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There ~~WERE~~ other discussions today about the atomic bomb, out in Lake Success, Long Island, where the United Nations meet.

Now we have word that Warren Austin, permanent United States member on the U. N. Security Council, will go before that body tomorrow with this proposition: America will disarm as fast as anyone else, but the atomic bomb must be controlled first.

Austin will say, in effect, that the United Nations already ~~HAVE~~ spent six months discussing the atomic bomb -- result: No agreement.

~~THEREFORE,~~ if the major powers cannot agree on how to ban atomic weapons or how to see to it that ~~Atomic~~ bombs are not made illegally, then the world has no hope of general disarmament. Austin will assert that international control of the atom is the core of collective security and ~~therefore~~ the supreme objective of the United Nations.

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Russia has insisted that a general disarmament program be proposed within ninety days. We have refused ~~THE RUSSIAN PROPOSAL, and in turn~~ demanding that atomic control be given priority.

So tomorrow Austin will present a three-point compromise plan, a plan he hopes will break the deadlock between the United States and Russia.

~~And here is~~ The plan, in essence *is as follows:-*

First, the establishment of a Security Council Commission to junk all weapons except those weapons of "mass destruction." (Naturally, the atomic bomb would be Number One on such a list.)

Secondly, the Council ~~is~~ ^{To} agree ^{ON} how disarmament can be coordinated with the establishment of an international police force.

Lastly, a program to control atomic bombs as well as other "mass destruction" weapons through the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

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That's the plan that American Delegate Austin will lay before the Security Council tomorrow -- that's the plan on which we base our hopes for the safety and the security of the world.

ATOM

Bernard Baruch warned Senators today about Soviet spies who are trying to steal information about the Atomic Bomb. Although the Canadian Government broke up the espionage conspiracy in Toronto, and sent a member of Parliament to jail, as well as an English physicist and the President of ~~M~~ McGill University, he believes Moscow still is trying. ^π The recent reports that the Canadians have been delivering plutonium, a material of greater power than uranium, have aroused the suspicions of the elder statesman. Although several guilty people went to jail, the Soviets did obtain valuable knowledge. For that reason, Baruch ^{today} urged the Senators to give the soldiers more power over the atomic program, ^{and} appoint an Army officer as General Manager.. The idea so far ~~has~~ ^{been} ^{that power} to give ~~to~~ to a civilian.

This does ^{not} mean he disapproves of David E. Lilienthal as Chairman of the Commission. Senator McKellar of Tennessee, ^{who has an aversion to} ~~who has an aversion to~~ Lilienthal, did his utmost to get some derogatory statement out of Baruch.

He asked whether it was not a fact that Lilienthal knew nothing about the atomic bomb until it fell on Hiroshima.

To that Baruch replied: "Neither did I".

Which brought much laughter!
~~Which made everybody in the room roar with~~

~~Senator~~
~~laughter~~ McKellar, redfaced and angry, explained that he did not mean ^{that} Lilienthal was unaware of the existence of the bomb, but ^{that} he did not even know what made it explode. Again Baruch replied with a smile that he knew just as little, except that it's something that goes "boom" and kills ^{tens of thousands} ~~millions~~ of people.

that Sen. McKellar then asked whether he would approve of appointing a Communist to such a job. Baruch replied *that* he wouldn't appoint a Communist to any office at any time. He went on to say that he was astonished that Major General Leslie Groves, who had been in charge of the atomic project during the war, had been kept out of the Atomic Energy Commission. Baruch ~~said~~ ^{said} he would like to keep ^{Gen.} Groves on the job. Groves may not be diplomatic, said Baruch, but he gets things done.

All through his testimony he was emphatic about the need for secrecy on all phases of the program, until the United Nations has set up an organization for effective control.

Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, Chairman of the

Senate
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Committee remarked that there is one group of scientists

which believes in sharing all of our knowledge on

atomic energy with the rest of the world. ^{*To which*} Baruch replied:

~~With these words~~ ^{*Yea, and*} That is so nauseating to me, I never could understand it."

TRUMAN

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^{The President went on to} ~~He~~ urge Congress to hurry up about extending

his war ^{emergency} authority in those particulars, because, said he, it is unsettling both for business and the general public, to be obliged to wait until the last possible moment for decisions.

The message ^{to Congress} implies that controls over food ~~will~~ not be ^{needed} ~~necessary~~ except for our commitments abroad, promises to send meat, dairy products, fish and vegetables, to foreign countries. If we are to carry out those commitments, controls are necessary, says the President.

^{He went on to explain} that Allocations of building materials are necessary because of the extreme shortage of freight cars.

The first reactions to the President's message in Washington indicate that he will not get everything he asks. The Republicans controlling Congress do ^{too much} not care for the idea of continuing controls and rationing powers except over sugar and rubber.

PRESIDENT

(A committee of the House today ^{took up} ~~started~~ consideration of a bill to provide that no one should be President of the United States for more than two terms.)
The ~~bill~~ ^{is} offered by Representative Elsworth Buck of New York, ~~who~~ told the Committee that third and fourth terms always involve the calculated risk of a ~~dict~~ dictatorship.

Ingram McCormack of Massachusetts, ~~the~~ Minority Leader, ^{pointed out how} ~~there~~ there was a calculated risk in anything. ~~He~~ ^{said that} for his part, he had faith in the people. McCormack, of course, was one of the most ardent supports of ^{those} third and fourth terms for F.D.R. ^{And he's still} ~~he~~ against any restrictions whatsoever. ^{However} ~~but~~ ^{if} if we have to have any, ^{than} then he would prefer a single term of six years. ~~As he~~ explains it, in six years a President would have time to carry out his program without having to stop at the end of three to start thinking about reelection. ^{which} ~~which~~ statement drew ^{a chuckle,} ~~a chuckle~~ since it has been widely reported that the time when a President starts thinking about reelection is the day after he has entered the White

~~House, if not the day after election.~~

as well as Republicans say they
~~Marley~~ Democrats in the House want to take

up the question of the Presidential succession as well

as the no-third-term issue. *They say* They want to avert a

national crisis such as is happening in Georgia. One

~~of them~~ wants to amend the constitution so that we ^{will} have

not one Vice President but ~~also~~ a second Vice President ^{or}

— or a big concern, or a Union,

^{well,} just like a radio network. The Congressman who offers

that idea is Representative Mike Moroney of Oklahoma.

He would have the first Vice President ~~really~~ really

work at his job, be an assistant to the President in

administration, and let the second Vice President ~~be~~

^{over}
~~presiding officer of~~ the Senate, ~~and~~ go to parties, ~~and so on.~~

At the end of the session, the sub-committee decided to approve a constitutional amendment limiting Presidents to two terms of four years each. They hope to bring it up on the floor of the House before the end of the week.

PALESTINE

The latest move by the British High Commissioner in Palestine is a message to the Jewish Agency demanding its help in rounding up all the Terrorist Groups in the Holy Land; and, ~~that~~ within seven days. ~~In fact,~~ ^π Sir Alan Cunningham's letter to the Agency amounts to an ultimatum. ~~He ^{straight} says~~

~~that he ^{will} do if the Jewish ~~Exit~~ Agency fails to comply. ^{But} The unofficial explanation is that in case of failure, he ^{will} ~~would~~ withdraw his recognition of the~~

~~Jewish Agency. ^{Which} would mean the dissolution of the Agency, ^{place} martial law. ^π ~~The~~ ^{Jewish} Agency was officially recognized under the mandate, as representing the Jewish community.~~

~~^{The High Com} He asked the Agency and the Jewish National Council to call on the Jewish population publicly, within seven days, to cooperate with the police and the armed forces, in locating and bringing to justice ~~members~~ of the Terrorist Groups.~~

It is also reported that Sir Alan asked the Agency and Council to place the Security Force of the Haganah at the disposal of the British authorities

to help suppress the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang.

The Chief Justice of the Palestine High Court ^{has} rejected the plea, for a stay of execution for the Irgun ~~member~~ member, Dov Gruner. At the same time, a spokesman for the government said the execution of Gruner would be postponed for some weeks.

(British civilians and their families are being evacuated as quickly as possible. The first shipload arrived at Marseilles today. The streets of Jerusalem are practically deserted, cafes and shops almost empty.)

The Holy City never was so silent. Through the deserted streets walk patrols consisting of one policeman with two soldiers carrying submachine guns. Trucks are rolling constantly, carrying British women and children to the airfield.

In London, Jewish leaders made a new set of demands upon the British Government. They want a Jewish state set up in an adequate area with freedom

MITSCHER

Uncle Sam's Navy has lost a ~~f~~ great fighting Admiral, and a rare ~~extra~~ character, in the death of Admiral March Mitscher. He passed away at Norfolk Naval Hospital less than ~~an~~ a week after he suffered an attack of coronary thrombosis.

Marc Mitscher was a natural for the command of Task Force Fifty-Eight of the Pacific Fleet, the great Task Force that did so much towards the conquest of the Marshall Islands, the so-called Jap Gibraltar at Truk; Tinian and Saipan, in the Marianas, and eventually his ship swept down upon the main island of Honshu and bombarded the Japanese homeland.

He was a natural for all this because from the first he was an aviation enthusiast - having taken up flying shortly after he finished his work at Annapolis. ~~At~~ On that first trans-Atlantic Flight made by Navy planes way back in Nineteen Nineteen, March Mitscher, then a Lieutenant, was one of the pilots. For that, he was awarded the N.C. 4

medal, one of the most highly prized of all our naval

Later he earned the Navy Cross, the DSM, ^{decorations.} Legion of Merit and many more.

INSERT MITSCHER AFTER FIRST PARAGRAPH

Before he became Admiral, it was Mitscher who commanded the famous carrier Hornet at the triumphal battle of Midway.

He also skippered the Hornet when General Jimmy Doolittle took off from her deck for his famous raid on Tokyo.

~~decorations.~~

~~Later he earned the Navy Cross with two gold stars, the Distinguished Service Medal with two gold stars, and the Legion of Merit.~~

Aboard his flagship he was quite a colorful figure - and immensely popular with the men of his command. A bantam weight, lean, keen eyed, sharp nosed, and weather-beaten face wrinkled by all the winds that blow. Unruffled and unflurried at all times.

As an Admiral he also was famous for that cap he wore -- with the extra long visor. With it he set a new Pacific style.


No matter how close the Jap kami-kazis came to hitting his conning tower he never seemed to bat ~~xxx~~ an eye.

When he took his famed Task Force to within gunshot of Japan he dared what was left of the Japanese Navy and Air Force come out and attack him. But ~~they~~ by then the Emperor's Navy had almost ceased

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to exist, thanks in large part to what Marc Mitscher's men had done to it. And at that time the Japs were holding what was left of their air force for a last desperate defense, waiting for invasion.

It was less than a year ago that he took command of the Atlantic Fleet, at which time the President raised him to the rank of full Admiral.



FOLLOW_MITSCHER_STORY

YABBY The Naby announced today that the successor to Mark Mitscher as Commander in Chief of Uncle Sam's Atlantic Fleet is Vice Admiral William H. Blandy, of Operation Crossroads, the atom bomb experiment at Bikini.

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The Legend of the Headless Valley
And ~~the legend of the Headless Valley~~, dating back to the days when the white man peered into the

VALLEY

Two newspaper reporters from Vancouver are off on a strange assignment tonight. They're to explore that mysterious Headless Valley way up in the Yukon territory. It's one of the few remaining lands of legend. Legends of fabulous gold and danger and disaster also.

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And ~~the legend has persisted forty years~~ ^{THE LEGEND HAS PERSISTED FORTY YEARS}, dating back to the days when the white man pushed into the

ELEANOR

Taken from early ltr.

The Representatives of Soviet Russia do not wish to be mixed up with American Communists. ^{And} You could hardly blame them, ^{But what's the story?} ~~but does it seem likely to~~ ^{well} ~~be true?~~ Mrs. Roosevelt, ^{says she for one} ~~the widow of F.D.R. believes~~ ~~it is true.~~ ^{that} She does not believe Soviet Leaders today are giving active aid and comfort to Communist ~~gangs~~ ^{— nations — that} among peoples ~~who~~ are not Communists. So says the widow of our late President, who is our delegate to the United Nations. ^{She so states} in the current issue of Look magazine. The Russians, ^{says Mrs. Roosevelt,} ~~she admits~~ ^{And} are tough. Their delegates to the United Nations show in every way ~~that~~ what a well disciplined bunch they are. They carry out their orders to the letter, and ~~when~~ when they have no orders, they delay and, adds Mrs. Roosevelt, they are masterful in finding reasons for delay.

^{Also,} She does not see why we should not be able to get along with Soviet Russia just as we get along with Socialist Britain, providing - ^{and} ~~there's~~ ^{quite a} ~~big~~ string to ^{it -} ~~that~~ providing Soviet Russia gives no help or comfort to our Commies here at home. ~~She~~

~~Then~~ *Then she goes on to say*
~~says~~ [^] that in working with the Soviet Union, we will
have to lay aside our fear and dislike of American
Communists and not let it confuse our attitude toward
the Representatives of the Soviet Government. Even
though the Communists at home may believe the whole
world should share their ideas, ~~they~~ ^{*— says Eleanor —*} realize that they
have all the troubles they want at home. ^{*and*} They don't
believe it's possible to convert the whole world to
Marxism ^{*— And that's the ex-First*} just now. ~~That is the~~ Lady's opinion after her
experience in United Nations deliberations ^{*on*} top of
what she learned in the White House.

{ for full development of the resources of the land and
for increasing production. They want large numbers
of Jewish immigrants admitted immediately.

The Security Troops of Haganah, which
Sir Alan Cunningham is believed to have mentioned, would
be no ~~small~~ ^{small} force for suppressing the Terrorists. Last
July a British White Paper estimated their strength
at forty thousand men, and that includes a full army
of sixteen thousand Jewish settlement police. The
Palmach, an auxiliary of Haganah, has a peace time
strength of two thousand and can put six thousand men
into the field in case of war. Between them they ought
easily be able to cope with the five thousand of Irgun
Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang.

SUPREME COURT

Fifteen years ago, a court in Michigan charged a seventeen year old lad with murder, tried him, convicted him, and sentenced him to life imprisonment, all in one day. He served twelve years of that sentence without a murmur, then asked for a new trial.

And now today,
The Supreme Court of the United States ~~today~~ says ~~that~~ he was right, the procedure of the trial court ~~was~~ all wrong, *and* ~~the Justices declared~~ that this boy, Rene De Meerleer of Adrian, Michigan, had been hurried through unfamiliar legal proceedings without ~~a~~ *being given any* ~~word being said for his~~ defense, *said* ~~and, needed~~ Chief Justice Vinson, *today,* the State of Michigan ~~had~~ deprived him of rights essential to a fair hearing under the Federal Constitution.

17 yr. old Rene
Meerleer was charged with having killed the operator of a service station while trying to rob him. At the trial he ~~pleaded~~ pleaded guilty, though his father was in court and shouted to him not to do it. The court rebuked the father and stopped him from saying anything

further. The Judge never notified the boy that he was entitled to counsel, never warned him what the consequence would be if he pleaded guilty. ^{He Finally,} In Nineteen-Forty-Four, he asked for the privilege of withdrawing his original plea and asked for a ^{new} ~~fresh~~ trial. ~~But,~~ the same judge who ~~had~~ ^{long ago} sentenced him, denied his motion. ^{Whereupon, this time} ~~and then~~ the case went to the High Court, followed by today's rather startling announcement by the highest court in the land.

WEATHER

Now that the cold wave is over in Europe, we are in for one over here. It began in Western Canada and swept down on the North Central States, whipped by heavy gales. The thermometer is falling all over the Middlewest, with air traffic disrupted between Chicago and the Pacific Coast. There'll be ice and snow in the East before long.

And right now, Hugh, what from you?