

Soviet Russia is asking questions about the American proposal for the control of atomic energy -- the out-lawing of the bomb. We hear the Moscow delegation to the Security Council of the U N is trying to find out about the terms of the American plan to ~~be~~ set up an international authority to regulate the world's atomic affairs.

TP You'd think there wouldn't be anything particularly vague about what the Americans have in mind, not after the long and bitter ~~debate~~ ^{debate} -- in which Gromyko has so stubbornly opposed the American proposals. The mere degree of opposition would seem to imply that the one putting up the battle would know what it was all about. But maybe not. Things are strange in the world of diplomacy, and it certainly sounds odd to hear the Soviets asking for details at this late date. ^R The Moscow representatives, say they ~~was~~ propounded the question, but the Americans ~~byxxxxxxxx~~ have not replied. Well, it would seem about time to get down to the final points of

information, after all the argument.

Moscow is said to feel that we Americans have a scheme to use international control as a way of dominating the peaceful development of atomic energy, ^{-- all of} which will come as news to most Americans -- we supposing all the time that the real problem was to avoid atomic warfare.

AUSTRIA

The United States has served notice that at the coming peace treaty we are going to insist on a ~~XXXXXX~~ clause guaranteeing ^{the} independence of Austria. This declaration was made today by General Mark Clark, who is ~~XXXX~~ representing America at a preliminary gathering in London. He told his fellow delegates the ~~xxx~~ following: Austria must be protected against aggression from any quarter.

The proposal ~~to guarantee Austrian independence~~ got a hot reception from Soviet ~~XXXX~~ representative Gusev. He stated: "It is inconceivable that any threat to Austria's sovereignty could arise from any quarter other than Germany". To which later on the American response was "we do not agree with him".

So it is definite that at the peace making conference of the Big Four in Moscow, ~~XXXXXX~~ where peace pacts with Germany and Austria will be drawn up -- the United States will insist on a clause in the Austrian treaty, guaranteeing Austrian independence.

RUSSIAN BROADCAST

This afternoon an American broadcasting station ~~is~~ began its ^{first series} ~~series~~ of programs with a salute of -- Govorit, Govorit, New York. Which means -- this is New York calling. In other words, we began radio programs in Russian, beamed at the people of the Land of Stalin. ^{TP} Hitherto, Moscow has been sending a Soviet program in English -- over to this country. ~~Now~~ Now we are reciprocating with broadcasts designed to break through the iron curtain of the Reds, and tell the Russian people something about this land of freedom. The question is, of course, how many people in the vast land of Russia will listen in? Over here, of course, you can tune in to Soviet programs as you please. But the communist utopia doesn't have any such free and easy way. Or, call it -- free-way.

Today's first American broadcast to the Russians featured all sorts of information about the U.S.A., follow^(ing) ~~ing~~ the principle laid down some days ago by Secretary of State Marshall, that our radio

should give to the Russians what General Marshall called - "pure unadulterated truth".

Today's program included musical numbers as truly representative of America as the facts they were told. There were bits of our modern popular music, and old-time tunes, like Turkey in the Straw, The Old Chisholm Trail, and a ~~real~~ ^{real} American musical anti^{que} -- "a hoe-down."

Meanwhile, in Congress, there were demands for a further penetration of the iron curtain -- or, at least, a more equal exchange of facilities for information. Congressman Mundt of South Dakota pointed out that we allowed many more Soviet people to come over here than Moscow permits Americans to enter over there. Speaking of passports the Congressman stated: "we granted ~~many~~ Russia thirty-five-hundred visas, and Russia granted only two hundred and fifty ~~us~~ visas". To which he added: "We get down on our knees and say 'please let us come in' and then turn around and let in all the Russians the Soviets sends".

EISENHOWER

(Here's an opinion on General Eisenhower, as a presidential possibility. The verdict is -- no, not a good idea. The contention is that Eisenhower's entire training and background are military, and a professional soldier is not the kind of President this country should have.) A military man, no matter how distinguished he may be, in the art of war, is out of touch with ~~xx~~ civilian thought. So, Eisenhower, popular here that he is, would not make an ideal President. ^R Moreover, this opinion goes on, the democratic ~~mm~~ nominee in Nineteen Forty-eight will be President Truman, most likely -- and *Gen.* Eisenhower is Chief of Staff of the Army. The Chief of Staff should not be in a position of having political aspirations in rivalry with his Commander in Chief.

Finally, according to this line of reasoning, the General reached the pinnacle of his career as a professional soldier, when he accepted the surrender of Nazi Germany. With no reflection

on the greatness of the office of President of the United States, Eisenhower reached his peak on that historic occasion -- ^{as} _^ victorious commander of the Western Allies.

(Whose opinion is this? Who is it that disqualifies General "Ike" for the Presidency?

Why, General Eisenhower himself. ~~This~~ ^{is} is the argument

that he ~~has given~~ ^{himself gives} in answer to friends who have

urged him repeatedly to make himself available for

the Presidency.) Today's news tells us that the matter came to a head six months ago, when some of General

^{oldest} "Ike's" / friends, particularly in the middlewest,

put the question to him in a decisive way. Then

it was that Eisenhower expressed himself finally

and definitely on the subject of himself for the

Presidency. We are told that he has not changed

his opinion, and is of the same mind today --

rejecting all presidential ~~offer~~ suggestions.

ROYAL FAMILY

Today was a day of contrast for the British royal family. Seventeen days ago they left frosty, shivering England in the depth of the coal crisis, ~~the~~ shortage of ^{fuel} ~~XXXXX~~, in the bitterest cold wave of one of the most frigid winters Europe has ever had. Today they landed in South Africa, where it is mid-summer -- and South Africa was having the most broiling day of the hot season thus far, one hundred in the shade. ^{TV} Captown was jammed to suffication, two hundred and fifty thousand people crowded to greet the King and Queen and Princesses. More than a thousand were overcome by the heat.

The enthusiasm was as warm as the day. The formalities ~~were~~ were carried out in due style, as the Royal Family made remarks about the contrast, from shivering England to sweltering South Africa.

BYRD

(Admiral Byrd's flight over the South Pole must be a story crammed with fascinating detail -- but we'll have to wait to learn more about it. ~~W~~ Weather conditions in the Southern Hemisphere are bad for radio communication, and today it was difficult to get through to Little America on the South Polar continent.) All we know is that yesterday two planes took off, Admiral Byrd in one of them,, and the famous explorer went winging over the southernmost point of this earth. We don't know if both planes flew over the South Pole. We have merely been informed ~~xx~~ that they both took off and landed together. ~~MM~~ ^{JP} Nor do we know whether Byrd flew beyond the Pole. Our only intimation is that he wanted exceedingly to do so -- having stated that he was keen to fly on ~~MM~~ past the Pole, beyond which lay territory utterly unexplored, the most inaccessible region on the face of the earth.

~~R~~ So we'll have to wait for the full story of how Dick Byrd duplicated his exploit of seventeen and a half

years ago. On November twenty-nine, Nineteen
twenty nine, he flew over the South Pole piloted
by that renowned Viking of the air, Bernt Balchen.
And now ~~he~~ ^{the Adm. of the Tobas} has done ~~ixix~~ it all over again.

Previous word from the Antarctic had
told of plans for a full scale expedition ~~of that~~
~~South Polar expedition,~~ ^{to} "the Land of the Lakes."
Down there at Little America they are calling it
Bunger's Oasis, naming it after the pilot who
first spotted the unfrozen lakes of the Antarctic
ice cap, and then landed on one of them. Scientists
are preparing to fly to the Lakes about which we
get further bits of information. ^T We've ~~xx~~ heard of
them as "the Green Lakes". But, they vary in color.
Some are the green of pea soup, others ~~ix~~ blue green,
still others blue. And in some places the water
has a gleam of red and brown.

Samples of the water taken from the lakes
show ~~the~~ the presence of mineral phosphates.

Also, minute living organisms, Algae. Scientists attribute to these minute organisms the varying colors of the atomic lakes, green, blue, and brown red.

One pilot reports that he spotted a cone that looked like a small volcanic crater, adding to the belief that the warm water lakes amid the galciers of the polar icecap are of volcanic nature. "The lakes have long clear beaches. These look like first rate places for camping -- or a picnic. So, as the scientists make ready to start for that Antarctic Land of Lakes, the vision is raised -- of a South Polar picnic.

SOLDIERS

Honolulu today gives us a story of an argument between some American soldiers ~~xx~~ out in Hawaii about a thing that men-at-arms often discuss -- quickness on the draw. There were two schools of thought, one side claiming that you could get in a shooting position quicker with a thirty caliber Carbine than with an Army automatic pistol. ^{TP} So a bet was made between one of the soldiers and the Corporal of the Guard -- they tried out with the two weapons, to see which was ~~2x~~ quicker on the draw. The soldier took the thirty caliber Carbine and removed a clip of cartridges. The Corporal of the Guard took the clip out of his own forty-five caliber automatic. They ^{simply} ~~d~~ see who'd get his weapon ~~2x~~ into firing position, and pull the trigger first. ^{TP} Who won? The demons of tragic mishap. As the triggers were pulled there was a roar from the pistol, of the Corporal of the Guard, and the soldier with the carbine fell dead. Nobody had thought of the fact that, when the clip of cartridges was removed from the pistol, one shell ~~2x~~ was left -- in the firing chamber of the gun.

CONVICTS

Today brings a description of a motion picture premiere in Oregon. We all know about those movie premieres, each a triumph -- Hollywood sees to that. However, the Oregon affair was a little different. Not that the new movie feature didn't get audience reaction -- it got plenty. The new feature, ^{is} one that pictures crime and punishment, criminals in prison walls -- crime does not pay. The premiere was at the Oregon State prison, the first time a movie on such a subject has ever been shown to convicts. As an experiment -- well, they aren't going to try it again.

The reaction of the prison audience was vivid. The convicts applauded -- they cheered.

At ~~the~~ other points in the dramatic story they booed and groaned. The trouble was that the applause and the expressions of disapprobation were all in the wrong places. When the gangster criminals were having the better of it, the ~~the~~ audience went into an ~~the~~ ovation. When the forces of law and order scored

a point, they gave the Bronx cheer. As for the moral -- crime does not pay -- one long-time convict expressed his sentiments as follows:

"They previewed the picture here, because we couldn't get up and walk out".

DAY

In Hollywood today the Leo Durocher - Laraine Day marriage got into a more complicated snarl than ever -- with charges of collusion between the screen star and her former husband -- collusion when they obtained a divorce. Her former husband, airport manager Ray Hendricks, has made legal moves to have the divorce set aside. This today was the ground for a blistering attack against Laraine and Leo, the manager of the Dodgers taking a particularly severe tongue-lashing in court.

The assault was delivered by defending council for Judge Dockweiler, who is being charged with prejudice for having questioned the marriage of Laraine and Lippy Leo. The lawyer defending the Judge stated there was enough evidence of collusion to justify the bring ^{of} ~~ing~~ the whole matter of Laraine's divorce back into court.

HUTTON

We hear that Barbara Hutton is about to become a Princess once again. The heiress of five and ten has already had a varied series of married handles attached to her name. She was a Princess, then a Countess, and then plain Mrs.

Now the word from St. Moritz in Switzerland is that she is going to take number four -- Prince Igor Trubetski. So the Heiress of dime stores will revert back to the statue of Princess -- which leaves her with a few titles still to annex. For example -- Marchioness, Duchess, or even Queen. Not to mention -- Maharanee and Sultana.

And now back to the Sultan of Ivory Nelson Case.

And now back to the Sultan of Sun Oil, H.R.H.

Hugh James the First.

EXISE

The Senate has passed the bill to extend luxury taxes -- and this action today was the first important bill passed by the Upper House. Senators voted to continue taxes on such ~~luxur~~ luxuries as furs, jewels and liquor, which will bring to the government a ~~billion-one-hundred-and-thirty-million~~ billion-one-hundred-and-thirty-million dollars a year.

ROCKEFELLER

The House of Representatives ^{has} passed a bill to exempt the payment of ~~the~~ gift taxes on the Rockefeller site which is being presented to the United Nations. The value of the property on New York's east side is ~~is~~ estimated at eight-and-a-half million dollars. ^R Gift taxes normally would run to about three million. But it would be obviously unfair to exact the tax ^{from} ~~of~~ John D. Rockefeller Jr. who is donating the property to the United Nations for its permanent headquarters. ^R The vote of the House of representatives today was unanimous.

Another Congressman, Keating of New York, demanded that the Soviets lift the restrictions they have placed on the number of newsmen who will be permitted to cover the Moscow Conference next month. The Russians promised full freedom of news coverage for that gathering of foreign ministers to draw up a peace treaty with Germany. And then the Soviet government proceeded to restrict the number of American newsmen to a fraction of those whom American newspapers and news agencies want to send. Congressman Keating called upon our State Department to insist that the Soviets comply with that promise of a free press -- otherwise let's demand that the conference on the German peace treaty be held in some other country.

TAXES

In Congress, Republicans are in such a tangle of argument over the proposed six billion dollar cut in the federal budget that action ~~on~~ taxation will have to be delayed. There were arguments today in which Republicans joined, that too much of a slash ^{in government} ~~of this~~ expenditures might handicap the Army and Navy. ^{TP} The debate looks like a long drawn out affair -- so Chairman Knutsen ~~is~~ of the House Ways and Means Committee stated today ^{that} the business of cutting taxation will not be taken up until the ~~big~~ budget argument has been thrashed out and gone to a vote.