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( In Paris today Russia formally vetoed the Security Council plan to end the Berlin Blockade. Vishinsky raised his hand in the Council to veto that compromise resolution drawn up by the small neutral nations -- and approved by the United States, France and Great Britain. It was Russia's twenty-eighth veto in the Security Council. )

Vishinsky was supported by Manuilsky, the Ukranian delegate. A correspondent describes the scene as intensely dramatic. The chamber overcrowded to the point of suffocation. The bright lights; the two white-haired men. Vishinsky in a blue suit, Manuilsky in grey, wearing sunglasses in the glare of the burning spotlights.

Everyone watched them as these two holding out against the rest of the world -- or a large part of it -- sat laughing, slapping each other's shoulders, whispering, and occasionally glaring at some of the other delegates.

Then came the voting -- and, the veto. Vishinsky crammed his papers into a scarlet portfolio, and stomped out. Followed by Manuilsky, his Ukranian shadow.

Vishinsky's action came at the end of a long period of suspense. (The resolution called for the Soviet blockade of Berlin to be lifted at once. Then on November twentieth, the Western Powers to negotiate an agreement with the Soviets to make the Russian-German mark Berlin's side legal currency.) Ten days later the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers to meet and try to solve all outstanding problems regarding Germany.

Last night it looked as if the Kremlin would accept. Vishinsky got acting Chairman Bramuglia out of bed after midnight, calling him to the Russian Embassy to discuss the resolution. Again, this morning Vishinsky telephone:- could the meeting be delayed long enough for

him to consult Moscow? Which was done. Then the Western Powers kept him waiting -- in the Council Chamber, while they talked things over

In his speech, justifying the Soviet veto, Vishinsky harped back to the old Russian story that the U. N. has no right to take up the question of Berlin. He attacked the neutral resolution paragraph by paragraph -- although he <sup>already</sup> had agreed to many of the clauses. The Western Powers he said had backed it merely to give the impression that the end of the blockade and the currency agreement should come simultaneously. What he wanted, apparently, was for the western allies to agree to the blockade being removed by stages. The Western Allies to give one concession after another; and finally <sup>reach</sup> that currency agreement ~~which~~ which would make the Russian mark the sole currency in Berlin. Then, and only then, the Soviet <sup>to</sup> ~~will~~ make the lifting of the blockade complete. — o —

But, we are told, there is still hope. American Delegate, Phillip Jessup says that the three western Governments have accepted the principles of the resolution. ~~and~~ He adds that if the Soviet Government will give assurances that the program <sup>will</sup> ~~will~~ be carried out

something can be done. "It's the blockade which is the barrier," said he. "And it is the Soviet Union which can lift the blockade." On which hope,

Bramuglia and his committee of five ~~nations~~<sup>smaller</sup> nations now are working, still believing they can solve the Berlin Crisis. ~~outside the scope of the U.N.~~

DEBATE

When is a General not a General? And what makes a General anyway? These questions came up at the U N political committee in Paris today when Yugoslavia proposed that General Marcos Vafiades, the Greek Communist Guerrilla leader be called to give evidence before the Committee.

Britain's Hector McNeil asked how this person, *he* ~~whom he termed~~ *called him* "Mr. Marcos" ~~obtained~~ *obtained* his title of General. Was he elected? ~~He asked.~~ If so, by what constitution? What Military School did he go to? The Soviet Delegate, replied by denouncing McNeil for making what he termed "rude exclamations."

So McNeil continued, "Marcos is not a ~~President~~ *General.* His title is a title which Brigands, Buccaneers and Swashbucklers sometimes use. But this Committee, " ~~said~~ *continued McNeil -* ~~he~~ "doesn't accept communications from swashbucklers and privateers." And, he added: "I don't even think he's a good buccaneer."

Then the Polish Delegate ~~screamed~~ *shouted:-* "Abuses! and ~~immixt~~ *insults!*" and accused the Englishman of throwing "buckets of dishwater" at the committee.

## FRANCE

( The French Government has won its first round against the three hundred and fifty thousand striking coal miners. Thirty thousand troops today occupied the three thousand square miles of Northern France, which hold the nation's richest coal mines. )

The troops using armored cars and Bren-Gun carriers, moved into the mine area, with only one solitary case of resistance -- where two hundred miners refused to open the gates of their pit. Until the troops showed their weapons.

Late word from Paris is that France's economy, is already badly hit by this coal strike. With the gloomy prospect of a coalless winter for the civilian population.

INDO-CHINA

From London we hear that (France <sup>now</sup> has more than one hundred thousand soldiers in Indo-China. <sup>They are</sup> Fighting the Communist-led Viet Nam Nationalists <sup>who</sup> proclaimed their independence in nineteen forty-one, and <sup>who</sup> have been waging guerrilla warfare ever since.) Two years ago the French Government sent a small army to Indo-China to end the revolt. Now the word is that France is losing this long, bitter war. Casualties are high, with ten per cent of the French Army killed.

France's expenditure in men and money on this campaign is disturbing London military experts. They wonder whether France can make any useful contribution to Viscount Montgomery's European Western Union Army while she is pouring out her military resources in the Far East.

One sinister aspect of the French struggle for control in this ancient land of Cochin-China - the land of the Black River - is that (the guerrilla war is being led by a Moscow-trained Communist, Ho Chin Min.) which makes it of <sup>even more</sup> ~~any~~ importance that France should win.



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The possession of Indo-China, once a part of the ancient Chinese Empire, would be of immense value to the Communists. Which of course is why Russia is so interested. A strong-hold ~~xxxx~~ in South East Asia, a position from which Red Ideology, and Red military strength could menace Siam, China and India.

A military expert in London, in speaking of the situation in this Ancient land, said that the French still control the major cities, Saigon, hanoi; and Dalat -- the summer capital. But all communications are in the hands of the Guerrilas. Nothing can move on the roads and railways outside the cities, except with a heavily armed escort.

## LONDON

In London tomorrow, King George VI will wear his diamond-studded imperial crown for the first time in ten years. This when he goes to open Parliament -- adorned in his red velvet robes -- ~~arriving~~ in his golden state-coach - escorted by troopers of the Life Guards and the Horse Guards in ~~their~~ Full Regalia.

And today the Imperial Crown was brought from St. James Palace to Buckingham Palace -- a few blocks by its own escort of Household Cavalry -- the unchanging ritual of British ceremonial.

Tomorrow's session of the British Parliament is expected to be a critical one, so we are told. The Socialist Party is behind schedule on its program of nationalization of major industries. Two measures expected to be bitterly fought by the Conservative opposition are the nationalization of the British Steel industry and the ~~bill~~ <sup>bill</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> curbs the powers of the House of Lords. The House of Lords still has power to veto any bill passed by the House of Commons -- the Lower House. Twice the Commons has passed a bill to reduce the power of the ~~House of~~ Lords. And twice the ~~House of~~ Lords

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has<sup>ve</sup> rejected that bill. So, to nationalize the Steel Industry, against the will of the House of Lords, the Socialists Parliament must first reduce the Power of the Peers -- this also<sup>so</sup> against the will of the upper house. <sup>This is a</sup> Parliamentary problem which the Labor Party must solve before the general election in nineteen fifty -- if they are to carry through their plans for nationalization of Britain's major industries.

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## REVOLUTION

A report from Buenos Aires, <sup>tells of</sup> ~~capital of Argentina,~~  
~~indicates that there is yet another revolution in the~~  
~~Republic of Paraguay. The tiny country to the north-~~  
~~west of Argentina.~~ where President Higinio Morinigo  
won a six-months' Civil War <sup>only</sup> last year. ~~only to be~~ <sup>Later he</sup>  
ousted by an army-led revolution, in June, ~~this year.~~

The Buenos Aires report ~~today~~ says that Asuncion,  
~~the~~ Capital of Paraguay, has been under heavy artillery  
fire and mortar bombardment since midnight. All  
telephone, telegraph and radio facilities cut.

Here's later word; ~~as that~~ Washington says that  
Cadets at the Asuncion Military Academy staged ~~the~~  
rebellion. Early this morning they ~~seized~~ the Central  
Police Station; one of the Paraguayan Radio Stations; and  
most of downtown Asuncion. Also, that President Gonzales  
has fled.

But the Paraguayan Embassy in Washington ~~reports:-~~  
no news of revolution, ~~back home,~~ <sup>In fact</sup> No news! ~~of anything~~

FASHION (END)

Washington had a fashion show today. A strictly Naval Affair at the Pentagon, with models by Mainbocher. To reveal a new formal -- even <sup>in</sup> wear -- for Navy women.

~~You can well imagine that~~ Some of the Admirals, ~~we~~ <sup>hear:</sup> ~~When they saw~~ gasped ~~to see~~ <sup>a</sup> lovely blonde model in the latest <sup>a dress</sup> creation, designed to make Uncle Sam's Waves feel at ease on social occasions

The new Wave evening dress is strictly "new look".

A <sup>(dainty)</sup> ~~dainty~~ affair in regulation blue -- a bolero jacket, a white blouse, a full, ankle-length skirt. <sup>Also</sup> ~~And especially~~ a diadem-shaped navy blue cap with appropriate insignia. Mainbocher says that <sup>in</sup> ~~then he~~ selecting the design for this new official "formal," he is striving for a happy balance between the feminine and what he terms the "authority" of a uniform."

And he added the practical touch. The fabric won't catch lint and doesn't wrinkle. So, if one of Uncle Sam's nautical nieces has a date with the Admiral, she just opens her duffle bag, shakes out her "formal," and everything is shipshape. Not a crease or a wrinkle. <sup>Just</sup> ~~the~~ feminine -- with authority.

## NEW PARTY

The Taft-Hartley Act may be responsible for the creation of a major political party. This according to President William Green of the A F of L. Green says his group will definitely do something about starting a third party, immediately after the election.

The probability is that the new party will be a combination of all labor groups. Green says that he is hopeful that what he calls "The Bitter Taste" of the Taft-Hartley Act will unite American Labor into this third party of which he's talking -- so that the trade unions can permanently make their weight felt in politics.

## BARTENDERS

Los Angeles mothers will have no trouble in finding baby-sitters on election day. Why? Because the A.F. of L Bartenders' Union is offering its members as baby sitters for voters -- free. The bars are closed during voting hours, and the Union is interested in getting a heavy vote. Which is why the hand that shakes the cocktails is willing to rock the cradle -- during voting hours only on election day.

TROMAN

In Chicago tonight President Truman made another all-out attack on his opponents. He said the Republicans include men who want to see inflation continue unchecked; who are striving to concentrate great economic power in their own hands; and who are stirring up racial and religious prejudice.

The President spoke in the Chicago Stadium -- following an old-fashioned torchlight procession -- with fireworks.



## PEKING PROCESSION

In far-off Peking, the ancient capital of China, there was a procession today -- a most unusual procession - that is for anywhere but the Orient. Through the streets of the old walled city passed a green elephant. Escorted by a brass band, each member of the band dressed in the robes of a Manchu Prince -- green and gold. Playing the instruments of ancient China. And behind the elephant a party of stately looking elders in mandarin gowns.

The populace of Peking looked and wondered. What could it mean? Revolution? The Manchu dynasty restored? It was in Peking that the Dowager Empress, the last of the Manchus, built her fantastic marble boat in the middle of the lake of the summer palace grounds. Under her, Peking enjoyed a prosperity it has not since known. And so people wondered - as the green elephant proceeded along the streets and the brass band and the bearded mandarins in ceremonial green. The Chinese enjoy processions - even more than we do: like the dragon-boat-<sup>race</sup> and the processions

that welcome in the New Year. So they turned out by the scores of thousands to see the green elephant procession. And then they read what was on the banners. And I'll bet one thousand dollars Chinese dollars - that would be less than one cent in our money according to the present exchange -- that you can't guess what the Chinese words on the main banner behind the that green elephant said. It read: excuse my Chinese accent: "Chu ni ping an tu wei" (way). Which translated means: "Good Luck, Tom Dewey!" T-u---Wai-i --- pronounced Tu Wei (That's Tom Dewey). And the Green elephant? Well, that was their idea in Peking of the way the G O P elephant should look.

If any further news comes through about Chinese processions led by the Democratic donkey, and whooping it up for Mr. Truman we'll of course tell you about that. In the meantime, all we have is this yarn about the parade in Peking, the green elephant and the banner that reads: "Chu ni ping an tu wei".

And now Chu ni ping - Ill. make way -  
for you, Nelson!