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London announces the British "master plan for economic survival." That's what the London Dispatch calls the new economic program, prepared by the Labor Government - and just made public by Prime Minister Attlee.

It was expected to be severe; and (it is austerity plus! The British food ration is cut still farther.) The meat ration per week is reduced from the equivalent of ~~twenty~~^{en} twenty three cents worth, as it is now, to twenty-cents worth - each Briton allowed one shillings' worth of meat a week. Supplies for restaurants and Commercial caterers are cut from fifteen to eighteen per cent. Other severe food reductions are decreed, and still others will be announced later.

(All foreign pleasure travel is prohibited, as is the sale of gasoline for pleasure cars - no gas. Britain goes back to wartime severities all along the line in the ⁱⁿ attempt to avert national bankruptcy.)

The Labor Government announces that the ration) ~~return~~ will save a-hundred-and-seventy-five thousand pounds during the next six months, seven hundred million

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dollars, by resorting to this grim master plan for
economic ~~XXXXX~~ survival.

NUREMBERG

Industrialists of Nazi Germany went on trial today. Twenty-four top ranking executives of the great I.G. Farben Chemical Trust, which is called "The greatest industrial combine in the world!" At Nuremberg, they faced the court today, charged with war crimes on the Nazi industrial front. The American prosecutor opened with a scathing indictment:- "These," he cried, "are the men who made war possible, and they did it because they wanted to conquer."

INTER-AMERICAN

(The Inter-American Treaty, that vast western hemisphere defense pact, will be signed at Rio next ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Tuesday}. This was announced today, along with decisions that make the treaty a pole-to-pole affair.)

Yesterday we heard how the Inter-American Conference at Rio had expanded the Monroe Doctrine to include Canada and Greenland. Today the proposal of a Western Hemisphere Security Zone was expanded still further - to include a large segment of the Antarctic Continent. This applies to that part of the Antarctic land which faces the southern tip of South America - the Western Hemisphere Security Zone to extend to the South Pole.

The inclusion of Canada and Greenland moves it up toward the North Pole. So, in effect, the region protected by the new extension of the Monroe Doctrine will reach from one tip of the world to the other; from North Pole to South Pole.

ADD INTER AMERICAN

The White House announces that President Truman will leave by plane, Sunday morning, for Rio, accompanied by Mrs. Truman and Margaret. On the way, stops will be made at Trinidad, and at Belem, Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon.

The President will address the final plenary session of the conference at the fifteen million dollar quitandinha Hotel at the mountain resort town of ^{Petropolis} ~~Tranquillia~~, and witness the signing of the treaty. It is expected his speech will be broadcast round the world.

The ~~xxxx~~ return Presidential journey will be made aboard the battleship "Missouri" with stops at Saint Thomas in the Virgin Isles, and ~~at~~ at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

AMERICAN LEGION

New York tonight abounds in overseas caps - the badge of the American Legion. Everywhere you see rollicking signs of an American Legion Convention.^{TP} But there's one thing not so rollicking.)

{ The Foreign Relations Committee of the Legion has just made public its formal report, which summarizes in the following words: "The greatest menace in the field of international relations facing America is the aggressive spread of Communism fostered and promoted by a totalitarian state." ^{and} You can guess what's meant by that ~~anonymous~~ phrase, "A powerful totalitarian state."

The Legion report goes on with a powerful expression of support for the Marshall Plan, calling it - "A vital concern to every American." The American Legion is urged to take leadership in supporting the Marshall Plan before Congress - the program of having the free countries of Europe form a concerted plan to help themselves, and give us an estimate of how much American aid they'll need to supplement their own self * help.

Speaking of the Marshall Plan, the Legion

U. N. FOLLOW AMERICAN LEGION

Soviet Russia has just given a blunt warning to the United Nations - warning against attempts to tamper with the veto. Today in the Security Council a debate was opened on that explosive subject, and the Syrian Premier, ^{el Khowi,} acting as Council President, suggested that the big powers should give up their veto. That drew a menacing Soviet statement - Gromyko warning that attempts to fool around with the veto, so much used by Soviet Russia, might wreck the United Nations completely.

ATOMIC

(Today brings the first nation to give an official and complete okay to the U.N. Plan for outlawing atomic warfare. What nation? The U.S.A.)

The program for world control of atomic energy has been prepared by a board of experts on which every member of the United Nations is represented - except Soviet Russia. The Soviets would have no part in the drawing ~~up~~ up of a world program for a strict international system to prevent nations from arming for atomic war. The U.N. Atomic Energy Commission has handed in its control plan which will now go before the United Nations.

(What will happen in the face of the Soviet veto? You make your guess.) But, anyway, the United States today was the first to come forward, saying "yes" - our delegation announcing official American approval.

RESEARCH

Late this afternoon, a recommendation was issued on the subject of how much our government should spend on science. One per cent of the national income, is the suggestion. In other words two billion dollars a year. Two billion is what it took to develop the atomic bomb.

The report emanates from the scientific research board appointed by President Truman last October to make a study of the needs of American science. The board notes that Soviet Russia is reported to be spending the equivalent of a billion, two hundred million dollars on scientific research this year, and has embarked on a five year plan designed to train a hundred and forty thousand scientists and engineers a year. ^π Right now the chief lack of American science is a shortage of personnel, a shortage of scientists. Hence the board ~~presented~~ proposes the government establishment of national scholarships for students in technology.

MOUNTAIN

There's new world about the mystery mountain of Tiber - supposed to be higher than Everest. During the war-years we had repeated stories of airmen flying in the region of the Himalayas, who said they had spotted a peak more than thirty thousand feet tall. Mount Everest is twenty nine thousand, a hundred and forty one. The Army Air Forces never ventured an official opinion - pointing to the fact that flyers can only judge by their altimeters-and those instruments for recording height have a way of being slightly uncertain. Now, however, it turns out that flights were made to scout the mystery mountain, flights about which the Air Forces know nothing.

This is disclosed by our old explorer scientist friend, Roy Chapman Andrews, who has taken my place on the air a number of times when I've been away. Dr. Andrews has data showing Army, that flyers, beguiled by the mystery of the mountain, sneaked off to have a look see - on their own, without orders. Roy Chapman Andrews has letters indicating that at least seven such clandestine flights were made, the letters asking that the names of the flyers be kept secret,

since the mountain-scouting was against the rules.

^{airmen}
They ~~are~~ are all certain that the mystery mountain is above thirty thousand feet - making it higher than Everest. Excerpts of the letters are printed in the illustrated magazine "Pic", and here's an example of what they state. One letter relates that an air Force Major, whose name is left blank, flew to the area of the mystery mountain. The weather was cloudy, and he went winging just above a dense overcast. His altimeter showed that the overcast was up to thirty thousand feet. Then he spied a summit thrust above the cloud layer - a peak sticking out above the thirty thousand foot overcast.

Roy Chapman Andrews tells us that the name of the mountain is Amne Machin - and it's in the wildest of the Himalayas along the border of China and Tibet, the home of a fierce tribe called the Gnoloks. He says the existence of the peak higher than Everest has long been rumored. ^{He himself} ~~He~~ picked up the report in China back in Nineteen Twenty-Seven - and later planned to seek it out in partnership with the late General Theodore Roosevelt,

young Teddy, who gave his life in the war.

Today Roy Chapman Andrews is urging that an expedition be formed to check definitely on the very strong evidence that Amne Machin is higher than Everest. He, himself, has no idea of going -- that, says he, is an arduous task for younger men. But Roy Chapman Andrews points out that in this highly advanced year of Nineteen Forty-Seven we still don't know what really is the highest point on this earth of ours.

During the war when I flew to the border between Tiber and Sichong, deep in Central Aisa, I discussed this Amne Machin enigma with Captain Pottschmidt of CNAC and other Central Asian fliers. They were all interested in solving this old Amne Machin riddle. I myself would like to get in on the expedition that Roy Chapman Andrews suggests -- say along about next April.

TOKYO - PETS

American wives in Tokyo are talking angrily about what they call - the canary murder case. This comes about because of an Army order that military and civilian families in the occupation must get rid of their pets.

There have been a lot of complaints about dogs howling and cats yowling all night long, making sleep impossible. So, the Army has put a ban, not only on cats and dogs, but also on chickens and monkeys. The occupation wives are speechless with wrath. No, ~~that~~ that's wrong - wives are ~~not~~ seldom speechless. One of them in Tokyo is quoted as saying: "My husband is only a First Lieutenant I guess they could order him to do what they want - but, if my dog goes, so do I."

The most delicate problem is the question of canaries - whether the chirping of the birds is to be put in the same category as the howling of the dogs and the yowling of the cats. On the other hand, gold fish are okay - nobody minds the roar of a goldfish.

The ~~canary~~ canary bird - goldfish dilemma

was illuminated by a ruling attributed to a Colonel. "A goldfish," said he, "is decorative, but a canary is a pet. Goldfish can stay, but canaries must go." Hence the talk about the canary murder case.

However, a spokesman at MacArthur's Headquarters denies ^{such an} ~~the~~ interpretation. He says the anti-pet prohibition does not apply to canaries. ~~Sox so~~
So, according to that, the canaries can go on chirping in Tokyo, in a duet with the goldfish.

SOLOMONS

There's a sit down strike in the Solomon Islands. The black tribes are holding out for more pay. The local industry is copra, which means coconuts - the Melanesian fuzzy-wuzzies being the workers of the coconut groves. They ~~are~~ ^{are} descendants of headhunters, their immediate forbears having been some of the most ferocious collectors of heads in the South Seas. So labor trouble in the Solomons might be expected to have some special angles.

The Solomon Islanders are said to have got ideas during the war from American Troops on Guadalcanal, which ~~is~~ ^{of course is one of the islands} in the Solomon Archipelago - ideas about strikes and sitdown tactics ^{that} Fuzzy Wuzzy learned ~~x~~ from the G.I. Joes. How well he learned is shown by the demand the sitdown stikers of the ~~xxx~~ coconut groves are making - a wage increase of twelve-hundred per cent, which should make some of our own American Union Leaders blush with shame.

They have a sort of jungle labor union, which is ~~xxid~~ said to be preparing for final wage negotiations. ^{What might that mean? Well the word is that} those sons of headhunters are getting out

their war drums, spears, blow pipes and war canoes.

South Sea collective-bargaining among the Coral Atolls of the tropical Pacific! And let's hope it doesn't spread to this country. Let's hope some American union odesn't get the idea of negotiating with blow pipes and poison arrows!

And now Nelson how about you beating the drum for our copra -- for Ivory I mean.