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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

We all know what a wonderful instrument the telephone is. However, there are some things that can't be accomplished, even by Alexander Graham Bell's famous invention.

Yesterday after several hours of debate before the Security Council of the United Nations, there was a complete deadlock. So today the U.S. delegate, Warren Austin, thought he'd try the telephone. He got Soviet Delegate Gromyko on the wire, and sought to suggest a compromise. But Gromyko, talking into the receiver, was as adamant on the telephone as he so often is in a United Nations debate. So our delegate might as well have saved himself the price of the call.

The question at issue is a final one. In the

atomic argument, a lot of points have been settled -
but this one remains. The United States wants a proviso
that the new disarmament commission of the U.N. will not
encroach on the activities of the Atomic Energy
Commission. To which Gromyko says "No!"



ADD DISARMAMENT

Meanwhile, some of the other members of the security council,
Australia, France, Belgium, and Colombia, tried all day and
finally conceded defeat in their efforts to promote a compromise
between Gromyko and Austin.

After three hours behind closed doors, diplomats of those
nations reluctantly agreed to hand the council as a whole a
resolution mentioning the Russian and American disagreement
and containing two alternative paragraphs for possible adoption
by the main body.

One paragraph would be acceptable to Austin, not acceptable to
Gromyko. The second would work the other way around, favored by
Gromyko, opposed by Austin.

Observers at the Security Council are saying this evening that
the atomic energy and disarmament dispute is bound to lead to
a serious clash in the Security Council next week. An American
official, who won't be quoted, says that no solution is possible
unless Russia meets ^{the} American demands. ^{And sees little or no} ~~no~~ ~~concedes~~ ~~there~~ ~~are~~ ~~so~~
^{chance} ~~any~~ of that.

EISLER

The congressional committee on un-american activities is not going to let up on Gerhart Eisler - the communist man of mystery, who refused yesterday to testify under oath. Today chairman Parnell Thomas of New Jersey, stated that the committee will not be satisfied if the government merely issues an order to deport the German Red.

"We are sure we've landed the biggest fish of all", said congressman Thomas, "and we don't intend to let him get away".

Well, they certainly have got plenty of charges on which to hold Eisler. There's the F B I statement that he has been Moscow's boss of the American Reds; and there are accusations of Soviet espionage, conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government, failure to register as an enemy alien, passport fraud, and income tax evasion.

Meanwhile, the case of Eisler brings up a curious question:-

When is a sister not a sister? You'd think that if your parents had a daughter, she'd be your sister for life. But not, apparently according to the communist theory of family relationship.

Out in Hollywood, mystery man Gerhart Eisler has a brother, movie composer Hans Eisler - and they have a sister, Ruth. *the one who* She testified
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yesterday against brother Gerhart, accusing him of being a terrorist and a murder agent of the communist chiefs in the Kremlin.)

She said her brother had turned many people over to the Soviet killers.

This interesting family situation originated in the fact that the Eisler sister, Ruth, was also a communist at one time; but, she became a Trotskyite, the most hideous crime ^{of all} in the eyes of a Stalinist. Both of her brothers remained faithful to Stalin, and today brother Hans in Hollywood spoke in glowing terms of brother Gerhart, saying; "I admire Gerhart Eisler, my brother, a great fighter against Fascism and reaction."

But what about his sister, Ruth? He spoke of her in the following words - "My former sister". So it would seem that your parents' daughter can cease to be your sister - that is, if she becomes a Trotskyite. In that case, the blood relationship vanishes. Well, it's all too Stalingist for me.

TARIFF FOLLOW REPUBLICANS - LABOR

~~The republicans are in a snarl, likewise, on the subject of tariff.~~

Today, two powerful senate leaders, Vandenberg of Michigan and Millikin of Colorado, proposed a moratorium of a year on tariff legislation. That is, have congress lay off all tariff laws for twelve months. In return for this, the administration would guarantee that the tariff system, as it exists at present, would be tightened up to give greater protection to American manufacturers.

~~Right now, we have a set-up that permits the administration to make reciprocal trade agreements. The tariffs can be adjusted to fit commercial arrangements made by the State Department. This is under violent republican attack, with plenty of demand that congress should enact a new scheme of tariffs, higher, presumably higher. So the Vandenberg - Millikin proposal today is a sort of compromise - let the present system ride for a year, with government guarantees that American manufacturers will get more consideration, under ^{the} ~~the~~ terms of the present system.~~

~~Senators Vandenberg and Millikin arrived at their proposal after a series of conferences with officials of the State Department. When the scheme was announced today, there were loud republican protests, but the state department said - Okay. ^{The} New secretary of State, General Marshall gave his full approval to the Vandenberg - Millikin compromise,~~

MARSHALL FOLLOW TARIFF

And,

General Marshall held his first news conference today, ~~and in~~
~~addition to his declaration on the tariff matter, he made a~~
~~series of other statements.~~ *And,* To one hundred reporters - twice
the normal number at a state department news conference - he
said that there can be no disarmament, until the problems of
international peace are settled. Hence, the Secretary of State
argued that this country should have universal military training.

REPUBLICANS

Labor

The republican argument about an anti-strike bill produced an interesting clash today - between a Maestro and his one-time disciple. That is - between Presidential aspirant, Harold Stassen, and Senator Ball of Minnesota.

In time past, Stassen sponsored Ball. They were both

Minnesota republicans opposed to the once prevailing Isolationism of the middle west, liberals of the Willkie one-world persuasion - and Ball was elected to the Senate with Stassen backing. Now, however, they have diverged a bit - on the subject of labor. Senator Ball is pushing a bill to outlaw the closed shop and countrywide union contracts. This, thinks Harold Stassen, is too drastic - anti-labor.

Stassen has set up publicly as an aspirant for the republican presidential nomination ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ nineteen forty-eight, and today he appeared before the Senate Labor Committee which is considering measures for industrial peace and fewer strikes. He presented a labor program of his own - featuring a plan to forbid any strike unless the employees involved voted, in secret ballot, for a strike. This proposed law was promptly denounced by Senator Ball as being

- too drastic. So now the argument between the Maestro and his former disciple is; "Your too drastic. No, you're too drastic". In addition to which Senator Taft had something to say. He, like Stassen, ranks as a presidential possibility for nineteen forty-eight. The Taft comment today was that the Stassen proposal for secret strike votes was - "trivial". That is, trivial as an answer to the major labor problems of the nation. There would seem to be much difference of opinion - and of adjectives. Drastic versus trivial.

GEORGIA

In the Georgia battle of Governors, ^{Lieut. Gov.} Thompson won a victory today. A judge of the Georgia Superior Court, ruled that Talmadge was holding the office of Governor illegally. He said the State legislature had no right to elect Talmadge or any body else. So therefore Lieutenant Governor Thompson, under law, *did* become Governor. ^{It} This court decision ^{came up over some} ~~was in~~ cases arising out of budgets and salaries - each of the rival governors having appointed officials, ~~of his own~~. So, who had the right to sign checks and pay out Georgia money? Thompson said the Judge today.

Still another court proceeding in the battle of Governors was held today in the town of McDonough. This one is directly to the point. Thompson is asking the court to oust Talmadge. The decision ^{is} that legal contest is still to come.

PALESTINE

Word from London is that the British Government has okayed a new plan for Palestine - and it is not partition. We hear that Great Britain will offer to Jews and Arabs a program for an immediate increase in Jewish immigration, and for greater self government of Jewish and Arab communities. The London Daily Express ^{today says} ~~said~~ that Britain will propose the immediate entry of ^{the} hundred thousand Zionists - for which there has been so much Jewish demand.

BULL

The rich farming community of Freeport, Illinois, is mourning tonight the death of Inka, the prize bull. Inka died after having been operated on two weeks ago for the removal of two pounds of metal from two of his four stomachs.

Five year old Inka was valued at fifteen thousand dollars and his daughters are famous for the rich milk they produce, they ^{are} the pride of the W T Hawleigh experimental farm in Freeport.

But a month ago, Inka became sad-eyed and melancholy, and his weight dropped from two thousand to sixteen hundred pounds.

"Sixteen hundred pounds!" said the veterinarian, "this is no Bull!"

So they examined Inka with detectors similar to those used during the war to discover land mines.

They found metal in two of Inka's four stomachs, which, by the way, is the average number of stomachs for a Bull. They also discovered that the animal had a liver ailment and administered penicillin.

Then they operated and the operation produced nuts, bolts, wires, stones, and pebbles. Inka was placed on a diet of hay and apparently

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perked up, but today he died - - suddenly.

**It was one of those cases where the operation was successful
but the patient succumbed.**

**It wasn't his maltreated stomachs, it wasn't his liver that
killed Inka. Death resulted from an undiscovered infection of
the breast bone.**

DIVORCE

~~out~~ In Los Angeles today, Mrs Winifred Warke was awarded a divorce from her husband Alfred on the grounds that he, Alfred, swore at her and flew into a rage during a card game.

"Divorce granted, " said the judge, "but by the way what was it that made your husband so angry?"

"Why, I trumped his ace, " said the 'ex-Mrs Warke.

The judge's demeanor changed and in an icy voice, he replied;

"In some states, unfortunately not in California, that is considered justifiable homicide. All I can say to you young lady is that you are lucky to be in a divorce court instead of in a morgue."

~~obviously~~ ^{obviously} The judge is a man that takes his bridge seriously.

~~It is impossible that from time to time he plays with his~~

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HOLLYWOOD

Last night, in the fabulous land of Hollywood, the stars and starlets of the movies were deeply impressed. *The story is being told far and wide today.* Hollywood may be fabulous, but

there's a realm even more famous in the annals of fantastic romance. *Any*

That's - the Orient, the "magnificent east." And last night Hollywood had a dazzling glimpse of a potentate of Asia, who out-glittered them all.

At Ciro's, Hollywood's gaudiest night club, appeared an apparition of splendor, and the word circulated swiftly - the crown Prince of Arabia! His royal highness Saud Al Saudi, son of that legendary monarch, Ibn Saud, Lord of the Sands.

Prince Saud Al Saudi was accompanied by several attendant Sheiks, *wow* They ~~were~~ gold embroidered *silk* robes and *heavy white silk* ~~white~~ headgear bespangled with jewels. *And* Not one of the excessively paid movie actresses displayed anything like the array of diamonds, emeralds and rubies worn by Prince Saud Al Saudi.

You can imagine the attention given to the Royal Arabian party by the hierarchy of waiters at Ciro's, who served them sumptuously. But it was all as nothing, compared with the climax at the end - the departure.

Prince Saud Al Saudi arose to leave, his attendant Sheiks following.

As he moved away from the table, the crown Prince of Arabia had a little trouble with his Royal Robe, and out of it poured a cascade of Jewels, which scattered on the floor - a rain of diamonds, rubies and emeralds.

Instinctively, some of the great movie people at Ciro's made a grab . But what did Prince Saud Al Saudi do? He gave only a fleeting glance at the treasure of jewels he had dropped, waved his hand disdainfully, and walked on - as if the diamonds, emeralds and rubies meant nothing.

After his departure, there was a scramble, in which Hollywood big - shots were supposed to have joined the waiters. Even movie actresses of great fame condescended to reach down, and pick up a diamond or two, or maybe two or three rubies and emeralds. They all felt pretty good about it, until today - when the cascade of jewels turned out

to be a cascade of colored glass. The disclosure is painful to relate. *Prince Saud, who is in this country -- well it wasn't relate. Prince Saud Al Saudi was really Screwball Jim Moran. He's him at all. It was an imposter.*

Hollywood's number one jokester right now; a terror with his pranks *they say.*

Screwball Jim's philosophy is, as he expressed it today - "Hollywood can be fooled by anybody who wears the right clothes". *And* ~~He sure did wear the right clothes~~ *evidently he wore 'em!*

He just went to a theatrical costumer and rented the most elegant Arab costumes he could get, for himself and his sheiks. And then they bought a lot of colored glass gems for treasure, and darkened their faces with brown theatrical make-up powder.

Today screwball Jim gloated: "This gag was the most colossal of my career." And he adds: "The party was such a success, that when the check came it was marked, "Compliments of the Management." So, that's the story of how fabulous Hollywood was out-glittered by the land of Araby, which is even more fabulous. Fabulous meaning - fable.

And now from the realm of fable and fancy let's turn to facts. For what Nelson tells us there's never any fable or fancy about that.

Took from early Feb. 7/47 he.

TR This is a crucial matter in the controversy. (Our own country wants, above all things, a system of atomic control that will effectively abolish the atomic bomb.) The atomic commission was established for that purpose. (The Soviets want a general disarmament program, covering all weapons, not specifically the atomic bomb) and we've compromised with them to a large extent. We agreed to a general disarmament plan, to be worked out simultaneously with the atomic bomb control. This calls for the establishment of a disarmament commission. *TR* So what we now demand is a proviso that the new disarmament commission will not interfere with the operation of the atomic energy commission. That is, we don't want the Soviet brand of disarmament business to be used as a way of sabotaging the prompt and effective establishment of atomic bomb control - we regarding an outbreak of atomic war as the most terrible peril the world faces today.

TR That was the question which Warren Austin tried to straighten out with Gromyko on the telephone today - and failed; Gromyko rejecting any suggestion of a guarantee that the general disarmament commission would not encroach on the atomic energy commission.

(Today's news dispatch states that, in the background of the insistent controversey, is an element of broad suspicion that the undercover Soviet purpose is to ~~XXXXXX~~ tamper with the plan to outlaw the atomic bomb.) This is said to be the growing suspicion in the American delegation, and it makes us wonder - why is Soviet Russia trying to sabotage atomic energy control and ~~XXXX~~ the abolition of the atomic bomb, if that be the case?

WEATHER

The weather story shows that cold wave rolling east, with all the bitterness of frigid winter temperatures. From all over the middle west, come stories of normal activities handicapped by cold. In the Cleveland area, twenty thousand workers were idle today because of a shortage of natural Gas - a shortage produced by the unusual consumption of gas in the cold snap. West Virginia reports thirty thousand workers laid off for today, St Louis more than five thousand. This natural gas shortage is one of the most uncomfortable features of the frigid wave - many homes being without their normal means of heating.