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Secretary of State Dulles, at a news conference today, said that we have no intention to give up the fight for Indo China. But he also said that we ~~cannot~~ can probably hold southeast Asia - even if Indo China is lost to the Reds.

He clarified this by explaining that states of Laos and Cambodia are important, but not essential, to collective security. And - he believes they will be saved - regardless of what happens in Viet Nam. At the same time, he warns us not to despair if the Reds captured all three states.

Then he went on to say that he sees no reason why the French plan in Indo China should be abandoned. He qualified this by pointing out how the French will to ~~win~~ win may have been shaken by recent events - the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

He continues to press for a Nato of Southeast Asia. Ten nations to agree on a common defense against aggression.

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French officers in Hanoi estimate that the Reds now have a hundred thousand men inside the Red River delta. Also, that Communist General Giap can now add the forty thousand who captured Dien Bien Phu. And that the Reds are hoping for more victories while their morale is at its peak.

A communique tells of a number of attacks already launched - with one key position captured only seven miles from Hanoi.

The French Air Force continues to smash at Red supply points, with rockets, napalm and thousandpound bombs. Returning pilots tell of hitting camouflaged areas screened by barbed wire, and with concrete watch towers.

In the city of Hanoi itself, business is dropping off! Stocks falling. The bank of Indo China releasing personnel. Buying orders from France are hedged with war clauses. Trucking firms, raising their prices by fifty percent, with some companies calling in their trucks - and shipping them south to Saigon. All of which means skyrocketing ~~prices~~ prices.

Meanwhile, the Reds agree to discuss the evacuation

of the wounded from Dien Bien Phu. A French plane ^{by} parachuted

^{dropped} a message from General Navarre. The French commander,

proposing the evacuation. The enemy replied by radio - inviting

Navarre to send representatives by helicopter. The removal

of the wounded ⁴ possibly to begin on Thursday.

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PILOT FOLLOW INDO CHINA

Here's the story of how a French pilot saved two top ranking Generals. General Jean Masson was flown to an airstrip about forty miles south of Hanoi. But before he arrived, the Reds had over run the area. In fact, when the General's plane touched down, the Reds blasted it with artillery, and it burst into flames. The General, although seriously wounded managed to pull his ~~xx~~ two companions free from the plane. The three, staggering to cover as the Reds opened up on them with machine guns and mortars.

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Commander in northern Indo China - second only to General Navarre. So the fighter pilot ~~an~~ radioed a warning to Cogny's headquarters, telling him of the Communist trap. And that was how that pilot, saved two of the top ranking French officers in Indo China.

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Russia will not permit the U N to supervise the unification of Korea. Molotov telling the Geneva conference that the U N has disqualified itself - not impartial. The Soviet foreign minister offered no new proposals. His speech, the typical Molotov refusal to agree to free elections for the ~~whi~~ whole country.

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CHURCHILL

In London - the House of Commons - a brand new question was raised as to whether H-bomb tests violate the freedom of the seas. A laborite asked Winston Churchill whether the American explosions conflicted with the ancient right of ships to go where they will on the oceans of the world.

The Prime Minister answered - no! He pointed out the Americans have been closing off, and using for these tests, only the territorial waters around the islands. The open sea, not closed - although in some areas dangerous to shipping for a limited period. This, according to Churchill - himself a former First Sea Lord, is not a violation of the freedom of the sea. Then he went on to point out that the British atomic tests in Australia - temporarily created a danger area over thousands of square miles.

Churchill also told the Commons that he still favors a big three meeting. That is he wants to sit down with Eisenhower and Malenkov - and try to work out some

means of preserving the peace. He added that he will not push this right now - it may not be the oment.

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EISENHOWER

Today President Eisenhower dedicated the frieze of the U S Capitol in Washington. The frieze depicting more than four hundred years of our history. It was begun in Eighteen Seventy Seven, by an Italian artist, Constantino Brumidi. Now ~~was~~ completed by Allyn Cox of Essex, Massachusetts. The Cox panels, showing the Civil War, the Spanish-American war, and the birth of U.S. aviation.

Mr. Eisenhower spoke about the glories of American history; And then ~~he~~ went on to predict the future - saying that, in his opinion, that frieze around the capitol will never show the effects of an atom bomb or a hydrogen bomb. The Senate-House committee that supervised the completion of the frieze - included Senator McCarthy, ^{— who was} ~~The Wisconsin~~ ~~Senator,~~ not present today - ~~because he was~~ busy with another committee.

KHOKHLOV

Today, a professional assassin of the Soviet secret police testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee. Nikolai Khokhlov, brought to this country to reveal what he ~~knows~~ knows about Russian espionage.

He surrendered to our forces in Germany - rather than carry out a murder for which he had been trained. Now - over here to tell what he knows.

No information about what he said today. The meeting - secret. Even the place "blacked out" - to protect Khokhlov from possible Communist ~~xxx~~ violence.

HEARING

McCarthy versus the Army -- to go into overtime.

At least it will if Senator Dworshak's proposal is accepted tomorrow. That proposal calls for night sessions - to expedite the hearings. And a majority of the sub-committee

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This decision came after debate on a plan suggested by Senator Dirksen. The Senator from Illinois, wanting to cut off the public hearings after McCarthy has testified. But Secretary Stevens objected, ~~on~~ on the grounds that it would not be fair. Then the Dirksen proposal was defeated, by a vote of the sub-committee, four to three.

A dispatch from Washington brings back memories of the 'thirties. Remember President Roosevelt and his "court packing?" That was when he objected to Supreme Court decisions against his New Deal. He called the men on the bench the Nine Old Men ~~He~~ ^{and} wanted some to retire as over-age -- so he could appoint his own justices.

The "court packing" of F.D.R. touched off one of the liveliest disputes of his four terms ~~It~~ ^{and} was finally blocked in the Senate.

Today, the Senate approved a constitutional amendment - to force Supreme Court Justices to retire at the age of seventy-five. The amendment, sponsored by Senator Butler of Maryland. ~~is a concession to the Roosevelt argument. Now, almost twenty years later, justices to retire earlier, as Mr. Roosevelt wanted.~~

The vote, ~~was~~ fifty-eight to nineteen - with fifteen Democrats joining the Republicans to support the amendment. Now it goes to the House. ~~and~~ ^{If} ~~it~~ passed there - it will have to be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

CLERGYMAN

In Washington, the Reverend Newton Gosby, of Mount Vernon, Virginia - stood gazing. His face - grave and solemn. His thoughts - weaving around something that had been said to him. These words: "Maybe you've helped me."

On Friday, we heard how the Reverend Newton Gosby, returning to his Mount Vernon rectory at night, was held up by a young bandit - at the point of a gun. The clergyman responding - with a sermon. Talking to the robber about - Christian morals, and the evils of crime. What it leads to. The old familiar warning - the wages of sin are death.

In the end, the bandit said: "Maybe you've ^gh_lped me." But, just the same, he took the clergyman's wallet, fifteen dollars in it.

So that's the background for a scene pictured in the news today. The Reverend Newton Gosby - gazing at a body on a slab in a Washington morgue. Making an identification - yes, that was the man who robbed him. Twenty-three year old Joseph Woodworth, killed in a gun battle with the police.

Hence the irony of those words: "Maybe you've helped me." Yes, Maybe - but not enough. The robber had gone on, and incurred - the wages of sin.

RAFT

In Lima, Peru, a sixty year old New Yorker announces that he will follow the path of the Kon Tiki expedition. William Willis, announcing his intention of sailing by raft to Samoa - ~~just~~ ^{in the same way} as did ~~that famous~~ ^{headed} party ~~led~~ by Thor Hyderdahl in Nineteen Forty-Seven.

Willis's raft is only about half the size of the Kon Tiki raft. He calls it the ~~xx~~ seven little brothers - because it ~~is~~ made from seven balsa tree trunks. ~~It is~~ Equipped with two masts. ~~And~~ ^{it} has a small cabin - ~~holding~~ ^{with} radio, compasses and ^a water tank ~~with about~~ ^{holding} four months supply.

~~William~~ Willis describes himself as "a writer, adventurer and drawer of comic strips." He says he doesn't intend to prove any scientific theory by his ten thousand mile journey. The reference being, to Hyderdahl's desire to show that the ~~pi~~ polynesian islands were colonized from the Americas. But he ~~will~~ ^{hopes to} take pictures, and gather notes for a book.

He plans to push off in about two weeks. And says he would have tried it years ago - except that his wife objected. Finally he persuaded her; ^{Mike -} and she's in Lima to wish him luck as he heads by raft for far off Samoa - a la Kon Tiki - but all alone.