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The Soviet delegation to the United Nations picked on Comrade Vishinsky to make the expected retort to Secretary Marshall's spectacular speech of yesterday. And Vishinsky's reply is described by some observers as blistering. He calls Uncle Sam the culprit, the one to blame for the failure of the world organization -- that is, Uncle Sam and John Bull. He said today that we are responsible for the failure to achieve an agreement on international atomic control -- in fact, that we are to blame for everything -- the United States and Britain. Maliciously undermining the United Nations.

That it is Uncle Sam who is aggressive against Russia. That the Soviets are ~~the~~ peace-loving -- only longing for harmony, yearning to do good to the other nations.

(Some of Vishinsky's statements were so fantastic that one could hardly believe a sane adult could bring himself to utter them, even under the

strongest compulsion from a totalitarian government.

(The Marshall Plan, for instance, he termed that a device for open political conflict with Russia. Our American plan to help the distressed European countries get on their feet? That's just a sinister plot against the Soviets,) a conspiracy to control Western Europe and split the continent into conflicting blocs, East versus West.

Well, it's news to nobody that Europe is divided -- and has for some time been divided into such blocs, all as a result of Russian aggression. But it certainly is news that this came about on Uncle Sam's initiative.

(As for Secretary Marshall's plan that the General Assembly create a permanent committee to consider issues that arise in between sessions of the Assembly, Delegate Vishinsky, in the name of the Moscow government, flatly rejected it.) Said he: "This is nothing but an ill-conceived play to bypass the

Security Council."

And (he spurned the idea of curbing the veto right of the big powers.) He announced that the Soviets would resist any attempt to diminish the powers of the Security Council. He also denounced our Secretary of State's plea that the General Assembly of the United Nations settle the dispute between us over the formation of a government for Korea. And likewise he denounced the suggestion to submit the Greek issue to the Assembly.

Piling wild accusation on still wilder accusation, he went on to accuse Secretary Marshall and President Truman of being war-mongers. In this group he also included John Foster Dulles, the Republican Adviser on Foreign Affairs.

Finally he offered to the General Assembly a plan which would condemn what he called, "The criminal propaganda for a new war which is being carried on by reactionary circles in a number of countries, particularly the United States, Turkey and Greece."

The idea underlying Uncle Sam's policy, he added, is the crazy wish to dominate the world!

TRIESTE

The Communist menace in Italy grows more serious every day, since the establishment of Trieste as a free state. The Red actions in that territory follow a characteristic pattern established by Hitler as well as by the Bolsheviki. The Communists in Trieste today shouted complaints against the Italians, declared they were persecuting the Slavs inside the Italian lines. So the Slavs of Trieste issued a formal appeal to Tito for protection.

Nobody believes the charges,—except that they are the usual Red tactics; indicating the course of Communist activities to come in that troubled region. And they tend to corroborate the stories that the Communists have plotted infiltration into Italy, possible the seizing of northern Italian cities --- a planned campaign in anticipation of the withdrawal of Allied troops from Italy.

Tito's Yugoslavs along the border continue harassing not only the American outposts, but also the British, trying to push through here and there trying ~~to~~

to grab territory that doesn't belong to them.

What it amounts to is that Tito has made Trieste the Danzig of the Adriatic. Just as Hitler made Danzig the excuse for an attack on Poland, so Tito seems preparing to use Trieste. With the full backing of the Kremlin, of course.

Another instance is reported similar to that of the American lieutenant and seven of his men who held off a large force of Jugoslavs. And at another post yesterday, a similar small number of Americans held off no fewer than two thousand of Tito's men.

A Yugoslav patrol boat also interfered with three Italian fishing craft; but a launch of the Venezia Julia police held off the Jugoslavs.

MARTIN

Speaker Martin is against any special session of Congress this fall, at least until after the middle of October. He declares that any action Congress might take now, could come just as well in January, this in spite of the almost desperate pleas from State Department and other officials, that the situation in Europe is so urgent. Secretary of State Marshall himself having said it is vitally necessary for Congress to take action, without delay -- help with the rehabilitation in Europe.

DEFENSE

The Honorable James V. Forrestal lost no time taking ~~over as~~ ^{over as} ~~hold as the~~ new head of Uncle Sam's military establishment, the reorganized military establishment with all arms of ~~the~~ ^{Uncle Sam's} service welded into one unit. President Truman had told him that he wanted our defenses organized under the new system with the utmost speed, ~~and that is what~~ ^{so} Forrestal started out ~~to do~~ with no delay.

The day began, at the War Department, with Chief Justice Vinson administering the oath of office to Forrestal's three main subordinates. Kenneth ~~the~~ Royall, as Secretary of the Army; John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy; and ~~the~~ Stuart Symington, Civilian Chief of the Air Forces.

Simultaneous with that ceremony, a magazine piece by General ~~Henry H.~~ ^{Arnold}, wartime Commander of Uncle Sam's Army Air Forces, made public the information that our first line of polar defense is no good, meaning Alaska. ~~And, adds~~ ^{It looks says} Arnold, in the periodical "Flying", ~~that~~ ^{is} where we shall be first attacked, by way of the Arctic ~~circle~~. Our Air Forces,

as at present constituted, are inadequate ^{even} to defend Alaska.

^{And} All of them together could hardly protect the northeast Atlantic coast. ~~Then he continued with the brutal truth that~~ ^{that} the condition of the air force is such that we are as vulnerable to modern warfare today as we were on December Seventh, Nineteen Forty-One, ~~perhaps even more vulnerable than we realize.~~

General Hap Arnold the
 He went on to explain that ~~the~~ first line combat planes of the Army and Navy put together are no more than twenty-nine hundred, whereas Soviet Russia is supposed to have fourteen thousand. The combat air force of Russia is reported to be larger than the American and British air forces put together. Hap Arnold conjectures that the research on guided missiles and rockets in other countries may well have progressed farther than we think.

Small as our air forces are, he continued, they are so held down by lack of money that the use of gasoline for routine flights has to be restricted. Arnold ended with a statement that in this day of long range flying, it takes little imagination to see the folly of seeing ourselves in some miraculous fashion, immune from rocket attacks.

CHINA

The civil war in China became rather dramatic news tonight with the word that all but three of the gates of the city of Nanking have been closed. (We hear that the Communist armies of General Liu-Po-Cheng have defeated Chiang Kai-shek's forces in a series of encounters and now have control of the north bank of the Yangtze.)

All cities along the Yangtze, for a distance of four hundred and fifty miles, are reported on the alert, ready for raids. At one port, a curfew has been imposed; with similar precautions elsewhere.

Admiral Ewei, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese navy, -- yes China has a navy -- the Admiral says the Communists can't control the river because the defenses along the Yangtze are too strong.

LOWELL THOMAS

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SUBSTITUTE HURRICANE

Florida's fifty million dollar hurricane is rampaging furiously in the Gulf of Mexico tonight, heading towards the southwest coast of Louisiana, the picturesque city of New Orleans directly in its course.

Experts tell us a hurricane increases in violence when it travels over water, and so, the citizens of New Orleans have been warned to expect gales of hurricane force, late tonight, or early tomorrow morning.

One good thing about this storm. Weather Bureau experts say they learned so much from this giant hurricane, that in future, they will be able to ~~read~~ chart the path of ~~the~~ storm fully two days in advance, and know exactly where the hurricane will strike. This valuable knowledge, plus the dry-ice method of hurricane ~~in~~ dispersal, to be used against future storms, may forever draw the damaging teeth of the hurricane ^{— maybe.} Science winning the war against weather — we hope.

TAM-A*RAU

There's a Tam-a-rau in San Francisco Mayor Roger Lapham -- what the Philippines Consul General describes as a gesture on the part of the Philippine Government to the people of San Francisco and America.

This Tam-a-rau, incidentally, isn't a mean creature he is gentle and kind, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture will not let him in. The water buffalo is barred because of foot and mouth disease -- a dread ailment that costs the lives of thousands of cattle -- outside the U.S. A Bovine disease for which there is no known cure, and very wide-spread in the Philippines. That's why the buffalo can't come in.

The Philippine Government has protested, asking the State Department to intervene. They say that this Tam-a-rau has already been examined and has a clean bill of health. "Let our Tam-a-rau in to make its gesture of good will" pleads the Philippine Government. But the U.S. Department of Agriculture is adamant. Water buffaloes barred, they say even the gentle ones, and so tonight this lonely Tam-a-rau is bellowing behind the bars in San Francisco.

RAZOR BLADES

In Phoenix, Arizona, there is a man who knows what to do with used razor blades -- a problem that has beset modern man ever since the invention of the safety razor. Robert J. Burns, an official of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce hasn't a worry in the world as far as old razor blades are concerned, and he wants all American males to share his clean-shaven, carefree existence.

Burns suggests that we throw our used razor blades into the Grand Canyon of the Colorado -- a little arroya four to eighteen miles wide and a mile deep, hundreds of miles long. It'll take a lot of razor blades to fill the Canyon.

But Burns is serious. He says if any of you can't go in person, just wrap 'em up and send 'em to the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. They'll do it for you.

MORGENTHAU

The latest "now-it-can-be-told" story about the New Deal comes from Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who today pays his compliments to his ex-colleague, the other Henry, Henry Wallace, as a budget blancer, Henry Wallace was a good tennis player, says Morgenthau, in the latest issue of Colliers. When Wallace was Secretary of Agriculture, that Department provided the worst drain on the Treasury of all departments. Compared with him, Harry Hopkins, as Relief Administrator, was a great economizer. In fact, according to Morgenthau, Hopkins in Nineteen-Thirty-Seven was the only man in Washington who cut down expenses.

He goes on to reveal that in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, practically everybody was worrying about the unbalanced budget, everybody that is, except President Roosevelt. When Joe Kennedy, former Ambassador to London, made some remark about it on a visit to the White House, the President said: "Now, Joe, just go away and stop worrying." And, continued F.D.R.: "Henry and I have another white rabbit yo pull out of our hats."

Morgenthau declares that even the President's mother, the late Mrs. James Roosevelt, was worried. He

writes of an occasion when she met Daniel Bell, former Director of Uncle Sam's budget, and said to him: "Oh, Mr. Bell, I'm so glad to meet you." Then she explained: "So many of my friends ask me when Franklin is going to balance the budget." Then the President's mother asked: "My dear Mr. Bell, when is Franklin going to balance the budget?"

Henry Morgenthau gives an example of Rooseveltian quips, how F.D.R. advised him never to let his left hand know what his right hand is doing. Henry asked: "Which hand am I, Mr. President?" And F.D.R. replied: "You are my right hand, Henry -- I keep my left hand under the table."

And that brings us to you, Nelson.

HURRICANE

Having created devastation in Florida to the amount of fifty million dollars, that hurricane is now moving across the Gulf of Mexico, moving at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, *heading for* ~~toward~~ the mouth of the Mississippi. The people of New Orleans have been warned to expect gales which will acquire increased ferocity when they hit the city.

The tornado ~~expanded~~^{expanded} some of its force as it blasted Florida. But it seems these convulsions of nature ~~gain~~^{again pick up} intensity as they travel ^{on} over ~~the~~ water. So in its movement across the Gulf, ~~it will pick up~~^{this one will acquire} fresh violence.

Its present course indicates that the Atlantic coast will be ~~immune~~ immune; but ~~it seems~~^{too} you never can be ~~sure~~^{sure}, ~~how~~ these phenomena will behave. The science of ~~these tremendous~~^{Hurricanes} gales is still in its infancy, and all we have to guide us is a ~~limited volume of information on~~ what they have done in the past. ~~But the~~^{anyhow} indications tonight are ~~definitely~~^{that} ~~still~~ bad for New Orleans and southern Louisiana, perhaps also Texas. *will* get a violent visitor.

FLANDERS

A Vermont Senator blames U. S. Steel for soaring prices. Senator Flanders of Vermont compared the Steel tycoons to the late Neville Chamberlain, the statesman with the umbrella.

Because the prices of steel have been going up? Oh, no. Because the steel company knuckled under to Lewis's demands for such high wages for his miners. That, says Senator Flanders, is what started off the present spiraling of prices. And he calls the capitulation of U. S. Steel to John Lewis comparable to Chamberlain's surrender to Hitler at Munich. The Steel Corporation buying peace at the price of mounting and uncontrolled inflation. So says the Vermont Senator.

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Congressman Celler of New York wants the tariff on Argentine meat to be cut. The price of beef here, said he, would soon drop if we began importing from the Argentine.

VIRGINIA

The sovereign state of Virginia has a handsome treasure on its hands, and doesn't know what ~~en earth~~ to do with it. Many of the treasures of the late Czar Nicholas are beautiful, some of them masterpieces of the modern jeweler's art; but, they^are so valuable that the old dominion authorities have to keep them in a bank vault.

It was three weeks ago that the will of the late Mrs. Lillian Thomas Pratt, wife of the Vice-President of General Motors, was revealed to have bequeathed the Czar's jewels and other articles of beauty to Virginia. The state authorities knew about the legacy and tried to keep it dark.

~~But they could not, after the will became news. In fact,~~

In spite of ^{all} the secrecy, ~~two~~ New York art dealers made inquiries at Richmond. ^{is} That alarmed the Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and he promptly packed up a hundred and fifty-eight of the most valuable pieces and ~~his~~ rushed them off to the bank in armored cars.

It seems that the State Museum is not equipped with

The elaborate burglar-proof devices necessary to keep an exhibit like that intact. So in a few days the directors of the Museum will have to make up their minds about what to do with this gift so precious that it has to be hidden away.

The intrinsic value of the collection, some six hundred pieces, is rated around a million dollars. As art it is considered priceless. Some of the icons and other pieces were designed by Carl Faberjay, a goldsmith and designer of jewelry, rated as one of the greatest of all time, along with Benvenuto Cellini.

Faberjay, of French origin, was a fabulous character, and revelled in the opportunities he had as the pet jeweler of the Imperial Court. The Czar and the grand dukes never cared how much an article cost. They used to give each other presents, especially at Easter, of fantastic extravagance. Jeweled Easter eggs that opened up and played tunes, others that contained jeweled miniature models of cathedrals. One of them

is made of rock crystal a foot high, and inside are miniature paintings of the Czarina and the Czar's palace. The pedestal is thick with valuable jewels, and on top of the whole thing is a magnificent emerald of twenty-four karats.

I saw some of these objects in Leningrad years ago, and later in a New York gallery before they were acquired by Mrs. Pratt, saw them not only with my mouth open, but my eyes agape. Some are really elaborate jeweled toys, the price of which would have fed a fair sized town for weeks.

All now a prodigious headache to Thomas C. Colt, Jr., Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.