is~~ policy the new government proposes. In particular, the ~~Sax~~ Socialists say they'll swing behind Pflimlin, if he continues the North African ~~is~~ politics of Mendes-France.

The entire issue of a Pflimlin government may be decided by the party of DeGaulle. DeGaullists and their associates

have enough votes to make or break a government - and they say they'll throw their weight ~~not~~ against Pflimlin, if he goes too far in supporting the plan ~~for~~ for a unified European Army.

So the whole picture in Paris is typical, ^{rather} ~~of the~~
Bordering on chaos.
~~politics there a welter of contending parties, with a~~
~~possible Premier struggling to line up a coalition that will~~
~~put him in power.~~

SOVIETS

The recent developments in Moscow have raised the question. The Moscow radio announces a shake-up in the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union. Six members of the court ~~replaced~~ ^{ousted}.

~~out~~ Seven new members appointed.

The Moscow radio doesn't give any reason ~~for the~~ changes. ^{It's} ~~But the~~ interesting ^{to note} thing ~~is~~ that the decree is dated last Monday - the day before Bulganin took over from

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WILEY

The recent developments in Moscow have raised the question - will the Soviet Union be pulled apart by a struggle for power among the top men in the Kremlin? One expert on the subject says - he doesn't think that will happen. Senator Wiley of Wisconsin, top ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, speaking in Milwaukee said that the Soviet system might even be ~~tight~~ tightened by the Substitution of Bulganin for Malenkov. Certainly no indication that the Soviet system might collapse.

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ADENAUER FOLLOW WILEY

However The Chancellor of West Germany thinks that the changes in Moscow will make it easier for the West to negotiate with Russia. ~~Chancellor~~ Adenauer telling newsmen in Bonn that Khrushchev, ~~is~~ now top dog in the Kremlin, ~~and he's~~ ^{is} what Adenauer terms "a realistic man." The Chancellor believes that Khrushchev is too realistic to ignore the fact that Russia could not win a war with the West. ^{Hence} ~~the~~ new Soviet boss ^{may} ~~should~~ be easier to negotiate with. ~~The~~ ~~Adenauer judgment being~~ that Khrushchev will not take any chances that might lead to a conflict with America.

A Calif.
 Congressman ~~that~~ Holifield suggested today that
 Admiral ~~Lewis~~ *Atomic* Strauss and his fellow commissioners resign
 from the Atomic Energy Commission. The California ~~Democrat~~
 charging that there is, what he terms, "demoralizing
 dissension" within the A E C.

has to do with the
 The Holifield proposal ~~follows~~ controversy over the
 Dixon-Yates power contract. That contract has been defended *by*
 Admiral ~~by Lewis~~ Strauss - and ~~bitterly~~ *by the Democrats.* attacked in both the House
 and the Senate. The issue is being heard by the Joint
 Congressional Atomic Committee. ~~One member of that committee~~
~~- Representative Holifield - who now says that after listening~~
~~to testimony about Dixon Yates, he believes that Strauss~~
~~and the others should resign.~~

places on
 There are five ~~jobs~~ *are* the A E C - but only three
~~of them are filling~~ *are* filled. ~~now~~ Lewis Strauss, ~~is~~ chairman,
 and, ~~the other members are~~ Thomas Murray and Willard Libby.
 Murray and Strauss have frequently disagreed - and that is

why Congressman Holifield speaks of ~~demoralizing~~ "dissension"
 and ~~that's~~ why he wants the ~~whole~~ group to resign.

TITO

Yugoslavia will never join the Soviet bloc of Communist nations. ~~So~~ says Tito. The Yugoslav dictator, making his statement on his return from a tour of India and Burma.

He told a welcoming crowd that he would join neither the East nor the West - because he wants to be friends with both.

Tito, one Communist dictator - who intends to stay at a safe distance from the other Communist^s who have built up a slave empire in the East.

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DUST BOWL

A question that is disturbing thousands of farmers in the plains is -- will there be another dust bowl, when the winds begin blowing in the spring? On Monday, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson will give his department's opinion ^{on} ~~about~~ that ~~question~~. The Secretary, to make public an official report prepared by the Soil Conservation Service. We hear ~~that~~ the report will be pessimistic - stating that more than twenty-six million acres of farmland will be in danger from the spring winds. The top soil, so broken up that it could be whipped into another dust bowl - comparable to the one that struck the great plains so disastrously in the Thirties.

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WEATHER FOLLOW DUST BOWL

Meanwhile, the weather is rough in the East.

A cold wave, as far south as Florida. The mercury, dropping fast -- at Memphis, Tennessee, falling twenty-five degrees within an hour. In Florida the citrus crop threatened again.

~~It was revealed by~~ ^{From} Frankfurt, Germany, ^{we have} today, that

the Soviet Consul in Vienna is the director of a spy ring.

~~The revelation coming from~~ ^{That is he} The Consul, Boris Nalivaiko,

tried to trap two Americans. ~~He~~ ^{he} lured Colonel Francis Manning

and Robert Gray into a Vienna coffee house - ~~lured them by~~

~~Pretending~~ ^{ed} that he wanted to flee to the West. Then ~~he~~ threw

a mug of beer into their faces, -- ~~which was~~ ^{as} a signal for

Russian troops to surround the coffee house. Fortunately,

the four-power international patrol arrived in time to

rescue them.

Now an American spokesman charges that Soviet Consul

Nalivaiko is a major in the Soviet Intelligence Service. ^{and}

~~He~~ ^{he has} also been identified by two East Germans - whom he tried

to recruit into his espionage system. Nalivaiko is, in

the words of the spokesman "a ~~very busy~~ ^a spy master - whose

real job is espionage, even though he ~~is~~ ^{is} accredited to Vienna

as a consul."

COLLISION

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They collided at the mouth of New York harbor. The "Harding" promptly radioed that it was okay. But the "City of Bristol" took on a lot of water through a hole in its side - and for a while it was feared that the vessel would have to be abandoned. But the crew managed to get

The Judge, admitting that he had himself done something their ship under control - and brought it safely into port. - for which Harris was being prosecuted.

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That looked bad for the defendant. But it looked even worse for the Judge - when he told the jury, "I have played the numbers game myself."

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SOLDIER

A former member of the first Minnesota Heavy Artillery celebrated his birthday in Deluth, today. ~~Why~~ which doesn't sound much like a story - except that Albert Wolson is the last survivor of the "Boys in Blue" Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War. The last of more than two-and-a-half-million northerners - of the Grand Army of the Republic - who participated in the war between the States. To-day Albert Wolson celebrated his one-hundred-and-eight~~h~~ birthday!

He joined the Minnesota artillery as a drummer boy. And went through the War - in many battles little guessing that he would be the last survivor. The last of the G.A.R. of the 2½ million others - taps have sounded for all of them.

One hundred-and-eight years old, the only one left of Lincoln's Northern Army. Wonder what they'll say ~~say~~ about this down where you come from - Hugh?