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SMUTS GETS FRONT PAGE HEADLINES IN NEW YORK.

The New York Times says in a four-column front-page headline, "U.N.O. agenda debate forecasts storms as Smuts tries to bar India item, while the New York Herald Tribune says, also in a four-column headline on front page above a picture of Smuts and his A.D.C., Major Denis Keildowie, "Smuts sets off dispute of agendas".

In the introduction to its main news story, the Herald-Tribune says, "Field Marshall Jan Christian Smuts precipitated the first international clash of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The famed white-goated veteran of wars and international diplomacy argued that India's complaint was an infringement of the U.N. Charter.

S.A.Press Association 's special correspondent at the United Nations says that the clash over the South African Indian issue began suddenly and unexpectedly. It was in the small, smoke-filled Steering Committee Room, into which only 26 newspaperman from the total of more than 800 covering the General Assembly were allowed.

When the Committee met it was expected that the veto question would be discussed and that an attempt would be made by Russia to have the veto issue removed from the agenda.

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But when the Chairman M. Paul Spaak said "Gentlemen, we have before us a consideration of the provisional agenda- I take it there is no objection" there were a few seconds silence. Then General Smuts said "Mr. Chairman I would like to draw the Committee's attention to the wording of the Indian Government's item on the agenda- the treatment of Indians in South Africa".

That was the start of the clash.