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FRANCE. The United States has publicly deplored what it calls France's unfortunate, regrettable decision to establish relations with Red China. But that's about all Washington can do gnash it's teeth. The Philippines worry about possible consequences in Southeast Asia -- and West Germany is anxious lest the French action may make it easier for communist East Germany to get the recognition it's been seeking. Nationalist China, while ledging a strong protest with Paris, has NOT broken off relations with France -- and that bit of non-action may be the most significant response of all. It may lead to the legal presence of two Chinas in world diplomacy -- and specifically to Red China's being seated in the UN. Although at UN headquarters there's no expectation that communist membership will be rushed through.

ROCKET

That old proverb of the nail, the horseshoe and the battle was today carried into the Space Age -- except that at Cape Kennedy nothing was lost but forty eight hours. The big ~~Star~~ Saturn rocket was not fired because someone had forgotten to remove a metal plate blocking a fuel line. Better luck on Wednesday.

POLITICS

Two new campaigners moved onto our increasingly crowded political stage. Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine threw her bonnet into the presidential ring. Sweeping aside all the many arguments advanced against a feminine candidate -- to give the voters, as she put it a wider range of choice than just conservative or liberal.

Republican Senator Thomas Kuechel of California says he will support and campaign for Nelson Rockefeller as President.

Now back to Lowell Thomas for more news from Europe.