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COLD WAR MOVES TO NEW YORK

Skyscraper-shrouding fog, leaden clouds, weeping skies....setting in New York when it truly becomes a world capital. To the U.S. arena will come participants for a "cold war olympics".....a score of heads of government....in verbal competition. Manhattan's police are ready. The presence of leaders unfriendly to the U.S. -- and -- democracy -- can trigger violence which must not happen here. The arrivals are kicked off by the bearded Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. After his landing at Idlewild Airport from Havana; newsmen note the Yankee-hating Castro, in familiar fatigue uniform, is subdued, almost ill at ease at times.....and for once, the marathon speaker has but a few words for the microphones.....The chill is obvious.... in sharp contrast to the enthusiasm of his nineteen fifty-nine reception here. Castro and members of his party drive to a hotel which reluctantly accepts them.....and which Fidel later leaves in a huff. In the evening, the first two heads of government from behind the Iron Curtain arrive for the United Nations assemblage. President Antonin Novotny of Czechoslovakia.....and Poland's Communist chief, Wladyslaw Gomulka. In prepared statements they each declare disarmament will be the leading issue before the world forum in New York.

Next day -- through the morning mist and rain comes Nikita Khrushchev's ship, the Baltika. American longshoremen in a chartered boat have their own "salute". This is an arrival minus the twenty-one gun harbor salute; no fireboats with cascading water; no ships sounding their horns in greeting; the familiar harbor welcome for chiefs of state is not for Nikita this trip. Not a single federal, state or city official is on hand for his arrival at an old pier, chosen ostensibly because it is a ship's berth most convenient to the United Nations buildings. Like Fidel Castro, the Soviet Premier is restricted to Manhattan during his U.N. visit. The tightest of security cordons surrounds the ship in the Kremlin.