

# U.N. Officials Anxiously Await Reply from Chou

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — U.N. officials spent Sunday in anxious waiting for an answer from Red China on Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's request for a meeting in Peiping soon after Dec. 26 to discuss release of 11 American fliers and other U.N. military personnel.  
At 6 p.m. (EST), 48 hours had passed since the secretary general's cablegram to Communist China's Premier Chou En-Lai was confirmed received in Shanghai. But a spokesman for Hammarskjold said it was too soon to begin thinking about any deadline to mark failure of the mission given the secretary general by the U.N. General Assembly Friday.  
Over Soviet bloc objections, the Assembly adopted a resolution condemning Red China for violation of the Korean armistice agreement

in declining to return allied military prisoners. The Assembly asked Hammarskjold to do what he could to get them released. Hammarskjold sent his cablegram late Friday, in effect asking the Peiping regime whether he would be allowed to come there to plead the U.N. case personally with Chou. Saturday night, 24 hours after it was known the cable had reached Red China, he made the text public.  
Without mentioning the condemnation feature of the resolution, Hammarskjold informed Chou he felt a special responsibility in the case and asked him to set the date for meeting if Chou agreed to let him take up the matter personally. It was also hinted here that whatever appeals could be made through Sweden and India to get a friendly answer from Peiping would not be overlooked. Hammarskjold's nephew, Peder Hammarskjold, is Swedish Charge d'Affaires in Peiping. India has an ambassador there.  
But at a late hour Sunday there was no direct answer from the Communist regime, no sign of an answer through diplomatic channels, not a significant word on Peiping radio which often tips Communist China's actions.  
Diplomatic sources in Washington said they thought Hammarskjold's bid would succeed and that he might even win release of the fliers, whom the Communists accuse of being spies.

# Millions Vote In Russia on 1-Party Ballot

MOSCOW (AP) — Under the customary Communist slogan of "most democratic election in the world," millions of citizens in Moscow and 10 of the Soviet Union's 16 republics turned out Sunday to elect judges of the people's courts. As usual, it was a one-party ballot.

These are the lowest judges in the Soviet judiciary, equivalent to American justices of the peace. They are chosen every two years. Balloting in the remaining six republics will take place next Sunday.  
The current elections are distinguished by the fact that the Russian press has been demanding for months that judges of better quality and greater honesty be elected to the people's courts.  
In recent months the newspapers have exposed several judges as grafters or drunkards. The press also complained these courts have been lax in enforcing their own verdicts in such cases as alimony and bigamy.

Writing in London, Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow for many years, commented:  
Russia's nationwide elections of judges may be a prelude to the promised and long awaited changes in the country's criminal code.  
Pravda, in an editorial broadcast by Moscow radio, said the judges were being elected "at a time when the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the government are undertaking a number of measures to strengthen Soviet legislation."  
A British government official, familiar with Soviet policies, said he interpreted this to mean the U. S. S. R. is getting ready to announce changes in criminal laws.  
Sunday's broadcast from Moscow added:  
"These measures are aimed at safeguarding the unassailable observance of the laws of the Soviet state, the great and firm rights of the citizens of the U. S. S. R., inscribed in our Constitution which is the most democratic in the world."  
Students of Soviet affairs here say the changes in the criminal code, when and if they are announced, may even go so far as to liberalize the system by which so many Russians have been sent to concentration camps.

# Parents, 2 Others Die in Youth's Fire

HAVERHILL, Mass. (AP) — Police Inspector Charles F. Turner said Sunday night that Richard E. La Plante, 16, admitted setting an apartment house fire in which four persons, including his parents, perished early Sunday.  
Turner quoted the youth as saying he set the blaze in the four-story wooden house because "I don't like the place and I told my folks so many times."  
Young La Plante was booked on arson and manslaughter charges and held for hearing Monday morning in Central District Court.  
Victims of the early morning blaze were young La Plante's parents, Alfred, 45, and Eva, 43; Fred Baicalupo, 63, and Mahlon Cutler, 44.  
The younger La Plante was listed as the discoverer of the fire. Turner said conflicting stories told by La Plante to a newspaper reporter and to authorities led to intensive questioning of the boy.  
Haverhill Gazette newsman Russ Delaire said young La Plante told him Baicalupo started the fire by throwing away a cigarette. Later, Delaire said, he asked fire officials about it and they told him the boy had given them a different story.  
Most of the 25 occupants of the building, many of them old age assistance recipients, made their way to safety after the blaze was discovered.

# Renaissance Art Under Suspicion

LONDON (AP) — Britain's National Gallery was reported Sunday planning to make tests this week to determine whether one of its Italian Renaissance paintings is a fake. Leonard Koetser, a London art dealer, says the painting is a copy and claims he has the original.  
A spokesman for the National Gallery said no comment would be made Sunday. The picture, "Virgin and Child With An Angel," has been in the gallery for 30 years and is listed as the original work of the 16th Century master, Francesco Francia.  
"My picture has been examined and so has the National Gallery one by several experts," said Koetser, "and they all agree mine is the original."  
He said Sir Philip Hendry, director of the gallery, had ordered tests to determine the age of its pictures. Koetser says the gallery's painting can be no older than about 150 years.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A CIO Newspaper Guild spokesman said Sunday night that negotiations with The New York Post are stalemated and plans will go ahead for a strike at midnight Monday night.  
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# Actor Faces Drunk Charge After Wreck

WEST LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police arrested actor Brudrick Crawford for drunkenness Sunday after the rented car he, another actor and actress Abigail Adams were in smashed into a fence.  
Miss Adams, the other actor, Myron McCormick, 47, New York, and Crawford, 44, were booked as plain drunk and later released on \$20 bail each pending municipal court appearance Monday.  
Police said Crawford, winner of an Academy Award, was arrested with Miss Adams as they sought to call a taxi from a Mandeville Canyon home. They said McCormick was arrested in the auto nearby.  
Miss Adams told officers she was 37 and said her real name was Terra Hall. She was booked under that name.  
Officers said the trio told them they had attended an all-night party, drove into Mandeville Canyon by mistake, and were attempting to find their way out when the auto hit a fence.  
When arrested, Miss Adams was barefooted. Police said they found a pair of woman's shoes and a fur coat in the car.

# Darkness Cuts Search for Fishing Boat

HONOLULU (AP) — Darkness Sunday night overtook a search for the "Brothers," a well-known Alaska and Puget Sound fishing boat which radioed Sunday morning she was sinking 70 miles northwest of Honolulu.  
No trace of the boat or the two men aboard had been found but the search continued with surface ships and radar planes. The missing boat was carrying a large life raft.  
The two men were the owner-skipper Arthur Otness, 37, whose mother Mrs. Ragna Otness lives at Seattle; and his cousin, John Otness, 39, of Tacoma.  
Erling Oswald, skipper of another fishing boat, the Oceanic, which came to Hawaii from the mainland with the "Brothers," said Arthur was a fair swimmer but that John could not swim.  
One search ship found an oil slick Sunday but could not determine whether it was from oil discharged by some passing steamer.  
Two destroyers, two planes, and three Coast Guard cutters hurried toward the designated spot this morning when the Brothers reported in a radio message heard by the Coast Guard that she was sinking.  
Both men aboard are veteran Pacific fishermen.

# Illness Claims John J. Leshner

John J. Leshner, 85, a longtime resident of the Brooks area, died at a Salem hospital Sunday following a lengthy illness. His home was at Brooks Route 1, Box 248-C.  
Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Martha Leshner of Brooks; and a son, George Leshner of Brooks.  
Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Howell-Edwards mortuary.

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# City Council's 'Most Loyal' Follower Dies

Mrs. Euphrosina M. English, 84, who once was given an official salute as Salem City Council's "most loyal fan," died Sunday at the residence, 3150 E. Center St., following an extended illness.  
Mrs. English's faithful attendance at council meetings over a period of almost 40 years brought recognition in 1948 when Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom presented her an orchid in a ceremony in the council chambers. Ill health forced her to discontinue her council visits last June.  
Always intensely interested in civic and religious matters, she was a precinct committeewoman for many years and active as a layman in the Catholic Church. Born in Germany.  
She was born in Baden-Oensbach, Germany on April 13, 1870, the daughter of Valentine and Catherine Armbruster. At the age of 15 she came to the United States to live with an uncle in Walla Walla, Wash. Later she moved to Colfax, Wash., where she met and married Frank A. English in 1893. Mr. English died in Salem in 1930.  
The English family came to Salem in 1909 and for many years lived at 2680 Cherry Ave. Mrs. English was living with a daughter, Mrs. James A. Garson, at the time of her death.  
Church Member  
She was first a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and later of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.  
Surviving in addition to the daughter in Salem, are three sons, Dr. Penroyer English of State College, Pa., Felix English of Walla Walla, Wash., and Bryan J. English of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Albert Lewis of Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. Christina Weber of Tikoa, Wash.; a brother, Valentine Armbruster of Germany; three grandsons, Dr. James Garson of Portland, Lawrence Garson of Salem, and John W. English of West Palm Beach, Fla.; one great-grandchild and many cousins.  
Recitation of the Rosary will be held at Virgil T. Golden chapel Tuesday at 10 a.m. Interment will be at St. Barbara's cemetery.

# Horror-Type Comic Books Up in Flames

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — More than 8,000 horror-type comic books went up in flames here during the weekend in a rally which surprised even the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce.  
The Jaycees turned over a bound historical, animal or nature-lore book for every 10 crime or horror comic book turned in during a Saturday ceremony at a downtown park.  
Then, with the comics heaped in a pile, Alderman Syd Bowman touched off the bonfire.  
"It may have been a slightly melodramatic gesture," said Len Wynne, head of the group's youth leadership committee, "but drastic action seemed necessary to bring young reading habits to parents' attention."  
"It's careless parents who are responsible in the long run," he said of juvenile reading habits.  
He said the Jaycees hadn't expected more than 5,000 comics but that the youngsters, mostly in the 10-15 age group, surprised them. The purchased exchange books were purchased by the youth group.  
Wynne said the spectacular public bonfire had no significance other than to draw attention to the wrong kind of comics.

# Chemistry Set Drink Leaves No After Effects

A young Salem girl drank chemical from a toy chemistry set Sunday night but she apparently suffered no serious after effects, first aidmen reported.  
Aidmen were called to treat Frances Dotson, 9, after a report that she had drunk the chemical at her home, 1212 Aiken Dr. The girl vomited the liquid almost immediately and that may have saved her from serious harm, aidmen said.

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# At The Theaters Today

ELSINORE — "GOLDEN MISTRESS," with John Agar, "CROSSED SWORDS," with Errol Flynn  
"BLACK WIDOW," with Van Heflin  
"SHANGHAI STORY," with Edmond O'Brien  
GRAND — "WOMAN'S WORLD," with Clifton Webb  
"TERROR SHIP," with William Lundigan  
HOLLYWOOD — "SUSAN SLEPT HERE," with William Powell and Debbie Reynolds  
"ALLEGHENY UPRISING," with John Wayne

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# John Snyder Mav Testify In Tax Probe

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Globe-Democrat said Sunday night former Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder and former Internal Revenue Commissioner George J. Schoeneman are expected to be called as grand jury witnesses in a renewed investigation of the Internal Revenue Service.  
The newspaper said present plans call for the two men to be subpoenaed in the current inquiry.  
A federal grand jury at Omaha, Neb., investigating operations of the Internal Revenue Service, recently indicted C. Elmer Brown, a Philadelphia official of the agency on charges he lied in testifying he never did anything to obstruct a 1950 inquiry into the St. Louis internal revenue office.  
The newspaper said the time and place Snyder and Schoeneman are expected to be called "are matters which either are being kept secret or have not yet been decided."

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