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At the UN - a vote urging action in the case of the American airmen imprisoned by the Chinese Reds. The decision was made in the <sup>T</sup> Steering Committee - ten to two. Soviet Russia and Red Czechoslovakia - voting - "no." Moscow Delegate Malik - protesting angrily.

The Steering Committee calls on the General Assembly to take up the protest made by the United States. Our delegate, Henry Cabot Lodge, arguing - that the UN action offers the best immediate hope of obtaining the release of the imprisoned Americans.

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**LONDON.** In London Parliament, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, today -denounced Red China for a violation of the Korean Armistice. This - in the case of the thirteen American airmen, who the Chinese Reds have sentenced to prison on fake espionage charges. *PPA*

Socialist M.P. spoke of these airmen as "American spies." The Foreign Secretary retorted: "These men were airmen in uniform, and, as such, they should have been repatriated at the conclusion of hostilities. The Chinese action is a direct violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement."

The most outspoken declaration by the British government, thus far - in the case of the imprisoned airmen.

BERLIN. The Berlin City government, will be - a  
COalition. Following an election - in which the  
Socialists gained a mere majority of one. So they'll  
administer Berlin - in collaboration with the Christian  
Democrats.

In <sup>that</sup> an election, over the week-end, Berlin saw  
the utter downfall of the Extremists. Both - Left and  
Right. The Communists - winning not a single seat in  
the City government. The same going for - the  
Neo-Nazis.

The Socialists made large gains, and so did the  
Christian Democrats. In West Germany, the two parties  
are at violent odds - over the question of West German  
re-armament and the Saar Valley. Which dispute,  
however, does not count for so much in Berlin.

The new Mayor is almost sure to be Dr. Otto  
Suhr, the Socialist Leader in <sup>the</sup> City Parliament. Today.

NAVY. The Navy rejects the blunt opinion expressed by Viscount Field Marshall Montgomery who has been saying - that aircraft carriers are obsolete. Have no real use - and no more of them should be constructed. Statements - all the more important, because <sup>of</sup> Montgomery's position in defense arrangements for Western Europe. He's Deputy to American General Guenther, Allied Supreme Commander over there.

Today, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, James H. Smith, called a <sup>news</sup> ~~press~~ conference to reply to the British Field Marshall. Dismissing his declaration - and insisting that our super-aircraft carriers have a vital place in <sup>the</sup> strategies of the Atomic era, He said Montgomery has a limited European view. Wars over there are fought - at close range. While - we have to think in terms of the Pacific, with its enormous distances. The aircraft carrier - doubly valuable out there, as a mobile airbase.

Substitute KEMMEL

Tonight brings a statement from Admiral Kimmel, U. S. Naval Commander ~~at~~ at Pearl Harbor, when the Japanese attacked, at that fateful December 7, fourteen years ago. The charge has been made, time and again, that Admiral Kimmel, an Army Commander, General Short, were made the scape-goats - for the Pearl Harbor disaster. Admiral Kimmel now speaks, at length - and makes the charge more emphatic than ever. Writing in <sup>the</sup> magazine, United States News and World Report, he charges that the Japanese attack was provoked by the late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Who - wanted an excuse to take the United States in <sup>to</sup> the second World War.

Admiral Kimmel declares, categorically, that the White House knew that the attack on Pearl Harbor would be made, that fateful December Seventh. But - withheld the information from the Commanders <sup>out there.</sup> ~~at Pearl~~

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~~Harbor.~~ The result was ~~that~~ they were unprepared  
when the Japanese task force made the sudden attack.

Admiral Kimmel claims further that the  
Roosevelt Administration blocked inquiries that would  
have brought out the real secret of Pearl Harbor.

SHAH

The Shah of Iran arrived in this country, today - landing by plane at New York. He'll have a medical check-up in a New York hospital - then will visit President Eisenhower in Washington. Shah Riza Pahlevi is accompanied by his wife, Queen Soraya - will remain in this country for a couple of months. He expects to do some skiing at Sun Valley, Idaho - the sport of skiing having invaded the ancient land of Persia. Where they have - an abundance of snowy mountains - especially on Mt. Demavand, just a few miles from Tehran. That's where the Shah skis, when he's at home.

The ruler of Bahrain is the Sheik, Sir Sultan bin Ahmad - who is, reportedly, the richest man in the world. His island kingdom, a British Protectorate, has fabulous wealth derived from royalties paid by British and American oil companies. The system of government - the age-old paternalism of Arabia. The Sheik - the ruler a permanent state.

BAHREIN. There's a crisis in the Sheikdom of oil.

Labor and political crisis - in the richest principality,  
acre for acre, on ~~that~~ this earth. The Bahrein  
Islands - in the Persian Gulf. Fabulous realm - of oil  
fields and refineries. ¶ The ways of modern economics  
have hit that wealthy corner of the Moslem world. A  
general strike - declared by Arab and Indian oil workers.  
Political - in character. The strike leaders -  
demanding government reforms, <sup>a</sup> new <sup>panal</sup> code, and a  
legislature elected by the people.

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Bin Hamad - who is <sup>one of</sup> ~~possibly~~ the richest ~~man~~ in the  
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Sheik - the tribe. <sup>the ruler a paramount</sup>  
Sheik.



But Western ideas have come in - along with oil derricks and refinery equipment. Labor Union's - with demands for Democracy, Western style.

Today's dispatch tells of the capital city of Manama - patrolled by armed Arab retainers from the Royal Palace. Road blocks - established. The Sheik, Sir Sulman Bin Hamad - taking measures to prevent an outright revolution.

Behrein is <sup>also</sup> one of the smallest principalities on earth. The total area of the islands - a mere two hundred thirteen square miles. But, with a wealth of oil <sup>- in the</sup> ~~is~~ billions.

JAPAN. News from Tokyo seems to indicate - a probable overthrow of the government of Premier Yoshida. A motion of non-confidence - likely to be passed by the Japanese Parliament.

Three ~~of the~~ Opposition parties join forces --  
ranging from Conservatives to Extreme Socialists.

Little in common - except for their opposition to the Yoshida government. <sup>Between them</sup> They control two-hundred-fifty-<sup>and</sup> three votes - in a Parliament of four-hundred<sup>and</sup> sixty-seven.

The motion of non-confidence - to be presented by Shigemitsu - who signed the surrender of Japan at the end of World War Two. Many will recall that historic scene aboard the battleship "MISSOURI." General Douglas MacArthur dictating the surrender. Japanese Foreign Minister Shigemitsu - limping to the table to sign. He has a wooden leg.

So now Shigemitsu takes the center of the stage <sup>again.</sup> This time - as a leader of Parliament opposition. Charging Yoshida with "maladministration" and "secret diplomacy." The chances are that Yoshida, confronted with an adverse vote, will call <sup>for a</sup> general elections, <sup>and</sup> ~~bring~~ in - a new Parliament.

HONDURAS. In Honduras, the Constitution suspended.

Which fulfills the prediction we had last week.

President Julio Lazano Diaz - assuming autocratic power.

To govern by decree.

The Central American Republic - in a political mix-up - following a Presidential election, in which no candidate got an outright majority. The issue - thrown into the Honduran Congress. Two of the three political parties boycotted the Congress. Result - no quorum. The Congress was to have convened yesterday, but it was no go. All - in confusion.

The Honduran President, assuming supreme power says he'll call - a Constitutional Convention. An election - for the purpose of changing the Constitution of the Republic. He wants a change - that will enable a president to be ~~chosen~~ elected by a simple majority.

POPE. At the Vatican, today, the Patient made the doctors ~~not~~ yield. Pope Pius, the Twelfth - insisting that he will close the Marian Year on Wednesday, with a message from his sick bed. His physicians were decidedly reluctant, but finally agreed. The Pontiff will record a brief message, which will be broadcast at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, two miles from the Vatican in downtown Rome. He'll ~~remain~~ recite an "Ave Maria" and pronounce a Papal Benediction.

The medical bulletin repeats the report - "slight improvement." Today, Pope Pius was able to eat a little thin cereal and stewed fruit.

His physicians <sup>say</sup> ~~report~~ they <sup>are</sup> still not quite certain <sup>about</sup> the nature of the ailment, ~~it has been~~ <sup>and will</sup> ~~called a "gastric melody."~~ <sup>continue uncertain</sup> But the question remains

until the Pontiff has regained sufficient health for a searching medical examination.

POLITICS. From Louisiana, a discordant note - ~~the~~ in a chorus from the Democrats. Both political parties are troubled with factional differences. The Republicans have their McCarthy split. The Democrats - not so unanimous either.

Over the weekend - a statement by Paul Butler, newly elected National Chairman of the Democratic Party, who turned his political guns on President Eisenhower. Saying - the president has shown what Butler calls, "a lack of capacity to govern and unite the people."

Which draws comment from the Governor of Louisiana. Robert Kennon, high-ranking Democrat - Chairman of the National Governor's Conference. Who says: "The President Eisenhower has done a better job of uniting this country, in the past three crucial years, than anyone else could have done."

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~~and~~ he adds: "I have no criticism of Mr.

Butler. He has a right to his opinion, and the Democratic Party has my well wishes. But," continues the Democratic Governor of Louisiana, "there has been more real achievement in governmental problems in the last three years, than in any other administration!"

So I guess we could call Governor Kennon of Louisiana an Eisenhower Democrat - and one who is completely out of tune with the new Democratic National Chairman.

Add POLITICS.

All of which is followed by a blast from  
Republican National Chairman, Leonard Hall. Who,  
today, said - that Butler has "thrown into the ashcan"  
Democratic pledges to cooperate with President  
Eisenhower. The new Democratic Chairman having  
indicated - that the Democrats will take a more  
aggressive line in criticizing the White House.



CHRISTMAS BUSINESS. The Christmas shopping season -  
off to a booming start. Merchants, across the country,  
expecting - a new record to be set for Yuletide business.  
Trade circles at New York report - that the volume of  
sales is "well ahead" of last year. Chicago predicts -  
a new Christmas record. Boston says shopping is "off  
to a ~~very~~ good start." <sup>And -</sup> The same thing, far and wide.

The reason - a pick-up in factory employment.

Also - the present high level of personal income,  
together with the tax cuts.

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The great retail season of the year is from  
Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, and it begins - with a  
<sup>this year we have</sup>  
boom!

## WEATHER

This eastern cold wave reaches a climax down South. Virginia and North Carolina - Dixieland having a huge snowfall. Whipped - by howling gales from the northeast. Six to ten inches of snow - in some places. The gale from the ocean - piling up huge drifts. At Hampton Roads, today, stores did not open for business - too much snow. Schools closed in fourteen Virginia counties. 'Way down South in Dixie - a roaring blizzard - not nearly as much snow as they have at present at Manchester, Vermont, but it's a lot of snow for Carolina!

Oh yes, and up in the Canadian Yukon, over the weekend, the thermometer sank to fifty-two below. The high point for the thermometer - ~~the~~ one hundred and six degrees above. In Argentina - where, in the Southern Hemisphere, they are having mid-summer. Buenos Aires, in a heat wave - sweltering.

Can you imagine that, Hugh - one hundred and six above?