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The U N took action this afternoon in the case of the American airmen. Voting a resolution - condemning Red China for sentencing the Americans to prison on espionage charges.

The vote - forty-five to five. Only the Soviets and four Red satellites voting against. Ten countries - either abstaining or ~~were~~ not present.

The resolution - stigmatizes the Chinese Communist action - as a violation of the Korean armistice agreement. And instructs the U N Secretary, Dag Hammarskjold, to take up the task of trying to procure the release of those airmen.

He's to make what the resolution calls "continuing and unremitting efforts," using - the means most appropriate in his judgment.

One of the countries that abstained from the voting was India. Later in the day, the Indian delegation gave a special reason for this. Expressing the belief - that India might be called upon to help the U N effort - by mediating. So it would be better if India held an unbiased

position. As a possible mediator. Not on record - as having voted one way or the other.

The resolution ~~is~~ encountered the usual bitter opposition from Soviet Russia - though Moscow delegate Malik had to make one concession. ^{and} It was - highly significant.

He admitted that the American airmen, sentenced for espionage, had been captured in full military uniform - when their planes were shot down. According to all international law, no man may be considered a spy - if taken in the proper uniform of the military forces of which he is a member. The Red claim is that the airmen were flying on "espionage missions". Dropping parachutists and supplies for spies. But even if they were, they wore the uniform of their country. Therefore, were to be treated as prisoners of war.

So you see the significance of Malik's ~~is~~ admission - that the Americans were in ~~is~~ uniform. He wrecked the logic

of his own case. His admission meaning - that, actually,
the Chinese Reds were violating the Korean armistice.

News out of Moscow. U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen returned from Washington today. Back at his desk in the U. S. Embassy. Last night, French Ambassador ~~Louis Perle~~ returned to Moscow - from Paris. British Ambassador ~~William Harvey~~, expected in a few days - returning from London. Ambassadors of the western Big Three - having been called home for consultations with their governments.

Moscow diplomatic circles declare - it's all a sign of top level talks with Soviet Russia, which are to come. Arrangements being made - for a Big Four conference. To be held - after the pact for the re-armament of West Germany have been ratified.

RATIFICATION

Today, the West German Parliament began the business of ratifying the London and Paris accords. Step number one - in the upper House, the Bundesrat. Pact okayed by twenty-six to nine.

However, the Bundesrat postponed all discussion of the agreement on the Saar Valley. Pending - new negotiations with France. The Saar agreement ^{which} has met with heavy criticism in West Germany, may still be - a stumbling block.

In Paris, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly voted its approval of West German sovereignty and re-armament. The vote was narrow - hairline. A majority of - one. The Foreign Affairs Committee divided by sixteen to fifteen, with eleven members abstaining.

The closeness of the decision reflects the difficulties faced by Premier Mendes-France. But the prediction in Paris is - he'll get a ratification in the National Assembly by Christmas.

IRELAND

Dublin today, was cleaning up the flood damage.

Called - enormous. Six thousand homes in the Irish capitol - flooded.

But there's news of another deluge - deep in the Emerald Isle. The River Shannon - pouring over its banks. The country around Athlone - under water. Forty-five square miles, four thousand five hundred farms - inundated.

These Irish floods cap the climax of damage done by a series of autumn storms. The most violent western Europe has known in years.

NOBEL PRIZE

At Stockholm, today, the Nobel prizes were handed out. Four Americans and two Germans - receiving awards in science. The winner for literature getting his - in absentia. Ernest Hemmingway is in a Havana Hospital. Still recuperating - from injuries early this year in an African jungle plane crash. United States Ambassador John Moors Cabot, accepted the diploma and the cash award, thirty-five thousand dollars - for the author.

Hemmingway sent a message, saying: No writer, who knows the great writers, who did not receive the prize - can accept it with other than humility."

Apt reflection! Prize-winning Ernest Hemmingway remembering - top-ranking writers who never got the Nobel Prize.

THIRD PARTY

~~Here's the~~ high level Republican opinion ^{is} that there'll be no McCarthy third party. Speaker of the House, Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts, expressed that view, today, in a televised interview with the United Press.

He thought, further, that a McCarthy Third Party would hurt the Democrats even more than the Republicans; ~~if~~ any such move developed. The implication being - that a large section of the McCarthy supporters are Democrats.

^{Speaker} ~~Congressman~~ Joe Martin added - that he expects President Eisenhower to seek another term. And be re-elected overwhelmingly.

MARSHALL

President Eisenhower and former President Harry Truman were - unanimous today. Subject - General George Marshall.

In Washington, a veterans' organization, the Amvets, presented General Marshall with a silver helmet. ~~an~~ In recognition - of his wartime leadership.

President Eisenhower sent a message saying: "As a soldier, statesman, and citizen, General Marshall has rendered to our country service of unexcelled distinction and patriotism. His life is an example of integrity and devotion to duty."

So said the President, emphasizing one of his ~~man~~ many points of disagreement - Senator McCarthy. Who - has excoriated General Marshall for the part he played in diplomatic affairs in China.

Former President Truman expressed his opinion in these words: "General Marshall was the great man of the Second

World War. He was a great Secretary of State. He was a great Secretary of Defense."

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HUGH BAILIE

One of the top figures in American journalism - is going to take things a bit easier. Hugh Bailie - stepping out as President and General Manager of the United Press. To become - the Chairman of the Board of that great news gathering agency. For twenty years, Hugh Bailie has been a human dynamo of day by day activity in journalism. Now, he'll devote himself to matters of broad, general policy. Beginning in the spring.

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SHEIK

Bad news for the Sheik - Looking for a blond ~~sheik~~ ^{wife}.

Ezzat Gaafar -- Chief of the Royal Household of Kuwait, principality of Arabian Oil. The Sheik, visiting Cairo and Paris, said - he was looking for a blonde who knew how to wear a veil. And he - a Sultana in the Sheik's Arabian Harem. Which got - world-wide publicity.

The Sheik Ezzat Gaafar - now fired from his job. And banished - from the Kingdom of oil. Not, however, because of the talk about the blonde, the veiled Sultana. But because, as chief of the royal household - he interfered in the financial administration of the Emir of Kuwait, that lord of Arabian oil.

TRAIN ROBBERY

In the Pennsylvania mountains, three duck hunters made a discovery -- which adds another bit of evidence in a famous crime case. Dating back more than half a century - the great Lewistown train robbery of Nineteen Nine.

The duck hunters, John and Albert Duberndorf, and Charles Bell - were scouting, up on the slopes of Shade Mountain - when they kicked up some coins. They found, under a lot of leaves -- a pile of pennies. Tarnished - from age and exposure. Thirty-seven hundred Lincoln pennies. All dated - Nineteen Nine.

The duck hunters remembered hearing stories of the great Lewistown train robbery. A bandit - holding up a Pennsylvania railroad train carrying a million dollars worth of gold. And - making off with bags of coins. But - unlucky train robber! He missed the gold, and got bags of newly minted pennies.

So now, the duck hunters had found the contents of one

of those bags. Which - the fleeting robber had ~~no~~ abandoned in disgust. Finding - pennies.

But, in the old story, ~~there~~ there was a rumor - that the bandit had actually taken - one bag of gold, five thousand dollars worth. So the duck hunters decided - they'd better search. They did - but found nothing more.

Whereupon they checked with Merrill Davis, a seventy three year old guard at the State Capitol in Harrisburg. Davis having been a Pennsylvania Railroad Guard at Lewistown - at the time of the robbery.

Davis told them - the rumor of the bandit getting gold was false. Nothing - but the pennies. Sixty-five dollars' worth of pennies ~~never~~ never having been accounted for. The duck hunters, ^ehaving now recovered - thirty-seven dollars worth.

One other thing - still missing. The bandit - who was never caught.

BING CROSBY

Bing Crosby will have to shell out - one hundred thousand smackers. But that's better than having to kick in - with a million bucks. Which certainly would have made the groaner groan. So he settled out of court - a compromise.

All growing out of an automobile accident last year, when Der Bingle collided with a car containing a Hollywood fireman, Frank Verdugo, his wife and brother-in-law. They charged reckless driving - under the influence of liquor. And sued for a million, as compensation for injuries they sustained.

Crosby retorted ^{that} the accident was unavoidable, and he hadn't been drinking much. Yesterday, the case went to trial. Today - the announcement - settled for one hundred thousand.

That low, sad sound you hear is Bing Crosby crooning ^{- on the insurance Co -}

a blue tune!

STORE

Here's a story of a puzzled clerk in a Washington clothing store. He studied the customer - studied the credit card. The customer didn't fit the credit card at all.

The mystery concerned a couple of American Legion Chaplains. One - the Reverend Father E. A. McDonough, director of Chaplains for the Legion. The other - Rabbi Morris Sandhaus. The time - a rainy day in Washington.

Father McDonough - without a raincoat. So he wanted to buy one quickly. But he hadn't any money on him. He should have had a credit card for downtown Washington stores. But - no credit card either. So he looked up his friend, Rabbi Sandhaus, and borrowed - the Rabbi's credit card.

Whereupon, he marched off to a clothing store, asked for a raincoat - and handed over the credit card. The clerk studied the card - Rabbi! He studied the customer's Roman collar! The customer's voice - rich with an Irish brogue.

Hugh, The clerk too must have been an Irishman - to have so

much faith. He said: "Well, Rabbi, I mean father, I'll take your word for it."

The chairman of the Senate subcommittee on Atomic Energy says we are still ahead of Russia in the development of atomic weapons. This from Lewis Strauss in an interview. But then he goes on to admit that we can't be absolutely certain about just what the Russians have. However he says the Russian atomic experiments indicate that they have both A-bombs and H-bombs.

Asked about our security program, that is - do we have trouble getting scientists to work for the government, Lewis Strauss answered that he hasn't heard of any.

In the News and World Report, the AEC's chairman said that over 100 important papers have been published by the Soviet Union since the war. They included... and to... would not be useful