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Senator Brien McMahon says: "We should regard no suggestion as too startling or unconventional for careful consideration." Which is apt comment on the proposal he made in the Senate today - startling and unconventional.

The Senator from Connecticut, as Chairman of the Joint Atomic committee of Congress, ^{today} offered a plan whereby this country, making a ~~hydrogen~~ hydrogen bomb, would present an offer to Soviet Russia.

If Moscow would make a sound agreement to outlaw atomic warfare, we ~~we~~ would respond with a fifty billion dollar global economic aid program, which would be a sort of quid pro for Soviet cooperation in eliminating, honestly and effectively, the danger of atomic warfare, hydrogen-bomb warfare. In

return for this, we ~~would~~ ^{to} put up fifty billion dollars, to be spent over a period of five years,

^{for} ~~the~~ improving the economic condition of the whole

^{TP} world. But, would the Soviets, working for world

Communism, ^{would the Reds} want anything like that?

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The Senator says there would be no need of new taxes - that the global aid program could be financed by what we would ~~xx~~ save in money spent for armament. He drew a dramatic picture of the peril of the hydrogen bomb, saying: "I ^{believe that} ~~xxxxxx~~ every morning, each member of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and each high official of the Executive Branch- should ~~xxx~~ glance at the sun, and reflect that what he sees there, millions of miles away, threatens to be re-created on this earth." ^R He was referring, of course, to the theory that the ^{new} ~~xxxx~~ bomb is based on the fusion of hydrogen atoms, which creates the flaming energy of the sun. ^{That's the} ~~according to~~ present scientific belief.

^R The Senate gave attention to the proposal made by the chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee - the program for fifty billion dollars worth of American global aid. So what's the response? Several Senators immediately praised Brien McMahon of Connecticut for what they called his ~~xxxxxxxx~~ "sincerity and

courage." But nobody came out with an endorsement
of ~~his~~ ^{his} startling and unconventional *idea*.

Nobody apparently believes the
Russians would co-operate — alas!

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PACIFIC

The report of Soviet submarines in the Pacific is expanded with details - from Admiral Sherman, U.S. Chief of Naval operations. In Tokyo for the conferences of the Chiefs-of-Staff with General MacArthur, Admiral Sherman expresses the belief that Soviet Russia may be building submarines in Siberia, and shipping them in parts to the Pacific port of Vladivostok where they are assembled. So between sixty and seventy Red subs are in that Great ocean which lies to the west of our country. Which is accompanied by word that the United States may establish a permanent Naval base in Japan - as part of the program to build up our Naval strength in the Pacific.

WAR CRIMES

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A sharp retort is made to the Soviet demand that the Japanese Emperor be put on trial as a war criminal. The reply comes from Joseph B. Keenan, Chief prosecutor in the Tokyo trials of Japanese warlords. In a statement to the New York World Telegram and The Sun, he declares the trial evidence showed that Hirohito repeatedly tried to restrain the Japanese militarists, and preserve peace. ~~While~~ While, on the other hand, the evidence showed that Stalin conspired with Hitler to divide up the world between them. So he thinks the one who should be tried as a war criminal is, not the Mikado, but Stalin.

INDO CHINA

France has sent another protest to Soviet Russia - in spite of the way Moscow rejected the first French complaint against Russian recognition of the Communist regime in French Indo-China. That first diplomatic message was gravely ~~worded~~ worded - but, with the utmost promptness, the Soviets refused even to receive it. However, in spite of the rebuff, France today delivered a second protest, warning that the ~~xxx~~ recognition of anti-Chinese Communists could have, what Paris calls - "very serious results."

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Even now, "the archbishop added, "they could disrupt
civilization." ^{British} The political campaign begins

officially tomorrow, when King George the Sixth

will ~~be~~ dissolve Parliament, and call formally

for the election of a new one; - ^{Following} ~~after~~ that prelude

today, ^{the first British} ~~pre~~ "pre-election church service."

MISSOURI

In the hull of the battleship Missouri there's a rip ten feet long, a jagged slash, where something cut through the steel plates - like a giant can-opener. Nearby are two smaller holes. But all these are only in the outer shell of the great war ship, only superficial damage. The main hull of the Big Mo is intact and it will take only a few days ~~to~~ in drydock to repair the damage. Nothing serious - but it must have ~~been~~ taken something mighty powerful to cut a gash ten feet long into the plates of steel. Sounds like something more than mud, and recalls the supposition that the Missouri may have been impaled on jagged rock. Maybe that's what did the job of ripping through steel, under the impact of the forty-five thousand ton monster going aground.

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7/5 { The humiliating mishap outside Norfolk harbor renews the suggestion that the Missouri be taken out of commission, put in moth balls. She is the only battleship in active service, and Navy men

have been saying that they'd be glad to swap the Missouri for a couple of aircraft carriers - in these days of air power.

Today, at the White House press conference, the question was put to President Truman. Hitherto he has always said - no. Partly because of historic memory, the Big Mo being the battleship on which the surrender of Japan was signed. But also because of the name - our President from Missouri is noted for his loyalty to people from his home state, and that includes the battleship named after the glorious land that lies between Iowa and Arkansas. Today, however, the President did not say - no. After the humiliation of the mud bank, he remarked that the decision was up to Secretary of the Navy Matthews. Which was another way of saying - maybe.

So the Navy may make the swap, and get the two aircraft carriers. I would suggest that, in deference to the Presidential Missouri feelings, they name the two flat tops -- Kansas City and St. Louis.

LEWIS

The United mine workers today served notice on John L. Lewis! We've been hearing plenty about the revolt against Lewis in the wildcat strike, and today the Union handed him a mandate in most ~~xxx~~ peremptory terms. This emanates from Union officials, and their message arises from the fact that, according to the Union constitution, John L. Lewis is required to step out as President mighty soon. He'll be seventy years old on February twelthth, and seventy is the retirement age.

So here's the demand: ^{It says:} ~~xxxxxx~~ "It is mandatory for you to continue your magnificent service as International President." Then, the following stern words: "It is unthinkable that you would even remotely contemplate going contrary to this unanimous decision." TP What's your guess? My guess would be that John L. Lewis will obey. He is known to be cantankerous, even obstreperous, but he probably won't rebel at that command ^{to}/_h stay on as Union President.

COAL

The coal negotiations broke down today, after having begun only yesterday. Neither side would give way an inch. The mine owners say that John L. Lewis insisted on Union control of production - by means of the "willing and able" clause. (He refused to consider any elimination from the contract of that phraseology, which permits the union to stop work whenever it ~~xxx~~ wants - as in the three - day week, for example. Lewis on his part, charged the operators with deliberately blocking a settlement for the purpose of making President Truman invoke the Taft-Hartley law.)

The mine owners ~~declare~~^{say} they are willing to accept the White House proposal that a truce be declared, the miners going back to work, while a presidential fact finding board makes a report. Lewis makes no reply to that suggestion. All of which seems to put the matter up to the White House, - where the word has been that if the strike continues until next week, the President will invoke the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.

BEGGAR

At Seattle today, Mrs. Peggy Hayes had the surprise of her life - when she learned that her uncle Robert had left her a fortune. Also - that Uncle Robert was a beggar. She never dreamed that he had a lot of money, nor did she suspect that he had been a street mendicant, seeking charity, selling pencils.

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Today she told how, when she was a child, she knew Robert Ingles as her handsome, brilliant Uncle - who had attended the University of Washington, and was noted for his good looks and fine mind. He was fond of his niece, liked to pet the little girl. - but presently all that was over. "He suffered an injury to his leg when a boy," Mrs. Hayes explains; "and had several operations. He grew bitter, and finally packed up and left."

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Thirty years went by - and then, about four years ago, Robert Ingles reappeared, and called on his niece. He now had lost that injured leg, and she was shocked by the appearance of Uncle Robert

who had been so handsome, and brilliant. "He looked as if he were having a tough time of it," she says, "and I offered him some money, but he refused." After which she never saw him again. "Since that visit," she adds, "he sent me a few postal cards, ~~ix~~ just saying what the weather was like."

~~So~~ now she has learned that for years, Robert Ingles was a one-legged beggar, selling pencils, wandering all over the country. A week or so ago, he died in a pauper's ward at New York's Bellevue, and among his belongings the police found the evidence - that he had forty-three ^{separate} bank accounts in forty-three different cities. In one the ~~ix~~ figures show a single deposit of twenty-five hundred dollars, and how much ~~ka~~ money there is in all forty-three - well that still remains to be figured out.

The fortune goes to the niece, of whom ~~EO~~ Robert Ingles was fond those years ago - when he was the brilliant, handsome University graduate.

BERGMAN

In the great Ingrid Bergman mystery -
it's a boy. It was rumored that motherhood would
soon befall the Swedish film star, amid headlines
about a divorce from her doctor husband so that she
might marry Italian film director Roberto Rossellini.
But La Bergman said - that's crazy. Well, crazy
or sane, the Swedish ~~an~~ actress is in a hospital
in Rome, and the report came in late this afternoon
-- it's a boy.

GROUND HOG

This is Ground Hog day. But, instead of consulting the wily woodchuck for weather prophesy, let's confabulate with a mere human scientist.

Ivan Tannehill, weather bureau expert in Washington, says the ground hog, as a prophet of warm or cold, is merely a nuisance. He's wrong more of the time than right, although ^{the} superstition is venerable with age.

February Second is Candlemas Day, an old Christian feast, which ^{also} dates far back into pagan times. (On February Second, the Romans of antiquity used to burn candles in honor of the Mother of Mars, the God of War. She was the Goddess Februa, after whom this month was named.) ^{JP} The weather superstition is embodied in a couple of lines descended from the middle ages. This verse:

"If Candlemas be fair and clear

There'll be two winters in the year."

Which is the genesis of our American superstition that, if the ground hog sees his shadow, the sun

shining, he'll crawl back into his hole - knowing that we'll have a late spring, six weeks more of cold weather.

Here in the ~~Ex~~ Adirondacks, at Lake Placid, the sun shone, the ground hog saw his shadow, so - according to that we are due for two winters. And we haven't had one yet! I am here for the big international ski events, the F I S. And the localites will gladly settle for just one winter - preferably this week. At any rate, ^{it is snowing} ~~there is some~~ ^{tonight. Maybe winter has arrived, Nelson.} ~~and we are expected to have~~

~~Weather Expert Tannahill tells of an ingenious individual who decided he'd arrange the weather to suit himself - ground hog fashion. He hated the cold; so he stationed himself at a ground hog hole. Then, when the cunning critter came out, he shot the ground hog, who thereupon couldn't crawl back in his hole. So, there was an early spring, warm and balmy.~~