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The 1946 football season came to an end today on
the first day of 1947. That's a custom made inevitable
by the comparatively recent and spectacular innovation of
bowl games -- Rose Bowl; Sugar Bowl, Oil Bowl, -- remainded
your product and there was a feetball game to go with it

About four hundred thousand fans attended these various contests in the far west, southwest and south.

And, there were about four hundred thousand complaints about the weather. It was either too hot or too rainy or too cold.

Only at Pasadena's Rose Bowl spectacle, the daddy of them all, was the weather just about right. There, unfortunately the weather was better than the game.

For a fast Illinois University team, for some reason the underdogs in pre-game betting, swamped UCLA, west coast champions, forty five to fourteen. Illinois

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and from thereon it was a runaway.

At the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans the weather was cold-- but the football terrific, with Georgia finally downing NorthCarolina twenty to ten.

In fact, chilly though it may have been for the spectators, the players got so heated up to their work that the last quarter was only one part football, the rest -- free for all.

At Miami, where, the Orange bowl was held, then weather was hot -- temperatures in the high eightics most of the day. Rice University, of Texas, was the victor there, eight to nothing over Tennessee.

thousand of the forty-five thousand ticket holders to the cotton bowl contest showed up. The players could n't do much under the conditions and Arkansas and Louisians State played a nothing-nothing tie.

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Further south, at San Antonio, a sleet storm forced postponement of the Vulcan Bowl game.

The country-wide concensus is -- gooddfootball, bum weather. That's how the 1946 football season anded up on New Years's day 1947.

BILBO

The Republicans are planning to challenge Bilbo as he tries to take his seat in the Senate. This was stated today by Senator Taft of Ohio, after a special meeting of the GOP Senate policy committee. He said the committee favored what Senator Taft called -- "stopping Bilbo at the door." He put it in these words: "The majority lean to the view that he should be stopped at the door, and not be permitted to take the oath." That is --force an immediate vote on the fitness of the Man" to take office.

fact that, as the new Congress assembles, the newly elected Senators are seated in alphabetical order, and Bilbo, beginning with "B", is away up at the top of the At list. He comes second in fact. That stage of the proceedings, the Democrats will still have a majority — majority that will be wiped out as newly elected republicans are seated. When the name Bilbo is called, the proportions will be —thirty Democrats to twenty nine

Republicans, a Democratic majority of one. Senator Taft
says the Republicans believe they can persuade a couple of
Democrats to vote against Bilbo -- thus getting a majority
for a refusal to give him his senate seat.

Informed of these Republican plans, Senator

Bilbo stated today that, if the GOP tries to toss him out,

he'll call upon the southern members for support—and

Bilbo suggested a filibuster: He remarked that there are

possibilities of taking things up by debate. When they

object to my taking the oath, said the Mississippi senator,

"everything else has to stop until they vote on the matter.

There will have to be discussion. And he added: My

experience for twelves years shows me that these

kind of discussions are very extended — sometimes

indefinite."

Senator Taft, on the other hand, makes the response that he does n't, in his words, "put much stock in a filibuster."

UNITED NATIONS

debate on world disarmament has been postponed for the new year's holiday. Harried United Nations Delegates, however, took advantage of the respite to seek further instructions from their governments.

and the United States, appear ready to plunge headlong into disarmament question, and this eagerness on their part leaves the other members of the eleven-power-security council somewhere in the middle, not yet decided whose views to support or why.

For instance, the United States wants the council to give first priority to the problem of atomic control.

Gromyko, the Russian, demands that a general program for outlawing all weapons have precedence.

In any event, the disarmament issue is due to be aired soon, and that's the reason for overtime work on the part of so many diplomats this holiday season. The security

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Syria and Colombia. They, for one group, need time to find out what is going on. And even the three other permanent members of the council, great Britain, France, and China process quite sure yet where they stand on the vital matter of disarmament.

Oh, yes, everybody's for it -- no nore asmice,
no more war. How and when end where to go showt it? Shat's
a different and touchy question plaguing the delegates-

Pilestine.

In Palestine today, British troops raided -- "the Yemenite Vineyard." That's in Tel Aviv, the quarter occupied by the Yemenite Jews. In Tel Aviv. Metroplis of zionism, you'll find people from all this earth -- and none more interesting than the Jews who come from Yemm. That's the extreme south of Arabia Told Moslem land, rich and fertile -- where there's a Jewish population that dates dim remote times. Some of them have harkened to the call of Zion, and have gone to Palestine, to Tel Aviv, to play a part in the revival of the Jewish nation. It is typical of the Yemen, so rich and fertile and unlike the Arabian desert that the Yemenite Jews of Tel Aviv call their quarter -- "the Yemnite vineyard." These Xementes are and Phopes zealots of Zion; some of the most fanatical

and violent members of the Jewish underground are from
the Yemen, terrorists of Irgun Zvai Leumi, members of
"the black squad/" That's a desperate band, a group
of underground fighters to which Irgun Zvai Leumi assigns

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the most dangerous tasks -- the black squad.

The British believe that the recent floggings of British soldiers and officers were the doing of Yemnite members of the Black Squad of Irgun Zvai Leumi. The floggings have angered the British as few things could have done, and they are determined to catch the culprits. So today, for a house-to-house search, British air borne troops took possession of the Yemanite Vineyard.

To this aspect of the picturesque is added a sombre and threatening fact. A British military court today sentenced to death a member of Irgun Zvai Leumi. a terrorist caught in an attack on a police station, in which an Arab policeman was billed. Irgun Zvai Leumi has threatened deadly reprisals, if the capital sentence is carried out. So there's a new climax of tension in the Holy land. During the trial, the prisoner facing the court maintained an attitude of bitter defiance. When the death sentence was pronounced on him, he cried out: "With blood and fire Judea fell. With blood and fire Judea will arise."

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A late dispatch from London states that the British high commissioner has left Jerusalem and is on his way to London -- for urgent consultations with the British government. One report persists that the high commissioner. General Sir Alan Cunningham, is going to recommend the imposition of martial law throughout the Holy land. This --as a drastic measure to meet new tropbles that are expected, an anticipated flareup of the Jewish underground in new outbreaks of violence. A still later dispatch describes the terror in Palestine as nearing the breaking point.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, there was a strange and deadly drama of police. Today a jeweler of the city was out rabbit hunting, when on a lonely and remote road, he stumbled on the bodies of the chief of Little Rock detectives and a police lieutenant -- shot to death.

Martin, head of the police detective bureau, reported at headquarters for duty, and immediately called his assistant, Lieutenant O F Deubler. He ordered Deubler to accompany him, and the two drove off in a police car. That was the last seen of them until their bodies were found. An inspection shows that the chief of detectives, after driving to the lenely place, shot his assistant with repeated blasts from a police riot shotgun, and then killed himself with his own service revolver.

The latest is that the Chief of Detectives was afraid that he was about to be indicted by a grand jury for alleged connections with gamblers. He had been

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brooding about that -- and suspected that the police
lieutenant assistant had been giving information against
him. That seems to be the explanation of the police
tragedy at Little Rock.

JAPANESE FUNERAL

In Japan, a man made a New Year's resolution, and decided to turn over a new leaf. He did it with a funeral. When a ceremony is needed, leave it to the Japanese to figure out something odd and oriental.

Gyozan Shibata is one of the richest men in the prefecture of Ibaraki. I don't know what Shibata had been doing to provoke such a drastic New Year's resolution -- but maybe he liked to imbibe too freely of the rice wine called saki. In any case, he announced that he was not only going to turn over a new leaf --he was going to begin a new life. To do that properly, he had to die first -- at least symbolically.

So he arranged for a funeral for himself. Shibata, being rich, could give himself a truly spectacular funeral. He hired a battalion of Shinto priests to conduct the ritual -- and hired three thousand mourners. At a local temple, he had hamself shrouded in white robes and placed into a coffin --a coffin sumptuous and expensive. Heaped

around him were five hundred wreaths of flowers -- which he provided.

And so today the funeral was held, with Shibata playing dead in a most convincing way. That is, until the moment came to take him out and bury him -- or cremate him.

Just in time to avoid that, Shibata sat up in his coffin and announced his New Year's resolution. He said he was beginning a new life. He told of the virtues he intended to practife, and invited all' the priests and the three thousand mourners to his house for tea.

Well, I suppose there are a lot of us who made New Year's resolutions today -- but hardly in such spectacular fashion.

Alligator.

At Richmond Hill, Georgia, a woman was seized by an alligator, a harge eight foot pratile. Instead of the alligator dragging her, she dragged the alligator into her house, and shot it through the head with a pistol.

Quite an exploit for a lady.

She is Mrs V Mackey -- who, with her husband, operates a Georgia animal farm. Mrs Mackey was out chasing a monkey, trying to catch the critter, when she get too close to the alligator, which seized her arm with a grip of sharp teeth and powerful jaws.

Mrs Mackey knew enough about Georgia swamp life to realise that there was only one way to make that alligator let go. In her house there was a pistol, so she started dragging the eight foot reptile. She made it, hauled the alligator right into the house and reached for the pistol. A shot rang out, and the alligator let go -- a dead alligator.

London ---

In London this New Year's day, there were appearances in police court -- with swanky members of London's Arty Art set doing the appearing. This followed a riot last night in which all the London traditions of dignity and decorum were completely shattered. The Chelsea Arts costumes ball was held -- for the first time since the beginning of world war number two. London's artistic Bohemia gathered in royal Albert Hall, where the revelry grew louder and louder, until the climas at the stroke of midnight.

Along with the New Year, there entered two
large floats, on which were displayed a dassling assortment
of feminine pulchritude and ravishing beauty -- with no
excess of clothes. The crowd of five thousand jammed
around to get a better look. One artistic soul, who wanted
a really close look, clambered aboard a float -- which was
ten feet high. Fifty others followed suit, the mob swarming

up on to the float - which suddenly collapsed.

The resulties about were pitched headlong into the arrow. There was a stampede. Fights prove out, a rist in Royal Albert Hall. The hobbies came plunging into the meles, and after a prolonged battle — the Shelses arts pretune ball was over, with numbers of artistic scale hauled off to jail.

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