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ISRAEL

At the United Nations, this afternoon, a resolution was introduced into the General Assembly. Demanding - sanctions against Israel. Six countries, making the demand - Iraq, Lebanon, Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Indonesia. The proposed resolution - read by Doctor Charles Malik, Foreign Minister of Lebanon. The key paragraph ~~in the demand for sanctions~~ reads as follows:- "All states - to deny all military, economic and financial assistance or facilities to Israel - in view of its continued defiance."

Tonight's dispatch from the United Nations makes the following observation: "Enforcement of the sanctions, as outlined in the resolution, would mean - ending, not only U.S. government aid to Israel. But - cutting off the heavy flow of private money, raised by Israeli bond drives in this country." The ^{significance} ~~obvious~~ - ~~is~~ easily seen. Israel depending so greatly - on financial aid from Jewish ^{contributions} ~~donations~~ in the United States.

The resolution introduced - and then what? Nothing immediately. The General Assembly taking an adjournment - until Monday.

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The delay - not unexpected. Indicated all night
~~and~~ day-long - ^{in the} ~~same~~ news from Washington. Yesterday,
Israeli Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, while rejecting President
Eisenhower's advice, ~~quitting~~ said - he hoped "the door
would ~~remain~~ be open" for further talks. And, today, the
White House replied - the door certainly was open. Ben-Gurion
asked for a delay - until Ambassador Abba Eban, now in Israel -
could return to Washington. With ^a ~~the~~ further amplification -
of Israel's position. The White House, today, replied - that
our government would wait for Ambassador Eban's return. He
is due in Washington - on Monday.

In Jerusalem, Israel - a similar attitude of waiting.
The Knesset was to have taken a vote - on Prime Minister
Ben-Gurion's reply to President Eisenhower. And there's no
question of how the vote would have gone. The Knesset lined
up solidly behind the Ben-Gurion refusal to withdraw ~~the~~
~~troops~~ from the Gaza strip and the Aqaba sector. But the
Knesset adjourned - without voting. Postponing action -
until Monday.

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A diplomatic note - sounded in London. Where
Parliament is opposed - to sanctions against Israel. The
British government - seeking a compromise. Prime Minister
MacMillan - calling a weekend strategy meeting. Britain -
hoping for a compromise. Which, we hear, would be - an
Israeli withdrawal from the disputed areas. With the U.N.
troops - immediately taking over. These U.N. forces -
guarding against any renewal of Arab ~~ammunition~~ commando
attacks in the Gaza strip. Also guaranteeing - the freedom
of - Israeli navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba. *TSO, there*
will be a weekend of maneuvers behind the scenes - in
Britain. And you can bet it will be the same at ^{the} United
Nations; and in Washington, ~~where~~ the prevailing opinion in
the American Congress - is against the proposal for sanctions.

P Eleventh hour attempts for settlement - before the General
Assembly meets again on Monday. Faced - with today's
resolution for sanctions against Israel.

INDO-CHINA

An assassination attempt - against the President of Southern Viet Nam. ~~which~~ occurred, as President Diem came to preside - at official ceremonies. Diem, ~~the~~ ^{the} anti-Communist -- at the head of a party of officials. When the would-be assassin stepped up - and fired with a pistol, at short ~~gun~~ range. The bullet - missing President Diem. Passing through the coat of a Viet Namese newsmen - and striking a cabinet minister. Who was wounded.

The crowd seized the assailant, a sixteen-year-old youth - and would have lynched him. But the police rescued him - as President Diem continued calmly with presiding - over the ceremonies.

KOREA-PLANE

At latest reports, there seems to have been - no fatalities. ^{In} the spectacular crash of an Air Force Globemaster in Korea.

The giant plane took off at Seoul, with a hundred and fifty-nine people aboard. Most of them - servicemen flying to Japan on leave. Twenty miles out of the Kimpu airport - engine trouble. The Globemaster - coming down on a small island in the Han River. Making a belly-landing - and skidding across the island. Ending up - half submerged in the river.

Many injuries - with a fleet of helicopters taking out the survivors. Flying them - to an American hospital near Seoul.

JAPAN

The Japanese cabinet resigned, in Tokyo, today. Because of the illness - of Premier Ishibashi. His doctors prescribing - two months of complete rest.

The seventy-two-year-old Premier took office, December twenty-third. Then, a month later - fell ill, with what the doctors called a "light" cast of bronchial pneumonia. Hope had been - that he'd recover soon. But he remained - bedridden. ^{Now,} ~~At least~~ a couple more months of this - declare the doctors.

So ~~now~~ the Premier and his cabinet are out - and Japan must find a new government.

QUEEN

In London, they are hailing - His Royal Highness "Prince of the Kingdom". The Duke of Edinborough - no longer. Queen Elizabeth, today - bestowing a new title on her husband. Which is taken - as another refutation of rumors about a rift between the royal couple.

The rank and the style of the Queen's husband has been - a bit complicated. Born - a prince of the Greek royal family, ~~But~~, becoming a British citizen - he gave up ~~his~~ the Greek title of Prince. Then, marrying Elizabeth - he was given the rank of Duke of Edinborough. People, however, continued to call him - Prince Phillip. Which, now, is made - correct and formal.

The Queen's proclamation ^{makes him -} "A Prince of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland." He still retains the rank of Duke of Edinborough - but is a "Prince of the Kingdom" as well. Which gives him the status of British royalty.

SOUTH POLE

At the South Pole, eighteen Americans - took their last glance at any sign from the outer world. Until - six months or so from now. The scientists and their assistants were standing on the ice of the ultimate south - gazing at a giant Air Force Globemaster, as it went winging away. Disappearing - in the distance.

This happened yesterday - the dispatch delayed, until today. The Air Force - making its last parachute drop of supplies. As the polar winter comes on - with its dark six months. Half a year - of night. No South Pole flying - in the darkness.

The last supply drop ~~was completed~~ completed the provisions of the party at South Pole Village - for the next six months. They're well stocked - with everything they need.

But it must have been a wistful sight ^{for} ~~at~~ those eighteen South Pole Villagers - as they watched the Globemaster go. The huge plane, circling, dropping supplies, and then - away. ^{With a} ~~The~~ final radio message ^{- two words! -} "good cheer!"

GEORGIA

The action of the Georgia legislature - puts it up to Georgia members of Congress. The legislature ^{at Augusta - (} - voting a resolution to impeach six Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court. Including - Chief Justice Earl Warren. With the special charges of pro-Communism - against Justices Douglas and Black. All, of course - out of resentment against the Supreme Court order to desegregate schools.

The resolution is no more than a petition - impeachment proceedings would have to be started by a member of Congress. Georgia law-makers in Washington - the first choice. So what will they do? ^{FL} The "dean" of the Georgia delegation is Congressman Carl Vinson - who, today, said "no". Declaring - that he would not propose the impeachment of the six Justices. Or - vote for it.

Other Georgians, however, are not so definite - they don't commit themselves. The general reaction is that they'll give the Georgia resolution "due consideration".

^{FL} Today, at Augusta, the legislature completed action on the

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impeachment move - which now goes to Governor Marvin Griffin.

Who is sure to sign - having, already, endorsed the measure.

SCHOOL FIRE

A school fire - can be the worst of all horrors. And it was almost that at Mount Ayry, North Carolina, today. Only one life was lost, apparently - but one more child is missing. But the nine year old crippled boy may be the only one. Thirty-two children and teachers - injured. What it could have been - is illustrated by descriptions from the scene.

Four hundred pupils and teachers - in the brick school building; when flames broke out in the stage curtains in the auditorium. The fire whipped up - by drafts from open doors.

School Principal Phillips played an heroic part in rescuing children - and incurred severe burns. His account is as follows: "The school burned as if it were filled with gasoline. The roof collapsed within fifteen minutes. Flames were shooting in the hall and the children could not escape - except by running through them. They were screaming and jumping out of the windows.

- and, fighting to get out of the building," says the principal.

The final scene - the school building nothing but charred wreckage. Crowds of children in the school yard - huddled together. Some crying hysterically. While others - were silent - stunned. Frantic parents - rushing about - seeking their youngsters.

It could have been - a mass horror. Bad enough, as it was - but it could have been so much worse.

ALASKA

From Alaska, an obituary - of Mrs. Hulda Ford.

Who, back in the Gold Rush days - was a queen of the dance-halls.

Now dying at eighty-three - just about the richest woman in

Alaska. Cause of death - malnutrition, not enough to eat.

The old story of the rich recluse, living in surroundings

of miserable poverty.

Hulda Ford began her dance-hall career back in the

Nineties - in Montana. Then - heard about Alaskan gold.

She always had a fancy - for gold. So she went up to Nome -

where the gold fever was raging. Prospectors of the North -

striking it rich, going broke, maybe finding another fortune.

Hulda - hailed as one of the prettiest of the dance-hall

girls at Nome. ~~THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE~~ - Getting her

share, and more, of the yellow nuggets and the gold dust.

In Nineteen-six, she left Nome, went on to Fairbanks.

Keeping her gold - working as a waitress. Then - as a clerk

in a dry goods store. The merchant - named "Pirate" Ellis.

There must have been some good reason why they called him "Pirate".

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Anyway, Hulda worked for him - and then, presently, the
"Pirate" died. Leaving his ^{possessions} ~~business~~ - to Hulda. ~~Whom~~
Who invested in property - and got richer.
~~increased her wealth by investing in property.~~

But, as the years went by, Hulda became a recluse.
Living in shacks - collecting stuff out of trash cans and
old abandoned buildings. Thinking only of her wealth -
refusing to spend a penny. She refused, for example, to
pay taxes. Wouldn't file income tax returns - a headache
for the U.S. Internal Revenue Department.

Today, the authorities are checking up on the
fortune left - by the one-time ^{Alaskan} queen of the dance-halls.

PIE

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Tonight, let's hope that President Eisenhower has a taste for cherry pie - equal to that of Mary Ann's boy friend. The President - presented with a masterpiece of pie baking. Of a kind - that Mary Ann's boy friend had been eating by the dozen.

In Chicago, a pie baking contest - won by Mary Ann Bartholomay, a seventeen-year-old girl from Henrietta, New York. This being Washington's birthday, it's appropriate - that the prize-winning pastry should be a cherry pie. The father of his country - being famous for the story of the cherry tree.

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Mary Ann wins a scholarship in college - and the honor of presenting one of her cherry pies to President Eisenhower in Washington.

Today, the blue-eyed girl explained - the real reason why she won the championship. Her boy friend - likes cherry pie. Mary Ann explained, "I baked five hundred pies, getting ready for the contest; But my boy friend didn't get tired of eating them!"

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The boy friend really likes cherry pie! - let's hope that President Eisenhower does; too. *Henry have some pie?*

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Announcer: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: A year ago today - Washington's Birthday, as usual. With a shocker - for four communities of up-state New York. In the morning - flags flying. But British flags, the Union Jack. On each flagpole - a proclamation. Reclaiming the United States - as a British colony. Local citizens - indignant. At what turned out to be - a joke by Canadian students, who came from across the nearby border.

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