as any **XEEXEX** people. But the group of thugs which is controlling the nation is one which no Christian has any right to co-operate with in any way. When the United Nations was founded **MEX** out in San Francisco the meeting couldn't

even be opened with prayer because it might offend some off the representatives of Stalin and consequently they had to have just a moment of silence. It was perfectly clear that no good could possibly come out of such an organization. Roosevelt bargained with Russia thinking that a certain amoung of good would come and we are increasingly seeing the evil which is coming. Jehoshaphat secured temporary results batx by his friendshipsxaf with Ahab. From a means which he perhaps never suspected there came this terrific evil that almost engulfed and utterly destroyed hit the land of Judah.

(Question) That has varied from time to time but in many Oriental kingdoms it has been customary that very great amount of authority is left with the quean's mother. In fact that in the family the queen's mother is very often has a considerable amount of authority in the family. The same thing is truecarried over into the kingdom. We don't have much detail given in the "ible about it. We have to infer from the few statements we find there and what we can see and acknowledge in certain other places.

(Question) No. Her son evidently did cut down her power tremendously as you say, but it was not customary so to do. (Question) No. You see, Athaliah married the crown prince. As the wife of the crown prince she had no authorityxsfxx in the kingdom whatever except a personal relationship that she had with her husband. Then as queen she still had no authority but she had considerable more influence than she had when she was merely the wife of the heir. Then as to the death of her husband, her influence would often seem to become greater than before, but it was an influence that was permitted by the king which the king could stop if he chose. Now the king could have stopped it but it was not customary to stop it. When Ahaziah died after eight years, he the next one inline was just a little baby. It was very easy is for her to

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