

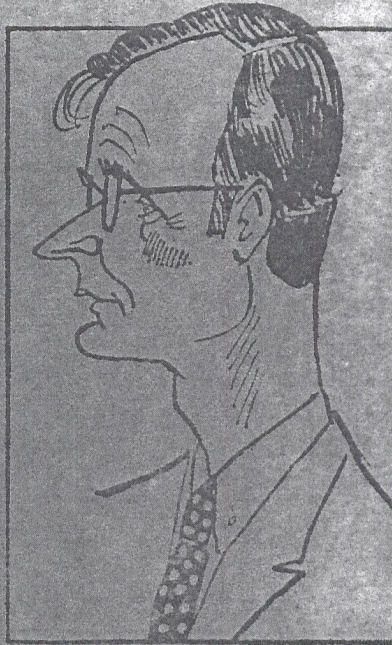
Our Man at Turtle Bay

To the Editor:

People with a temperate temperament have reasons to regret Ambassador Bush's less than temperate comment on what he called "intemperate language" used by Deputy Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua in the latter's inaugural address at the U.N. General Assembly on Nov. 15. Mr. Bush's statement offered nothing substantive and is hence suspect of merely making salvos of rhetoric (which he laid to Mr. Chiao). I think he has, deliberately or otherwise, misread the thrust and intent of Mr. Chiao's address.

The incident serves to point up something deficient in our representation and effective functioning in the United Nations. Last month Ambassador Bush miscalculated the supporting votes for his "important question" resolution. After the defeat of that resolution he waited too long before he moved his futile amendment to delete the expulsion clause from the Albania resolution then before the General Assembly, only to be ruled out of order by its President. Surprisingly, he did not challenge that ruling, which, according to the rules of procedure, could have been overridden by a simple majority.

Mr. Bush's reaction to the speech by the Chinese chief delegate came on the same day when 103 member states censured the U.S. Congressional action permitting chrome purchases from Rhodesia, against which the Security Council's 1966 economic sanctions still stand. One wonders whether the rebuttal was not a diversionary tactic to



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deflect attention from this impeachment by the world public opinion forum. The fact that the Ambassador chose a tennis match as the occasion to vent his ire at the visionary dark shadows only reminds one that this country needs a better parliamentary diplomat who knows how to play Ping-Pong diplomacy and not just to make ripostes on a tennis court.

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