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The first day of debate - in the General Assembly of the U.N. Turning out to be, pretty much what you'd expect - a verbal duel between the United States and Soviet Russia.

~~Secretary John Foster~~

Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles led off -

demanding a "prompt cease-fire" in the Formosa Strait. And expressing hope - that the negotiations at Warsaw would bring about a good result. The talks - between the Ambassadors of the United States and Red China. The Secretary said - the United States might bring the whole thing before the U.N. But only - if there was a failure at Warsaw.

Later, Gromyko got up, and delivered a peculiar line of talk about the trouble on the China coast. Never mentioning - the Chinese Nationalists. Accusing - the United States of seizing Formosa and the other islands. Now using these - as a military base against Communist China. Just how we seized Formosa - a mystery. But, anyway, that's the Soviet line - in the present session of the General Assembly.

QUEMOY

The Chinese Nationalists claim a sharp victory - in a

sea and air battle off the shore of Quemoy Island. ~~Another~~
The fight occurring - in the course of operations to get

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ supplies for the beleaguered garrison of

Quemoy. ~~The~~ Two landing ships ^{reaching the} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the beach - in spite

of the usual artillery fire. Successful in discharging their

cargoes - with the new method of rapid landing. The supply

boats - then leaving, and rejoining their convoy. Starting

back - for their home base on Formosa.

At that stage of the proceedings, four torpedo boats
of the Communists - came dashing to the attack.

In the sky - Nationalist warplanes, American-built
Sabrejets. Which made an immediate attack - on the torpedo
boats. Diving at them - and raking them with gunfire. Three
Communist vessels - blowing up and sinking. The fourth -
limping away, damaged.

That action ^{was} ~~X~~ soon followed by the appearance of
Communist aircraft. Thirty Russian-built Migs - against the
eight Sabrejets of the Nationalists. And - a wild air battle

was on. The Chinese Nationalist flyers - shooting down five of the Migs, which burst into flame and crashed into the sea. A sixth - probably destroyed. The Nationalists losing - not a plane.

Such is the account - given by the Chiang Kai-shek authorities on Formosa. ^{an} ~~the~~ important point being, of course - another success in getting supplies to the garrison on the Quemoy Islands. Five landing ships, altogether - putting cargoes ashore, this week. In spite - of the artillery blockade.

Nevertheless, the Nationalist Ministry of Defense on Formosa declares: "The supply situation still remains very serious." Those are the words used, and they ^{are} ~~are~~ not surprising. Seeing that one-hundred-and-fifty thousand people on those off-shore islands have to be provisioned.

Today, an American spokesman on Formosa said - that U.S. jet planes patrolling Formosa Strait might attack jets of the Reds. Chasing ^{to} ~~ing~~ them to the Communist mainland - and even bombing bases there. American pilots might do this - if attacked.

~~provoked, the meaning of the word "provoked" is to~~

Later, ^{in Washington} newsmen queried the Defense Department about this, and the spokesman ~~at~~ out there in the Far East was disavowed. The Defense Department declaring - that American pilots have not been authorized to bomb Communist basis on the mainland. If attacked by Red fighters, they may pursue them to the mainland - but that's all.

It is pointed out that Secretary McElroy has decreed similar talk by American officers out in the Far East. Calling it - "sabre rattling." ^{and} Not at all helpful - for American policy.

INDONESIA

In Indonesia, sweeping measures - taken against the Chinese. That is, local Chinese residents - who support the Nationalists on Formosa. In Jakarta, a crack-down, hitting fifty-two organizations. Closing - schools, business enterprises, newspapers, theatres. All - belonging to anti-Communist Chinese.

The Indonesian government - sympathetic to the Chinese Reds. Also claiming - that the Nationalists on Formosa helped Indonesian rebels, in recent revolts against the Jakarta government.

The number of Chinese in Indonesia ^{is} estimated at three million. About half of whom, they say - support the Nationalists.

Among the commercial enterprises now closing down - The Great Eastern Bank. Long a landmark - in Jakarta's downtown financial district. The bank - run by Chinese anti-Communists. Eleven schools have been closed, three newspapers, and Jakarta's only night club - with an amusement park.

The Indonesian regime - in another manifestation

that certainly looks pro-Communist.

TIBET

The news, today, gives us a couple of examples - of how the Chinese Reds are tightening their hold on Tibet.

One item telling of the opening of a new bridge across the Tao Tao River. On the road from China - into Tibet. The bridge - illustrating vividly how Tibet really is the roof-of-the-world. Constructed at an altitude of fourteen-thousand-seven-hundred-and-sixty feet above sea level. The highest - bridge in the world. But not high for Tibet. The Tibetan plateau, the Chang Tang has an average altitude of some twelve thousand feet and tens of thousands of square miles of it - a plain above 16,000!

On the southern side of Tibet, the Indian side - a new highway opened by the Chinese Communists. A road connecting Tibet with the Indian province of Sikkim.

Night before last we heard how Indian Prime Minister Nehru had crossed Tibetan territory - to get from Sikkim to the principality of Bhutan. Today's dispatch adding, that Nehru drove by jeep. The first motor vehicle - to

use the new road.

However, the Prime Minister of India couldn't go all the way by jeep. The highway ending - he had to ride a pony along the mountain trails into Bhutan.

CYPRUS

The United States Vice-Consul on the island of Cyprus - shot and seriously wounded, today. Vice-Consul J.P.Wentworth - standing in the garden outside his residence in the city of Nicosia, when - two gunmen opened fire. Wentworth hit by three bullets, and in a hospital tonight.

This terrorist outrage - can hardly have been a case of mistaken identity. Because the home of the Vice-Consul is well known - as an American residence.

The shooting followed warnings - by the Greek underground on Cyprus. Announcing that its reprisals would, hereafter, include civilians, as well as members of the British military forces.

This morning, Greek girls on bicycles - rode through Nicosia, Distributing leaflets - with the warning from the terrorists.

EAST GERMANY

The East German Reds - are having a medical crisis. Because - of a flight of doctors. ^{Physicians leaving - because of} ~~Following~~ Communist regulations for the medical profession. The doctors - forbidden to have private practice. Also - under orders to participate actively in Communist Party work. Medical men - to function as Red politicians.

The figures indicating - that thus far this year, ~~eight-hundred-and-thirteen~~ physicians have left. ~~That~~ Fleeing to West Germany. Also - ~~one-hundred-and-fifty~~ pharmacists. So that, now, the health services of East Germany are in danger.

The Communist oppression - having the same effect on the learned professions in general. Two-thousand, three-hundred-and-ninety teachers - escaping. And some two-hundred - university professors.

ROCKET

An Atlas intercontinental missile - scored a failure, today. A giant rocket fired - for what ^{was} ~~intended~~ ^{to be a} ~~long~~ ^{6000 mile} flight over the ocean. But - blowing up sixty seconds after it was launched.

The Atlas, rising in fine style. Going up - forty thousand feet, and arching over. Then - bursting into a bright ball of orange flame. Its fragments - plunging into the Atlantic.

VIRGINIA

At Norfolk, Virginia, today, federal Judge Walter Hoffman issued a ruling, which, in effect, orders six Norfolk schools to integrate at once. Admitting - seventeen Negro pupils.

This, probably, will mean - no school. Governor Lindsey Almond, having served notice in advance - that he would close the schools, if the court ordered integration.

LITTLE ROCK

The Little Rock School Board has decided - to begin television classes. The teachers - to give lessons in English, history, science. Six hours - a day. Three TV stations at Little Rock, donating the time. Each - giving two hours.

In that way, they hope to keep more than three thousand high school students - abreast with their classes, while the schools are closed - because of the dispute over integration. The pupils, at home - to get their lessons ^{via} ~~of~~ the television screen.

(Meanwhile, in the business of establishing private segregated schools, nothing will be done - until after the election called for September Twenty-Seventh. Today, the members of the corporation established for the purpose, held a meeting, in which it was decided they'll wait, until the people have had a chance to vote. Then, if the vote is against integration - they'll go ahead with measures to lease the closed high schools, and re-open them on a private, segregated basis.)

YACHT

At Newport, Rhode Island, today, a song rang out:

"Sceptre! Sceptre! - off to sea!"

Sceptre - the name of the British yacht, which has come across the Atlantic. To race against the American Columbia - for the famous Cup. The trophy - one-hundred-and-~~sixty~~ seven years old. To win which - British and American yachts have sailed in many a race.

Today, the Sceptre, after having sailed on trial runs in the waters off Rhode Island - was high and dry. Her crew - giving the yacht a final going over. And, as they worked, the British sailors chanted:

"Sceptre! Sceptre! - off to sea!"

The British skipper, ^{Lef} Lieutenant Commander Graham Mann, was asked - when he would get his craft back in the water?

"Probably around tea time, tomorrow," he replied.

Which American reporters interpret as meaning - 4 P.M.

The series of races - beginning on Saturday.

CONSTITUTION

At the State Library in Albany, they were rummaging around in some old papers - and what did they find? A first edition printing - of the Constitution of the United States. One of the most precious ~~and~~^{of} rare documents. Only three others known to be in existence.

The find was made from among a collection of official papers - of New York's first Governor, George Clinton. Who, not surprisingly - got a copy of the Constitution right after it was adopted, the first printing.

Years later, the state purchased the Governor Clinton papers for its archives - and, in Nineteen Eleven, the documents were being sorted out, indexed, when the State Capitol, while the job was being done, had a fire, with considerable damage. In the confusion of which - the Governor Clinton papers were tucked away somewhere. Neglected - and partly forgotten, I suppose.

Only now - investigated. With the discovery - of that rare first-edition-printing of the Constitution of the United States.

PUMPKIN

At Little Compton, Rhode Island, Mrs. Edward Medeiros has a fruit stand along the highway. Mrs. Medeiros, sitting there, quietly knitting. When several black limousines - drew up in front of the fruit stand. A man stepped out, and took a look at a row of pumpkins.

"How much are these?" he asked Mrs. Medeiros.

"Fifteen cents apiece," she replied.

"How many will it take to make a pumpkin pie? he inquired.

"That depends," Mrs. Medeiros replied, with plenty of good sense - "on how big a pie you want."

The gentleman bought a couple of pumpkins - and the limousines drove off.

Whereupon, a goggly eyed bystander said to Mrs. Medeiros:

"Don't you know who that was?"

"No, who?"

"The President."

"President of what?"

"The United States."

"Oh my Lord," exclaimed Mrs. Medeiros.

Now, a dispatch from Italy - and President Eisenhower will be interested. Near the town of Pesáro (accent on the first syllable), Farmer Vergilio Frattini announces - he has raised a one-hundred-and-one pound pumpkin. Enough to keep the White House in pumpkin pies - for ^{a month or so.} ~~years~~ ^{Don't} Sounds like an Alaskan pumpkin. Everything grows big in our 49th state.

ETHYL

Now, fellows - don't be an ethylist. Don't become a victim of ethylism. What's that? And - who's Ethyl?

At the Harvard Medical School, Doctors Hans Preuss and Philip Solomon advise their fellow physicians - to be tactful, when talking in the presence of patients. Don't use words - that may frighten them. Use complicated medical terms - which they won't understand.

In the case of a certain kind of patient, the doctor may well say - he suffers from ethylism. Meaningless - unless the patient remembers his old high school chemistry book.

Ethyl alcohol - the kind you drink.

The ethylist - being in love with ethyl, all right.

But it's ethyl - that comes in a bottle.