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Hopeful news from the conference of Foreign Ministers at Paris. And it particularly concerns a move by Soviet Russia. Stalin gives up his demand for Tripolitania. This is not official, since the proceedings at the conference are without benefit of newspapermen. But people who should know say that Molotov withdrew the demand for an exclusive mandate over that African ^{country} ~~colony~~ which before the war was ruled by ~~that used to belong to~~ Italy. In fact, the Soviets today are even favorable to the notion of returning Tripolitania to Italy under a trusteeship.

^{we hear,}
This was the first ^{to come} and one of the most delicate of the issues before the Foreign Ministers. When Moscow first announced the demand, it caused dismay all over the world. Molotov's retraction of the claim must have brought tremendous relief to all the statesmen there.

TP The suggestion to hand the country over to Italy came

That's the report from Paris. If it's
from France, ~~so we are given to understand~~ If it is

generally approved, ^{that} ~~it~~_^ will remove a grave source of dissatisfaction to the Italians.

~~X~~ One thing we know definitely about ^{to} ~~that~~ conference. ^{Foreign Minister of Paris.} ~~Our own~~ Secretary Byrnes has officially proposed that the Foreign Ministers begin drafting treaties with both Germany and Japan. He has made a formal request that this matter be put on the agenda for the conference. World security, said Byrnes, hinges on the existence of a peaceful Germany. The plan so far as it has gone would provide that Germany remain completely disarmed for twenty-five years. Inspectors of the Allied powers would be on the spot to see that the Germans do no cheating. And, they would report violations to headquarters, presumably ^{to} ~~^~~ the General Secretariat of the United Nations, for coercive action by the military forces of ~~the~~ the United Nations.

U.N.

✓ The Security Council of the United Nations, today decided to investigate Spain. This ~~was~~ on the motion of the Australian delegation. The idea is to examine into the charges that the Franco regime is a menace to world peace.

[The vote was overwhelming, ten to nothing, because the Russians declined to vote, although Comrade Gromyko got up and read a long statement in Russian, objecting to the investigation. After that, while the voting went on, Gromyko ~~xxxxxxxx~~ sat with his hands in his lap. He had previously said that he would not use the Soviet veto power to block the will of the other members of the Council. The Council is to hand in its first report not later than the Thirty-First.]

✓ The Security Council this afternoon also elected a president of its Commission on Human Rights. On the motion of a Chinese member, the Council

unanimously elected Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. She was
also nominated representative of the Sub-Commission
on the Status of Women. ~~XXXX~~

ATOMIC

Any German scientist who so much as attempts to invent an atomic bomb, will be punished heavily, and, if he succeeds, even put to death. This is the gist of a decision made by the Allied Control Council, in Berlin, today.

The edict does ^{not} mention atomic energy, but, the wording, ~~as promulgated~~, definitely covers any such development. All research into atomic weapons ~~is~~ *to be* definitely prohibited to Germans. That includes nuclear physics, rocket propulsion, under-water sound apparatus, radar, and ship construction.

The spokesman for the Council said the intention of the decree is to direct the German ability for scientific research along peaceful lines, and to keep it to those lines.

The international tribunal at Nuremberg today heard the statement made that one of the arch anti-Semites of the world was none other than the great Martin Luther. Who said that? Oh, Julius Streicher, Hitler's Number One Jew-baiter. In his high trebel -- he has a pathological voice -- Streicher shrieked out that if Martin Luther were alive today, he probably would be in Streicher's place in the dock at Nuremberg. Then he added that Luther had written violent diatribes against the Jews.

Also, not for a moment did Streicher attempt to deny his own guilt. Among other things he boasted that his newspaper had done the top job of enlightening the German people on everything.

Much of the time, instead of giving evidence, he spluttered his anti-Jewish venom, did this until Justice Jackson asked the court to admonish Streicher in the way he could understand -- if that were possible.

Whereupon the court warned Streicher to stick to the point, not go off on tangents.

With all this, the witness had the audacity to claim that he never had advocated ill treatment of Jews. That nowhere were they so safe as in Nuremberg, where he published his newspaper. Also that he had not believed it possible, technically possible, to kill so many million Jews.

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Julius Streicher went on to say that Hitler had always told him that he admired, in fact worshipped, Stalin, as a man of action. But Hitler deprecated the fact that Stalin was always surrounded by Jews. At that, the Russian prosecutor jumped to his feet and asked the judges to admonish Streicher again.

Then the high-voiced defendant became so incoherent that Justice Jackson interrupted and asked the court to send him back to his cell and let him submit any further remarks in writing. ~~xxxx~~ ^{Justice} ~~xxxx~~

Lord Justice Lawrence denied Jackson's motion, but told Streicher the court would not put up with any more insolence.

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HUNGARY

A Monarchist plot in Hungary! Well, Moscow says so. The Moscow story is that groups of young men in the Hungarian Smallholders Party -- that's the name, "Smallholders," -- the Right Wing of it, had cooked up a conspiracy. The idea being to establish another royal regime to reinstate the historic Iron Crown of St. Stephen, presumably on the head of a Hapsburg.

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FOOD

President Truman declared today that he was afraid we of this republic are losin sight of our responsibilities. He said this to a gathering of Washington preachers. "Food abroad," said he, "we

"The United States as a nation came out of this war as a leader, it came out with the greatest production machine in the history of the world, with all the best things that are in us brought to the surface," said Mr. Truman. Then he added:- "God intended us to assume our responsibilities some twenty-five or thirty-five years ago, and we shirked then. But we must not and cannot shirk them now."

President Truman was talking about the necessity of feeding the starving people in other countries. "Selfish men," said he, "are thinking only of their individual welfare."

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson told a group of Rotarians today that the people of America must make many sacrifices in the immediate future. If we do not send more food abroad," said he, "we will have to send more troops, or else evacuate the liberated countries entirely."

CHINA

Today we have a complete account of the capture of Changchun, capital of Manchuria, by the Chinese Communist Army. *That red army* numbered thirty thousand soldiers; and, they won the city after literally blowing Chiang Kaishek's Nationalists out of their last six strongholds in the center of Changchun. The Communists *we hear,* outnumbered the Nationalists more than three-to-one. Even so, it took them six days of fighting from street to street and block to block, fighting in the streets and fighting from the housetops. The Communists were ragged but heavily armed, and ~~most~~ efficient. Their arms were Japanese and American rifles, and they had seventy-five millimeter and thirtyseven millimeter guns. The Communist commander was General Li Piao, apparently *an able* ~~a pretty good~~ general.

As we heard earlier, General Li first captured the three outlying airfields, then the city's only railroad station. That helped them to bring in

reinforcements from the north. After that they steam-rollered into Changchun from four directions.

*T*oward the end, the Nationalists were hemmed ~~up~~ into pockets. They turned six public buildings into fortresses, protecting windows with old books, municipal records, pieces of furniture, and sandbags made of palm fibre.

The ^{is} story comes from Reynolds Packard, an ace veteran of the United Press, ^{who was there,} We've been reading and listening to Packard's stories now for ten years or more. He covered Ethiopia, the Spanish Civil War, the invasion of North Africa, the invasion and conquest of Italy, ~~and~~ ~~still~~ the liberation of France, ^{and now, Manchuria,}

Pack reached Changchun by plane on April Thirteenth the day before the battle opened. He saw the fight first from one side, then from the other. For days nothing was heard from him. Then came a description of the fall of Changchun, which was filed April Nineteenth, so it has

taken eleven days to reach us. Since then, U.P. headquarters has heard nothing from Pack, and there is grave anxiety.

The fall of Changchun has precipitated ^{another} ~~great~~ crisis in China. Chiang Kai-shek has refused to consider the Communist proposals for a truce until they give up Changchun. This attitude of the Generalissimo was reported to Communist General Chou En-Lai by President Truman's envoy, General ~~George~~ Marshall.

Chiang Kai-shek's
At the same time, ~~Chiang Kai-shek's~~ First Army continues its fighting in Manchuria, trying to ^{get back} ~~back~~ to Chanchung. Fighting has also broken out in north China, placing the American troops at ~~Tientsin~~ Tientsin and Peiping in jeopardy.

ARMY

Uncle Sam's Army comes in for another fusillade of heavy criticism. This time over the way it wastes food.

As long ago as Nineteen Forty-Five, Secretary of War Stinson appointed a committee of nine to study army management of food supplies in no fewer than forty-two army posts. At the head of the committee, he put a prominent hotel man. That was at a time when there were crucial shortages of all kinds of food for civilians throughout the country, in fact shortages were at a peak. Many suspected waste in the armed services. And, the committee found things worse than anybody had suspected, so the members said.

During the period of crucial civilian shortages army market centers shipped far heavier supplies of vegetables, butter, cheese and meat to all its posts. Large quantities of these supplies spoiled and

^{were} thrown away. Regional depots piled up huge back logs of sugar, flour, canned fruit juices and other canned goods, far more than the services needed. Army grocery stocks ~~were~~ substantially larger ^{too} than the maximum authorized by the War Department.

The committee recommended that all officers, including West Point cadets, should be compelled to take special courses in mess management.

These are ~~only~~ the highlights ~~of~~ the committee's report, ^{just out,} ~~When its full text is published, it will probably create quite a sensation.~~

The people of the Amish Church came into the news again today, those pious, thrifty, skillful farmers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who eschew machinery. The State authorities in Pennsylvania -- the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the State -- asked the Amish Church to relax its rule prohibiting the Amish people to use tractors. Such an obsolete rule should be dropped, said the Pennsylvania A.A.A. -- dropped in order to increase production in the fertile and beautiful Lancaster Valley.

To which the Amish replied that yes, the fertility of the Lancaster Valley could be richly increased -- if the Government would release hundreds of young Amish farmers who were interned during the war, held in concentration camps as conscientious ~~obj~~ objectors. Then the Amish spokesman went on to point out that these hundreds of conscientious objectors now are doing work of little or no importance; right at a time when so many are starving in Europe. Everyone of those Amish conscientious objectors is an experienced

farmer, an expert at the prodigiously successful methods of the Amish.

As for using tractors, the answer still is No!

And s-l-u-tomorrow.

LOVE

as well as here —
This is Springtime in Ireland, a season when the
Emerald Isle is at its most beautiful and its most

sentimental. It is, in short, the time when "a young
man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of ~~Love~~ *well,*

You know all about that.

R And this was demonstrated afresh by a letter addressed

to the Honorable ~~Edward~~ Kelly, Mayor of Chicago, a
letter post-marked Windy Ridge, Dunmurray, County Antrim,
Eire. The writer signed himself Captain F. McNeill.

He wrote to Mayor Kelly asking him to run an advertisement
in leading Chicago newspapers, an advertisement reading:

"Will Shirley please write to Captain F. McNeill."

This was a pretty difficult assignment, since
there was not the slightest clue to the identity or
whereabouts of Shirley. But it touched a responsive
chord in the heart of Mayor Ed Kelly. Could a Kelly
turn down a McNeill? No, a thousand times No.

Captain McNeill had enclosed two Shillings and Sixpence,

around half a dollar, to pay the expenses of the advertisement. That would hardly pay for a line in one Chicago newspaper, let alone all of them. But Mayor Kelly, to show of what stuff the Kellys are made, made up the difference, which will amount to quite a few dollars, and the "Ad" is to appear in all Chicago papers. Even in Chicago it's Springtime -- just as it is in County Antrim.

And just as it is in your heart, Hugh - I hope.