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on New Guinea trip).

I suppose that most of us find the death of Pope John the twenty-third - hard to believe. The world has waited from day to day for the inevitable - in universal sympathy with the magnificent old man who lay fatally stricken in the Vatican. On Friday, I expected to announce on the air - that the end had come. But Pope John - rallied that evening. He rallied - again on Saturday. And - on Sunday. It seemed as if he might hold death at bay - indefinitely.

But - the Pontiff's doctors knew better. The tumor was - incurable. And even as Pope John rallied momentarily - he slipped back a little further with each relapse. As he himself said - "I could observe my death step-by-step". Or, as he told his doctors in a homely metaphor - "My bags are packed, and I am

ready to leave".

Today - he left.

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work for religious unity - will be continued. So will his efforts - for peace. And the Second Vatican Council that he summoned to its first session - will certainly be reconvened by the next Pope.

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SUCCESSOR

The Roman Catholic Church is an ancient institution - with much experience of life and death.

And of the problem - posed by each. So, there's no questioning in Rome - about what to do now.

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WALLACE

The Federal Government is trying to discuss in court the legal questions which Governor Wallace of Alabama says he wants to raise - on the campus of the University of Alabama. This, says Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall, is why it is asking for - a temporary injunction against the Governor.

Today in Birmingham, Alabama, Federal District Judge Seybourn Lynne said he would consider the matter - and would hand down a ruling on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the University of Alabama ^{announced} ~~announced~~ that it would accept a third Negro, James Hood of East Gadsden, Alabama - for registration for the summer term.

CALIFORNIA

— An inter-state feud, many years old - was finally settled today by the Supreme Court.

California, which has been demanding a share of the entire Colorado River system - including the tributaries, as well as the main stream - lost out to Arizona and Nevada.

In 1951 a Congressional Committee refused Arizona permission to begin a reclamation project in Central Arizona - till the water rights were settled. Arizona sued California - and the other states concerned entered the fray.

Today the Chief Justices ruled that - the tributaries are to remain for the exclusive right of each state. The decision of enormous importance to the Southwest, whose only large-scale source of water is - the Colorado River.

TRANSFERS

The Supreme Court today re-emphasized its warning to the South - that integration is not proceeding fast enough below the Mason-Dixon Line. By unanimous decision, it rejected two school transfer programs being used in Tennessee - to prolong segregation.

The Supreme Court also ruled that a group of Negro children in Cahokia, Illinois - may sue against racial discrimination. The complaint is that the boundaries of the school district were drawn - so that only Negroes could attend.

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CIVIL RIGHTS

President Kennedy summoned top Democratic leaders to the White House today - to discuss the new civil rights bill everyone expects him to propose to Congress tomorrow.

At the same time, Republicans began formulating similar legislation - which they intend to propose. Accusing the Administration of "dragging its feet" - on the issue.

Speaker John McCormack would not say much about the President's meeting, but told newsmen that the Congressional session - is going to be a long one. This, an oblique reference to the battle expected to erupt with the Southern bloc in Congress - over civil rights legislation.

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HAITI

Although it still does not approve of President Francois Duvalier's regime, the United States Government has resumed normal diplomatic relations with Haiti - and the U.S. Navy Patrol off Haiti has been withdrawn. A recognition, says the State Department of Duvalier's "de facto" control of his country's government.

Only a few weeks ago it seemed as if he was about to be overthrown, and the United States withdrew its Ambassador to hasten him on. But Duvalier fooled everybody - and weathered the storm. So the feeling is - that we might just as well try to get along with him. A resilient strongman - Duvalier of Haiti.

How resilient are you, Dick Noel?

BERLIN

East German police today were busy conducting - their own version of a Gallup Poll. Questioning bus-passengers and motorists stopped for clearance at the East German checkpoint, - outside Berlin. The subject of their interest? John F. Kennedy. The East German Government so unhappy about the President's forthcoming visit to West Berlin - and the mounting enthusiasm of West Berliners - that they just have to know what people are thinking about it all.

LADY LAWYER

There's a story in the news tonight, that just could have some repercussions - for Yale University.

It seems that a lady lawyer, Miss Matilda Fenberg, who entered Yale Law School in Nineteen-nineteen - failed to win her degree. Young Matilda, undaunted by this setback, took her degree in Ohio - and was later admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now seventy-five and practising law in Chicago, Miss Fenberg has just been informed by Yale that her failure was due to - a mix-up in the records. So at Commencement, Matilda Fenberg will become Bachelor of Laws - of Yale University.

But - isn't there a problem here? Now - suppose that other Yalermen who couldn't make it - start demanding a re-count? They might start singing the blues - instead of Boola-Boola - up at Old Eli.

U.N.

The U.N. is still having trouble tonight - with its bookkeeping. Even though the United States has agreed to a financial arrangement which would cost it ~~over \$2 billion~~ more than its assessed share of payments for the Congo and Middle East operations, and although the underdeveloped countries are being allowed substantial reductions - yet the smaller countries are still unwilling to commit themselves. The fifty-six ^{nation} Afro-Asian group is sharply divided. And of course the Soviet bloc - refuses to have anything to do with any payment at all for the Congo or Middle East.