

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

In spite of Russia's request for a postponement, the Security Council of the United Nations will meet in New York next week *on schedule.* That's the decision. Both John Bull and Uncle Sam have turned thumbs down on the delay. First of all, the British say in stately diction that there is no inclination on the part of His Majesty's government to support the Russian request for a postponement of the Council meeting. The spokesman for the London Foreign Office then added that Downing Street has had a note in the Kremlin, waiting there for three weeks, and no reply -- about the Russian ~~XXXXXX~~ treaty violation. And, the British say it concerns matters of extreme urgency.

A reporter today asked President Truman whether our government favored postponement. ~~the~~

His answer was an emphatic No. And what is more, the United States will press for immediate action on that question of Soviet troops in Iran.

Newspapermen who hustled over to the State Department, there encountered the Russian Ambassador on his way out from a meeting with Secretary Byrnes. Ambassador Gromyko said that if the meeting is not postponed, the Soviet Union will try to obtain a delay so far as consideration of the Iran matter is concerned. Since Russia and Iran are now in the throes of diplomatic negotiations, a delay, said he, would surely make it easier to find a solution. All of which jibes with reports from Teheran that the Russians are trying to come to terms with Iran before the Security Council meets, with Stalin rumored to have sent a message to Teheran yesterday.

The Soviet attitude, as stated by Ambassador Gromyko, is that bringing the dispute before the Council will only complicate the situation; that if the Council takes action, then it will be more complicated.

Obviously, what they want is to be able to present the U.N.O. with an accomplished fact. That was what Hitler was doing a few years back.

Congressmen have been urging President Truman to call a conference of the Big Three at once. But Mr. Truman still says No. He wants the U.N.O. to work out all these problems. However, he did say that he will be delighted to see the heads of state of Britain and the Soviet Union if they want to see him. But, he is not going after them.

IRAN FOLLOW U.N.O.

As for Iran, the news from Teheran is ominous. This is New Year's Day in the ancient capital of the Persians. And people are leaving Teheran - moving south. Running away, they say, because they are afraid the Tudey, the Left Wingers, ~~xxx~~ are reported to be about to stage a coup - an attempt to overthrow the government.

Yesterday the government arrested the leader of the pro-British anti-Russian Right Wing party. Allegedly an attempt to appease the Tudey.

According to reliable sources, the Soviet has recently moved troops into Kurdistan, the Iranian part of Kurdistan right on the frontier of Iraq. This, coming on top of the reports that a Kurdish autonomous government has been set up at Mehabad, may encourage the other Kurds to stir up more trouble in the south.

There is a further report that the Kurds tried to attack a town on the border between Kurdistan and

Azerbaijan. Teheran sent fighter planes and light bombers to chase them back into their mountains.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill, leaving for home, gave out what amounts to a message to the United Nations -- to the Security Council. Any delay in dealing with the Soviet-Iran situation, said he, would be very dangerous. If the U.N.O. permits any procrastination, Russia will confront it with an accomplished fact; possibly a Quisling regime in Iran. According to Britain's great wartime Prime Minister, there is peril to the peace of the world in letting matters go from bad to worse in Persia, and on the frontiers of Turkey and Iraq, where it is easy to foment disorder.

Churchill intimated that the present Middle East situation will constitute a test of the United Nations^S Organization, a chance for it to show whether it is a real or just a shadow -- whether it can deal with world problems.

He said all this in his cabin, aboard The Queen Mary in New York harbor, as he bade farewell to America. Jack Bisco, Vice-President of the United Press, was with him and got the statement.

He was most emphatic about the Iranian business; said that if the U.N.O. failed to deal with it, then the world would see how weak and futile that organization is.

The U.P. man also asked him what he thought about the efforts of the French, British and American governments to get Franco out of Spain. Churchill intimated that this came about because the French government yielded to ~~the~~ Communist pressure and picked a quarrel. He added that Franco ought to be grateful to the French government for giving him a new lease on life. If he, Churchill, were a Spaniard he would not like to live under Franco. But the Spaniards are a proud people, and don't like to be dictated to by outsiders.

Asked whether he still opposes International Communism, Churchill replied that he has never been able to develop any fondness for it. He added that all the Communists of the world would gladly have seen

England sunk forever by Hitler's Germany. And that it wasn't until Hitler attacked the Soviets that the Communists lined up with the rest of the world to fight Nazism.

He went on to express his undying admiration for the bravery and patriotism of the Russian armies; and his high regard for the Russian people, their courage, their comradeship, and their many other virtues. But, Communism: that, said Churchill, means the death of the soul of man.

The United Press Vice President then tackled a delicate subject, the reaction to Churchill's Fulton speech -- was he surprised? In answering he said his Fulton speech was addressed to long-term policies, in broad and general terms. And he added that since then the Iran situation has grown more critical, come to a focus. Then he repeated that the handling of it should not be beyond the capacity of the U.N.O.

Asked how he had enjoyed his eight weeks' rest

in America, he said he had enjoyed it enormously.

But that now he has got to go and really rest up from his American rest.

RUSSIA

More sabre rattling in Russia. Another Communist threat of war. Nor can we explain it away as merely the fulminations of an editor. For not a word is printed in Russia that doesn't first pass the government censor.

"New tasks confronting the Red Army," was the title of the article. "These tasks" writes the editor, "are determined by the fact that our State -- the U.S.S.R. continues to be surrounded by capitalist countries and reactionary forces. Their desire to redivide the world may again produce armed conflict".

However, there are some hopeful signs, tonight. The Soviets seem to be demobilizing to ~~some~~ some degree. That is, the Supreme Soviet last night issued a decree mustering out six war classes including part of the Air Force. However, the decree applies only

to enlisted men, meaning sergeants or less. So far no Russian officers have been demobilized.

Another hopeful piece of news is that Chungking announces that Russian troops are withdrawing from the capital of Manchuria. But, Chungking fears that the Russian evacuation will be followed by a battle between Chinese Nationalist and Communist troops for possession of the city; just as happened when the Soviets withdrew from Mukden.

INDIA

When the British government announced that it was getting out of India, giving the people of Hindustan the freedom for which they've been asking for so long,

~~some~~ ~~most of us~~ thought that would end that age-long squabble.

However, present indications are that ~~that idea quickly proved to be an illusion, for the~~

3 difference^s between ~~the~~ Moslems and ~~the~~ Hindus ~~became,~~

are becoming if anything, sharper than ever. A story today indicates

that there are also rifts among ^{the} different Moslem factions.

A New Delhi correspondent of the London Daily Herald, ^{the great} labor newspaper, has cabled ~~his paper~~ that the

British Cabinet mission to India started too soon.

That ~~it seems~~ they will be asking the Indians to ~~sign up~~ ^{accept}

~~for~~ freedom before they have made up their mind ^{just} ~~how~~

how to do it, and what kind of freedom they want.

This observation ^{is made} ~~as~~ a result of the ^{recent} elections in India. Moslem leaders named several provinces whose population, they said, would be overwhelmingly in favor

of establishing separate Moslem and Hindu states within India. But the election returns show that those people voted against the candidates who support that Moslem proposal.

FOOD

More food riots in Hamburg! No fewer than ten such incidents are officially reported. Mobs continued to loot food shops, ^{with} Shots were fired over the heads of the rioters, ~~but there is no report of who did it.~~

At one place, a hundred shoppers, chiefly women, smashed the windows of a store and stole the food. At another point, fifty people stopped a baker's truck. Elsewhere, three young boys, about fifteen, grabbed a baker's messenger and took all the rolls he was carrying.

~~The official explanation is that there is a shortage of bread.~~ In Hamburg, ~~because~~ the people ~~consumed~~ ^{have consumed} in the first fourteen days, an entire month's ration.

Ex-President Hoover, after his arrival in Paris, issued another appeal to the people of the U.S.A. He reported that the lives of thousands of French, particularly children, are at stake until the next harvest. French authorities have told him that they can get by

Atlantic City, the Central Executive of the
nominated Ex-Mayor LaGuardia of New York to succeed
Provided the present standards of rationing are
kept up until the harvest. Those levels are ten
ounces of bread a day, with twenty ounces of fat
and eighteen ounces of sugar a month per person.
Said Mr. Hoover: "Americans should weigh these quan-
tities and look at them." He found Paris a city of
lethargic and silent people.

Speaking from his long experience, he
declares that such are the infallible signs of
too little food over six long years.

Mr. Truman replied that at present the food
situation is not critical enough to make it necessary
to return to wartime food rationing. However, if it
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At Atlantic Cit, the Central Committee of UNRRA nominated Ex-Mayor LaGuardia of New York to succeed former Governor Herbert Lehman as Administrator of UNRRA. The vote was unanimous. This was done with the approval of President Truman, and LaGuardia has consented to accept.

It is a foregone conclusion that LaGuardia's nomination will be confirmed at a plenary session of of Unrra Council next week.

White House correspondents asked President Truman today what about the statement Lehman made that voluntary measures for saving food in America were not enough? Mr. Truman replied that at present the food situation is not critical enough to make it necessary to return to wartime food rationing. However, if it becomes necessary to prevent famine in other lands, the President will not oppose it.

O.P.A.

The O.P.A. today laid the blame for the black market in meat flatly in the laps of housewives.

P Housewives and butchers, it said, do not observe ceiling prices. So O.P.A. is going to try to start a campaign of education, ^{to} persuade the little women to keep their eyes on ceiling prices and report violations to the O.P.A.

In New York, the Secretary of the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, said that housewives in the cities are making their own butter. At least they are in Chicago, Washington and St. Paul, and probably in New York too. Of course, it costs from a dollar forty to a dollar sixty cents a pound to churn butter in the kitchen, since you need eight quarts of milk to make one pound of butter. But they would rather do that than pay a dollar-ten ~~cents~~ a pound on the black market. This Federation secretary said butter is almost non-existent because of price control and government subsidy policies.

In Washington, J. Howard Pew, President of the Sun Oil Company, gave testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee and added his voice to those lined up against O.P.A. The price control, he said, should end on June Thirtieth. The one thing that stands between the people and the goods and services they need, he continued, is O.P.A. Price increases no more cause inflation, than wet streets cause rain. O.P.A. propagandists have put out ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~specie~~ argument that price increases cause inflation. On the contrary, said J. Howard Pew, inflation is the result of an expansion in purchasing power, not matched by an expansion in the production of what people want to buy.

MINNIE

Specialist

On an Illinois Central train tonight, a ~~poor~~ little crippled girl from a small farm in Tennessee will be on her way ~~at seventy miles an hour~~ to St. Louis; and thereby hangs a tale.

The trainmen on the Illinois Central, as on many others roads, are a friendly lot. Part of their diversion while working is answering the shouts and waves from children who live along the right of way. Several months ago, the conductor of a freight train noticed that every time they passed a small tenant farm in Tennessee, there was a little girl in a rocking chair on the porch. Unlike the other children, she never ran down to the fence along the right of way, just stayed on her porch and waved. So Freight Conductor John McNamara of Memphis called at the house. The little girl, he learned, was fourteen year old Minnie ~~Rose~~ Webb, who had been crippled ~~three~~ ^{for} years. The surgeons had told her parents

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that ^a ~~the~~ proper operation would ^{enable} ~~make~~ her ^{to} walk again,
but the parents had no money for it.

Conductor ~~John~~ McNamara talked ^{this} ~~it~~ over with the
rest of the boys on the main line. A week later,
McNamara's train stopped right in front of Minnie's porch.
Out of the caboose walked a couple of brakemen carrying a
wheel chair, which they gave to Minnie.

But that wasn't all. ~~of it~~. The men of the
Kentucky Division of the I.C. adopted Minnie ~~Rose~~ as
their sweetheart. They took up a collection, ^{and} ~~then~~ they
told Minnie's parents to get the little girl dressed and
have her at a crossing tonight. ^{So} ~~and~~ at midnight the

1/2 Chickasaw Express, the crack train of the Illinois
Central, ^{will} ~~would~~ stop by Minnie's house, and Minnie ^{will} ~~would~~
be ^{on her way to} ~~taken to a private room in~~ a St. Louis hospital.

And now Hugh - on your way!