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The General Assembly of the United Nations began, today - by electing a President <sup>for</sup> the current session. The winner - Dr. Charles Malik, <sup>well-known</sup> Foreign Minister of Lebanon.

The contest - the hottest presidential race in U.N. history. Dr. Malik, backed by the Western powers - starting out as the favorite. The U.N. - wanting an Arab country to get the presidential post. <sup>P</sup> But then - Dr. Malik was rejected by his own fellow Arabs. <sup>That is -</sup> The Arab League - turning against him.

Opposition led - by Nasser's United Arab Republic. Not surprising - since the Nasser people were campaigning against the Lebanese regime of President Chamoun. Dr. Malik, its Foreign Minister. So the Arab League swung to another candidate - Foreign Minister Mohammed Ahmed Mahgoub of Sudan. <sup>All of</sup> which certainly seemed to weaken - the chances of Malik.

Today, at the U.N., the presidential proceedings began - action by with <sup>^</sup> Communist Czechoslovakia, which had presented - a candidate of its own. His name - now withdrawn, in favor of Mahgoub of the Sudan. This was expected. Indications having been - that

the Communist bloc would line up behind the Sudanese Foreign Minister. Making it a contest - between East and West. The vote, forty-five to thirty-one - in favor of Malik. The large margin - a surprise. A testimonial - to the strength of the Western Powers in this year's General Assembly.

## QUEMOY

The Chinese Nationalists report - the use of ~~some~~ new tactics for ~~break~~ breaking that artillery blockade of Quemoy.

"An extremely rapid method," they call it.

No details given - a military secret. But it is possible to make - a good guess.

Today, a landing ship made a dash to the beach at Quemoy, where it unloaded all its cargo - in twenty minutes. Mighty quick - and that seems to be the cue. The trouble, hitherto, having been - that unloading operations gave the Reds on the nearby shores ~~4~~ time to concentrate their artillery fire.

But how much cargo could they unload in twenty minutes?

Well, the supposition is that aboard the landing ship - they had supplies and equipment stored in military vehicles. So these, in landing, simply ran onto the beach. For a dash - to sheltered, fortified positions. Making it - in spite of a hail of shell fire.

However, there were no news reporters - to witness

the operation. The Nationalist authorities - having ordered newsmen to leave <sup>the</sup> Quemoy islands. The last three - departing this morning.

They<sup>a</sup>re saying that, hitherto - they reported failures in attempts to land supplies. While Nationalist authorities on Formosa were announcing - success. So the newsmen believe - they've been removed, so that future failures can be concealed. Also - that new methods of landing can be kept a secret.

Today, there were also - air drops. Seven cargo planes - parachuting supplies to Little Quemoy Island. All planes - coming back safely, in spite of anti-aircraft fire.

## CHINA COAST PREDICTIONS

Word in Washington is - that the present crisis on the China coast was predicted, accurately, more than four years ago. U.S. Army and Air Force generals - making a forecast of what was likely to happen in the case of those off-shore islands. The warnings - given to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, when he made that Far Eastern tour back in Nineteen Fifty-Four.

*P* They say an Army general declared - that Quemoy could be blockaded by the coast artillery of the Communists along the nearby shore.

( An Air Force commander in the Far East insisting - that, in any battle for those off-shore islands, the Communists would have the advantage. )

A still sharper analysis, emanating from an American military adviser. Who served with the Nationalists - when they were ~~was~~ defeated on the mainland. He said - that, in the civil war, Chiang Kai-shek made the mistake of using "walled city" tactics. Committing large forces - as garrisons of strong points. Which the Communists encircled, and were able to

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capture - without much fighting. The Nationalists <sup>(today - still)</sup> retaining those same "walled city" tactics. In holding and fortifying - the off-shore islands.

( In Washington, the retired Army general is quoted as saying - these military warnings were ignored. Because of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ tendency - to consider political factors. Questions - of morale and prestige. )

## RUSSIA

A report on Soviet Russia - that there are three factions engaged in a struggle for power. This analysis - given by the political conference of Anti-Communist Russians, Meeting - at Frankfurt, West Germany.

They say - that one faction consists of Communist Party officials. Political operators, who seek to get into their own hands - all possible authority. The second group - a combination of armed forces and administrative heads of government administration. They - standing in opposition to the Party politicians.

The third faction, orthodox, old-time Stalinists. Dogmatists - of Marx-Lenin ideology, who want - a fanatical dictatorship.

Khrushchev, apparently - doing a balancing act in a three-fold struggle for power.

## BHUTAN

Indian Prime Minister Nehru - was in Tibet, today.

Which may be taken - as an object lesson in the perplexities of South Asian geography. Nehru - having no particular business in Tibet. Wanting to visit - a semi independent that lies between India and Chinese controlled Tibet - between Sikkim and Assam, both part of India. The principality of Bhutan - an Indian protectorate.

Why didn't he go there - straightaway? Because of the tangle of jungle and mountain - in those Himalayan regions. The easiest way - to cross through a few miles of Tibetan territory.

So, today, from Gangtok, capitol of Sikkim, Jawaharlal Nehru crossed the border into Tibet. Where he was greeted - with military ceremony. The soldiers - not Tibetan, but Chinese. Reflecting the fact - that the Himalayan land of Tibet, the roof of the world, is now dominated by the Chinese Reds. Except some sections where



Tibetan guerillas are still fighting the Chinese.

They escorted the Indian Prime Minister across a strip of Tibetan territory - into Bhutan. Where Nehru is now trying to strengthen Indian control.

The ill-fated vessel - a ship. One of these Arabian sailing vessels - that have navigated in those waters ever since the dawn of history. The ship, jammed with emigrants from India, the Persian Gulf - bound for the Arabian Gulf. To take work - as oilfield workers.

The ship had no auxiliary engine - which broke down. The oil tanker - going to give what help it could. Striking alongside the ship. A heavy sea running. A huge wave - slammed the two vessels against each other. The wooden hull of the ship - cracked. Water - pouring into the ship.

Then, a frantic lifesaving operation. The tanker - only to take aboard little more than half of the survivors. In a sea tragedy - of the Persian Gulf.

## SHIPWRECK

A tragedy of the sea - in remote waters. The Persian Gulf - legended since the days of antiquity. A Greek-owned oil tanker - arriving at the oil port of Bahrein. Crowded - with eighty-three Arabs. That many survivors - out of a total of one hundred and fifty-seven, who were in a shipwreck.

The ill-fated vessel - a dhow. One of those Arabian sailing vessels - that have navigated in those waters ever since the dawn of history. The dhow, jammed with emigrants from Aden, the Yemen, <sup>and</sup> Somaliland - bound for the Arabian oilfields. To take jobs - as oilfield workers.

The dhow had an auxiliary engine - which broke down. The oil tanker - going to give what help it could. Drawing - alongside the dhow. A heavy sea running. A huge wave - slamming the two vessels against each other. The wooden hull of the dhow - crushed. Water - pouring into the <sup>(crowded)</sup> ship. ~~The hold was full of~~

~~which was crowded~~

Then, a frantic lifesaving operation. The tanker - able to take aboard little more than half of the survivors. Seventy-four - lost. In a sea tragedy - of the Persian Gulf. ~~Some of the survivors were taken aboard the tanker.~~

## VANGUARD

The Vanguard rocket - may have one more chance to launch a satellite. Today's failure, so complete - the Vanguard may try it again. The rocket - never ~~is~~ getting off the launching pad. Spouting flame and smoke - but never rising an inch. So there it stands, with a man-made moon in its nose - in good shape for another try.

Navy scientists - bitterly disappointed. The Vanguard - making six attempts to launch an earth satellite. Successful - only once. The Army's Jupiter made a far greater success - putting satellites into orbits. ~~Some say -~~ <sup>Some say -</sup> ~~the whole~~ Vanguard program, which cost over a hundred million dollars, may be scrapped. The Navy, however, declares - the project will be continued.

Anyway, the Vanguard, standing there at Cape Canaveral, Florida - is likely to get another chance.

EISENHOWER - SCHOOL

President Eisenhower <sup>has</sup> decided - to withhold federal action in Arkansas and Virginia, where schools have been closed as a way to block racial integration.

Today, the President had a forty minute conference with Attorney General Rogers - in which they discussed the school closings. The Attorney General told the President - that the "impact" of school closings was beginning to be felt seriously in the communities affected. Parents and pupils in both Arkansas and Virginia, making efforts to get the schools reopened.

Therefore, the federal government might as well wait - hoping that local public opinion will solve the problem.

The President - agreeing with this.

## LITTLE ROCK

At Little Rock, the date of a special integration election - has been advanced. Governor Faubus now naming - September Twenty-seventh. Ten days earlier - than the previous date.

Today, the Governor intimated - the four high schools in Little Rock may be reopened, no matter how the election goes. If the voters decide for racial integration - he'll reopen the schools on that basis, with the admission of Negro pupils. But he says - he won't help integrate the schools.

But what if the public in the school district votes - for continued segregation? In spite - of the ruling of the Supreme Court? In that case, Faubus has a plan. He'll reopen the schools - but he won't say ~~in~~ what the plan is.

Today, as he advanced the date of the election, he said "We need to get it over with as soon as possible - and get them ~~kids~~ back in ~~the~~ school."

STRIKE

The Ford strike - has begun in advance. Ten thousand workers, at various plants - walking out, today. Although the strike deadline has been set for tomorrow, ten A.M.

Walter Reuther, President of the Auto Workers Union, warned the Ford negotiators - that the <sup>date</sup> ~~deadline~~ deadline would not be extended under any circumstances. If a settlement is not reached - by tomorrow.

Ten thousand Union members - not waiting for the deadline.

## WRECK

The engineer in yesterday's rail disaster - died of a heart attack, apparently. While - at the controls of the locomotive. So indicated - by an autopsy. The report - issued by the office of the Hudson County Medical Examiner. <sup>7</sup> Further studies are being made, but the Medical Examiner states - that the engineer suffered from high blood pressure, which could affect the heart. The autopsy likewise revealing what the Examiner calls - "a collection of fluid in the lungs, due to failing heart action."

All of which might explain - why the engineer <sup>went speeding</sup> through a series of stop signals, so that the passenger train - ran off the open drawbridge, plunging - into Newark Bay.

The railroad says - that sixty-three year old engineer Lloyd Wilburn had a physical examination on July Twenty-First of this year. <sup>and was then</sup> Pronounced - in "perfect health."

The indications of a heart attack - do not solve the mystery. Because, in the locomotive cab along with the engineer - was a fireman, who - could have stopped the train, in obedience

to the stop signals. Why didn't he? It's utterly improbable that both engineer and fireman - could have been stricken at the same time. But that remote possibility depends upon the finding of the fireman's body - which is missing.

The Diesel locomotive did not have the safety gadget called <sup>- a "dead"</sup> ~~man's~~ "switch", which would stop a train automatically - if the engineer's control of the throttle failed. Railroad officials explaining - that a "dead man's switch" was considered unnecessary. Since a fireman - was in the cab with the engineer.

Tonight, the death list is not yet complete - but it numbers more than twenty.



## ART

In London - an exhibition of modern art. Abstract paintings, finger paintings, scratchings of lines - all according to the most advanced ideas. The exhibition - staged by Artist Mervy Levy. For the purpose - of showing how low modern art has now sunk.

Some abstract paintings - the work of students at the Ipswich School of Art. Others - masterpieces of artists of a different sort.

Two of them - chimpanzees. A number of finger paintings - by Congo, a four year old chimp at the London zoo. Another - an American contribution. An alleged picture <sup>smeared</sup> ~~by~~ by Betsy, a chimpanzee of the Baltimore zoo.

And don't think chimpanzees are the only artists among the anthropoids. ~~On exhibition~~ <sup>he also has</sup> On exhibition  $\lambda$  a painting by Alexander, an orangutang.

*Don,* Are abstract paintings art? Or are they - monkey business?

DIONNE

One of the quintuplets - has a singleton. Cecile

Dionne Langlois - the mother of a seven pound, four ounce boy.

Born - in a Montreal hospital.

Cecile, married last November to a television

technician - the first of the famous five to have a baby.

But not - quintuplets.