

DISARMAMENT

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There's unanimous western approval of the new Russian disarmament proposal. In London, delegates of the western powers, including our own Harold Stassen, call the Soviet offer - an "important step" toward an agreement for a partial disarmament settlement. A treaty of some sort.

The proposal made by Moscow ~~is~~ delegate Zorin - is ~~in~~ for a two to three year moratorium on tests of atomic weapons. No further nuclear explosions - during that limited period.

But, the novelty, all important, is that the Soviet offer includes - controls, safeguards. Zorin suggests that the ban on atomic tests be enforced - with monitoring stations. Control points - for the detection of any violation. Such monitoring stations - to be set up on American, British and Russian soil. Also - the test areas in the Pacific, the vital element being - the inclusion of Russian territory, among the places for a checking system.

Ever since World War Two, the Soviets have balked

at all suggestions of effective inspection ^{that would} extending ~~ing~~ inside
Russia. The West - demanding safeguards. The Soviets, now for
the first time, conceding western safeguards within Russia.

Hence the ~~the~~ optimism. In London today. The disarmament
conference - to go into session again on Thursday. When the
new Soviet proposal will ^{encounter} ~~go~~ ~~not~~ full scale discussion.

ATOMIC

Two new members on the Atomic Energy Commission.

Named - by President Eisenhower, today. Both - former officials in the Truman administration.

One - John F. Floberg, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Who replaces Thomas E. Murray, Murray on record as disagreeing, frequently, with Chairman Lewis L. Strauss.

John S. Graham, who was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in the Truman Administration - fills the ^{unexpired} ~~unexpired~~ term of the late John Von Neumann.

(The political line-up on the atomic energy commission - left unchanged. The places of a Democrat and an independent now taken by a Democrat and an independent.)

CIVIL RIGHTS

The House of Representatives tonight voted approval -- of President Eisenhower's four point ~~xi~~ civil rights bill. The vote, however -- tentative. Southern opponents of the legislation resorted to a parliamentary technicality -- delaying the ~~gix~~ final passage of the bill until tomorrow.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court - handing down two decisions concerning Communism. One - pertaining to the case of fourteen California Reds, convicted at Los Angeles in Nineteen Fifty Two. The high tribunal ordering five to be released. In effect, reversing their conviction to acquittal. The other nine to have new trials. So ordered - by the Supreme Court.

This ruling - based on an interpretation of the Smith Act. Which has to do with advocating the forcible overthrow of the government. The justices finding - that this does not apply to teaching an abstract principle. But only to an instigation of measures for forcible overthrow. Which would seem to mean - that Communists are permitted to teach the Marxian doctrine of proletarian revolution. But - not to do anything to put the doctrine into effect.

Today's other decision is a reversal - in the case of John Stewart Service. The diplomat fired, under the loyalty program, by Secretary of State Acheson, in Nineteen Fifty.

Service was mentioned in the notorious Amerasia case, and was a target of the late Senator McCarthy. Today's ruling - not concerned with any question of loyalty or disloyalty. The Justices merely holding - that Secretary Acheson did not go through the right procedure, according to his own ~~xxx~~ security regulations.

SCIENTIST

A Congressional committee gives background information - in the case of the California scientist. Who committed suicide - last night. Dr. William K. Sherwood a cancer research specialist of Stanford University - ~~is~~ who took poison. Leaving a suicide note, protesting - because he was called upon to testify before the House Committee on Un-American activities.

Today, the committee cited the testimony of a witness who declared that, in Nineteen Thirty eight, he attended a "Communist discussion group," ~~For~~ which - Victor Perlo was the contact man. Perlo - often in the news, charged with being a big-time Communist.

The witness testified, that Perlo was, after a while, succeeded by - "Bill Sherwood". Which, with other things, was what led the Committee to summon the scientist, William K. Sherwood. The belief being - that he could give - ~~very~~ *important* ~~valuable~~ testimony.

That - now followed by the suicide of the scientist

Who aided the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War. Later --

holding war-time posts in ^{OWI} ~~the~~ Federal government.

CANADA

In Ottawa, tonight, Prime Minister St. Laurent resigned. Turning over - a page in Canadian history. Ending - twenty two years of rule by the ^{Liberal}~~Liberal~~ Party.

Tomorrow, Governor (General) Vincent Massey will call on the leader of the Conservative Party, ^{Premier - elect Diefenbaker} to form a Cabinet. ~~General Diefenbaker - to become the new Premier.~~

In the recent election, the Conservatives won a larger number of seats in Parliament than the Liberals. But - not an outright majority. However, retiring Premier St. Laurent declares - the Liberals will give the Conservatives full cooperation in forming a new government.

SARDINIA

On the island of Sardinia, a stunning defeat for the Italian Communist Party. Local elections held today's figures showing the Reds lost some twenty-five percent of their total voting ~~strength~~ strength. Four years ago, they received twenty-two percent of the total. Today - seventeen percent. The Christian Democratic Party received forty-two percent of the total.

HAITI

The Republic of Haiti -- tonight in the grip of military power. Port au Prince patrolled by ■■ tanks of the army. The Generals -- having seized control.

Yesterday, following the exile of President Fignole, mobs rioted in his favor. Troops -- opening fire. Fifty killed - two hundred wounded. Tonight one thousand persons were in jail, as the Army clamped on military rule.

WEATHER

Blistering heat - all the way from ^{the} Mississippi

Valley to the Atlantic Coast. Cities - broiling and sweltering.

In New York and Chicago - electric power shut off in places.

The excessive use of electricity for fans and cooling systems

- threatening to overload the power lines.

In the Kansas-Nebraska area - floods. Cool air

from the West - colliding with the heat wave, and producing

torrential downpours.

Further south, storm warnings - a threat of tornadoes.

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts, faced with the job of putting up a lot of tents, to replace - two thousand of them blown away last night. When a violent storm - hit Valley Forge.

At that historic place, a national jamboree is to begin a month from now. Fifty-five thousand scouts - ~~scouts~~ camping at Valley Forge. So you can imagine the number of tents they'll need. Four thousand having been put up - when the big wind blew. The storm- not lasting long. But the blast ~~it~~ blew a couple of thousand ~~thousand~~ tents away -in a cloud of canvas.

Today, a scout official said - the armed forces will help restore the tent city.

LOCH NESS

Here's an old friend, popping up in the news again - the Loch Ness ~~■~~ monster. A full scale scientific expedition - to decide once and for all the question of that alleged sea serpent, which has been reported endlessly for the last thirty years, in Scotland. Alleged - "eye-witnesses" giving fantastic accounts.

Loch Ness is a deep water lake in the heart of Scotland. Which now will be sounded and surveyed - "from end to end, from top to bottom," as today's announcement puts it.

The scientific expedition - sponsored by a company which specializes in television, radio and electronic equipment. A spokesman declaring: "This will put an end to all the hoary legends about the monster - and we shall finally know the truth."

Wouldn't it be ^a surprising ^{if} if they did haul ^{up} ~~out~~ the Caledonian sea serpent. [?]

RESCUE

And now about the simple business - of striking a match. Which can be tricky - keeping a light in a wind. But, if you want to know how nerve-wracking it can be, ^{just} striking a match - ~~just~~ ask Jack Coats, a California salmon fisherman.

He was out in his boat, when the motor conked out. He couldn't get it doing - and drifted for five days. Nothing to eat, except a moldy piece of bread ~~+~~ left over from last summer.

Then, finally, at night in darkness and fog - Jack the salmon fisherman spied the lights of the U S Destroyer George Anderson. But - how could he attract attention?

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He had a flare aboard, a distress signal - and exactly two matches to light it. If he failed, striking those matches in a foggy breeze - he felt he was a goner.

So there you have the suspense. - ^{and} never was a match struck with greater care. The proper form of melodrama would have been - strike one, and it goes out! Strike two - successful! ^{sometimes} But life is not such a good stage manager,

~~some times~~ Jack the salmon fisherman struck the first match -
and it worked. Lighting the flare - which promptly brought
the destroyer to the rescue.

GIRL

At a fashionable school for young ladies, over in England, they've taken in - an astonishing pupil. A pig-sty girl - whose life has been one of herding pigs. Astonishing, indeed - at one of the swankiest finishing schools in England.

The girl - a seventeen year old from a farm in France. Berthe Grimault - who for several years, has been a literary sensation. While tending pigs on her father's farm, she wrote a novel - which astonished the critics. Following that - with ~~another~~ another novel, of gruesome realism. All the while - remaining the crudest kind of peasant girl, on a farm in the back country.

This came to the attention of the head mistress of the finishing school for young ladies at Sevenoaks, England. Mrs. Orr-Ewing deciding - it wasn't the thing, don't you know, for a literary genius to have the manners of a pig sty girl. So she offered Berthe Grimault a chance - to attend a school, where the young ladies of excellent families learn the best of drawing room manners. Offer - accepted.

Today, Mrs. Orr-Ewing, exclaimed: "She has the table manners of an animal." But the head mistress is not at all discouraged. The teen-age writer of novels is to be taught exquisite table manners. The proper elegance - at afternoon tea. Little finger held just right - and so on.

Well, we all know George Bernard Shaw's comedy, "Pygmalion", now the smash Broadway musical success - "My Fair Lady." A cockney girl - taught to speak the English of the upper clahsses. Which is now exceeded in real life - by the case of the gifted pig-sty girl. At the Sevenoaks Finishing School, she's to be taught to be a fine lady!

GUN GIRL

At Newton, New Jersey, a pretty twenty year old girl faced the court - with her hands handcuffed behind her back. Vivian Masters, who runs a mink farm - held without bail for grand jury action. The law - mighty stern in the case of young, good looking Vivian. However, you can hardly blame authorities for ~~be~~ being indignant - especially the cops.

Last month - Vivian was pulled in on a traffic charge, which excited - her wrathful indignation. At the police station she suddenly began hurling things, ~~around~~. Tossing - everything moveable. ^{Also} Ramming her ~~five~~ fist - through a glass door. - Cutting - her arm. After which the Judge imposed on her - a fine of forty dollars.

Well, Vivian at her mink farm just kept brooding over that - getting madder and madder, ~~by the day~~.

So yesterday she reappeared in that police station, with a loaded shotgun. Pointing it - at the officer on duty, Patrolman William Knoll. She told him to put up his hands, and he did, as he gazed into the business end of the shotgun.

Then a call came in from a radio patrol car.

"You'd better let me answer that," he told Vivian,
"or it might cause a lot of suspicion."

Vivian was ~~not~~ fooled by that, and the policeman gave a coded alarm to the patrol ~~in~~ car. Calling it, in code - to the station house.

So it wasn't long before the car arrived, and patrolman Anthony Dyda came dashing in. Only to find himself, face to face with Vivian's shotgun. She disarmed him, and gave the crucial command. Telling the two cops - to summon patrolman Charles Young. He being- the officer who had arrested her on the traffic charge.

However, there was another cop in the patrol car outside - who looked in and ~~looked~~ sized up the situation. He gave out a shout - to distract Vivian's attention. The ruse, apparently successful. Vivian - looked to see what the uproar was about. Whereupon the two policemen, whom she

had been holding up - grabbed the shotgun. And - clamped
handcuffs on Vivian.

Which she was still wearing today, when the Judge
held her without bail. ~~SKAM~~ ^{isn't it - Henry -} Strange - how a beautiful girl
can be so formidable? ^{Would you know?}

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END

Announcer:

And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. *Just* A year ago this weekend, *you will all recall* an event that set a large pattern of history for the year that followed. The British - ending their *long* military occupation of the Suez Canal. The last British troops - boarding ships and leaving. Egyptian Premier Nasser - presiding over a big celebration at Port Said. *And* *Yes* that set the stage - for Nasser to seize the old Suez Canal company. Grabbing control - of the great *Followed later by* waterway. The British-French-Israeli invasion - which made the biggest headlines of the year. Storms of war - and then storms of diplomacy.

And so long until tomorrow.