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~~Tonight~~ The U.N. has a President of the General Assembly; - but, no Secretary-General. The President, replacing Frederick Boland of Ireland.- Mongi Slim of Tunisia, as expected. It had been thought that the Tunisian diplomat might also succeed Dag Hammarskjold - on an interim basis. But the delegates decided not to mix - the legislative and executive powers.

A prominent candidate for the post of temporary Secretary-General -- U Thant of Burma. But the ^{big} ~~big~~ question is - whether the Russians will let anybody take the job; ~~or~~ even let the office of Secretary-General -- continue to exist.

Soviet intransigence, causing much cloakroom discussion at the U.N. today - as the floor was occupied by speakers offering their tribute to the memory of Dag Hammarskjold.

CHARTER FOLLOW U N

~~Today's~~ Events in the General Assembly ^{today} point up one grave defect - in the U N Charter. It seems extraordinary that no provision was made - for a Deputy to the Secretary General, ~~No~~ Constitutional regulation whereby an alternate would succeed automatically - on the death of the incumbent. After all, this is ~~not an~~ ^{not an} obscure problem. When our own Constitution: was drawn up, it provided for - a Vice-President, Also - for ~~the~~ ^a ~~subsequent~~ ^{further} succession to the Presidency, beginning with the Secretary of State.

Yet, the men who wrote the U N Charter - completely ignored this key point. Giving executive power - to the Secretary General. But, leaving a successor to be nominated by the Security Council - and elected by the General Assembly. Exactly the procedure that has the delegates so disturbed tonight.

CONGO

Ironically, the Congo mission that took Dag Hammarskjöld's life - seems to have been completed successfully by his aide. Mahmoud Khiari of Tunisia, meeting Premier Tshombe at Ndola - hammering out an agreement with him. Two key points - with regard to a cease-fire in Katanga:- a four-man commission -- to supervise the cease-fire, Two from the U.N. - two from Katanga; And, no troop movements - while the cease-fire is in force.

The announcement was made by Tshombe - after the stormy petrel from Katanga paid His last respects to the late Secretary-General. Tshombe, visiting the Ndola church - where the remains of Dag Hammarskjöld are lying in state. Or, as much state as can be mustered ^{in that part} ~~in the forest~~ of northern Rhodesia.

Meanwhile, confusing and contradictory reports - keep filtering out of Katanga. Reports of chaotic battles between the Katanga army - and the U.N. Between the Katanga army - and the forces of the other Congolese provinces.

BERLIN

The Soviet proposal to move the U.N. to West Berlin - appears to be gaining some support in Western capitals. The most interesting case - Bonn. Chancellor Adenauer has usually stood for all of Berlin - if the switch from New York should take place. But he's not ruling out - West Berlin only. The West German Chancellor, noting that the free part of the city would be safe from Red aggression - under U.N. auspices. Why not Jerusalem, the traditional "City of Peace?"

KHRUSHCHEV

When a Bolshevik praises the Pope - it must be the newsiest story since the man bit the dog. It happened - today. Khrushchev, picking up that recent appeal - by John the Twenty-Third. The Pope, asking the powerful nations - to negotiate their differences. An appeal that Khrushchev endorses - at least when he isn't warmongering.

What does the Vatican think - about this unusual support from the Kremlin? Said one Cardinal noncommittally - "We are glad to hear that Mr. Khrushchev is for peace."

DeGAULLE

The President of France will surrender his emergency powers - at the end of the month. DeGaulle, telling his Cabinet that he doesn't need the powers granted to him - at the time of the Algerian revolt. The authority of his unique position - all he needs to govern France.

Meanwhile, the French Secret Service has mobilized its agents - to protect DeGaulle during his present whistle-stop tour. To watch for - any more attempts on the life of the tough old soldier.

AGENCY

The man who will be nominated by President Kennedy to head the new Foreign Aid Agency - is a specialist in International Law. Fowler Hamilton, who hails from Kansas City - and was a Rhodes Scholar back in the thirties. Now top man - in a New York law firm. Always interested - in government service. ^{Many thought} ~~he~~ ^{he might} ~~be~~ ^{replaced} Allen Dulles - as head of the C I A. ^{But} ~~That news, squelched by~~ today's White House announcement ^{is} that its the new Foreign Aid Agency for Fowler Hamilton. If he gets Senate confirmation - which practically no one doubts that he will.

STRIKE

Today's agreement between General Motors and the United Auto Workers - concerns non-economic issues, ~~Not~~ wages, but working conditions. First - an anti-discrimination clause. Secondly - an end to compulsory overtime. Third - an increase in the number of Union stewards. Fourth - an end to foremen doing jobs that the U.A.W. ~~wants~~ wants restricted to Union members.

These issues, hammered out by Louis Seaton and Walter Reuther last night - in a marathon bargaining session. Signalling the end of the walkout - that has been costing eight million dollars a day.

CARS

Next year, the auto industry will sell more cars - than ever before. So says the Alexander Hamilton Institute - predicting a boom that could go as high as seven million, two hundred thousand. Thirty thousand more - than in the banner year of Nineteen-Fifty-Five. And about a million better - than Nineteen-Sixty-One.

The Institute points out that a boom in cars will mean - a boom throughout our National economy. Because one out of every six businesses is directly influenced - by whatever happens in the automotive industry. Steel, glass, electronics - and so on. All, prospering - as cars roll off the production line.

STORM

What about hurricane "Esther"?

She is producing energy equal to several atomic explosions - that is producing it every second.

Generating more power in one minute - than all the electric stations in America produce in a decade.

"Esther" sweeping up two billion tons of water - in a day; dropping it back - in the form of torrential rain.

Also hurricane hurls billions of tons of air - into the upper atmosphere. Producing the catastrophic ~~meteorological~~ meteorological conditions - that send gales and tornadoes whipping across the earth.

Tonight, the tremendous power of "Esther" is reported moving northeast - through the Atlantic; causing heavy squalls and high tides - north along the coast from the Virginia Capes. The Weather Bureau reports the possibility - Dick - that the hurricane center will pass well to the east of New York and New Jersey - but may slam ashore - in New England, Rhode Island, eastern Massachusetts, and Maine.

MILLIONAIRE

Down in Dallas, they have a saying - "H.L. could buy city hall if he wanted it." Referring to ~~millionaire~~ ^{the} millionaire H.L. Hunt. One of the world's wealthiest men - and ~~being~~ a Texan, ~~not at all averse to~~ ~~not~~ ~~spending his money.~~

Ah, but when the chips were down - the oil tycoon didn't even try to buy city hall.

Subject - that twelve-foot sign on his front lawn, advertising his radio show. City hall, objecting - on the ground that it violated a zoning ordinance. They sent the Midas of Dallas a warning to take the sign down. The warning - disregarded. Several phone calls - having the same result. Finally, the City Fathers mailed the recalcitrant Dallisite - a registered letter, saying - if Hunt wouldn't take down that sign, they would.

Result - tonight H. L. Hunt still has his millions.

But he down't have that ^{the} offending sign - on his front lawn.