

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

Again the United Nations line-up was the same today -- Soviet Russia and her satellites against the western world. Again recriminations flew.

Immediate cause of the dispute, the applications of those eight nations for membership. Only three got in; Iceland, Afghanistan and Sweden.

To the applications of the other five nations, there were objections, a-plenty. Big power vetoes struck down the appeals of Portugal, Ireland, Trans-Jordinia, Albania, and the Peoples' Republic of Mongolia. The last two Albania and Mongolia, lost out when the United States and Great Britian, for the first time, exercised their veto poweres, turned the favorite new weapon of Soviet Diplomacy against the Russians.

The vote on Albania was the first and perhaps the bitterest. Present at the Council Meeting today, were special representatives of Jugoslavia and Greece, and they entered special pleas, pro and con, on

Albania. The Yugoslav pictured Albania as a model Democratic State, which had been the first victim of Fascist aggression. The Greek representative, (and it was hard to believe at times that he was talking about the same country), described Albania as an aggressor nation with war-like designs on Northern Greek territory.

The final vote to exclude Albania, at least for the present, was five to three, -- the Netherlands joining Britain and the United States in their veto.

Gromyko himself took up the plea of Outer Mongolia for membership in the World Organization. Gromyko hailed the Mongolians as war allies, said they had fought against the Japs and had declared war on Germany in Nineteen Forty-One. Gromyko neglected to point out that Mongolia, none of the world's least known states, is a land where the number of Russian "advisers" about equals the native population. But this fact was not lost on other delegates, and the Mongolian application fell before a second show of Anglo-American veto power.

Then, of course, the Russian and their minions had their turn at bat, and Gromyko, master of the veto game, was in top form. He turned thumbs down on Portugal, Ireland and Trans-Jordania, for the reason that the Soviet Government maintains no diplomatic relations with those countries.

American Representative Johnson called this a "novel doctrine," and declared it to be entirely against the whole purpose of the United Nations, and specifically against what the Russians had promised Great Britain and American at the Potsdam Conference. But Johnson's protestations availed him not. Gromyko blandly asserted that the American's interpretation of what happened at Potsdam was incorrect.

Here is <sup>more</sup> late news from U.N. Headquarters: The Russians have tossed another hot one into the laps of the Security Council. Forcing the Council into night session, Gromyko has just demanded that all members of the United Nations be required to report within two weeks the number of Armed Forces they are

maintaining in foreign territories, exclusive of enemy nations.

Gromyko wants an accounting of troops in foreign lands. The places where air and sea bases have been established, and the size of garrisons being maintained.

Of all the Big Four, Russian maintains by far the largest number of men under arms outside her own borders. But they are stationed on former enemy soil -- in Germany, Austria and the Balkans. Under their proposal, they wouldn't have to account for these.

But how about American Service Troops in China in Iceland, a few in the United Kingdom, and a few in Latin-America? How about British Forces in Greece? Ah yes, they would have to be listed.

The Soviet move, transparent as it seems from here, might still provide propaganda for consumption inside Russia. The Kremlin could say: Look at the Imperialists with their armies spread around the world

Why can't they be peace-loving, minding their own  
business, like us?

## PEACE CONFERENCE

And what news from the happy Peace Conference, in Paris? The Foreign Ministers of the Big Four met today. The idea being to try to speed up the Peace Conference ~~xxxx~~ What happened? Why a brand new dispute. Started by, the Russians.

All Big Four members agree that the Peace Conference must go on without recess; but, Molotov now demands that the scheduled meeting of the United Nations general assembly be put off till the Peace Conference ends.

Molotov also took advantage of the meeting with his three colleagues today, to attack once more the Australian proposal that reparations from defeated nations be reconsidered. Now that proposal has been talked over and has been voted down by the Nations assembled in Paris. But Molotov still doesn't like it. It seems to haunt him. And today, when he finished his ~~xx~~ diatribe, Secretary of State Byrnes remarked, "That, a very good speech but it still gets tiring after the fifth time."

Byrnes doesn't know how tired he is.

Actually, it was the sixth time that the Russian has bounded off against the Australian plan.

The Big Four have not set any date for their next meeting, but they <sup>will</sup> planned the day for their subordi<sup>n</sup>ates tomorrow. Big Four Deputies will meet tomorrow to discuss the <sup>many</sup> amendments submitted <sup>for</sup> to the Five Peace <sup>a</sup>Treaties drafted for Italy and axis satellites. There are more than two hundred such amendments.

While the Foreign Ministers talked, discussions of the peace treaties went on <sup>a</sup>pace. The ~~Russian~~ Polish <sup>delegate</sup> enlivened the discussion over Italy by saying, "We are planning for peace, not war -- atomic war," <sup>a</sup>as some delegates seem to think."

The Pole was prompted to make his complaint by a remark of Australian Colonel Hodgson. The Australian demanded that Italy be given a secure alpine ~~frontier~~ frontier. Speaking for Russia, Andrei Vishinsky then complained, "The Australians are

submitting amendments for the sake of amendments. It gives the impression of great activity, but it only creates headaches."

No doubt about it, whether at Lake Success, or at <sup>the</sup> Luxembourg Palace <sup>in Paris,</sup> the world's diplomats are in mid-season form.

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TRIAL

At the Nuremburg War Criminal Trial the United States today made a demand of ~~simply enormous~~ <sup>considerable</sup> magnitude. The United States Trial Counsel, Thomas J. Dodd, asked the International Tribunal to convict not only the twenty-two Nazi Leaders who face the court, but also six Nazi Organizations -- including the Gestapo and the Brown Shirts.

The American argument is that this will lay legal foundations for the trial of a lot of small-fry Nazis who are rank and file members of the six organizations. Prosecutor Dodd argued that this will let the world know that no individual criminal shall escape justice. "Mankind will know," he declared, "That no crime will go unpunished because it was committed in the name of a political party or of a state -- and that no criminals will avoid punishment because there are too many. ~~Well, that may not be too many, but there certainly are a lot.~~ The six Nazi Organizations the American Prosecutor wants convicted are the Gestapo, the Brown Shirts, the Black

Shirts, the political leadership corps -- a Nazi intelligence unit -- and the Hitler Cabinet. In size these organizations range from forty-eight to two million. The Hitler Cabinet Members, whose conviction is demanded as a body, numbers forty-eight. The Brown Shirts are estimated as high as two million. If all these are to be prosecuted and punished, it would seem to be a job of fantastic dimensions.

## SPIES

Post-war Germany is still a land of spies, suspicion and intrigue. United States Army Headquarters announces the capture today of fifteen Germans, allegedly members of a spy ring operating for Soviet Russia.

Last December, he went to work for our Military Government as a special investigator and informant.

Every known police device was used to apprehend these men. American authorities even have a record of a speech the leader of the group made to his confederates. "It is clear that we support Soviet Russian policy to the limit. A few of us in our small circle, are more to them than a few divisions. When the East attacks, we will be ready."

## UKRAINE

There is drought in the Ukraine, granery for Russia's millions. And tonight the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, ~~that small band of top flight Communists from whom all blessings flow to the Russian people, has decreed an additional year of drastic food rationing.~~ Russia's food stock, depleted by the war, cut sharply by lack of farming machinery, faces a new menace -- drought in the Ukraine.

issued a ~~new~~ rationing decree <sup>that</sup> took Moscow by surprise. ~~The government had promised frequently that rationing would end before the end of this year.~~

Marshal Stalin told the Soviet People last February that bread, and bread products, would soon come off the ration list.

But not even Stalin can foresee ~~of~~ ~~several~~ droughts, and the recent one, <sup>we</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>^</sup> are told, has ruined almost the entire winter grain crop. ~~Now the citizens of the Ukraine have been ordered to plow up the ruined crop areas, and hastily reseed them.~~

It's no easy task. Russia's farm

## BASES

Washington reports that the United States is going to ask the United Nations next month for sole trusteeship over a vast chain of Pacific Island bases, including all former Japanese mandates.

The story which circulated in the capital today has drawn prompt but only halfhearted denials for the State Department. Spokesmen there say cautiously that they know nothing of such plans -- not yet. But they will acknowledge that we want and intend ultimately to ask for ~~the~~ trusteeship over the Pacific Islands taken from Japan by force of American arms.

Such a proposal, of course, will have to go to the United Nations Security Council, with the distinct possibility that one or another of the great powers may veto it. Britain has intimated that she may be willing to surrender her Pacific mandates to the U.S. But the big question is Russia's attitude. The Soviets have been more than cool toward any expansion of American Military Power in the Orient.

## PALESTINE

The inhabitants of Jerusalem and other cities in the strife torn Holy Land ~~are~~<sup>are</sup> breath<sup>ing</sup><sup>a</sup> little easier tonight. Two weeks ago, a British Military Court sentenced to death eighteen Jewish Terrorists, members of the ~~notorious~~ stern gang, whose recent atrocities include the tragic bombing of the King David Hotel.

The gang threatened retaliation, said that if the men were executed, British high officials throughout Palestine would be assassinated. ~~So~~<sup>So</sup> the Holy Land ~~has~~<sup>has been waiting and waiting.</sup>

Tonight General Sire Evelyn Barker, British Military Commander in Palestine, commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences imposed on the Terrorists, perhaps forestalling, at least for a while, new outbreaks of murder and ~~with~~ violence in Palestine.

## CROWN JEWELS

The prosecution has rested its case today against WAC Captain Kathleen Nash Durant, accused with her Colonel-husband, and a Major, of stealing the Crown Jewels of Germany's once Noble House of Hesse.

The ten man military court-martial, meeting in Frankfurt, gave Captain Durant, one small hope today, when it struck out the conspiracy charge against her. However, her attorneys failed to get the court to squash two remaining counts of larceny, and one count of embezzlement.

An eighteen day discontinuance of the trial has been allowed, during which time defense witness will be brought from the United States. Then the defense will present its side of the case.

## DOG

Not long ago from England we heard the story of Ben, The talking dog. One day last week Ben, hitherto an undistinguished canine, sat up at his master's tea table and, when the crumpets were passed, said in a firm voice what a lot of ration-minded Britons are saying these days: "I want one." <sup>and he's</sup> ~~He has~~ been saying it ever since.

But if Ben's followers were of ~~the~~ the opinion his feat had won him the world's talking dog championship, they reckoned without the unique talents of that tribe of two-footed fast talkers, Hollywood's Press Agents.

Today in the movie capital, Jerry, another voluble canine, was put on display, and Jerry, we are told, talked Ben right back into the dog house.

We weren't there of course, but who are we to question a story from Hollywood, <sup>where they can</sup> ~~which can~~ produce more oddities than mere talking dogs?

Jerry, it is reported, can rattle off six phrases. He can also play the piano, a little off



key, and dial a telephone. His repertoire includes, "I can't", "I won't", "Mama", and "Hubba-Hubba." Ask Jerry what he does when the police are after him, and he'll answer "I run."

Moreover, Jerry has been talking for years now -- seems it just came natural to him. <sup>Do in'</sup> ~~he~~ what comes naturally. He let his owner in on the secret five years ago when a big bulldog chased him down the street. The owner's wife asked what Jerry did, asked the owner, that is. But Jerry supplied the answer: "I ran", he said.

Jerry has had several movie offers, and once was rejected. Not long ago, a producer had a part for a talking dog. It seemed hand-made for Jerry, but he didn't get it. The producer wanted a big black dog. Jerry just wasn't the type.

And now he's ~~del~~-Case, who's just the type for what we'll hear from him.

## POLAND

More Americans have disappeared behind Russia's iron curtain, and the State Department is having only meager success in finding out what has happened to them. Washington says that the Poles have arrested between fifty and sixty American citizens within the last year. Most of them are being held incommunicado.

The arrests are reported based on charges of membership in Nazi organizations, some of which, the Poles say, are still operating. Many of these citizens were Polish born, and the Poles dispute the claims of some of them to American citizenship.

There are, all told, some twenty thousand Americans of Polish extraction, still caught in Poland, who want to return to this country. But their chances of repatriation ~~xxx~~ are slim.

## SUBSTITUTE ITALY

Tension mounts in Northern Italy. Hundreds of disgruntled Partisans, angered by what they call the do-nothing policies of the Government in Rome, have fled into the mountains of Northern Italy, taking their rifles with them.

Today ~~two~~ two hundred Partisans, armed with submachine guns, raided a Northern Italian City. They made for the jail, overpowered the guards and released two prisoners charged with murdering a Fascist.

Still another group, in another town, broke into the main square and beat up known Fascists and black market operators.

The government's pleas to the Partisans that they disband and go home have been unavailing. Nor have regular Army units and motorized police been able to rout them from their mountain hideouts. Rome admits tonight that hundred<sup>s</sup> are joining the rebel bands each day, and Partisan agitation is spreading throughout Northern Italy.