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At the United Nations, the big question is -- will Soviet Russia walk out? Will the Moscow delegation withdraw from the Security Council, ~~and~~ now that Yugoslavia has been elected a member?

The prediction we had last night was fulfilled this morning - when the U N promptly elected Yugoslavia, the bitter ~~enemy~~ enemy of Soviet Russia, and turned down Czechoslovakia, violently supported by Moscow. This occurred in an atmosphere of tension, which came to a climax when Vishinsky strode forward. →

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~~which was enough. Votes had switched. Which ones is not exactly clear it having been a secret ballot.~~

~~All this occurred in an atmosphere of tenseness - the background for the dramatics that ensued. Vishinsky strode forward~~ to the rostrum to give an explanation of his vote, as he was entitled to do. He lashed out with an angry diatribe in growling Russian, denouncing the election of Yugoslavia as illegal, a violation of the charter of the U. N., a plot engineered by the United States and the regime of Red Marshal Tito, who is at such bitter feud with Stalin.

His violent harangue drew an interruption from the president of the assembly, General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines - who banged his gavel and told Vishinsky he was out of order.

Entitled to explain his vote, but not to deliver a long propaganda blast. Vishinsky ignored the ruling, and went on shouting.

Whereupon the little Filipino took spunky action. He instructed the interpreters to stop

translating from Russian to other languages, the next time he banged the gavel. Pretty soon, as Vishinsky roared on, the gavel rapped out again. Which meant that the remainder of the Vishinsky oration was not interpreted - and could be understood only by those delegates who knew Russian. Iron Curtain people, mostly.

So now Yugoslavia will sit on the Security Council - the delegate of Tito, whose noisy war with the Soviets becomes daily more obstreperous. What will happen? That question will be answered after January first, when the new members elected today take their places. It is not believed that the Soviets will withdraw from the Security Council altogether. The best opinion at the U. N. is that they will stage temporary walkouts whenever the Yugoslav delegate proposes anything.

COMMUNISTS

Attorney General McGrath states definitely that the conviction of the eleven red leaders last Friday does not outlaw the Communist party. Holding that it was a trial of individuals, and not of a political party, he put the matter in these precise words: "The verdict did no⁴ more than convict these eleven men of conspiring to overthrow the government by force and violence."

The statement was made in an address to the National Press Club today, and means that the Communist Party is free to run candidates in elections, hold mass meetings, and conduct political campaigns. However, to the citizen on the sidelines, the question immediately suggests itself - if the eleven leaders were found guilty, wouldn't any other leaders in the operation of the Communist party be equally liable to prosecution? They'd be doing pretty much the same thing as the ones who were convicted.

TAXES

President Truman says he may try to have taxes raised next year. At his news conference today, he told the reporters that the government must be pulled out of the red, and stop running on a deficit. "We've got to find money to run the government," said he, *And he* added that taxes may have to be raised." The President said that, if there is any way to meet government expenses, except by taxes, he'd like to hear about it.

Well, he heard promptly - Congressional voices immediately saying that the way to balance the budget is to slash government spending. Senator George of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, suggested that Federal expenses be cut - and taxes

reduced. *Mr. Truman might also give further careful study to the report of the Hoover Commission say others.*

TRUMAN

President Truman said today that he would like to give a new government job to Leland Olds - who last week was rejected by the Senate for a third term on the Federal Power Commission. The President has a way in matters like that. When a White House nominee is turned down for a job, why, get him another one. Put him in some place.

That was illustrated brightly last night, when Congress, hurrying to go home, okayed the nomination of Mon Wallgren to a government post. Wallgren is one of those Truman cronies, - and months ago, there was a fight, when the White House named Wallgren to be chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and the Senate said "No." But the President persevered in getting something for Wallgren, and last night he succeeded. But what's the job? A place on the Federal Power Commission - the same vacated by Leland Olds when the Senate turned him down. Wallgren rejected for a job, Olds rejected for a job. Then Wallgren gets the job for which Olds was rejected.

So now the President wants to find a place for Olds, ~~but that will be difficult - the Senate being dead against Olds. However, the White House could make a temporary appointment putting Olds in to serve for the time being, until Congress meets again in January.~~

There are several vacancies - ~~and~~ one is the chairmanship of the National Securities Board, ~~the one~~ for which Wallgren was rejected. The President could appoint Leland Olds, temporarily - until Congress comes back to Washington. Then it would be - out you go. But meanwhile Olds would have the job for which Wallgren was turned down - and it would be a joke on the Senate.

SUB FRANCE

The new Premier of France, Rene Mayer, was given a vote of confidence in the National Assembly at Paris tonight. The majority was surprisingly large -- three hundred and forty-one to one hundred and eighty three. In fact, the only people against him were the Communists -- although a large number of right wingers abstained from voting.

The new Premier is a financial expert, trained in the House of Rothschild, most famous of banking firms. He was credited with having averted a spiral of inflation last year, when he was Minister of Finance. He now promises the same sort of exploit -- in the face of an inflation crisis, resulting from the recent devaluation of the Franc, which accompanied the devaluation of the British pound sterling.

New Premier Rene Mayer has full authority to go ahead with middle-of-the-road policies. But late

word from Paris tonight says that he may have trouble when he frames a specific economic program -- trouble in getting the wrangling political parties to agree to almost anything.

PLOT

A dispatch from London says the police of eight nations have joined forces to smash an international plot. With angles of world politics - the scheme said to be run by Soviet Russia.

The story starts out with a mystery a few weeks ago, when in London Scotland Yard found a secret hoard of gold in the vault of a London bank. Three-and-a-half tons of the precious metal - brought in illegally from foreign parts. Next week two individuals will be put on trial in Bow Street court and the evidence is expected to disclose that international smugglers, using false papers, were sneaking in the gold.

This having been discovered, the gang resorted to other tactics - and something strange was noted at Sterdam. The chief of police at the airport there observed that various airplanes, making stops, were taking too much time to arrive at their destinations. They were light fast planes, scheduled to fly on to one city or another - but taking too long to get there. The chief of police began an investigation, and this

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developed a new angle in the mystery.

It was found that airplanes were dropping bars of gold in parts of France, to people on the ground. Also - to small boats off the northern coast of Europe. The gold thus delivered, was taken over by the international gang.

Soviet pay-off gold - money for the black market - a huge scheme to procure strategic materials and equipment, the kind of military merchandise that cannot be shipped, legally, to countries behind the Iron Curtain. Contraband procured in the black markets of western Europe - then shipped to the world of the Soviets. That's the international plot - and the police of eight European countries have joined forces to break it up.

HATS

London says that style was set today by the two princesses. Their royal highnesses Elizabeth and Margaret appeared in their new fall hats - and each wore the royal millinery on the side of her head.

Well, when two princesses both tilt their new hats in a particularly cockeyed way, I suppose that sets the mode.

But I'll leave that to the ladies, and I'll also let the ladies figure out the description given by the style experts. Princess Elizabeth wore what is called - "A carmel-beige felt cloche with a small brim dipping over one eye. It was trimmed with an outsize bunch of French violets and a large butterfly bow." Princess Margaret? - why she wore "A dark brown velour beret, trimmed with two coiled ropes of oyster velvet linked at the right, each with a tasseled end."

There's only one thing that I understand in the whole rigmarole, and that is when the fashion note goes on to say that each princess wore - last year's coat, British austerity being what it is. Last year's coat - that I can understand, even if my wife does not.

CAT

Here's one for cat lovers, a sentimental story from Denmark. A mama cat adopted three baby mice, and took care of them. For days the cat lovers of Denmark were beguiled by the reports of the maternal instinct of good old tabby toward each little mouse. Today, with the mice grown fat and plump - the cat ate them.

All is not so sentimental in the animal kingdom - and cats will eat mice.

PERFECT CRIME

In detective stories there's no end of talk about - the perfect crime. And, every so often, some benighted individual thinks he can perpetrate a masterpiece of criminal perfection - something that cannot possibly be detected. That was the case at Marshfield, Missouri, a town down in the Ozarks, which today was all excited about its own version of - the perfect crime.

A telephone operator undertook the murder of the wife of the town undertaker. Margaret Evans, it appears, had been on exceedingly friendly terms with Mrs. Rex Rainey's husband, and determined to solve the situation with homicide that could not be detected.

Her preparations and equipment were elaborate. Her plan was to sneak into the undertaker's home, when Mrs. Rainey was asleep, and chloroform her. And she took along a stomach pump and some sleeping tablets, intending to pump a solution of the sleeping tablets into the stomach of her victim. She had a pair of rubber gloves, to avoid leaving fingerprints. Also a

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toy pistol - with which to intimidate her victim, in case Mrs. Rainey should wake up. The telephone operator also took along some red pepper - to throw the bloodhounds off the trail, if she should be pursued in the old manner of the Ozarks.

So that was the plan for the perfect crime - only everything went wrong. The undertaker's wife was asleep all right, but when the telephone operator tried to administer the chloroform, Mrs. Rainey woke up - and Mrs. Rainey is a husky lady. So there was a terrific battle that raged all over the house.

Tonight the undertaker's wife is in a hospital, recovering from scratches and bruises. While the telephone operator is in a prison cell, badly battered.

But what about the undertaker? Today he was confronted with a dilemma. Would he go to the prison cell? Or - to the hospital? The latest news pictures the undertaker going to the bedside of his wife - spurning the telephone operator. Which just about

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completes the imperfection of the perfect crime.

1/4 Nelson - we ^{now} turn to you for something more cheerful.