

TRUMAN

C.T. - Seneca Monday, May 6, 1946.

President Truman sent to Congress today the most revolutionary proposal that he has ever made. Historically ~~it is~~ one of the most revolutionary ~~that~~ any president has ever offered to the lawmakers. ~~It is~~ nothing less than a sweeping program for military cooperation between all the American republics. <sup>Meaning,</sup> ~~It would mean that~~ the entire <sup>(armed</sup> ~~militar~~ force of the new world would be fused into one <sup>homogeneous</sup> ~~unified~~ military establishment, trained and <sup>equipped</sup> ~~armed~~ by the United States.

Mr. Truman calls <sup>this</sup> ~~is~~ the Inter-American Military Cooperation Act. <sup>And he</sup> ~~he~~ asked the lawmakers to translate it into law as quickly as possible.

This would <sup>mean a</sup> ~~be a~~ unified naval, army and air force covering the western world, from the Antarctic to the Arctic Circle. <sup>With</sup> Standard weapons for land, sea and air <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ be supplied from the great arsenals of the United States.

The entire hemispheric force to  
~~This would~~ be led by an Inter-American-general-  
staff <sup>made up</sup> ~~comprised~~ of the chiefs-of-staff <sup>of</sup> ~~from~~ all the  
Americas. ~~It would~~ <sup>To</sup> be so organized as to be able to  
mobilize in a flash the entire military might of the  
Western Hemisphere.

The President emphasized ~~the fact~~ that there is  
no sinister motive, no threat to the independence of  
smaller republics in the major role proposed in this  
scheme. ~~of the United States.~~ Uncle Sam, said he, has  
<sup>special</sup> ~~peculiar~~ responsibility, for leadership, because of our  
preponderant resources, technical, economical and military.  
One provision would limit the size of the armaments of  
any one country, but at the same time would bring them  
fully up-to-date. For instance, other nations would  
turn in obsolete weapons and equipment, and receive in  
return modern materiel from Uncle Sam. <sup>TF</sup> The President  
would have authority to sell, or transfer by other means,  
any military or naval equipment of any other American

nation, including Canada. Countries receiving American arms, planes or ships would have more modern and standardized equipment than they had before.

The program is not intended to supersede or interfere with American obligations in the job of the United Nations. <sup>And,</sup> There would be no armament race in the Western Hemisphere. <sup>Those smaller</sup> ~~American~~ republics <sup>that don't</sup> ~~who do not~~ need large armed forces would not be encouraged <sup>to waste</sup> ~~at the~~ <sup>wealth on armament.</sup> ~~same time, as~~ ~~various groups in the Americas would not~~ ~~benefit~~. The execution of the program would be guided by <sup>a</sup> determination to guard against letting weapons of war fall into the hands of any groups who <sup>might</sup> ~~may~~ use them to oppose peaceful and democratic principles. <sup>Wonder</sup> ~~it sounds~~ <sup>if that could mean</sup> ~~like a hint to~~ Argentina?

## IRAN

This is May Sixth, the date on which Soviet Russia promised to have all forces withdrawn from Persia. How about it? Well, a message from Teheran reports that the last remaining Russian column right now is racing toward the border in order to beat the deadline, which is midnight. This column consists of a hundred and twenty-eight trucks and half-tracks, twenty-five tanks, and four Soviet staff cars.

The Persian government reports that so far as it knows, the Soviet government is honestly fulfilling its promise. The British agree that this appears to be true, but they have their fingers crossed, and Sir Alexander Cadogan proposes to argue that the Security Council of U.N. keep the matter open until the fact is definitely proved.

demonstrations to the walled city -- old Jerusalem of the Mosque of Omar and the Holy Sepulchre.

The infuriated women snatched the standards under which the placards were nailed and used them as clubs -- used them on the heads of the unfortunate British. Finally, an officer who spoke Arabic, used his eloquence on the irate Moslem ladies; persuaded them to send a delegation to the American Consulate instead of swooping down in a mob. Eventually, that was done, and a small group of veiled women went to Consul General Lowell Pinkerton and <sup>pleaded</sup> ~~pleaded~~ with him.

ADD STRIKE - 3

Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Washington, St. Louis, Buffalo,

St. Paul, Duluth, Nashville - all <sup>with</sup> ~~have~~ the same story: ~~to~~

~~reports:~~ only a few days' supply on hand. City

authorities ~~are~~ preparing to take over. <sup>TP</sup> The Health

Commissioner of New York City is ready to call a City

Disaster Control Board to handle the situation. <sup>here</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~In~~ <sup>In</sup> New York ~~City~~ there is only enough coal to keep the

utilities going for three weeks. In other cities, less.

Here is the latest: - a  
statewide brownout in  
Indiana!

## CONFERENCE

The Foreign Ministers, meeting in Paris, seem to have run into heavy trouble over the Russian demand that the Jugoslavs be made a present of Italian Trieste. Jugoslavia, under Tito, is of course a mere satellite of Moscow.

Byrnes and Bevin stand on the fact that the population of Trieste is predominantly Italian. Secretary Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, told Molotov today that they would not compromise over Trieste. Molotov replied that neither would he give in. So, they adjourned.

## TRIAL

In Nuremberg, the War Crimes Court went through the cross-examination of Hitler's Minister of Economics, Dr. Walter Funk -- the last President of the Reichsbank. The prosecutor brought up the fact today that Funk joined the Nazi Party at the suggestion of big German industrialists. They wanted a man on the inside. And he was their choice.

Herr Doctor Funk tried to give himself a smooth coat of whitewash by saying that he was a banker, a specialist in business and finance, and had nothing to do with any of the methodical Nazi cruelties. That he had no hand in the looting of occupied countries. That all he did was sign edicts for Jewish persecution -- did so under orders from higher authority. All of which he said was no crime against humanity. He described himself as just a little man who approached doors that never were opened wide to him.

Whereupon the American prosecutor introduced a letter written by Funk, in which Funk demanded authority



over all Nazi economy. In other words, he wanted authority second only to Hitler. The prosecutor also produced a secret document signed by Funk, in which he said that the shortage of labor had to be made up by the employment of prisoners of war -- which, of course, is against the international code.

Funk visibly winced, lived up to his name, Funk, when the prosecutor said he was going to produce a film proving that gold fillings taken from the teeth of prisoners had been deposited in Dr. Funk's bank to increase the gold supply.

FOOD

Former President Hoover today sent an urgent appeal to Russia, a plea that the Soviets help the starving peoples of the world by releasing the supplies of food that Russian troops seized in Manchuria. As Mr. Hoover put it, "secured in Manchuria."

He sent out this appeal ~~xxxxx~~ <sup>after</sup> he had long talks with General MacArthur and ~~xxxxx~~ <sup>experts</sup> at headquarters in Tokyo. If Russia would release to China and Korea part of the foodstuffs taken in Manchuria, the whole situation would be greatly helped, said Mr. Hoover. The crisis, world-wide, is mounting. And he added that between now and September First, there is going to be a hungry world no matter what we do. Among other things he said that Japan must have imports, without which the Japanese will go on a ration only a shade better than the Germans gave their prisoners at notorious Buchenwald and Belsen.

## COAL

On the thirty-sixth day of the coal strike, Congressmen were crying for the prosecution of John L. Lewis and his lieutenants. The situation is alarming, ~~to say the least, and that is a mild word.~~ More and more ~~other~~ industries are being hamstrung by the shortage of coal. General Electric announced<sup>s</sup> that its plants ~~would~~<sup>will</sup> have to shut down next week if the coal and copper strikes are not ended. <sup>A</sup> Blast furnaces and open hearths are shutting down. Steel mills at Gary, Indiana, and in the Chicago area are being closed. There is a cut in the shipment of iron ore from the Minnesota mines. Five railroads have cut their service in the middlewest drastically. Chicago, Washington and Philadelphia are in semi-darkness. The City Council of Detroit is planning to brownout the automobile capital.

The White House tonight will be under a brownout, just as it was in wartime. Electricians all day have

been removing large sized bulbs from floor lamps, cutting off every light that can be dispensed with.

In Washington, Senators were as indignant as Representatives, <sup>and</sup> Democrats ~~as~~ Republicans. In fact, the Democrats were more vocal than those of the other party. Scott Lucas, Senator from Illinois, called on the government to throw Lewis into jail under a federal statute which prohibits any strike that endangers the public health. <sup>That</sup> If the Department of Justice cannot enforce that statute, there should be a secret investigation <sup>by</sup> the Senate to decide what action can be taken.

The Illinois Senator is drafting a law which would make it a criminal offense to conspire to paralyze the welfare of the nation. Other Democratic Senators from widely separated parts of the country backed him up. They urged that the upper Chamber put all other matters

aside, even the British loan, <sup>the</sup> draft, and O.P.A., until the coal strike is settled.

John L. Lewis stands pat, and remains majestically indifferent to the clamor. He paid no attention to a meeting called this morning in the Labor Department for negotiations. In the House are two bills which would make it illegal for Lewis to collect the royalty he demands for every ton of coal that is mined. A Judiciary Sub-Committee started to hold hearings, but Lewis snapped his fingers at them. One Representative declared that they ought to throw Lewis in jail and throw away the key.

Chester Bowles, the Economic Stabilizer, told another Committee that if the strike is not settled soon, he does not know what will happen to the country's food supply.

Another Congressman said Lewis was worse than

Petrillo. Several Congressmen agreed that this country cannot continue to operate on an economic basis, when one small group of people can stop everything.



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ADD\_COAL

President Truman put in a full hour today , talking over the big strike with his advisors. When it was over, Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach told newspapermen he could not tell them anything about the conference. Observers in Washington are waiting feverishly, expecting action by the White House any moment. But at present there is no indication of any.

The ~~xxxx~~ effects of the strike will be felt all over the country for more than a year. J.A.Krug, Secretary of the Interior, said soft coal would have to be rationed next winter, even if the strike ended immediately. Even today the emergency stockpile under government control, is down to three weeks' supply for such essential places as hospitals, railroads and other public welfare consumers. When that reserve is gone, there is no further help in sight.

It may be that antracite will have to be rationed also next winter. It probably will take the form of brownouts in localities instead of federal action.

## MUSKOX

A unique military maneuver was successfully finished in Canada today. Its official name, "Operation Muskox," and a most appropriate name it was. The object was to show how effective coordinated military operations can be under Arctic conditions. The operation lasted eighty-one days, and took a force of men on a ~~trek~~ <sup>trek of</sup> three thousand, two hundred miles through the bleakest part of the Canadian north -- across the Barren Lands. Up there where the Musk Ox roams. Hence the name: "Operation Muskox."

Those who went on this Arctic show were picked for their hardihood and their eagerness to buck the Arctic. Some drove snowmobiles through northern Manitoba and Alberta, and the two northern territories of Keewatin and MacKenzie. These averaged thirty-five miles a day, and ran into temperatures as low as fifty below. The force on the ground was supported by planes specially equipped for Arctic flying.



HATS

Here is a story about women's hats. And it's not funny. It comes from none other than Henry Wallace. That is, from his Commerce Department.

The little woman -- yours and mine -- is spending two hundred and fifty million dollars a year on hats. One quarter of a billion!

Experts in the Commerce Department opine that all this is because of the war. Since women have not been able to buy all the gowns and suits they want, they go in for hats -- and in a big way!

Two hundred and fifty million dollars worth a year! — of women's hats — and that includes your wife, Hugh?