

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Security Council of the U N took a major step today along the road toward the creation of an international Army to keep the peace -- to be the first Army of its kind in history.

The U N Military Staff Committee submitted a plan for such an Army; but, details will be kept secret until Saturday by which time the plan will have been distributed to all Security Council delegates.

The report is that the Big Powers have agreed to hold in readiness certain armed forces -- forces prepared to take the field at the command of the Security Council. Meaning a weapon with which the Council would back up its decisions.

All this can help break the present deadlock of disarmament and atomic control measures. Britain and United States have long argued that no nation can

be expected to disarm until the UN has the military power to protect countries that lay down their weapons. Well, that power soon will be established -- if the Security Council accepts today's recommendations from its Military Staff Committee-- the plan we will all hear more about in a few days.

HOPE DIAMOND - 2

in her will that it ^{be not} ~~was not to be~~ worn by anyone

for twenty years. No woman will be ornamented by the flashing gem for that length of time - after which the Hope Diamond is to be cut up into smaller stones, or ~~it to be~~ sold, for the benefit of the heirs to the McLean estate.

SWAN

In Bangor, Oregon, the children of the town are deeply concerned about six eggs - large eggs of a bluish green color, which at a glance you might take for half a dozen Easter eggs. Children love Easter eggs, but those are swan's eggs, and the youngsters of Bangor are wondering and worrying - about the way the swan's eggs will hatch. Will they produce a brood of baby swans? The story behind it all is the tragedy of a swan.

For years Bangor, ^{Oregon,} has had a favorite pet, a beautiful gleaming swan, who well deserved her name - Snow White. The children were sure there never was a swan half as graceful - or as white. Spring came, this present Spring, and Snow White laid a nest full of eggs - half a dozen of bluish green. That was a great event for the youngsters of Bangor - expecting the chicks, the tiny swans. Then, the tragic thing happened. Some clumsy

hunter with a gun made a stupid blunder and mistook Snow White for a crane to be shot at. He blazed away, and the gleaming swan was mortally hit. Her owner, Mrs. Andrew Varga, tried to save her, called in a veterinarian; but, Snow White died. The civic indignation about this was so great that an angry judge imposed upon the ~~maladroit~~ hunter the stiffest kind of fine, two-hundred-and-fifty dollars.

The children of the town felt bad about ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Snow White, but all that could be done was to think of the eggs she had left in her nest. If these could be hatched, they'd ~~still~~ have ^{little} Snow Whites, ¹ baby swans.

Mrs. Varga ~~undertook the task, with the youngsters of the town flocking to see how the hatching progressed.~~ ~~she~~ put the eggs in a cheese box on top of the warming oven, but poultry raisers of the neighborhood said - that would never do. So Mrs. Varga tried something else,-

she wrapped the eggs in an electric heating pad - but the poultry people said that wasn't the right thing either. By now the whole town was rallying around, and an appeal was made on the local radio - an appeal for a setting hen to sit on the eggs and hatch them. Instead, something even better was provided - a radio listener responding with an incubator for hatching ducks' eggs, a duck being about ~~the~~ nearest thing to a swan in the way of hatching. That, they hope, will do the trick - and bring forth the swanlets of Snow White.

All day today there was a procession of children into Mrs. Varga's house - kids taking a looking at the six blue green eggs in the incubator. If all goes well, it will take about two weeks for the appearance of six tiny duplicates of Snow White.

WIFE

In a British court today, a defendant failed to appear to answer charges -- Mrs. Joane Rittner, accused of driving an automobile without a license -- she had failed to get her license renewed. Instead of showing up, she sent a letter to the magistrate, with the following explanation: "I overlooked the expiration date of my driving license owing to cleaning, washing, shopping, queueing and also grappling with ration books, children's emergency cards, priority milk cards, bread units, laundry, chimney sweeps, window cleaners, all preliminary arrangements ^{prior} ~~xxxx~~ to moving to a new house, and all necessary preparations for the birth of my fourth child next month." Hence had failed to get her auto driver's license renewed.

The austere English Judge fined her "five bob"- Five Shillings - in spite of all those things she had to do. A chilly be-wigged British judge without a heart.

ROMANCE

All the traditions of romance were shattered today at New Rochelle, New York. Seventeen year old Peggy Brooks flew from a fashionable girls' school at Los Angeles to ^{at New Rochelle} elope with a food salesman. - She met him when he was a life-guard, and they called him "Tarzan." The difficulty in the elopement was an irate father, who intervened by telegraph when Peggy got off the plane at New Rochelle, and Tarzan was there to meet her, ~~He had~~ a wedding ring all ready. - But Peggy was taken away by the cops.

You know what the romantic tradition is - when an irate father tries to stop the ~~elopement~~ elopement, The beautiful daughter vows she'll be faithful to her love; and the ^{the} enamored couple find ^{some} a way to thwart the cruel parental opposition. ^{Love always finds a way; and they} ~~they also~~ live happily forever afterwards.

But what do we find at New Rochelle today?

Peggy not only yields to her father's authority, but also

COMMUNISTS

In Washington, a federal grand jury issued indictments today against Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the American Communist Party, and Leon Josephson, accused of taking part in Red passport frauds. The two Communist headliners were charged with contempt of Congress. ^{TP} - Q and, in addition to the grand jury indictments today, a congressional committee has asked the Department of Justice to investigate them with a view to further prosecution. There is ^{the} a matter of passport frauds, for example - with Josephson alleged to have helped in procuring a phoney passport for Gerhart Eisler, who has been called the chief agent of the Kremlin in running the American Communist Party. Eisler, himself, will go to trial on charges, alike, of contempt of Congress and of crooked work with passports.

~~At the same time~~ in Washington today - a call was issued for anti-Communist demonstrations on May First.

says the attempted elopement was in her words -

"a terrible mistake." And what about Tarzan? His lawyer conveys a pledge that Tarzan will not try to see Peggy again. Romantic tradition all shattered -- the moon went out, -- the roses stopped blooming in New Rochelle. Remember the rhyme -- Richard Carle used to sing about the man William Pell who died and went to New Rochelle? Nelson -- remember?

And now a gentleman from -- Bronxville--

Hugh James.

WEATHER

Two scientists made a suggesting today that motorists should receive the same kind of weather reports as aviators, up-to-the-minute details of weather conditions all over the nation, to cut down accidents.

The suggestion came from two men whose opinions ought to be respected, Charles C. Bates of the Navy's Hydrographic Office, and Albert H. Glen of the Weather Service of Uncle Sam's Army Air Forces. They made this proposal at a combined meeting of the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union.

The two scientists in Washington would have a special department set up in Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau whose function it would be to broadcast weather information. This would be received at service stations and garages, most of whom have radios. In many cases it would enable motorists to change their routes to keep off the roads where conditions are bad, and to avoid costly delays.

MAY DAY

As I was preparing my broadcast this afternoon, the sounds of chanting and words of prayer came through the open window. Coming from St. Patrick's Cathedral, just across the way. The answer of the Church of Rome to all the Communist May Day parades. Chanting amplified by loud speakers. -- so you could hear it all up and down Fifth Avenue -- and for blocks around.

All this was happening not only in New York City but in hundreds of communities throughout the land.

One part of the services consisted of prayers for Russia. A chant of "God save Russia, God save Russia" came through my window repeatedly.

And what of Russia itself? The chief event there was the six-hour parade of soldiers, sailors and equipment and party members, reviewed by Stalin himself from the Kremlin Wall. Yes, and an attack on the United States in ~~XXXX~~ PRAVDA. Written by Ilya Ehrenberg, Russia's principal propagandist, who charges that Fascism is rearing its head in the United States.

And, there were Socialist and Communist parades in France, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Bulgaria, Japan, and China. In Italy there was a general holiday, but the Christian Democrats paraded just as enthusiastically as the Communists. With fist fights in Trieste between Italians and Slovenes.

In short, a typical May, Day with a new note expressing the militant activity of the Catholic Church against Communism.

TELEPHONE

The seesaw progress of the telephone strike has brought more shattered hopes than any other walkout in the last eighteen months. Yesterday, once more, it appeared to be over in at least two states, promised to ~~ix~~ bring the strike to an end. Today we seem to be back again where we were at the beginning of the week. In fact, except for the scaling down of Union demands, some observers think we are back where we were twenty-five days ago. Others think the strike will be over in a matter of hours.

The rank and file of the four ~~independent~~ independent Unions in New York today refused to cross the picket lines of the other Unions, although their own leaders had settled for a raise of four dollars a week. One national Union leader in Washington accused the independent leaders in New York of having sold out their Unions for a mere four dollars.

But -- the Union heads in Washington continue to talk optimistically.

There was a meeting between the heads of the A. T. & T. long-distance lines, and Union leaders in Washington at five o'clock, Eastern Daylight Time. The Unions expected that to result in a settlement.

TELEPHONE

The nationwide telephone strike seems to be on its way out -- following settlements in New York and Pennsylvania today. The strike is said to be breaking up, and the word from Washington is that an agreement to end the walkout throughout the rest of the country is probable soon.

The National Organization of Telephone Workers expressed surprise today -- over the settlement made by the New York and Pennsylvania unions, which are independent organizations. Surprise-- because they compromised for less than a wage increase of six dollars a week, the New York union settling for four. However, the international union is expected to follow suit in ending the strike.

The latest-- members of one of the local New York Unions has turned down the settlement -- the members voting no.