

VISHINSKY L.T. Dalco. Detroit Mon. Nov. 22 - '54.

At the United Nations today, were glances of surprise. In the General Assembly, diplomati^Ses and spectators looked at the place reserved for the chief delegate of Soviet Russia - and were puzzled. Where was Vishinsky

This was a big day at the United Nations. The General Assembly, to be addressed by Premier Mendes-France. Who was expected - to make a declaration of major importance on matters connected with the cold war. Which no chief delegate would want to miss - ~~the~~ least of all Vishinsky.

Moreover, Vishinsky was scheduled to make a committee address on President Eisenhower's atom for peace plan.

The French Premier arrived - given a stately reception but, nevertheless Vishinsky's place, ^{empty -- no} the Russian delegate, ^{Far not even} ~~was empty. Nor~~ were his two chief aides there. It was - a puzzle of absence. Like a play going on - with one of its chief actors missing.

Premier Mendes-France went ahead with his address, and called for a four power conference. West meeting East. He proposed this for the spring, next May. We refuse to go into any such talks, until the Paris accords on German re-armament ^{has} ~~have~~ been ratified by France and Germany. Mendes-France thought they'd be ratified by next May.

He made the rather novel suggestion - that the pact between the western powers could be a starting point for a general dis-armament program, including all the world.

Arguing - that the Paris accords provided in effect, for a restriction of western armament, which Soviet Russia might join. The armament restrictions of the Paris accords extended, possibly, around the world.

Indeed - a world policy declaration of major importance. Something surely, for Vishinsky - if he had been there. But he never showed up. Premier Mendes-France, after concluding his address, remained for a while - sitting with the French delegation. Then he left. No doubt, as astonished as anyone else by Vishinsky's absence. Perhaps more astonished.

Last night the Russian Chief Delegate attended a formal dinner given by the French delegation - for the Premier. Vishinsky - in genial mood, as he could be - when not venomous and vitriolic.

Shortly after Mendes-France left the General Assembly, the announcement was made. Vishinsky had died suddenly. Succumbing to a heart attack this morning.

At the headquarters of the Russian delegation, on New York's fashionable Park Avenue, the seventy-year-old diplomat was found - slumped over his desk. In front of him, the manuscript of the speech he was to have made today. On that "Atoms for Peace" plan. He had been working on it when stricken. The news - made public only after the Mendefrance address. - they concealed it for three hours. Why? ... maybe they were communicating with the Kremlin.

Altogether, it was a day of grim drama at the United Nations. Shortly after the news about Vishinsky arrived, the delegate from Red Poland - was stricken with a heart attack. Taken - to the U.N. Clinic where the word was "They thought he'd survive."

At about the same time, in the main lobby of the U. N. a tourist collapsed of a heart attack. Harry Eister of York, Pennsylvania, fatally stricken.

Vishinsky's death brings to an end - a strange, sinister career. He came to prominence in the great purge of the nineteen thirties when Stalin - killed off his enemies. ^{Men who} ~~they~~ had been Stalin's long time colleagues. Vishinsky's - also. But he was the savage prosecutor - reviling his former friends, calling for their execution. And - having his way.

Soon afterward - he rose in Stalin's diplomatic service. Ambassador, ^{Foreign Minister} ~~to London and Washington~~ Chief delegate at the United Nations. For years ~~he~~ ^{ing} spouted bitter anti-western propaganda.

The Vishinsky, diatribes - notorious. In recent months, he had become a great deal wilder. That Soviet new look.

In Washington, the belief is that his passing will have no particular effect on international affairs.

Vishinsky - a voice of the Kremlin, rather than a policy maker. That's the opinion in Congress, where they're saying - he was a skillful negotiator, an able propagandist, a dangerous enemy.

In Moscow, speculation - who will succeed Vishinsky as Russian Chief Delegate to the U. N....in diplomatic circles there, various names are mentioned. Including - Gromyko, former delegate at the U.N. and - Maliak, Russian ambassador to London. The Kremlin will probably make an announcement soon.

Here are two news dispatches from the Far East - which tie together in a curious way. A way - still to be explained. One from Formosa - telling of a naval victory off the Tachen Islands. Two Communist warships - hit by shell fire and sunk. More survivors seen - and these were picked up by still other fishing boats. The

bombarded and sunk by Chiang Kai Shek's warships.

The other dispatch - from Tokyo. Telling - of the sinking of two Japanese fishing boats, in those identical waters, off the Tachen Islands. Officials in Tokyo declare - they don't know the nationality of the attacking ships.

Formosa says that nationalists air - patrols caught sight of thirteen Communist vessels. Whereupon a squadron of destroyers and other naval craft went speeding to the scene and intercepted the red flotilla. Driving off the enemy ships - and sinking two of them.

Tokyo says a number of Japanese fishing boats were navigating off Tachen when warships appeared, and opened fire. One boat was hit, and sank. Survivors were being picked up by another boat - when that vessel, too, was hit by shell fire and sank. More survivors now - and these were picked up by still other fishing boats.. Two lives were lost. The Japanese declare they will send a strong protest to the government responsible, when the identity of the attacking warships has been ascertained.

Formosa says that, several weeks ago, the Chiang Kai Shek regime sent a warning to Tokyo saying that Japanese fishermen should keep out of the waters off the Tachen Islands. The right of the Japanese to fish there was admitted. But *that* they would run a risk - with naval hostilities going on.

That's the gist of the two dispatches - from Formosa —
and Tokyo.

HOOVER

Former President Herbert Hoover received a great
reception in West Germany today. Met at the airport -
Detroit Athletic Club late this afternoon, and heard
by Chancellor Adenauer.

The last time the former president was in Germany -
seven years ago. When - he took the lead in efforts to
aid the war-stricken country that's the reason for the stately
welcome he got today.

Chancellor Adenauer saying. "We, in Germany, owe
him a debt of gratitude. The man - who laid the foundation
for the unique support and assistance we received from the
United States, after the last war."

He called Herbert Hoover - "One of the few men
who, in whatever they did, have had humane interests at heart."

HARLOW CURTICE

Along with a hundred or more newsmen, of radio, press, and TV, I attended a press conference at the Detroit Athletic Club late this afternoon, and heard the President of the largest business firm in the world predict continued prosperity for the coming year.

Said Harlow Curtice, head of General Motors, consumers will have more money to spend in '55. Due to high income and some tax relief.

As one who spends a good many hours behind the wheel of a car, I was particularly interested in his comments on our national road problems. The desperate need for better roads to accommodate present traffic - to say nothing of the future.

He said he believed the President would address a message to Congress on this, in January. ^{then} And he added that he thought the Federal Government might well spend

fifty billion dollars on our roads in the near future.

Asked if he foresaw an increased demand for small cars of the type so ^{replied.} common in Europe, he ~~said~~ ...No...

that the larger American car, even if it's one, two, or three years old, is better value, dollar for dollar, than the new small car made abroad.

As for the product of his own company, Cadillac, Olds, Buick, Pontiac and Chevrolet - he was obviously confident that General Motors would maintain its present lead.

This press conference was held on the eve of quite an event in the history of G.M. Tomorrow at Flint, at the Chevrolet plant, the fifty millionth General Motors car will come off the line.

So, shortly after dawn tomorrow, all roads out this way will lead to Flint, for what they are calling "The Golden Carnival."

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McCarthy

The Bethesda Naval Hospital refuses to be drawn into - the McCarthy dispute. Over the weekend, Senator Fulbright of Arkansas, said he has "grave suspicions" that McCarthy is not as ill as represented. His infected elbow, traumatic bursitis - having caused the postponement of the censure debate.

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The jet bomber was on its way to the jet.

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In a suburb in Baltimore - a silent plane. A jet bomber - plunging without a sound. Crashing - with an explosion so violent, it set fire to a dwelling house, one hundred and fifty feet away. Two test pilots - killed.

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The silent jet plane and the terrifying blast.

STEEPLEJACK

Crowds in Baltimore witnessed - a hair raising thriller today. A three hundred pound steeplejack - hanging by one leg, for more than an hour. Dangling - a hundred feet up. Then, he plunged - for the long fall.

At the top of a Y.M.C.A. building for sailors, steeplejack Pete Jekubs made some repairs. He was climbing down, when his foot slipped. But one foot got caught in a rope, which held him. The rope - strong enough to support his three hundred pounds.

So there he was, hanging by one leg, while a rescue attempt was arranged. Which took an hour. Firemen - managing to fasten a safety line around the steeplejack's waist. Whereupon they cut the rope that was holding his foot, and the three hundred pounder dropped a short distance. Which - broke the safety line.

Down he went, to sure death. Or so it seemed to

In London, there's an author who has made a literary
a crowd of horrified people - watching. He landed on a
success by turning out books of "Gardies," balls and bobbles
roof three stories down - all three hundred pounds of him.

It sure was a bump, but the steeplejack is a rugged citizen.

He not only survived but doctors, who looked him over, said -
there was nothing wrong with him except, possible, a broken
arm. And they weren't sure about that.

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GARBLES

In London, there's an author who has made a literary success by turning out books of "Garbles." Bulls and bobbles that appear in print. Here are a couple of his favorites:—

A Provincial English Newspaper printed an account of a donation to the local church. A baptismal font presented by a pious lady.

The newspaper saying ... "The font, so generously donated by Mrs. Smith, will be set in position at the east end of the church. Babies may now be baptized at both ends."

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Hugh:— Author denys parsons also cherishes an advertisement put out by a firm selling electrical household appliances as follows ... "Don't kill your wife with work. Let electricity do it." Unlucky wife.