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The General Assembly of the United Nations will convene tomorrow, and one of the first things on the program will be - a rejection of the Red Chinese bid for membership. That's the word - as Peking, today, served notice ^{that} Red China will demand a place.

Substitute INTERNATIONAL. Washington announces, tonight, the U.S. today - accepted the British invitation to a nine-power conference in London next week. Which means for one thing that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will go traveling again.

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That peringrinating diplomat returned this weekend from a hurry-up trip from West Germany and London. Undertaking that journey - immediately after returning from a trans-Pacific flight ^{to} ~~over~~ Manila, for the South East Asia Conference there. But now, all he has to do is to attend the session of the General Assembly of the United Nations beginning tomorrow. Play a principle part there for several days - then cross to London for the big pow-wow. Which - will try to devise a substitute for the defunct EDC.

Today, French Foreign Minster Mendes-France outlined his proposal - for the re-armament of Western

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Germany.

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the Eden Plan. The

British Foreign Secretary proposed that the West German
Re-Armament be - within the framework of NATO. But

Mendes-France wants the business to be arranged under

the Brussels Treaty - which came before NATO. At the

same time, he wants to *delay* German membership in the

North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The ~~slightest~~

suggestion does not please the Germans one bit. All -

adding to the difficulties of the nine-power meeting at

London.

ATOMIC

A new book charges - that Soviet Russia gained a lead in the development of the hydrogen bomb; Temporary - at least; Because of delays in this country. Delays - blamed on Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, who played a prominent part in the development of the atomic bomb. Oppenheimer - now deprived of security clearance.

The book is by James Shepley and Clay Blair, of the Washington staff of TIME MAGAZINE - and ^{is} ~~was~~ published in advance by the magazine U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. The authors ~~sketch~~ describe what they call - "a personal duel between two extraordinary men." Dr. Robert Oppenheimer and Dr. Edward Teller - the latter finally prevailing. ~~The~~ Hydrogen bomb development in this country - pressed forward.

INDO-CHINA

The political crisis in Indo-China grows more tense - with the resignation, today, of nine Cabinet members. Premier Diem of Southern Viet Nam is in a deadlocked feud with Army Commander, General Hinh. The Premier - likewise opposed by powerful religious sects. He, himself, a Christian, a Roman Catholic. So now, nine Cabinet members out of fifteen have handed in their resignations, and the belief is that Premier Diem cannot survive // these new defections.

Meanwhile, there's belated news from the kingdom of Laos - telling of a terrorist attack on heads of the local government. It happened on Saturday night - the Minister of War shot to death. The Premier and several other Ministers, wounded - when hand grenades were thrown into a garden party they were attending.

It isn't clear what this outbreak of terrorism signifies. The news - held up until today.

TIBET

News reaching India gives an ugly background for the revolts in Tibet. People of that Himalayan ~~mt~~ realm - in clashes with occupation forces of the Chinese Reds. Because - of great floods; the mighty river system of the Brahmaputra, in a series of inundations.

We've heard how the Tibetans attribute the deluge to the anger of the gods, because the Dalai Lama was taken from his capital, that fabulous potela at Lhasa. The Communists - exhibiting the spiritual ruler of Tibet at a Red political circus in Peking.

Now, however, there seems to be a more practical factor in the outbreak of trouble. Reports reaching India tell of Communists up to their usual tricks.


The disturbances are centered around Gyantse, Tibet's number two city. Gyantse - ravaged badly by the floods.

2 But ~~sh~~ the story goes back - before the deluge came.

Earlier in the summer, there was discontent in that area of Gyantse, with outbreaks of revolt. Because of Taxes. The Reds - imposing large levies, and collecting the taxes ruthlessly. Tibetans resisting - and the Communists found a way to punish them.

When the flood crisis came, there was food relief in other parts. But the Reds cut off all supplies for Gyantse. Flood victims there - consigned to starvation.

Familiar tactics of the Communists - and that, we hear, is one reason for the new outbreak of rebellion in Tibet.



FOLLOW TIBET

A later dispatch states that, in the Western part of Tibet, Chinese anti-Communists have joined with Tibetans - in a move against the Reds. The Chinese-Tibetan border, in those parts, is described as - vague. With Chinese and Tibetan populations - mixed. Now - joining forces against the Communists.

STALIN

Here's an incident of sinister fascination - as a possible clue in the grimmest mystery of our time. What went on in the Kremlin, at the time of the death of Stalin?

Harrison Salisbury, for years Moscow Correspondent for the New York Times, has just returned home, and writes a series of articles - about recent events in the Soviet Union. Today, he takes up the question - was Stalin murdered?

Just before his death There were signs that a new savage purge was beginning. With deadly peril - for the Kremlin gang surrounding the aged, ever-suspicious Dictator. Did Stalin plan to wipe out his top henchmen - as he did in the great purges of the Nineteen Thirties? The spectacular sign - the "doctors' plot." Which was like a fantasy of a sick brain. Was Stalin going mad - with suspicion?

Harrison Salisbury says that - in the last few days of his life, Stalin had interviews with several foreign representatives. Who found him - apparently in excellent health. No sign of illness, to which he soon succumbed -

according to the Kremlin story. One visitor was Indian Ambassador to Moscow K.P.R. Menon, and Harrison Salisbury writes:

"The only clue, possibly bearing on the state of Stalin's mind, was noted by Mr. Menon. Stalin doodled on a pad of paper, throughout the interview - an old habit of his. Mr. Menon noticed that he was drawing - wolves. One wolf - after another.

"Stalin apparently," writes the Times correspondent, "had wolves on his mind. Because, presently, he was saying - that Russian peasants knew how to deal with wolves. They shot them and exterminated them."

"It might," Harrison Salisbury concludes, "have been a tiny visible evidence of a mind that, behind a facade of seeming brightness and normality, was only too preoccupied with the subject of eliminating wolves."

So that's one clue in a theory - that the Kremlin gang may have put Stalin out of the way, to save themselves.

POPE

Word from Rome is that Pope Pius the Twelfth refuses to curtail his activities, in spite of warnings from his doctors, who insist - he needs "more rest." At Castel Gondolfo, the summer Papal residence, the seventy-eight year old Pontiff is afflicted again with hiccoughing and fatigue. They say there's no cause for alarm - if he "conserves his strength." But the word is that the Pope intends to go on, holding public audiences.

WRECK

A train wreck - in Illinois. Near Mattoon, a New York Central streamliner went off the tracks today - when it hit a truck at a country crossing. The driver of the truck - killed.

Fifteen to twenty passengers - injured. When eight cars went off the tracks.

CRASH. There was an Army air crash, today - with crew and passengers bailing out over the desert of Southern California. The passengers, who went out by parachute were seventeen chaplains.

The large cargo plane caught fire in the air, dropping the motor. And the next thing you know, the sky was full of chaplains. *— like Elizabeth leaving their fiery chariot* The Sky-Pilots belonging to the Civil Air Patrol - scattered over an area of ten miles. Nobody - seriously injured. But you never saw so many Padres scattered around in the sky at one time, or before. Like angles *the* - in a way!

HOUSING

The Department of Justice has ordered a nationwide grand jury investigation of the Federal Housing scandals.

Attorney General Brownell - instructing U.S. Attorneys in all parts of the country to summon grand juries, and present evidence of corruption. The stories are that builders, with the connivance of Housing officials, made "windfall" profits of more than fifty million dollars.

Attorney General Brownell charges that the reign of corruption traces back to the former Assistant Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, Clyde Powell. The claim is that Powell received more than a hundred thousand dollars from Housing promoters - until he was ousted early this year.

Brownell blames the former Democratic ~~administrations~~ administrations. Declaring - that Powell rose to his high position, in spite of the knowledge that he had a police record, including a conviction for jewel theft.

POLITICS

In the realm of politics: - Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., will not run for - Lieutenant Governor!
Today, he rejected any notion that he might accept second place on the ticket.

This developed, as the New York State Democratic Convention prepares to convene, tomorrow, in New York City. A battle royal is in prospect - between the forces backing former Ambassador Averell Harriman and the delegates whooping it up for F.D.R., Jr. One suggestion had been - a Harriman-Roosevelt ticket. But, today, F.D.R., Jr., declared: "I'm not a candidate for anything but Governor. I would not accept the nomination for Lieutenant Governor."

To which he added: "I believe those opposing me will get a terrific surprise, ^{Wednesday,} when the delegates vote."

~~Wednesday, Harriman has the backing of Tammany Hall and the~~
~~Averell Harriman and Young Frank~~
~~powerful Democratic machine. He and Roosevelt are old political~~
~~buddies.~~
~~colleagues.~~ Now - in a noisy clash. The battle shapes up -
(for Harriman.)
between New York City leaders, and the Democratic organizations

up-state, ~~up-state~~ backing F.D.R., Jr.

The Republicans also face a fight - but not on the subject of a candidate for governor. Their battle is - bingo. Whether or not to have the Republican state platform include a plank, which would legalize bingo for charity purposes, on a local option basis. Senator Ives, sure to get the nomination, is for it. But some churchmen strongly oppose - a bingo plank.

Governor Dewey will arrive in Syracuse tonight, and will place the name of Senator Ives before the Convention, on Thursday. For - a nomination by acclamation.

If they ever outlaw bingo
I hope they don't go so far as to make
illegal my favorite golf game of
bingo, bango, bongo!

GIANTS

It's the Giants! They are in! At Ebbets field -- the New York Giants tonight clinched the National League Pennant with a convincing 7-1 victory over their arch-rivals, the Brooklyn Dodgers, ending Brooklyn's two-year reign as League ~~champion~~ champion titleholders. So it's to be the Cleveland Indians versus the New York Giants for the coming World Series.

TALK

The President of Yale says - we ~~am~~ should talk more.

~~I hope he isn't referring to me.~~ He calls this a "tongue-tied" democracy. Because we lack - the art of conversation. We don't discuss ideas among ourselves.

Yale ~~Prxy~~ ^{/Whitney/} Griswold ^{ing} addressed a convocation at Brown University today, ~~and~~ said: "Students should be encouraged to revive conversation - in this tongue-tied democracy, that has such good ideas, yet cannot speak its own mind."

Who's to blame? Well, you could hardly guess. The culprit is - American business. How ~~xxxx~~ come? Prxy cites what he calls - "the cardinal principle of American business." That - the customer is always right. ^(He thinks) ~~The~~ salesman should argue back with the customer. Yes, that certainly would help to revive the lost art of conversation. You should hear it at ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ⁱⁿ an oriental bazaar.

Harry ~~the~~ professor can hardly blame us ^{- you and me - for} ~~not~~ talking enough.