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Confidential talks at the highest level have been resumed - at the U.N. Adlai Stevenson, meeting with some of the latest arrivals - on hand to speak at this session of the General Assembly. Our Ambassador to the U.N. sounding out - President Nkrumah of Ghana, ~~And~~ Soviet Foreign Minister - Gromyko. All - ~~was~~ hush hush. But the ^{surmise} ~~feeling~~ around the U.N. is - that the delegates are marking time, ~~Waiting~~ to see if the Madagascar conference of Congo leaders - produces any result.

There's one indication - that we may be seeing fewer fireworks at the U.N. Moscow is withdrawing its resolution - that America be condemned for aggression in the U-2 and RB-47 incidents.

MADAGASCAR

The "Congo Summit Conference" is being postponed for one day. The leaders known as the "Big Seven" are already on the island of Madagascar. They've decided to wait - for Gizenga, the left-wing leader from Stanleyville who won't be able to make it until tomorrow. Gizenga - Lumumba's successor who will be a key figure in this conference.

The significant thing is - that Gizenga should be coming at all. Leading to the hope - that some solution to the Congo mess can be worked out.

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HILLIARY

The conqueror of Mount Everest says that Phase One of his present campaign is over. So he's beginning - Phase Two.

No one knows how seriously Sir Edmund Hillary took Phase one - which involved a search for the ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN. Sir Edmund, trying to capture one of the legendary creatures - in the place where the legend began. The Himalayas - of Nepal. All he came back with was a strange scalp - apparently taken from a bear, about a century ago.

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WEATHER

Here in Aspen, where I am, now lives America's most famous mountaineers, Dr. Chas. Houston, who lead several American attempts on K2 in the Himalayas. I've just asked him about this and he's sure Hillary's party will make it. He says Hillary has had a climbing group in the Himalayas for months. They are there now in an acclimalization hut at 19,000 feet. One is Tom Nevison, an American.

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The weatherman's prophecy for the south and the midwest - more tornados. Winds of over seventy miles an hour in the states from Alabama to Illinois. An alarming report considering the havoc already created by twisters that have left a trail of wreckage - for a thousand miles. Hardest hit, Chicago - where a tornado smashed through the teeming, south side. Tonight Chicago is - a disaster area.

Here in Colorado on the western slope, fairly heavy snows over most of the Western ranges; here in Colorado and out West - where the snowfall was desperately needed - for water.

Of course the snow delights the skiers here at Aspen - where Friadl Pfeiffer and his associates have just put on another of those thrilling downhill races, featuring top ski pros. Races that have the whole ski world talking.

MONOPOLY

- Another case of alleged conspiracy - on the part of American businessmen. Five bakeries, from Chicago to Savannah, from New York to Atlanta - indicted for rigging their bids. Accused of a clandestine scheme to cut the pie in advance - when bidding for government contracts with the Navy in Jacksonville. The grand jury orders the defendants to stand trial - for eliminating competition, ~~creating~~ a monopoly - in the baking industry.

DOLLAR

The ceiling on duty-free goods that can be brought home from abroad - may not be lowered after all. At least - not as far as President Kennedy proposed. He suggested - that a ceiling of a hundred dollars would be plenty, in contrast with the old ceiling of five hundred.

But friendly nations abroad are protesting that we'll hurt their economy, if we don't let our tourists spend freely. Result - the administration, changing its attitude toward the bill. Asking the House Ways and Means Committee, not to go ahead - with this piece of Kennedy legislation.

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FEES

The latest executive order from the White House - is a staggering blow to a lot of administration officials. The order bars them from keeping fees - derived from speeches, articles, books, and etc. President Kennedy, deciding that no one should make money on the side because his connection with the government.

It's true - there will be some notable exceptions. Captains McKone and Olmstead of the RB-47 incident - have already contracted to sell their story. And our seven astronauts will be allowed to go through with - their magazine commitments.

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concerns bias employment. The President, calling for justice - in private firms doing business with the government. Meaning - federal protection for all Americans, regardless of race, color and creed.

MURDER

In London, Scotland Yard has come up with a theory about - "The Case of the Shrunken Heads". The murder of Mrs. Elsie Batten - on Friday. Mrs. Batten, found stabbed to death, in her curio shop - surrounded by shrunken heads from the Orient.

The Scotland Yard theory - ritual murder. Mrs. Batten had - no enemies. Nothing was stolen - from her curio shop and she was stabbed with an ornate Indian dagger. The kind used in the age-old-Pagan sacrifices - of Hindustan.

Hence the theory of - ritual murder. A devotee of an Indian cult - noticing the dagger in the shop. Using it - as he had been taught. Stabbing Mrs. Batten - leaving her dead among her curios. The case of - The Shrunken Heads.

SAILOR

In Dunoon Scotland, the man of the hour is - a torpedo man, second class. No, this story has nothing to do with - the pacifist crusade against the sub-tender, "Proteus". That rebellion against letting us use ~~the~~ a certain Loch - for our Polaris submarine.

Torpedo man, Jim Eymann, of Gower, Missouri - is thinking about something else. As Gilbert and Sullivan put it - "A Pair of Sparkling Eyes". A Scottish lass - named Anna Adams. Only three days after landing in Dunoon - sailor Jim announces he is going to marry Anna. A sailor, making it to the altar, three days after making land. Quite a speed record.

Now - with a bit of luck we'll hear from Dick Noel - in Denver.

RECORD

Two officers in the Navy have set a new record -
for underwater escapes. Commander Walter Mazzone and
Lieutenant Harris Steinke - assigned to the sub "Balao."
Testing a water-proof hood - that Steinke developed. Lucky
for them - the hood works! They left the sub, three hundred
and eighteen ^{ft.} down in the Carribean - off Key West. Zooming
to the surface - in fifty five seconds. A record for depth.-
and time. Also, a victory for Lieutenant Steinke - and his
underwater hood.