

DISARMAMENT

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At Geneva, today, the Soviets presented - another disarmament proposal. This one - including a pledge by the nuclear powers, That none of them will ever - be the first in using atomic or hydrogen bombs.

To that clause, there was a quick American answer. That this country will not go into any disarmament program based, merely on good intentions. We will not risk our national security - in return for nothing more ~~is~~ than promises.

The rest of today's Russian plan is described - as a wordy rehash of previous Moscow proposals.

In Washington, today, Secretary of State Christian Herter suggested an interpretation of the Russian maneuvers in Geneva, As, possibly - a preliminary to the summit conference.

Khrushchev, at the top level meeting - to come forward with some spectacular new disarmament proposal. Presenting this dramatically - to the other chiefs ~~is~~ of state.

DEGAULLE

Today, President Charles DeGaulle was back in France. After his triumphal reception in Britain, which ends, alas, on a sad note.

In London, DeGaulle gave a banquet for Queen Elizabeth. For which - the chinaware was brought over ~~re~~ from France. A magnificent antique set of five hundred pieces - a sevres dinner service, priceless. So what's the trouble?

Well, twelve pieces of the dinner set were broken - when the dishes were washed after dinner. I wonder who the dishwashers were - British or French?

~~But, anyway, a housewife will understand how you can drop a plate or a cup - washing dishes.~~

CAMEROONS

Savage doings in Africa - and not South Africa.

The Cameroons - one of the new nations of Central Africa.

At the town of Duala - a wild mob attacking a ~~xxx~~ station of African police under French officers. One officer trapped and cut to pieces. Before which - he had shot and killed two of his assailants. The police opening fire with tommy guns. Shooting down rioters. Of ~~xxxxxx~~ whom - twenty five were killed in all.

The mob - consisting of tribal terrorists. Hostile to the new independent government of the Cameroons. All - part of a tribal feud, which has been a cause of bloodshed for years.

SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, today, wholesale arrests - all over the country. What the Capetown government calls - a round up of suspected Communists. The prisoners - ^{of} ~~including~~ various races, including white.

This was accompanied by an official decree - outlawing the two chief native organizations. Leaders - in the agitation against the policy of white supremacy.

The stay home strike of African workers - appears to have been broken. Virtually the entire labor force - reported on the job, today.

STRIKE

The strike of Hollywood actors - has ended.

The agreement announced, this afternoon - following a final bargaining session. Most of the studios - to go back into operation on Monday. After being tied up for thirty-two days - by the walk out of the performers, who demanded - a share of the television proceeds on pictures they have made.

The settlement - a compromise. The actors get two million, 250 thousand dollars in a lump sum for their claims.

POLITICS

After Wisconsin - West Virginia. Senator Humphrey beginning his campaign there, today. Senator Kennedy - due to arrive on Monday. Both candidates - battling for victory in the primary election, which will be held May Tenth.

(Humphrey now telling the West Virginians that, actually, he won in Wisconsin. True, Kennedy got more votes. But it appears - that a lot of Republicans went into the Democratic primary, to cast their ballots for him. Which leads Humphrey to claim - that he got most of the Democratic votes.)

(The Republicans, meanwhile, are trying to figure out an address - made by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York last night, in which, while calling for a G O P victory in the presidential election, he refrained from endorsing Vice President Nixon. Governor Rockefeller - also refusing to rule out the possibility that he might be drafted for the G O P nomination. But he told the newsmen - "I think the possibility is very remote.")

BRINKS

Brinks, incorporated, the armored car service, which transports millions of dollars in cash - has had many a shock and surprise. Including - that record breaking Brinks hold up in Boston. But never have the armored car people been so flabbergasted, astonished, puzzled and bewildered, as today.

William Johnson - a trusted employee of twenty-seven years of service, as an armored car driver, Never a bad mark against him - in all those years. But, surprise of surprises - today in Chicago, William Johnson, with nearly three hundred thousand dollars in his truck vanished, Taking with him - a bag of money, thirty thousand dollars. Leaving behind a note, saying - "I'm going out on a good drunk." The Brinks people - ready to swoon at the unexpected.

Several hours later, they found William Johnson - in a tavern - sitting at the bar, Still in his possession - the bag of money. From which he had taken sixty dollars. Spending the sixty bucks on some clothes - and buying two rounds of drinks, for everybody in the saloon.

Investigation shows that last night he went around
visiting taverns, And, when he got home late - his wife
No warm welcome at home by the little woman!
locked him out. So you can imagine how he spent the night -
and the shape he was in this morning. Just too utterly
discombobulated. Hence, his otherwise ~~is~~ unexplainable
conduct.

The latest is - that Brinks will forgive and forget.

COUPLE

Here's a puzzle. Where, in this country, would you find a place - fifty miles from the nearest telephone? That's where the bride and bridegroom are. The former Gamble Benedict and Andreá Porumbeanu - now married.

Friends have heard from them, and say - they had to drive fifty miles to get to the nearest telephone. Anyway, they're in a remote hideaway, ^{where they have learned} ~~learning - that~~ there's no likelihood of legal action to part them.

In New York, the grandmother of the ~~xi~~ heiress, seventy-five year old Mrs. Henry Harper Benedict - has given up the fight, apparently. Now quoted in these words: "I wash my hands of them."

PRINCESS

London, still agog over the question of who the best man will be, At the ~~xx~~ wedding - of Princess Margaret and Anthony Armstrong-Jones.

The best man was to have been Jeremy Fry, heir to a chocolate fortune - and a friend of the prospective bridegroom. But he retired from the honor, saying - he was ill - suffering from jaundice. But there was rumor and speculation. His physician was interrogated, but refused to answer on professional grounds. }

^ The gossip so insistent - that, yesterday, the medicine man lifted the veil of secrecy. Quoted by the London Daily Mail as declaring - that Jeremy Fry's illness, in the words of the doctor, "looks very much like jaundice."

Anyway, a new best man will have to be named for the wedding - and that, say the London reports, has caused an argument in the Royal family. Princess Margaret - contending that her fiance is the one to select his best man from among his friends.

All of which

~~But that~~ raises a question - because the people he knows are likely to be in Bohemian circles. The London Daily Herald, today, stating: "He has many friends, mostly members of the Chelsea set, but few are capable of supplying the impeccable background demanded by protocol."

They say that, at Buckingham Palace, there's a prudent insistence - that he should submit his choice for best man to the Royal family - for an okay. Which, we hear - he's likely to do.

I wonder Dick, will he come up with someone with "the impeccable background demanded by protocol?"

HORN

Over in England, they have an annual - hunting horn contest. Who can do the best bugling - on that musical instrument, ~~Traditional~~ - of the fox hunt.

Today's winner - Duncan Birkett. Who, on his hunting horn - blew those ringing mellow notes. So well - that you could imagine the hounds and the hunters. Tally ho and yoicks.

Today, the new hunting horn champion told how he got in practice ~~for~~ for his prize winning effort. Explaining - that he was ill for four months, bedridden.

So how did he call his wife? With his hunting horn. Summoning her - by ~~it~~ tootling a few loud notes,
As if she were the hounds. ^{In return -} ~~Maybe~~ she barked at him!