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Russians Quit United Nations Health Group

Heavy Expenses Given as Reason For Withdrawal of Three Members

By United Press

RUSSIA, the Ukraine and White Russia withdrew today from the World Health Organization, contending that the United Nations organization's setup incurs expenses too heavy for member states to bear.

UN officials regarded with serious concern the withdrawal from the WHO of the Soviet Union and the two Soviet republics with separate voting privileges in the UN.

"UN leaders at Lake Success appeared to feel that the withdrawal did not portend a Soviet walkout from the UN itself."

Dr. Brock Chisholm, WHO director, announced the cancellation of the Soviet memberships in the only specialized agency formed and sponsored by the United Nations which they had joined. Russia also belongs to two other agencies—the International Telecommunications Union and the Universal Postal Union—but both were already in existence and were taken over by the United Nations.

Australia

A TOKYO dispatch to Australian Associated Press said today that U. S. Army Secretary Kenneth Royall was the "high American official" who said recently in Tokyo that U. S. troops might be withdrawn from Japan in event of war.

The dispatch, signed by Denis Warner, was published in most large Australian newspapers.

"As Royall now has denied he held off-the-record conferences in Tokyo with selected American correspondents, any reason for withholding the full facts of his visit to Japan no longer exists," the AAP dispatch said.

American correspondents in Tokyo last week cabled dispatches quoting an unnamed American high official as indicating that Japan has been relegated to a minor position in American strategy, and might not be defended in event of war. The correspondents concerned have refused to reveal the source of their information, on grounds that they were pledged to secrecy. Mr. Royall has denied repeatedly that he made any such statements.

Vatican

POPE PIUS today denounced totalitarian forces which he accused of trying to destroy the concept of society based on the will of God and dignity of man. The pontiff spoke out again on the Hungarian trial of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, his fifth pronouncement on it in a week. He addressed 34 diplomats accredited to the Holy See, who called on him for an exceptional mass audience.

The Pope said his heart was filled with deepest sorrow over the trial and life sentence of the Roman Catholic primate of Hungary.

London

AT LEAST nine countries lined up today to join the proposed Council of Europe, which will have its capital in the French city of Strasbourg on the upper Rhine 250 miles east of Paris.

A Danish foreign office spokesman announced in Copenhagen today that Denmark now is ready to accept an invitation to join the council. Other countries that would participate are Sweden, Italy, Ireland and the five Western Union nations—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Austria

BIG FOUR delegates working in London on an Austrian peace treaty agreed today to hear Ales Bebler, deputy foreign minister of Yugoslavia. The delegates finally concurred on the wording of a letter to Mr. Bebler informing him that his testimony will be welcome if he wants to make a statement. The position of Yugoslavia is the crux of the search for an Austrian settlement.

China

Premier Sun Fo denied to May at Canton that he has resigned or even contemplated re-

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