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The assassination of Count Bernadotte deepens the shadow over the world scene, as Statesmen meeting in Paris for the third U.N.O. Assembly pay their last tribute. The death of U.N.O.'s Palestine negotiator is one sign among many, that the authority of the United Nations is in question.

As the delegates of fifty-eight states assemble, their agenda contrasts sharply with the solemn undertaking of United Nations "to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours." This was made at the time when the world recoiled from the nightmare of Hiroshima. In this seared and wasted shell that was a city mankind read a last warning!

A world aghast at its own ingenuity saw and was afraid! Yet control of atomic weapons was U.N.O.'s first stumbling block.

But Russia would not agree to International control! From this first veto by the Soviet sprung twenty-seven others within less than two years. "No" to veto restriction! "No" to the principle of the majority vote! "No" to the admission of many Western Countries into U.N.O.

And "No" even to the romance of those foreigners who made the unhappy mistake of marrying Russian girls!

The denial of recognised human rights extended from the individuals to the great masses of the vanquished nations. Under the threat of mass starvation Berlin became the symbol of resistance against the veto on peace and progress.

Assembling at the House of Commons to hear a grave report, Britain's leaders come to the firm resolve to make a stand with their allies, for long tried patience is not to be confused with weakness.

The end of three weary years of bickering has, to Ernest Bevin, centred in Berlin. Still seeking peace through negotiation, the Allies look to their arms. The Royal Navy's autumn exercises bring the fleet to life.

America stages her biggest post war manoeuvres, the R.A.F. fast re-equipping, tests the defensive shield under which Britain finds that early and provident fear is the mother of safety.