

BOURGUIBA L.T. - *Oldu* Fri. May 12-'61.

The President of Tunisia has thrown the prestige of his office - behind the United Nations. Habib Bourguiba at the U N -- where he ~~was~~ presented a Tunisiaⁿ mosaic that ~~goes~~ ^{dates} back ~~thru~~ ^{some} two thousand years.

During the ceremony, Bourguiba spoke in defense of - the U N in particular - of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. What about the Congo? The statesman from Tunis asserted that the U N has handled this thorny problem - as well as it could be handled. Hammarskjold's policy, justified by the result - heading off a major war that might have begun in the Congo.

These remarks ^{appeared to be} ~~obviously~~ a slap at - the Soviet Union. Bourguiba as good as saying that Khrushchev has no business -- trying to drive the Secretary General from office. ~~Trying~~ to paralyze - the U N.

JOHNSON

Today South Viet Nam got a ~~good~~ look at - the Vice President of the United ~~States~~ States. Lyndon Johnson, ^{was on a} touring ~~of~~ the countryside near Saigon, - ~~for over four hours~~. Fifteen times the tall Texas made unscheduled stops -- so he could talk to the people. Hundreds crowded around to shake his hand, and exchange a few words. Said one member of the Vice President's party - "Lyndon is acting like he's mending political fences back in Dallas."

The important thing is - that ~~our official~~ ^{he was} representative ~~was well received at every stop~~. ^{Cheered with} enthusiasm - ^{every where -} ~~to the south~~ by the people of South Viet Nam.

^{at} Back ~~in~~ Saigon, he addressed - the National Assembly, unveiling a fifteen point program - to save South Viet Nam from a Laos-type Civil War. ^{More} ~~The key points~~ American aid to increase the strength of the Laotian army. Premier Diem is asking for ^{equipment and training for} a hundred and seventy thousand men. Vice President Johnson told him - ~~we~~ we may see that he gets closer to two hundred thousand.

GENEVA

The postponement of the Geneva conference on Laos - was caused by a difference of ~~the~~ opinion between the co-sponsors. The question - which Laotian delegation should be seated? Britain and Russia, giving different answers - to that question.

The British want a coalition of the three Laotian factions -- pro-western, pro-Communist, and neutralist. The trouble is that no such coalition - has been formed. The pro-western faction and the pro-Communist faction - haven't been able to start real negotiations, even though the cease-fire is in force.

On the other side, the Russians are demanding an immediate seat - for the Communist guerrillas. Moscow, insisting that the Laotian Reds attend the meeting - as full fledged members. Gromyko is pushing this ~~the~~ plan so hard - that no one is sure just when th^e~~is~~_^ Geneva conference will finally get under way. If - it ever does.

CITY

~~What kind of a city is it - in which the conference~~
Geneva as you know, is a
~~on Laos is scheduled to take place? I'm sure you all know~~

~~about Geneva - the~~ beautiful city on ^a ~~the~~ beautiful lake.

Also famous as a banking center;
~~And there's Geneva, the international banker handling~~

accounts from all over the world. Many of them identified
only by a code number - instead of a name.

Since the Russians have come to Geneva - let's
look at a Russian who was already there when Gromyko arrived.
His name - Kariton Chavich-Vily. ~~He's significant as~~
the last of the radicals who conspired in Geneva with a
revolutionary named Lenin.

Back in Nineteen Nine, Lenin and Chavich-Vily
frequented - Geneva's Landolt Cafe. It's still there - along
with the massive oak table on which the two Russians carved
their names. They ~~was~~ used to sit in the Landolt Cafe by
the hour - and discuss the coming Russian revolution.

But Chavich-Vily preferred - a peaceful revolution.
He stayed behind in Geneva - when Lenin left to seize power,

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As for Chavich-Vily, he lives alone, in Geneva, and says he still wants to bring freedom - to Russia. But the waiters at the Landolt Cafe will tell you - that the old conspirator spends most of his time reminiscing; dreaming of the days when he sat at the oak table, talking, arguing with Lenin; when Bolshevism in Russia was just a gleam - a rather wild gleam in Lenin's eye.

KHRUSHCHEV

In his speech today, Khrushchev didn't mention -
any of the major issues ~~Between~~ the big powers. The boss
of the Kremlin, silent on - Laos, Geneva, Viet Nam, Cuba,
Nato. Instead, he talked mainly in abstract terms - about
the coming victory of Communism. ~~Emphasizing~~ - the
superiority of Soviet youth. ^{As for} American youth, Khrushchev
called them - "sabuldyga," (Sab-ool-dy-ga), sounds insulting
- and it is. The precise meaning - ~~debated by~~ ⁱⁿ experts ^{of} the
Russian language. ~~They~~ ^{in calling them} say that Khrushchev [^] "sabuldyga"
^{terms them} ~~are~~ drinkers, wastrels, profligates, good-for-nothings. ~~in~~
^{or} ~~short~~ [^] as they say in Brooklyn - bums.

GENERALS

Two French generals today pleaded "not guilty".
Generals Maurice Challe and Andre Zeller - who were prominent
in the Algerian uprising against DeGaulle. Both officers,
captured - after the fiasco. Now being tried in Paris - for
treason.

Their claim to be innocent ^{ee} concerns - metropolitan
France. Did they really plan - a paratroop assault on their
country? Their answer - "no". Says General Zeller "Algeria
was our only concern."

But the DeGaulle government is going ahead with
the prosecution - for high ~~re~~ treason. And pushing a search
in Algeria for ~~the other military men involved in the~~
~~uprising~~ → Generals Salan, and ~~others~~ others,

LANDSLIDE

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~~in~~ after being undermined by weeks of torrential rain. Hurtling down on the town of Ringlet - a hundred and forty miles north of Kuala Lumpur. Covering - the town. ~~Injuring~~
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COMPENSATION

Here's an ~~interesting~~ question? - "Should a state legislator be eligible for worker's compensation - if he suffers an injury on the job?" Down in Florida, the answer is "yes". The State senators, passing a bill - to cover themselves. Their classic example - a senator who tumbled out of his chair at a committee meeting. Suffering ~~an~~ ^{a sprain} ~~or two, plus~~ ~~assortment of sprains and~~ bruises. ~~All contracted on~~ ^{When he was on} ~~his~~ ^{legislating} ~~the~~ job. So Tallahassee figures ~~that~~ this Florida lawmaker has a right to compensation - just like any other worker.

WARDEN

In South Windham, Maine, at the State reformatory, Warden Barton Johnson was escorting a group of women visitors - through the institution; proudly showing everything - from the mess hall to the library. At one corner, he stopped the group - and pointed to a window; telling the ladies solemnly: "some of our prisoners have escaped through that window." Then he looked up - just in time to see a pair of feet disappearing. A prisoner, giving a practical demonstration - of what the warden was talking about. Escaping - through the window. And he hasn't been caught, Dick.

not. But, grabbing the nearest dagger - stabbing her to death. At old Pally today, he was sentenced - to sell the last wife himself.

MURDER

Several months ago † told about the shrunken heads mystery - Mrs. Elsie Batten found dead in her London curio shop. Stabbed in the back - with an ornate oriental dagger. Shrunken heads from Africa - staring down on her from the wall. A murder made-to-order - for the London Sunday supplements. Was it a ritual murder, committed by a devotee - of some weird eastern cult?

The solution turns out to be more prosaic than that. Edwin Bush of London was robbing the shop - when Mrs. Batten caught him in the act. Bush, grabbing the nearest dagger - stabbing her to death. At old Baily today, he was sentenced - to walk the last mile himself.