

FLASHES

25 The Rhine between Emmerich and Bonn is reported to be going down at last - not a minute too soon for the unfortunate inhabitants thereabouts. The West German Parliament at Bonn used 10,000 sandbags to keep the water from the ground floor. The cellars were flooded days ago. The members are used to hot air; they don't want wet feet.

Flying to Peking Dag Hammarskjold was received with oriental politeness; <sup>7 films of behind the 9/c & delays in transit</sup> The UNO Sec. Gen. ~~met~~

25 ~~went there to meet the Red Republic's Premier Chou en Lai~~ to negotiate the release of 11 U.S. airmen, taken prisoner and still held on a charge of being spies. ~~In 14 hours,~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~spread over~~ 4 days they talked and talked. No result so far.

~~On St. Anthony's day of blessed animals in Rome.~~

~~Blessing animals day in Rome; on the day of the animals' patron saint, St. Anthony. One horse seemed to have~~

82 ~~Protestant leanings....~~ (After being blessed the animals are doubtless ~~hahaha~~ on their best behaviour for a bit, though its coming to something if you've got to tolerate a ~~man~~ cat a few inches away!

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FIRST FILMS.....UNITED NATIONS SEC'Y GENERAL IN RED CHINA

As the world awaited the result of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold's recent journey to Communist China, these first films from Peiping are released by the Reds. For the UN representative a 12-thousand-mile mission to Red China's Prime Minister, Chou En-Lai; to negotiate the release of eleven U.S. airmen jailed by the Reds as "spies." Prior to high-level discussions the visitors are guests at a cocktail party at the lavish "Palace of the Purple Light."

Then, for 13-hours and 45-minutes of negotiations during 4 days of talks --the thorny question of the release of the airmen. What China demanded in return for the flyers is still speculative.

Mr. Hammarskjold has insisted that no "deals" of any kind were discussed.