

DISARMAMENT LT. R.G. Wed. Nov. 7. '51

The West makes a major move - in an attempt to ~~SEE~~ ease the Cold War. (In Paris, <sup>at the U.N. General Assembly</sup> ~~today~~, a new program for world disarmament was suggested by Great Britain, France and the <sup>An</sup> United States - and the plan is backed personally by President Truman, in a nationwide address on the radio tonight.)

(The West calls for armament reduction to begin with a census of weapons - including atomic. Each country to make a disclosure of its military strength, including atom bombs. All - to be checked and verified by inspection, the U.N. to send investigation teams to the various countries - to make sure.)

This, to be followed by an agreement for a limitation of armament - including atomic armament. The U.N. - to preside over an agreement for the rate of disarmament in each country - and supervise the carrying out of such agreements. The Baruch Plan is mentioned - the plan proposed by the American elder statesman for an international control of atomic weapons, outlawing the atomic bomb.

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The Western powers will present their program to the General Assembly of the U.N., now meeting in Paris, which, of course, puts it up to Soviet Russia. Moscow is making a loud propaganda for peace and disarmament - and this the West now meets with sweeping suggestions for arms reduction, especially atomic. What will Moscow reply? Well, the Soviets have always rejected any sort of workable inspection - which would disclose their own build-up of military power, including atomic. And - "inspection" is the keynote in today's proposal by the West.

ADD DISARMAMENT

President Truman, who has just made his radio address, put the matter in these words: "The Soviet Government has at various times talked about reducing armament, but they have never proposed an effective system for finding out the facts." He said he hoped Moscow would accept today's offer, and gave warning that we will not weaken our own defenses until a foolproof disarmament program is in practical effect.

~~The President stated that we are always working~~  
~~about disarmament. The only way to do it is to have a plan~~  
~~and to carry it out.~~ " "

MOSCOW -- FOLLOW "ADD DISARMAMENT"

Here's a late bulletin -- from Moscow. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, in a surprise move, summoned the American Chargé d'Affaires to the Foreign Office in the Kremlin, today. The meeting was for half an hour, and the Moscow rumor is that Gromyko handed the American Emissary -- an important communication. The whole thing was out of the ordinary -- the more so because Moscow is celebrating the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution -- a two-day holiday, which, usually, is kept strictly.

## KOREA - TRUCE

A dispatch from Tokyo tells of a lot of busy thinking and confabulating at the U.N. headquarters - as American officers try to figure out the meaning of the latest Red proposal. The document is like a puzzle of ambiguous words - and they suspect an oriental hidden meaning.

(The Red proposal is for the armistice line to be the battle-front. Which we, in fact, have demanded. But they want it to be the present battleline - and not the one at the time when an armistice is signed. Which, in effect, would freeze the battlefront where it is right now, no change. Guaranteeing the Communists against any new offensive - for as long a time as the truce talks might go on. Their own position on the warfront would be safeguarded.)

There are other points to be decided - as, for emphatic example, the release of U.N. prisoners-of-war. Such matters could be prolonged indefinitely by

Red stalling tactics - and, meanwhile, the Communist army would be immune from attack. (That's the gimmick which the U.N. command suspects - and the overwhelming likelihood is that the clever Communist proposal will be rejected.)

SUBSTITUTE KOREA - WAR

(Late news from the battlefield -- a big battle of tanks. The Reds -- launching a heavy attack in western Korea, supported by masses of armor.) Which were immediately engaged by American tanks. This is the first big battle of the steel monsters reported since the early days of the Korean War.

Previous information today told of the Communists abandoning hills they captured yesterday. ~~with heavy~~  
~~loss~~. Now the supposition is that they withdrew from the hills -- to regroup for a new mass offensive, supported by tanks.

KOREA - DISEASE

( A mysterious oriental disease has broken out among American troops in Korea. ) Many soldiers have been stricken, patients flown to Japan - where special wards in hospitals have been set aside for victims of the strange epidemic. Army medical men are completely puzzled by the malady - an oriental disease that Western physicians have never seen before. They don't know what causes the sickness - what kind of germ, if any. They don't know how it's transmitted - or any method of treatment. They've tried sulpha drugs - no good. They've tried antibiotics - like penicillin. No result.

The only thing they know is the symptoms, the like of which they've never encountered before. Soldiers are stricken with fever, headache and hemorrhage - a bleeding below the skin, in the eyes, and in the internal organs. Which sounds terrifying, fantastic.

Well, there aren't many things we can imagine more fearful than the outbreak of some new, unknown disease - like

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mysterious oriental epidemic [redacted] among the troops in



Korea. However, this one is no fatal, death dealing plague. Four-fifths of the cases recover rapidly, ~~after the first onset of the fever and bleeding.~~ In the more severe cases, there are symptoms of a kind of poison - which continue for some time.

The Army medical men can make only one guess - and this was stated today by the chief surgeon of the U.N. forces in Korea, Brigadier General William Shambora. He said (the malady might be one that afflicted the Japanese Army in Manchuria before the Second World War.) ~~This was what the chief surgeon calls - an "epidemic hemorrhagic fever."~~

The Japanese called it "Manchurian Fever." The symptoms were much the same, and the Japanese doctors were equally puzzled.

(P) They made an extensive study, which Brigadier General Shambora summarizes as follows: "The Japanese," he says, "believed the disease was due to a filterable virus, carried by the field mouse and transmitted by the bite of a mite (some sort of tick), a small ~~microscopic~~ parasite of

the mouse. So there you have one of those familiar cycles in the history of disease - like cholera, transmitted by lice from rats to human beings. In this case - from field mouse to human beings, via some kind of Asiatic mite or tick.)

( However, this Japanese theory was never confirmed.

Moreover, the sickness that hit their army was in Manchuria - called "Manchurian Fever." <sup>and</sup> which ~~was~~ never known to exist in Korea. But the American doctors think it <sup>easily</sup> may have been brought into Korea by the Chinese Reds, invading from Manchuria.)

In any case, the headline is - mysterious oriental epidemic among the soldiers in Korea. (But it's nothing fatal, nothing too serious. The doctors' report being - patients recover quickly.)

SUBSTITUTE IRAN

There is a late report that Iran is willing to sell ten million tons of oil per year to the British - but is determined to run those Iranian oilfields, This follows word that (Premier Mossadegh, still in Washington, has turned down a suggestion that the Iranian Oil company be run by a foreign oil company, international, not all-British. But Iran would like to make a deal to sell oil to the British.)

LONDON

The British people got a shock today, when the new government of Winston Churchill announced a policy of - super-austerity. Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer R.A. Butler, gave the House of Commons a set of painful facts - declaring that, last month alone, Britain ran at a deficit of three hundred and twenty million dollars. Which would be at the rate of nearly four billion in the red per year, if the trend were allowed to continue. <sup>The</sup> ~~the~~ financial crisis <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ worse than at any time since Nineteen Forty-seven, when American economic aid helped to save the day.

The Churchill remedy is - cut the imports, reduce the money spent ~~abroad~~ abroad. Which means, less food, a lower standard of living. This, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was necessary to keep Britain from going, in his words - "bankrupt, idle and hungry." He didn't say that Britain would again seek American aid, but hinted that this might be the case.

## VATICAN AMBASSADOR

In Washington, the first prominent Republican goes on record in the controversy over the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey is - against the nomination. On the ground - that it would recognize the Vatican as a sovereign State, in the same category as other sovereign states. He says he favors what he calls "effective liaison" with the Papal court in Rome, but says this could be done through a minister serving as a personal representative of the President. As in the case - of Myron Taylor, named by the late President Roosevelt as his personal emissary to the Vatican.

~~Senator Smith is a member of the Republican Policy-Making Committee and of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - which will consider the President's nomination of General Mark Clark to the Vatican.~~

## ELECTIONS

Republicans are hailing the result of yesterday's elections, in which they scored a number of successes in various parts of the country. Most of these were in city contests for mayor - with emphasis on Indianapolis, home town of the new Democratic National Chairman, Frank McKinney. He campaigned personally for the Democrat - who, however, was defeated for mayor. Also, Little Rock, Arkansas - where the G.O.P. won out for mayor, in a city of the Solid South.

One oddity was in Newark, where a baseball star ran for the State Assembly - Monty Irvin, the hard-hitting Negro outfielder of the New York Giants. He lost out, along with the rest of the Essex County Democratic ticket.

Democratic leaders in Washington are not saying much - pointing chiefly to Philadelphia, that Republican stronghold which elected its first Democratic Mayor in more than sixty years.

In New York, neither the Democrats nor the Republicans won - the Big City giving a victory to a

Liberal-Independent candidate. Rudolph Halley - whose political rise traces to that famous television crime investigation, in which he appeared as the prosecutor of the underworld. His victory is another bad blow for Tammany Hall, so long the dominating power in the politics of New York City - and there is an immediate outcry for a shake-up in the Democratic organization.

## **EISENHOWER**

In Washington, premonition of Nineteen-Fifty-Two with the appearance of - campaign buttons. Also - campaign neckties. These were displayed today in the office of Senator Duff of Pennsylvania. Sent to him unsolicited - by novelty dealers anticipating presidential year trade. Senator Duff's choice for the Republican nomination is well known, so it is not surprising to learn that the campaign buttons and neckties carry the following slogan: "I like Ike." Which is a resounding play on the principal vowel of the name - Eisenhower.



## **BURGLARY**

A strange arrest at Santa Barbara, California - where an Associate Professor of Sociology at Santa Barbara State College, Dr. Gwynn Nettler, was charged with burglary. He is accused of having stolen furniture from wealthy homes to furnish his own bachelor apartment - to please the girl friend. She, gives the information against him - while he claims that she brought the stolen furniture to his apartment.

HOOVER

And now - pity the poor engineer. Tonight, his woes and sorrows are described by a foremost authority - Herbert Hoover, who was a top ranking engineer before he achieved political eminence and became President of the United States.

Columbia University is launching a campaign to build a multimillion dollar engineering center, and at a meeting today the former President described himself as - an engineer who "back-slided onto the slippery path of public life."

**P** Then he told of the woes of an engineer, in the following witty words: "If he makes a mistake, he cannot, like the doctor, bury it in the grave. He cannot, like the architect, obscure it by trees and ivy. He cannot, like the lawyer - blame it on the judge or jury. He cannot, like the politician, claim his constituents demanded it. Unlike the clergyman," Herbert Hoover concluded, "he cannot blame it on the devil."

So, pity the poor engineer.

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## METEOR

This sounds like the champion meteor - ever observed and recorded in this country. A fireball blinding in brilliance and exploding in the sky, with reverberations like thunder, so violent as to break windows on the ground.

At Oklahoma City, a municipal employee says: "It came out of the west, streaked across the sky, then disappeared with a boom like a clap of thunder."

A bus driver, Lloyd Peek, thought it might be a rocket - flashing through the heavens. "Then," says the bus driver, "there was a deafening explosion and blinding light. It seemed like it was right above the bus." He had to stop, until he was able to see again - blinded by the glare.

( At Fort Worth, an amateur astronomer, Oscar Monnig, thinks that when seen first by observers, the meteor was thirty or forty miles high - and exploded at an altitutte of about fifteen thousand feet. Great speed and the friction of the air - making an end to the visitor from out <sup>ter</sup> of space.)

## FOLLOW KOREA-DISEASE

Still another baffling medical problem hit the Army today. This one, in Oklahoma - where a new recruit produced a bewildering parade of ~~troubles~~ <sup>troubles.</sup> Reporting for duty at Oklahoma City, he gave his name as - Tonsillitis Jackson. They thought he ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> be kidding. But Tonsillitis Jackson explained that, when he was born, his mother had a sore throat, so she named the baby accordingly - Tonsillitis. To which he added that he has five younger brothers and sisters, named - Meningitis Jackson, Appendicitis Jackson, Laryngitis, ~~Jackson,~~ <sup>Jackson,</sup> and Peritonitis Jackson.

Well, we can only wonder. Presumably Mrs. Jackson, naming the eldest after a sore throat - <sup>and then</sup> baptized the others according to other maladies in the Jackson family. Quite an assortment - like a doctor's dictionary. But imagine baby talk, spoken to the little darlings - <sup>In sweetie Pie,</sup> "Peritonitis, come to mama."

1/4 Nelson - how would you like to bear the name - Laryngitis Case?