

LI L.T.-K. - Wed. Nov. 18 - '53.

The Political committee of the U N, today, recommended - that the major atomic powers hold secret talks on disarmament. The vote - forty-four to zero. But that doesn't mean the Soviets voted -- yes. The Communist bloc of nations didn't vote at all - they abstained.

Previously, Moscow delegate Vishinsky had argued against the recommendation, in spite of efforts to compromise. Vishinsky, in his usual ~~regret~~ ^g rugged mood.

Nevertheless, the Soviet bloc merely abstained from voting, and the measure was adopted - calling on the atomic powers to talk disarmament.

CHURCHILL

London says Prime Minister Churchill may come up with a new international idea - "an armed truce." He's thinking about suggesting this at the Bermuda conference. - ~~with President Eisenhower and~~

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~~to propose~~ non-aggression ~~treaties~~ treaties between the Soviets and the West.
~~the~~ problems of international dispute be left until the future. ~~the~~

~~to go over~~ until a time when there's a better mood for a settlement.

Meanwhile, both sides would rest on ~~the~~ their weapons, guaranteeing each other against aggression - "an armed truce."

KOREA-CONFERENCE

A new communist proposal in the debate over a peace conference - is being received with cautious interest by our side. So stated in a dispatch from Pan Mun Jom.

The Reds now suggest a compromise for the admission of neutral countries. Soviet Russia - to sit in as a

neutral, ^{and on a} ~~but they'd be~~ non-voting ^{basis.} ~~members.~~ The Soviets and neutrals of Asia - to attend in an advisory capacity.

^{Which is} ~~that~~ a decided concession; and today U.S. Ambassador Arthur Dean met with Red negotiators to consider the new development.

ESPIONAGE

Today we have another page in the story that has been dominating the news. This one - concerning Harold Glasser, who was an assistant to Harry Dexter White, when the latter was ~~Asst~~ Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Glasser's name was on that F B I list which J. Edgar Hoover sent to the White House.

Senator Jenner, Chairman of the committee, produced records, today - showing the following:- The F B I reported on Harold Glasser at the beginning of Nineteen Forty-Six. But he was kept on his treasury job, and given a promotion - in August of that year. Promoted - to the job of Director of the Division of Monetary Research of the U.S. Treasury.

In Nineteen Forty-Seven, Glasser was adviser to General George Marshall -- then Secretary of State, when Secretary Marshall attended a council of Foreign Ministers in ~~Moscow~~ Moscow.

He kept his treasury job until the end of Nineteen forty-Seven -- when he resigned, and took a post with the

Council of Jewish Federations. Recommended to the Council - in a letter signed by the then Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder. The letter praised Glasser highly.

The next year, Nineteen Forty-Eight, Glasser was accused of espionage in public testimony given by former espionage courier Elizabeth Bentley. Whereupon the council of Jewish Federations wrote to Secretary Snyder, saying the charges against Glasser were "very disturbing." The Council got a reply from the Secretary, saying - the letter of recommendation still stood. And adding: "No information regarding Mr. Glasser has been called to our attention that had not previously been considered." Which would seem to indicate -- that the charges made by Elizabeth Bentley had been known and considered.

Last April, Glasser was called on to testify, and refused to answer questions about alleged espionage activities -- taking refuge in the Fifth Amendment.

The committee wants to question former Secretary Snyder - who says he can't ~~see~~ come to Washington right away. But -- will be glad to furnish "any facts" or "answer any questions."

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WIRE TAP

The Democratic leader in the House of Representatives agrees with Attorney General Brownell -- that the government should be allowed to use wire-tap evidence in espionage cases. Senator McCormack of Massachusetts points out that, all along, he ~~had~~ has advocated the use of wire-tap in the prosecution of crimes like espionage. Which makes it all the more likely that the necessary legislation will be introduced in Congress next year.

Yesterday, in the testimony given by Attorney General Brownell and F B I Director J. Edgar Hoover, the statement was made - that, when a Grand Jury considered the charges against Harry Dexter White, ~~the~~ wire-tap evidence had to be with-held. Vital evidence - without which the Grand Jury could not bring in an indictment. So now, presumably, if Congress does legalize the wire tap - the F B I could bring in evidence to prosecute other spies on its list.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower hopes that the big uproar will have died down by the time of the congressional elections.

In his news conference, today, he said he believed the administration will clean out any remaining subversive^s in such a way that there will be no further need of congressional investigations. The present sensations - to be a matter of history by November of next year.

However, the Republican high command says - that Communism will be a big issue in the congressional elections. And indications are - that the Republicans will go on digging back into the files.

Here's a statement by Senator Olin Johnson of South Carolina, a Democratic member of the Internal Security Committee. He says, that if the Democrats win control of Congress next year, there will be "more investigations."

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The Secretary of Labor made a declaration to the C I O today - on the much debated subject of the Taft-Hartley Law. The big labor organization is holding a convention at Cleveland, and Secretary Mitchell addressed the delegates. He told them ~~that~~ that he's in favor of changing the Taft-Hartley but - he's against repealing it. He's in favor of eliminating sections which he describes in these words - "really dangerous to labor, really loaded, really unfair." This was the first public statement by Secretary Mitchell on the subject of ~~the~~ the Taft-Hartley Law. The C I O convention received it with moderate applause.

LONGSHOREMEN

The President of the International Longshoremen's Association, Joseph P. Ryan - resigned today. Whereupon he was voted a pension of ten thousand dollars a year.

This had been rumored, and the rumor came true. Ryan was the President of the Racket-ridden union - for life.

But his regime has been under heavy fire, accused of gangsterism and crookery. Expelled from the American Federation of Labor - Ryan, himself, was indicted for theft.

So now he steps out - with a union pension of ten thousand a year. Which the dock workers will pay.

BRAZIL - MURDER

Down in Brazil, a court of law today convicted Adolfo Vasconcellos - in one of the strangest murder cases on record. An affair of -- doubles. Two men - almost identical. One - a picture of the other.

Vasconcellos had a cousin - Dos Santos by name. And their friends had trouble - telling them apart. It could be embarrassing - Vasconcellos taken for Dos Santos, and vice versa. All of which inspired Vasconcellos - to concoct the weird murder scheme:

He took out a fifty thousand dollar life insurance policy on himself, and made his cousin the beneficiary. Then he killed Dos Santos, and planted his own identification papers on the body. So it appeared - that the schemer, himself, had been murdered. ^{And} Vasconcellos assumed the identity of Dos Santos to collect the insurance.

It was almost fool proof - the two were so much alike. The only trouble was - teeth. Vasconcellos had a

perfect set, while Dos Santos had - false teeth.

That was the give-away -- which brought about the detection of the crime.

MOTHER

At Minneapolis, people are out-doing themselves in praising Mrs. Dolores McGregor -- for the way ~~she~~ she saved her children from the flames. The apartment house engulfed by fire. The twenty-six year old mother, one flight up, smashed a window with her hands. Her arms were ripped and torn. Her back was seared by the raging fire - she passed her four small children out, to firemen below. Then she tried to climb out onto a ladder but fell - and was caught by fire Captain Russell Johnson waiting below.

SPEED

Another speed record -- a plane flying nearly twice as fast as sound. ^{and} Twelve-hundred-seventy-two miles an hour - at ~~the~~ Muroc air base, in California. Test pilot Scott Crossfield established ~~the~~ record last month. Only now -- checked, verified and announced.

He did it in a Douglas research plane -- the jet ~~is~~ speedster dropped from an Air Force bomber sixty-two thousand feet over the Muroc dry lake. It happened on the sixth anniversary of the breaking of the sound barrier by Major Charles Yaeger, who was first to fly faster than sound.

FLYING BOAT

A Navy flying boat forced down on the Pacific.

But everything seems okay. The P B Y was ^{on} a flight from the Aleutians to Midway, when the ~~plane~~ pilot reported he'd have to ditch the plane.

There was no race to the rescue, because a steamer happened to be nearby. S.S. Western Ocean - reporting that it had sighted the survivors on a raft and was picking them up.

TRANSMITTER

Today was a marker in the history of radio. A new and wonderful station, and I wish they'd give it a more dignified name. But it's called - Radio Jim Creek. The creek was named after a guy named Jim, and the new marvel is named after the creek.

It's the most powerful radio transmitter ever built - and was turned over to the Navy today by General David Sarnoff of R C A. A fourteen million dollar transmitter - one million, two hundred thousand watts. Capable of sending operational messages to Navy ships anywhere in the world. Even - to submarines below the surface.

Marconi's first wireless message, fifty-eight years ago, carried only across his garden in Italy. Today, the new transmitter will circle the whole world in a seventh of a second.

Jim Creek is in the Cascade mountains in the State of Washington. Where seven ~~and~~ hundred acres of wilderness were cleared -- to make place for the huge installations.

The antennas - the biggest ever built. Ten of them --
extending more than a mile -- across from one mountain top
to another. A pair of ~~■~~ convenient mountains, standing
side by side - like nature's own radio towers.

So that's Radio Jim Creek.

HEELS

Here's news from the world of -- heels. I mean - the heels on shoes. They're getting thinner and thinner.

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Reporter Elizabeth Toomey of the United Press gives us a preview of the latest shoe fashions from Paris. The more conservative styles have a ~~in~~ heel three inches high, and the size of a dime at the bottom. The more extreme are called -- the needle, the pinpoint, the stiletto.

The gentlemen who design shoes have discovered a sort of steel construction, so that the girls will now walk on needles and pinpoints and stilettos. ^{Sounds like} ~~which may~~ ~~sound bad for the rugs.~~ ^{it would be tough on the rugs.}

~~"One black suede pump" writes Elizabeth Toomey,~~
~~"has a heel made only of a coil length of gilded steel-~~
~~spaghetti size." So the girls will also walk on~~
~~spaghetti.~~

One ~~horrible~~ monstrosity is a slipper with a heel five-and-a-half inches high, made of a strip of steel half an inch across, and an eighth of an inch thick.

Mike -
~~ladies~~

the ladies will

that's the sort of thing ~~you~~ be walking

on, if those heels - I mean those gentlemen - have their way.

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[Faint, mostly illegible typed text follows, appearing to be a transcript of a speech or document.]

The Chiang Kai-Shek regime is having its first political crisis -- since taking refuge on the island of Formosa.

The Generalissimo's
~~Chiang Kai-Shek's~~ cabinet ~~is~~ resigned; - but, we hear, it will stay in office, if Chiang so desires. Chiang's own position - not affected.

The word from Formosa is that the Cabinet resignation was because of a subsidy recommended for General Claire Chennault's Chinese airline. Operating - between Seoul and Bangkok. Chiang - proposing a subsidy to cover losses. His cabinet - objecting.

However, the word ~~is~~ in Washington is that the question of the Chennault airline is only - a surface indication. The real cause of the crisis being - the rivalry among the followers of Chiang Kai Shek, who want to be in line of succession ~~is~~ to the sixty-six year old Generalissimo/

WICKS

Senate Majority leader *and*
In New York State, Acting Lieutenant Governor Arthur

Wicks has resigned. So announced by Governor Dewey tonight.

This follows proceedings, in which the G O P *S* state
legislators refused to oust Wicks, As Governor Dewey had

asked -- following the disclosure that Wicks had visited
convicted Labor extortionist Joseph Fay in Sing Sing.

Instead, the Acting Lieutenant Governor presided over the
special session of the State Legislature, which the Governor
had called. -- ~~and this was considered a rebuff to Dewey~~

However, it was all a ^{mere} compromise -- ~~the legislature~~

~~legislature~~ permitted, Wicks to resign.

The word is that his successor ^{will be} ~~is likely to be~~

Senator Walter Mahoney of Buffalo.