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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Late news from the United Nations discloses a new uproar of argument, after the big powers had seemed to have reached a compromise. Earlier in the day, the word was that there had been a compromise -- a settlement of the loud battle about the numbers of soldiers that nations have, and, the quantities of atomic bombs that Uncle Sam possesses. The whole thing to be allowed to drop, while the United Nations got together on a general program of disarmament. Everybody agreed that Uncle Sam would stop asking Stalin about the size of his army, and the Soviets would call off their atomic inquiries addressed to us, stop all that while the U.N. is called upon to take immediate action on a disarmament program -- including, of course, atomic control. That in effect would put off the whole thing until next year's get together of the U.N. Assembly, and didn't seem to be anything more than a

mere delay.

Nobody was particularly satisfied, and this afternoon the Soviets tossed a monkey wrench -- stating thaty they could not consent to the earlier compromise.

The British Navy has rescued the ^{gal}Jewish immigrants ~~who were~~ shipwrecked on ~~a tiny island~~ ^{that rocky isle} of the Dodecanese - and ^{has} taken them to Cyprus. It is disclosed that eight Zionists lost their lives in the shipwreck, and seven ~~others who were~~ injured, have been taken to a hospital on the island of Rhodes. The remainder, seven-hundred-and-forty-two, go to Cyprus - where so many illegal immigrants are being interned.

This comes officially under the heading of life-saving and rescue. But there's fear that the extremists of Palestine will consider it - deportation. The truce ~~that is~~ now being observed by Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang has a proviso that trouble will begin again, if deportations are resumed. The hope is that they will regard the taking of the castaways from ~~the~~ shipwreck to Cyprus as a mercy operation, but word from Jerusalem notes that the reactions of the extremists are unpredictable.

Meanwhile, forces of the Jewish underground have raided an Arab village, and seized hostages. The raid is attributed to the big Jewish underground army, Hagana, and it is said to have been in retaliation for Arab thefts of Zionist weapons. It appears that Moslems have been looting the secret armament of the Jewish underground. ^{TP} The raiders today, sixty in all, held up ^{an} ~~the~~ Arab village, ~~of which~~ and carried off a son and a cousin of the village ^{sheikh} ~~chief~~. These they are said to be holding as hostages, until stolen weapons have been returned.

~~In Switzerland, the World Zionist Congress today heard an American-Jewish demand for an all-out policy in Palestine. The delegate from the United States, Emanuel Neumann of New York, denounced the proposal to partition the Holy Land. European Jewish leaders have made concessions along that line, and these were~~

Whether that's true or not, the Russians were the ones to object. This afternoon, Vishinsky told the other delegates his Government could not accept the proposal. So temporarily at least, the Powers are stalled on disarmament.

And time runs out, the Disarmament Committee is holding its last meeting tomorrow morning, and most of the delegates are planning to depart from New York on Saturday on the Queen Elizabeth.

Most annoyed at the failure of the ~~ix~~ plan was British Delegate, Sir Hartley Shawcross, who now announces that he's ready to fight every inch of the way for a census of all troops of all nations, at home or abroad.

"I was in a compromising mood last night, but now I'm ready for a fight," so says the British Delegate.

ATOMIC CONTROL (Substitute for early Atomic Control story.)

The United Nations proceedings at Lake Success were going along smoothly today -- swimmingly in fact. There was Big Power harmony on disarmament, and matters were moving toward a vote.

Then at the ~~xx~~ eleventh hour, an uproar, no more harmony -- all discord. And now -- chances of an early agreement on disarmament seem further away than ever tonight.

Who caused the uproar? We claim it was the Russians

Early today, an agreement in ~~xxxx~~ principle was reached, a compromise plan for outlawing the atomic bomb, cutting down armies, reducing armaments -- all subject to an inspection system unhampered by the veto.

But this afternoon that was all off. Nobody wants to admit throwing ~~xx~~ the monkey wrench into the works. The United States and Great Britain are pointing accusing fingers at Russia. Other sources say the United States would have objected to the plan if Russia had not done so.

U.N.

~~The Foreign Ministers, in their deliberations,~~
~~agreed that peace treaties with Italy, Romania, Bulgaria~~
~~Hungary and Finland shall be signed on February Tenth.~~
~~The terms of the treaties agreed upon, the documents~~
~~will be signed - in Paris. And that will go a long way~~
~~to bring Europe back to normal, after World War Number~~
~~Two.~~

In the matter of a ~~new~~ permanent site for the
United Nations, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., steps forward.
The heir to the great oil fortune, who has now turned
so largely toward philanthropy, offers to give eight
and a half million dollars toward the establishment of
permament headquarters of the United Nations in New
York City. This is in connection with a proposal to
develop "a-city-within-a-city" on New York's East Side --
a development that has already been mentioned to the
U.N. as a possibility.

John D. Rockefeller will back it up to the tune of eight and a half million dollars - if the City will make some concessions and ~~if~~ he also asks that, if the plan is adopted, the U.N. headquarters be free of taxation.

IRAN

The war over the election in Persia came to a sudden end today, with the people ~~of Iran~~ ^{scheduled to go} ~~going~~ to the polls. The rebel leaders in the Province of Azerbaijan announced a quick agreement to let troops of the Iranian government supervise the balloting in Azerbaijan. The reason for the concession was obvious - government troops driving swiftly, the rebel forces unable to put up any kind of resistance. So they announced a complete capitulation.

It was disclosed today that the Iranian ~~gm~~ government, in sending its troops into Azerbaijan, did so in spite of two separate protests by Soviet Russia, ~~the Soviets warning the Iranians not to resort to military force against the rebels of Azerbaijan.~~ Nevertheless, the Iranian government, ~~induced by~~ ^{went ahead} declaring that its troops would police the balloting in the troubled province - as apparently they ~~were~~ ^{did take}.

CORRESPONDENTS

Athens buzzed with rumors today that two American correspondents, travelling by jeep through the mountainous area of North Central Greece, had been captured and perhaps killed by Greek Communists.

Correspondents Bob ~~R~~x Vermillion of United Press and John Phillips of Life and Time had left the Greek capital almost two weeks ago to report on gue rrillas fighting near the Bulgarian frontier.

Then, no further word. Today tieir jeep was found abandoned in an area described ~~g~~x by the Athens Government as "infested with Communists."

Government troops were rushed to the scene. But the guerrillas were present also and in sharp fighting, drove off the Government forces.

However -- the story has a happy ending. Tonight, Phillips and Vermillion strolled into the Northern Greek town Trikalla, safe and sound. Where had they been? ~~W~~x Why, with the guerrillas, and by their ~~x~~x own desire. Just getting the other side of the story.

FRATERNIZATION

In Germany today, General McNarney announced officially - the final end of non-fraternization. Our commander over there stated that American soldiers will now be permitted to take German wives ^{---will} be allowed to marry frauleins before going home from Germany.

To which was added a statement by the Army Director of Public Relations, that the frauleins who marry G.I's will probably be treated like "war brides" of any other kind. They'll have the same privileges granted to women of Allied nations who marry American soldiers.

That ends the much debated business of non-fraternization, which never did work. There was always an abundance of fraternization - of which getting married was the least reprehensible.

HITLER

I suppose there'll be no end to legends about Hitler, stories that the Nazi Fuehrer is still alive. The latest is given by a Swedish newspaper, which today printed an account with detail of the most precise kind.

The story, for the most part, concerns Martin Bormann, Hitler's Deputy Fuehrer - who was supposed to have perished, as did Hitler, in the flaming fall of Berlin. There's plenty of evidence to indicate that Bormann was killed, but not enough to make that final and definite. So, the Nuremberg tribunal kept Bormann on the list of Nazi war criminals on trial, and sentenced him to death - in absentia. And now the story is that Martin Bormann was alive in Sweden last April, nearly a year after the European war - and Hitler's Deputy Fuehrer is said to have gone from Sweden to South America.

The account in the Stockholm newspaper ~~is said~~

~~to have been given by~~ ^{tells of} a Swede who met Bormann last April at a secret gathering place of fugitive Nazis. This is said to have been in the old city of Malmoe, which is described as the center of underground activity for getting Nazi war criminals across the Atlantic - to South America. We are told that Bormann had a different kind of face - having undergone a facial operation to change his looks. He is quoted as saying that plans were being made for a revival of Nazi power, Bormann putting it in these words - "We will be back within five years, in a way that the world will never forget."

At this meeting in ^{April,} ~~March~~ Bormann is ^{reported to} ~~said to~~ have been asked ~~h~~ about Hitler's fate, and his answer is quoted as follows: "Is Hitler dead?" he exclaimed. "Why, I met him in Bavaria a short time ago."

That answer placed Hitler alive in Bavaria,

many months after the end of the war. - ~~to which~~ It was
pointed out ^{to Borman that} the charred remains of Hitler's body had
been found. The one time Deputy Fuehrer is quoted as
replying: "Yes, but they also found my dead body."

This last remark is the obvious weak spot in the
story - there never having been any official report
that Borman's body had been found. ^R Weak spot or strong
spot - there's no let-up of rumors that Hitler is
still alive.

VENEZUELA

~~There was~~ An attempted revolution in Venezuela today - a failure, apparently. ^{And the revolt} ~~It~~ broke out at the military airbase of Maracay, and two rebel planes got away - flying to a destination unknown. One plane flew over the capital city of Caracas today and fired its machine guns, but ~~it~~ was ~~just~~ chased off by anti-aircraft fire - no damage done.

The President of Venezuela announced^S that all constitutional guarantees are suspended, and declares that the revolution is under control, and will be at an end in a few hours. He blames the trouble on politicians of the previous regime - which was overthrown a little more than a year ago.

TOKYO TRIAL

At the war crime trial in Tokyo, some of the most damning of evidence was entered today against the Jap warlords - evidence that the atrocities in the Pacific war were a part of a military policy - and not the savage doing of battle maddened soldiers. ~~Before the high tribunal, evidence was placed by~~ Associate Prosecutor Pedro Lopez, of the Philippine Republic, he presented diaries, notebooks and letters to show that the Jap soldiers were revolted and horrified by their own atrocities against innocent civilians.

In a diary placed before the court today, a Japanese infantryman noted that he had killed a hundred Philippine civilians. To this he added the comment, "Although it is for my country's sake, it is sheer brutality."

Another Jap soldier told of the torture of Philippine guerrilla fighters. "It was pitiful", he

wrote. "I could not watch. Indeed," he noted, "the Japanese army does extreme things."

Still another had this to say about the Filipinos: "It was hard for me to kill them, because they seemed to be good people - but I stabbed several."

The evidence today gave a picture of the ordinary Jap soldier committing atrocities, not because of his own will, but in obedience to~~ward~~ his officers.

PLANE

Still no word tonight of the Marine Transport plane which, with twenty-nine marines and a ~~plane~~ crew of three, is missing ~~tonight~~ somewhere near *Olympia in* ~~Washington,~~ *and Portland, Oregon.* ~~But~~ there's only faint hope that they will be found alive in the hilly, brush-covered area, now fog and storm-bound.

~~But~~ Weather hampered search efforts today, — ice and snow and rain; ~~and~~ low hanging clouds and fog obscuring the area.

Last report from the plane received last night said: ~~ominously~~, "Flying at nine thousand feet, with ice forming on wings."

ROBBERS

Here's a classic on a theme we often find in the world of cops and robbers - the way crooks, stealing a lot of money, will go in for lavish spending - which gives the police a clue.

At Philadelphia tonight are a colored couple, Jeffrey and Roselle Montgomery. They are being held without bail for robbing a Philadelphia contractor's ~~aff~~ office of forty thousand dollars in cash and War Bonds. The detective work in the case was not difficult, the police picking up a string of clues that hit them square in the eye. They trailed the colored couple all the way from Philadelphia to North Carolina, the trail being a primrose path of dazzling and magnificent spending.

They blew in four hundred dollars for an evening of revelry at a Harlem night club. They spent five hundred dollars for perfume, and bought eight hundred dollars' worth of wrist watches. They took a

~~They took~~ a taxi from New York to North Carolina, which cost them five hundred dollars. They bought an automobile for twenty-five hundred, and a truck for another twenty-five hundred. The spending all along the line was in proportion. ^{When} ~~But~~ the police caught up with them at Fayetteville, North Carolina, they had ten dollars left.

Well, easy come, easy go - and then go to jail.

DOG

Here's a heart-breaking story, and I ask you to shed your tears in abundance. At Vancouver, British Columbia today, a woman called the police and put in a complaint about the children in her neighborhood.

She asked the ~~police~~^{cops} to make those kids keep quiet.

"They are so noisy," said she, "that my dog suffered a nervous breakdown." Yes, those kids made such a racket that the nerves of the pooch were frayed and frazzled.

Because of that, said the lady, her dog had to go to a hospital. "He spent ten days in a hospital recuperating," she related, ~~and added~~^{and she went on:-} "He has been home three days now, but I fear that, if the noise continues, he will get a ~~xxx~~ relapse."

It looks as if they might have to shoot the dog -- or the children.

AUTHOR

Here's a story that Edmund Wilson may write in his next book - or maybe he won't. It's a story with a kick - and it happened to him.

Edmund Wilson is the author of the much debated "Memoirs of Hecate County", which has been banned far and wide on grounds of obscenity. Out in Nevada, he has just been divorced from his third wife, and at the same time somebody else was getting a Nevada divorce - Mrs. Elena Thornton. Shortly after the two ~~dissolutions~~ ^{dissolutions} of marriage, Edmund Wilson and Mrs. Thornton were married - things happening quickly.

This new romance of the author of the stories of Hecate County was of news interest, and a lot of reporters flocked around - but, for some reason, Edmund Wilson was determined to have no publicity. He seemed to have a phobia for reporters, and took measures to elude them - but in vain.

He and his bride hastened to the Reno railroad station, to catch a train for San Francisco - and, at the station, the reporters were waiting for the newly wedded couple. Whereupon there ensued a scuffle and a chase. ^R The newsmen tried to stop Wilson to interview him, and he took a swing at a reporter, who ducked. *And* ~~he~~ ^{he} tried to snatch ^a ~~the~~ camera from a news ^{photographer,} ~~reporter~~.

^{TP} The next thing - the irate author was hurrying through passenger cars, with reporters in hot pursuit. He went dashing through five cars. Then, when he reached his own compartment, a telltale sign was seen. On the seat of the author's pants was a footprint, a clearly marked impression of the sole of ^{a reporter's} ~~a~~ shoe.

1/4 So that's the tale ^{with a} ~~of the~~ kick. — Nelson.

WALTER JOHNSON

President Truman led this nation today in paying honor to Walter Johnson. That mightiest of speed ball pitchers ~~died last night at fifty nine.~~ ^{whose} His career was one of legend, blazing the ball past innumerable hitters. And millions of Americans, whose memories go back to the Walter Johnson era, will join President Truman in saying that Walter Johnson had always been one of his heroes.

I can pay my own tribute ^{best} ~~to the great pitcher,~~ ~~by Walter Johnson,~~ by recalling an odd and absurd thing that happened to me a couple of months ago. At a party for some air force officers in Washington, I sat at dinner next to the wife of one of them - a comely young woman who said she lived in Washington. I suppose I was trying to make an impression by remarking that I knew some of the great people of the town. Anyway, I told her I knew Walter Johnson. I said that Walter

had, in fact, played on a foolish softball team of ours - the Nine Old Men. When I got through bragging to the young lady about how I knew Walter Johnson, she said: "Oh, I'm Walter Johnson's daughter!"

That set me down a bit, after which I asked her about her father - who was then ill. She said he was not well at all, but the family had hopes he would get better. ^{But} Walter Johnson was ^{then} ~~in fact~~ in his last long illness - which led to the news of his death today.