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INDONESIA

In a radio broadcast from Peking - the Red Chinese have given their official blessing to Indonesia's threat to pull out of the United Nations. But at the U.N. Indonesian Ambassador Lambertus N. Palar met briefly with the Afro-Asian "Committee of Twelve".

That group is charged with studying the U.N.'s financial plight. But instead, the Afro-Asian members asked the Indonesian Ambassador to convey to President Sukarno their deepest feelings in the situation. They argued that Indonesian withdrawal from the U.N. could spell the beginning of the end for that body - just as the withdrawal of Japan started the old League of Nations crumbling.

Meanwhile, perhaps returning Peking's compliment, Sukarno has outlawed the Indonesian Murba Party, which stands for "National Communism." Apparently because it openly opposes Red China's brand of Communism. It might be noted right here that official Communist party in Indonesia -

which strongly favors Peking is the third largest in the world - trailing only those in Red China and Russia.

Prime Minister Abdul Rahman of Malaysia announced today that his country will appeal to the U.N. for help in repelling Indonesian invaders. Rahman charged that Indonesian forces were massed along the Borneo Border. Said Rahman: "We must accept the fact that they are preparing for something big."

SOVIETS

After two days of apparently careful deliberation, the Soviet Union today denounced President Johnson's State of the Union message as alarming, contradictory, and totally inadequate.

Russia's two most authoritative newspapers - Pravda and Izvestia - both ran editorials accusing the President of trying to talk out of both sides of his mouth at the same time. They said he advocated peace on one hand, while rattling a saber with the other. The message was "typical of the contradiction in the imperialist countries" - so said the Soviets.

In any case, there was no reference to Mr. Johnson's open invitation to Soviet leaders to visit the U.S. As for the possibility that Mr. Johnson might visit the Soviet Union, ~~that was equally conspicuous~~ ^{NO MENTION OF THAT} ~~by its absence.~~ ^{EITHER,}

**Lowell Thomas - bound for distant parts ^{tonight} -/comes up with a look at
some distant events Lowell**

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veterans, from New Zealand and Australia, plus a hundred or more from the British Isles, are expected to join their old enemies the Turks, in a celebration there on the beach at Gallipoli.

An old old friend of mine is helping organize this. In World War One I made my second flight in an airplane, a Bristol bi-plane with a particularly gay young test pilot named Captain Rex Palmer, an English chap who had lived through the bloody fighting at the Dardanelles, and then switched to aviation, becoming one of Allenby's airmen. And we flew together in the Canal Zone, at El Kantara. And later Rex was one of England's first radio stars when the whole wireless miracle was launched. And he's still with the B. B. C. Also still flying. The other day with a present-day-pilot of his old outfit, Allenby's 111th Squadron, Rex went through the sound barrier and on to Mach 1.5 over a thousand miles per hour - Rex and his snow white beard.

And his present enthusiasm is organizing the 50th Anniversary celebration at Gallipoli.

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TOOTH

Some plain ordinary people made news today - of sorts - one of them ⁱⁿ Madrid. He's a man who had a tooth pulled out last week, but felt no pain until today. The reason? He paid for the tooth extraction with a lottery ticket. And the ticket came in today - for five thousand dollars.

FIRE

And from Paris, this item - Stegfert Dafner -
a visitor from Mannheim, Germany, sentenced to two months
in jail - for a burp.

It seems that Dafner, a free-lance fire-eater,
was practicing his profession in front of a train station.
But a neighboring newspaper vendor got mad at the sideshow
and tried to chase him away. Dafner responded with a belch
of flame - and burned up one hundred fifty newspapers.

COLLEGE

The House and the Senate finally got around to naming a new President today. It was the time-honored Constitutional custom of counting the votes cast by the Electoral College. And since the states were polled in alphabetical order, it looked for a moment like a tremendous upset.

Senator Barry Goldwater was declared the winner first in Alabama, and then Arizona. Republican members of Congress greeted the news - if we may call it that - with a round of applause. But then Arkansas and California came through for Lyndon Baines Johnson - and it was the Democrats who cheered - loud and long.

Final tally: President Johnson, four hundred eighty-six votes; Senator Goldwater, fifty-two.

SKIERS

Next, there is a report on the longest weekend skiing party of the new year - still going strong. The guests include twenty young men and women - trapped in a ski hut in the German Alps since Saturday. His memoirs published today in Moscow.

Wilhelm Schmutterer, keeper of the hut, told authorities by telephone today that the skiers might soon attempt a descent - but he added that there really wasn't any hurry - because everyone was "still in top spirits". The reason he explained in these words: "We still have plenty of food - and lots of schnapps".

STALIN

The late Josef Stalin locked himself alone in his office for four days following first reports of the German invasion of Russia in 1941. That revelation comes from Russian historian Ivan Maisky - in a new chapter in his memoirs published today in Moscow.

Maisky says Stalin refused to make any decisions - refused even to see any one - for the full four days - leaving command of the war to ~~his~~ subordinates. The Soviet diplomat said that Stalin's strange conduct shattered once and for all his supreme faith - and I quote him here - "in the infallibility of Stalin's decisions".

SCHOOLS

So much for the lighter side of the news.

Now, in a more serious vein - do you think your school taxes are too high? Think your schools are too crowded? Well, don't look now, but we're all in the same boat.

According to a report from the Office of Education, out tonight, total enrollment in the nation's schools soared to a record forty-one million this school year. That's more than a million over last year.

Add to that the nearly seven million pupils enrolled in non-public schools, Dick, and you can readily see - it indicates a lot of homework.

LEAD-IN

And finally when Wednesday, December, there's
the story of Mrs. Robert Tomlin and the Beatles. For
a lady, Mrs. Tomlin presented the small boxes for
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add a strange touch of humor to much of the news tonight.
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BEATLES

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Soon, the joke was all over town, except that to Beatle fans, it was no joke. Newspapers and radio and television stations were flooded with calls. The Tomlin phone never stopped ringing. Everyone wanted to see Ringo's ^{cremated} tonsils. Finally, Mrs. Tomlin was forced to admit the hoax - in order to get a little peace and quiet.

How did the girls get carried away? Mrs. Tomlin offered this explanation: "If you can believe in Santa Claus, I guess you can believe in Ringo's tonsils".

NUDES

Plans for the first "Miss Lady Godiva" beauty contest were - unveiled - today in Delray Beach, Florida. Promoter John Dawson, a Delray nudist camp operator, disclosed that the winner will win a trip to Coventry, England. That's where the original Lady Godiva rode through the streets wrapped in only her own long hair. A protest against oppressive taxes.

Any entrants so far? Oh, sure, reports Dawson - about two dozen of them, including a blonde from Atlanta who says "she has everything but the horse."