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The U N expresses "grave concern" over the evidence of Red atrocities committed in Korea. Today, the General Assembly passed its resolution, after hearing that the Communists murdered or tortured a round thirty eight thousand persons, both soldiers and civilians,

The vote was forty-two to five. Needless to say, the five were the members of the Soviet bloc. Vishinsky has termed the charges "slanderous lies." But he also repudiated an American suggestion for a Red Cross investigation.

Ten nations ~~as~~ abstained during the vote - including India, on the grounds that she must maintain strict neutrality because she is in charge of the prisoner repatriation.

So the U N agrees withour delegates, Cabot Lodge - that ~~but~~ the Reds have committed abominable atrocities in Korea.

*- here is the exact charge:-*

Vishinsky is "the outstanding unpunished criminal of our time" - because he directed Russian atrocities in Latvia. The charge comes from a Congressional committee investigating the Soviet seizure of the three Baltic states - Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. A former Latvian Judge testified before the committee. He was asked if he was sure that Vishinsky was responsible. The Judge replied: ~~Yes~~ "Yes, it was Andrei Vishinsky - the same one at the United Nations. I saw him in Latvia, and I have seen him here in New York City."

Afterward, the committee sent the Soviet delegate to the U N a personal letter - inviting him to appear and answer the charge. But Vishinsky would not even comment on the letter.



The Premier of Viet Nam contradicts his emperor.

In Paris, Premier Nguyen Van Tam said <sup>today</sup> that France should listen to Communist proposals for peace in Indo-China.

Emperor Boa Dai has already rejected the declaration

~~of the~~ of Rebel leader Ho Chi Minh. Now, the Emperor's

Premier takes the opposite view - <sup>now</sup> says that the French should seek a real agreement leading to a cease-fire.

However, he added the warning that the authorities <sup>also</sup> should be on guard against possible Communist trickery.

## REFUGEES

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From Austria, today, the weirdest account of all - in the stories of refugees fleeing from Communism, and seeking freedom. How a fifty-two year old man, with his son, daughter-in-law, and two small grandchildren - got away in an "oxygen tent."

At an American refugee camp in Austria, Bendrich Cech tells how, in Red Czechoslovakia, he ~~ga~~ planned the escape for four years. Back in Nineteen Forty-Nine, a daughter of his fled away to freedom, and married an American G.I. in Austria. She's now Mrs. Ronald Brown, living at Erlham, Iowa. The rest of the family determined to follow her, ~~whenever~~ whenever they had a chance.

Cech and his son worked in a sawmill, from which lumber was shipped into Austria. Their job was to load freight cars with lumber, and they formed a scheme of hiding the whole family in one of the cars. Loading the lumber in such a way that there was a small space - just enough to hold them. But - not enough air for two men, a woman and two



children. So they made a sort of tent of tar paper, and got a tank of oxygen. This would enable them to breathe.

A few days ago, they started on their adventure - the family in the oxygen tent, in the carload of lumber. They took a small amount of food - the railroad-run into Austria being reasonably short.

The train pulled out, but something went wrong, the locomotive and cars were sent back. That caused a delay of days, before the lumber train got going again.

The family in the oxygen tent nearly died. "For three days we had nothing to eat or drink," Cech relates. They fed the children a few lumps of sugar moistened with brandy, the only liquid they had. "Till the day I die," says the grandfather, "I'll never forget the cries of the children. They cried constantly, 'Grandpa, water, water.' It was the most terrible experience of my life."

But finally the lumber train was on its way to Austria. ~~A flight to freedom in an oxygen tent!~~  
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## AUSTRIA - CHRISTMAS

A campaign is on in Austria - to keep the kids from being scared to death, in preparation for Christmas. A dispatch from Vienna, today, says that physicians, educators and churchmen have combined - seeking to curb an age-old custom of Christmas time. Which has become a menace.

In the Teutonic lands, the Yuletide Season begins on December Sixth, the day of St. Nicholas. That good Saint is the origin of - Santa Claus. So, on December Sixth, Nicholas appears - bringing candy to good children.

In Austria, however, they have something else - In addition to St. Nicholas, there is the "Krapus" a fearsome diabolical demon, with an armful of switches. While St. Nicholas rewards the good children, the "Krapus" punishes the bad ones.

The custom is for teen age boys to play both parts, and they prefer the role of the "Krapus" - frightening the smaller children. In fact, St. Nicholas has almost disappeared from the picture, and December



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Sixth is mostly - a day of the "Krampus." Teen age boys being what they are, the tiny tots get one awful scare in preparation for Christmas.

Today, kindergarten officials published a warning, in these words: "The fear of the Krampus has become a serious problem in the bodily and spiritual development of children." The Catholic Archdiocese of Vienna cited medical evidence of the harm done - some children scared into nightmares. They are trying to abolish the Krampus, and merely retain - good St. Nicholas.

Senator McCarthy is, as he puts it, "in complete disagreement" with Secretary of State Dulles. The Senator ~~re~~ issued a formal statement in reply to the Dulles remarks last Tuesday. Then the Secretary of State declared that he has no intention of trying to coerce our allies.

Now, McCarthy repeats that we should coerce <sup>our Allies</sup> ~~them~~ - in particular, refuse to give aid to nations that still trade with Red China. He urged Americans who agree with him to let the President know how they feel. At the same time, he called on Dulles to "reappraise our whole policy" that is, use different diplomacy with our Allies who trade with the Iron Curtain countries.



## COMMUNISTS

A witness, today, told congressional investigators that Congressman Robert Condon of California attended a secret Communist party <sup>session</sup> in Nineteen Forty-Eight. David Blodgett, a former Communist newspaperman said the Democratic legislator was at a Red committee meeting, which was deciding what ~~senate~~ candidates the California Communists should support in that year.

FOLLOW COMMUNIST

Blodgett declared that Condon gave the opinion that the Communists ought not ~~to~~ run a candidate against Democratic Congressman George Miller. The Reds were opposed to Miller, because they could not influence him.

In Washington, Congressman Condon makes a complete denial - that he was ever sympathetic to the cause of the Reds.



## SAN FRANCISCO- RIOT

There was a ~~violent~~ riot ~~at~~ San Francisco today,  
when a thousand merchant seamen clashed with the police.  
The trouble began with a quarrel between two union groups.  
They started fighting, when the cops intervened - only to  
run into a furious melee. The police - on the defensive.  
The riot was soon put down, but it was <sup>reported to be rather</sup> a wild one while  
it lasted.

In Washington today, cowboy Pink Williams had an excuse - and a poor excuse sure is better than none. Cowboy Williams sixty-two years old, is the western cattleman who sent out a series of postal cards, criticizing the Eisenhower administration for not supporting the price of cattle properly. The criticism was in terms that might be considered ribald - including the use of a three letter word - something to be kicked. Punishment - for people who voted for Ike last year.

The Post Office Department thought this was not the sort of thing to go through the mails, and today Cowboy Williams was explaining before Post Office authorities in Washington. So what ~~is~~ do you think he said? With a solemn face he declares he meant - a donkey.

"I was going to have a contest of donkeys" he said.

"I wanted people to bring them along, and see which could kick the hardest."

Yes, a poor excuse is better than ~~none~~ none.



## STRIKE

The Federal government intervenes in the New York strike of photo engravers, A team of three mediators -- appointed to assist negotiations between the publishers and the union. Both sides have praised this decision - and express the hope that the three mediators would help to settle the strike. The mediators and representatives of both sides sat down at the table today - to see how much headway they could make.

This afternoon, just outside Grand Central Station I was surprised to see people lining and buying newspapers. So I got in line. What daily paper do you guess it turned out to be? The Passaic, New Jersey, Herald-News. Then, as I walked down ~~the~~ forty-Second Street, and up Fifth Avenue people looked at the newspaper under my arm in wonder. A graphic sign of how the big town is - newspaper-~~starved~~ starved.

At Times Square, crowds ~~lined up~~ lined up today, to buy out of town papers. *They were ready to buy* ~~and they didn't care where the~~ *Lucius Beebe's Virginia City paper, The Brewery* ~~hall~~

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Gulch Gazette of Bisbee or the Cripple Creek Gold Rush! They were crowded fifty deep - just to get any newspaper.

Think how tough it makes it on the merchants eager to sell their Winter wares. Or to a new show like say the new musical, Kismet, that is just coming into the big town.



Here are questions for a quiz - a dog and cat quiz.

How many dogs are there in the United States? How many cats?

Are there more dogs than cats, or vice versa?

Well, a company connected with the manufacture of food for pets made a survey - took a census of canines and felines. The figures may surprise you. <sup>P</sup> There are twenty-two million, six hundred thousand dogs in the country - and the figure is increasing rapidly. The canine population is growing at the rate of nine hundred thousand a year. More than half of the dogs are in the rural areas, where there's plenty of room to romp around.

As for cats, there are twenty-six <sup>million</sup> ~~thousand~~, seven hundred ~~thousand~~ - more cats than dogs. Most <sup>are</sup> of the alley cat variety, <sup>and</sup> the feline that lives around the farmer's barn.

~~But here's a curiosity - the families that have cats are fewer than the families that have dogs. Because a cat owning family will have an average of 1.2 cats, but a dog-owning family will have an average of 1.8 dogs.~~

The combined dog and cat population comes to nearly fifty million - in a human population of one hundred and fifty-seven million.



## SNOWMAN

A dispatch from London states that a full fledged scientific expedition will go to the Himalayas -- in search of the abominable snowman. The strange creature - which the native tribes believe to be some sort of weird human being, explorers have seen footprints of the mysterious being,

The London Daily Mail announces that it is organizing and financing the ~~an~~ expedition - which will include one member of the party that conquered Mt. Everest in June,

Many believe the abominable snowman is a bear.

~~But~~ Others think - an ape, the "Langur monkey" which ranges up to twelve thousand feet in the Himalayas. But there's a lot of mystery.

Today I put in a telephone call to Exeter, New Hampshire, and talked with Dr. Charles Houston -one of the leaders in the recent attempt to ~~an~~ climb K-2, the second largest mountain in the world. More difficult than Mt.

Everest, and still unconquered. Dr. Houston has ~~been on a~~  
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number of expeditions to various parts of the Himalayas; so I asked him - what about the abominable snowman. And he told me some strange things.

He said that on a previous expedition, he and his party were high on the slopes of K-2-- in a violent blizzard. When suddenly - they heard a strange sound from high up on the mountain. It was a whining sound, not the noise of the wind or anything like that. It was like an animal cry. Then, after a few moments, the strange sound was repeated. The native porters immediately said - it's the abominable snowman.

"Twenty minutes later, as we traveled on," Dr. Houston relates, "a huge avalanche fell from high up the mountain". He says it swept over the very place where they had been, when they heard the weird outcry. Whereupon the Sherpa porters exclaimed: "You see, the abominable snowman was warning us about the avalanche."



Dr. Houston says he has no explanation of the strange sound they heard. But he adds - that, over in Britain, they've been excited about the abominable snowman for years, because of a practical joke.

A dozen years ago, Eric Shipton and Bill Tilton, both veterans of Mt. Everest expeditions, perpetrated a hoax, carrying on a correspondence in The London Times. Writing letters to the Times - about the abominable snowman. They used fake names. One letter - insisting that the writer had seen the mysterious creature. Another letter - denouncing the whole thing as a myth. They amused themselves for about a year, with all that cooked up controversy in The Times.

So there, Harry, are elements in the legend. Weird mystery plus a practical joke. With an expedition now going to the Himalayas to see if they can find the abominable snowman.