

The news, today, brought world-wide reactions - to the move made by Pope John the Twenty Third, ~~calling~~ - for Christian unity. An ~~an~~ ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church - summoned. The Pontiff hoping - for some kind of accommodation with eastern orthodox churches. And - the Protestant churches too.

The Church of England - displays interest. In London, a statement - that the Anglicans would send an observer to the council, if invited.

Speaking for the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States - the Reverend Arthur Lichtenberg, presiding Bishop, ~~who~~ says - he "welcomes" the papal announcement.

He ~~adds~~ adds: "I hope the convocation might result in serious ~~some~~ conferences between the separated churches, ~~to~~ explore - those things which we have in common, and those things which separate us."

At Geneva, the Secretary General of the World Council

of churches also welcomes the plan for an ecumenical council on church unity, explaining: "It illustrates the tremendous importance, which the problem of unity has assumed in our time."

A former President of the Methodist conference in Britain says Christians should welcome "every opportunity" to work together.

In the United States, the Reverend Edward Dahlberg, President of the National Council of churches says, anything done to bring Christians together would be "blessed by God".

^{he} But adds - that unity could not be under conditions that are set by any one church.

Which thought is echoed by the Archbishop of the Syrian Orthodox Church in New York.

The one complete rejection comes from the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. A spokesman declaring - the Scotch Presbyterians want no part of a conference sponsored

by the Roman Catholic church.

In Rome, the indications are that the ecumenical council, ~~attendin~~ attended by eighteen hundred Cardinals, archbishops, bishops and patriarchs of the church of Rome - will be held some time this year.

ITALY

The belief in Rome is - that Italy may have to have general elections. ^{This} Following the resignation - of Premier Fanfani and his cabinet, which ^{has left} ~~leaves~~ the political situation - in a state of chaos.

Last week, the left-wing socialists, headed by Pietro Nenni broke their alliance with the Communists. They'd been working with the Reds for years. But, now, Nenni led them out of that long-time tie-up. (

Which immediately raised a question for the leaders of the Christian Democrats - Premier Fanfani's party! - Should they go into collaboration with Nenni's left-wing Socialists? The question - producing a bitter argument and a split among the Christian Democrats.

The same question - ~~is~~ bedeviling the right-wing Socialists. Which faction - participated in the Fanfani government.

Today, the ~~new~~ Premier held a cabinet meeting,

and the decision was - to resign. Too much dissension among
the government parties.

KHRUSHCHEV

Khrushchev says the Mikoyan trip to the United States may result in an improvement of Soviet American relations. The statement - made at a reception celebrating India's National Day. He said Mikoyan's report, when he got ■ back to Moscow, indicated a possible easing of tensions in the cold war.

MOSCOW

In Moscow, the Congress of the Russian Communist party brings forth some dismal statements about economic conditions in the United States. These are described as "dreary." American industry, slumping. That is compared with the upswing of Soviet production. Russian workers and businessmen turning their attention to the Khrushchev seven-year-plan, which is being placed before the Communist party Congress.

So what Russian hurled those anti-American blasts? No Russian at all - an American. It was one James E. Jackson, a member of the Executive Committee of the U S Communist party. He and another American Aed are attending the big Moscow pow-wow.

TIBET

Here's a dispatch from the wild border - of South East Tibet - near Bhutan and Assam, where a United Press International correspondent, M. M. Gupta - made a sojourn in a part of Tibet called The Land of Kham - where the Khambas have been in revolt against the Chinese Aeds ever since the Aeds entered Tibet.

He reports that the Chinese have now launched - a campaign of air bombing. Blasting the villages of the Khambas. Which they have been doing all along, forcing the people to take refuge in caves, even more remote areas in the mountains.

The bombing campaign is on - because Communist military operations on the ground were a flat failure. The men of Kham - living in the stupendous mountain wilderness of the Himalayas - north of Assam and just West of China - Yunnan. Ideal - for guerrilla tactics. The mountaineers of Kham destroying more than fifty Communist military convoys, by tactics - of ambush.

A convoy - rolling along a Himalayan trail. The men of Kham beginning their attack - by rolling huge boulders down the mountains. These crashing down on the Reds. Then, in the confusion - the men of Kham dash in with knives and guns. The ambush - wiping out the convoy.


The rebels declare they'll continue their guerrilla warfare - to keep the Chinese Reds from consolidating their control of the Roof of the World.

CUBA

The Havana trials - resumed. But not - in the huge sports coliseum. No howling mob - as there was, last week. No radio-television extravaganza - making a circus of revolutionary justice.

Today, the proceedings ^{began} ~~were~~ held in a normal army court room in a military camp. The defendant - Major Pedro Morejon Valdes. Accused - of participating in the murder of two hundred farm workers, in Oriente Province.

It looks as if Fidel Castro finally realized that world public opinion was shocked - by the carnival atmosphere surrounding ^{the} trials and executions.



ADD CUBA

However, today's trial was abruptly suspended - when the defendant was not brought to the court. There was a delay of an hour and then the judge ordered the arrest of the trial secretary. Some kind of mix-up.

It seems the secretary failed to send the legal papers necessary for the appearance of the prisoner.

CUBA-REBELS

The sudden, surprising triumph of the rebels in Cuba - largely a matter of bluff. So say correspondents of the United Press International. Explaining - how the small force of guerrillas in the mountains were able to overturn the powerful Batista dictatorship.

Conditions of popular discontent - sedition everywhere Batista's army demoralized. So the rebels were able to run - a series of surprising bluffs.

In ~~the~~ Oriente Province - an Army garrison of seven hundred men. Against thirty-five insurgents who shot off - sky rockets. ^{Just} Fireworks, ~~of the kind familiar on the Fourth of July.~~ Whereupon the Batista garrison took a vote. Deciding - to retreat, and abandon their position. Bluffed - by fireworks.

In the final debacle, ninety rebels captured the headquarters of the Cuban army. Camp Columbia - where there were five thousand regulars. ^{Only} Eight men took over the Cabana

fortress - the guns of which dominate Havana. While four rebels walked in - and ~~we~~ seized the Havana airport.

In every case, they simply ran a bluff.

GUATEMALA

Tonight, Guatemala placed a protest before the United Nations -- claiming that Mexico was concentrating heavy military forces on the Guatemalan border. After breaking diplomatic relations with Guatemala over the weekend.

The trouble? The controversy about shrimp fishing. Mexican shrimp boats -- allegedly violating Guatemalan waters. Which lead to shooting -- three Mexican fishermen killed.

INDIANS

We've been hearing stories of Indians - defying the paleface authorities. Now - the climax. Indians - defying the income tax collector. Refusing - to pay income tax to the State of New York.

At Massena, New York, three hundred Mohawks - backed by the other tribes of the old Confederacy of the Six Nations. Shouting war cries at Nicholas Di Marco, lawyer for the State Tax Department. They told him - they wouldn't pay a dime. So he served them with summonses. Whereupon they tore up the legal papers.

"This is what we think of your summonses," shouted Mohawk Mad Bear.

Chief Sundown, representing the Senecas, told the tax collector: "If my people had been smart, they would have sunk Christopher Columbus!"

Mad Bear and Chief Sundown agreeing - Don - that fellow Christopher Columbus, he make heap big trouble!

HAWAII

The Hawaiian statehood campaign once again launched in Congress, today. The drive by the administration - for a fiftieth state. Interior Secretary Seaton - testifying before a committee of the House, describing Hawaii - as a "showplace of democracy." Arguing - that those Pacific islands do deserve to become a state.

Indications are that an Hawaiian statehood bill may get through the House by Easter.