

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Just five minutes ago, Secretary General Trygve Lie of the U.N.O., was to have handed out a statement following this afternoon's secret session of the Security Council. This afternoon, by the way, has been rife with rumors, anxiety and confusion about that Council meeting. First we heard that Soviet Delegate Gromyko would not attend. Then we heard that he would. Then a contrary rumor. Later, as Gromyko was leaving the Russian Consulate, reporters asked him, was he going to that meeting?

Gromyko nodded, as he stepped into his car. But then the newspapermen saw that his car drove by Rockefeller Center, where the Council was in executive session in Trygve Lie's office.

The Secretary's conduct in pressing for an immediate hearing of the Iran business was entirely in accord with his, the President's, position in the matter. Otherwise, he added, Mr. Byrnes would not have done what he did,

The Russians have emphatically repeated that they are not withdrawing from either the U.N.O. or the Security Council. They are merely abstaining from all debates over Iran. The Russian attitude, though it has not been officially expressed from Moscow, is that the rest of the world is taking Gromyko's action of yesterday much too seriously. And evidently the President of the United States shares that ~~point of~~ view.

Before the executive session began, the delegates declined to say what it was all about. But a newspaperman asked the Egyptian delegate, Mahmoud Hassas Pasha, and he replied: "We probably will try to persuade Russia to come back." The guessing was

that the delegates would ~~try to~~ ~~XXXXXX~~

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that the delegates would try to evolve a formula which would enable the Soviet delegation to resume their place at the Council table without losing face.

The Kremlin maintains a silence about this whole business ~~that is positively~~ <sup>a silence that is</sup> deafening. The only way we have of guessing at the Communist Party line is from the columns of the Communist Daily Worker. This paper claims that Uncle Sam and John Bull are trying to prevent a peaceful solution of the Iranian problem. <sup>That</sup> They do not want an agreement. What they do want, <sup>says</sup> ~~also~~ the Daily Worker, is to keep the Soviet Union out of the Iranian oilfields.

IRAN

well

The British came up today with a new idea for the disposal of the oilfields in Iran. That is, it is new in so far as it has never been published before. What the British Government suggests is that the undeveloped oilfields belonging to the Persians <sup>be put</sup> ~~should be~~ under the control of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Actually, the British Ambassador made the suggestion at Teheran a month ago. At present it's too early to report any reaction to that proposal.

We hear that <sup>unofficially</sup> ~~incidentally~~ it was made by the British Ambassador.

~~unofficially~~

**UNRA**

At still another international conference, a vote went against the Russians. In Atlantic City, the Council of Unra turned down the proposal of the Soviet delegates that a fact-finding committee be established to investigate the stories about displaced persons camps in Germany.

The Council turned it down by a vote of eighteen to twelve.

As a matter of fact, it was a defeat for the U.S.A. ~~we~~

well, because we had backed the Russian suggestion,

thought it was eminently sensible. The Soviets have been

complaining that notorious Nazis and war criminals have

taken shelter <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ refugees in western Germany, <sup>in</sup> the

British, American and French zones. It was the British at

Atlantic City who led the opposition to the Russian

proposal.

~~UNRA~~ in Atlantic City ~~was~~ today Russian  
The Council voted unanimously against the practice  
of the Russians of seizing not only food stocks, but lands,

in former enemy countries. This the Soviet troops have been

doing on a particularly large scale in Austria, <sup>where</sup> they  
 have taken land <sup>that</sup> <sup>be used to</sup> which might raise food for hundreds of  
 thousands of Austrians.

## **ARGENTINA**

The returns are all in from the election in Argentina, and the result is a victory for Colonel Juan Domingo Peron, the so-called Strong Man of the Argentine Republic. He wins with a total vote of two hundred and sixteen in the electoral college. That is twenty-seven more than he needed to defeat his opponent, the Democratic Dr. Tamberini.

That means Uncle Sam backed the wrong horse. The victory was overwhelming, for Dr. Tamberini won only seventy-two electoral votes, those in four states. What is more, Colonel Peron's candidates for governor won in every state except one, and he will have a thumping majority in both houses of the Argentina National Legislature.

## DEFENSE

President Truman today created a new agency in the military establishment of the country, ~~it is~~ a council of national defense, which reporters describe as a military brain trust. ~~It~~ <sup>is</sup> consists of the ten top generals and admirals, generals of both army and air force; ~~it~~ <sup>is</sup> includes General Marshall, General Douglas MacArthur, General Eisenhower; also General Arnold and General Vandergrift. ~~Among the admirals will be~~ <sup>Also</sup> Leahy, King, Nimitz and Halsey.



**DRAFT**

The draft must be continued for at least twelve months, possibly eighteen. That is, if Uncle Sam is going to stick to all the jobs to which he is committed, in different parts of the globe. ~~That's what~~ a committee of Senators heard <sup>this today</sup> from General ~~Lewis~~ Hershey, Selective Service Director, and <sup>(also from)</sup> General Willard D. Paul, Army Personnel Chief.

They had a rough time at that Committee meeting, because some of its members are violently against the draft, especially <sup>the</sup> Chairman, Senator Thomas of Utah, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado. <sup>Gen.</sup> Hershey pointed out that the army would have to have three hundred thousand young men in the next six months. Of <sup>se he said that</sup> these some two hundred and forty thousand will have to be drafted. The rest will be obtained by voluntary recruiting. <sup>and</sup> if we don't do that, <sup>Gen.</sup> said Hershey, all the international promises that Uncle Sam has made and his obligations as a

**STATEMENT**

**Axx** Up to this minute, the expected statement from the United Nations Security Council was not forthcoming.

But a statement was issued to the effect that the military staff committee of the Security Council held a meeting at the Henry Hudson Hotel this afternoon, at which progress was made and the Russians were present.

That session was projected by more police and other guards than there were delegates and secretaries. I will read you the statement as it was handed to me.

(Pick up statement)

(In case there is a delay, you can say:-

Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations was to have handed out a statement at six thirty about that executive session of the Security Council, but at present it is not yet to hand.

One chief of state refuses to share the <sup>universal</sup> dismay

and anxiety over the Soviet action in boycotting the Council discussions over Iran. <sup>I refer to</sup> ~~that is~~ President Truman.

<sup>The President</sup> ~~He~~ told newspapermen at his press conference today that

Gromyko's walkout yesterday and his continued absence

from the Council discussions inspired no misgivings in

him. <sup>At the same time</sup> Mr. Truman backs up Secretary Byrnes to the utmost.

member of the United Nations, will be nothing but words.

If selective service is done away with, <sup>said he,</sup> voluntary

enlistments will fall off. <sup>And he added that</sup> <sup>^</sup> "The way our armed forces

have just evaporated, has caused consternation among all

peace-loving nations," ~~as Hershey said~~

That irritated Senator Thomas of Utah, who  
exclaimed: "Let's leave out our international commitments  
and get down to cases." Then he accused Hershey of  
obtaining enlistments by threatening people with  
induction. He went on to say that the General did not  
seem to understand his point. What Senator Thomas believes  
is that the army has something to offer the young men of  
the country, and that <sup>is</sup> <sup>^</sup> the kind of appeal <sup>— the Senator —</sup> <sup>^</sup> he would like  
to have made.

ARMY

★ The board of soldiers investigating the grievances of enlisted men in the Army heard <sup>the</sup> ~~his~~ first witness today, former Master Sergeant Joe McCarthy, Managing Editor of YANK. Today <sup>McCarthy</sup> ~~he~~ is an editor of Cosmopolitan Magazine. Although these hearings are being held in camera, Lieutenant General James H. Deolittle, President of the Board, told reporters what went on. Said Jimmy: "It's a free country and people are entitled to know."

Well What went on was that Joe McCarthy told the Board that what gripes G.I. Joe most <sup>about</sup> ~~is~~ the army is not what happens during hours of duty, but what goes on after retreat. There is no call for breaking down the gap between officers and enlisted men, said he, and it would be wrong to weaken military discipline in any way. But it's the social and material privileges enjoyed by officers that seem so unfair to those they command.

Why? for instance, <sup>asked</sup> ~~said~~ this enlisted man, should officers have special recreation privileges, special food, special clubs? Whenever there isn't enough of a choice ~~commodity~~ commodity to go round at present, such as steak or drinks, the officers get it. G.I. Joe goes without. "What should be done in such a case," suggested McCarthy, "is to draw lots. Enlisted men should get as good grub and have as comfortable quarters as their officers."

## HOUSING

Real estate men are gouging the veterans, <sup>This</sup> ~~all over~~  
~~the country. This statement was made by~~ <sup>hash statement comes from</sup> Colonel John  
Thomas Taylor, <sup>who represents</sup> ~~professional lobbyist for~~ the American  
Legion. ~~And~~ <sup>In</sup> his charge he specified <sup>every</sup> real estate  
operator in the country, which seems rather a large order.  
<sup>He made the statement</sup> ~~Taylor told this~~ <sup>writing</sup> to a committee of Senators, ~~to get~~ them to  
<sup>to veterans,</sup> vote subsidies for building materials. <sup>Wilson</sup> Wyatt, the  
Housing Expeditor, has asked Congress for six hundred  
million dollars for this purpose. The Legion lobbyist  
urged the lawmakers to freeze the price of land. The  
Civilian Production Administrator told Senators that the  
government would use subsidies only as a last resort,  
only after price relief, labor recruitment and other  
methods had failed.

Part of the six hundred million dollars will be  
used to build roads to national forests so as to obtain  
lumber. President Truman today signed a bill which  
appropriates two hundred and fifty millions for temporary

emergency housing for veterans. The government hopes to build six hundred and fifty thousand new homes this year, fifty thousand converted homes, two hundred and fifty thousand prefabricated, fifty thousand trailers, and two hundred thousand temporary housing units.



COAL

John L. Lewis's threat of a coal strike has moved the Government to action. J. A. Krug, our new Secretary of the Interior, has ordered the bituminous mine operators to keep everything on track at the mines so as to accumulate enough for one full day's production. Then, after midnight tonight, the coal may be shipped only on order from the Secretary of the Interior.

TROMAN

President Truman likes to have a walk before breakfast, in which he resembles very few other people I know. When he was plain Harry S. Truman, or Senator Truman from Missouri, or even Vice-President of the United States, he could walk whenever he pleased and wherever he pleased. But ~~now,~~<sup>now,</sup> pity a poor President! He has to sneak out of the White House by a side door and take a motor-car to some place where he can stroll without autograph seekers, newspapermen, cameramen and others disturbing him -- or joining him.

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Until yesterday, President Truman took his ~~xxx~~ before-breakfast stroll, near the White House. But the word leaked out, and crowds joined him. Then the word was passed out that he wasn't going to do any more strolling near the White House. However, unconvinced, early this morning cameramen were on hand. Was the President there? Well, he crossed 'em up. Harry Truman just up and slipped away in his car at seven this morning. Off he went to Kenwood, Maryland, to where

White House Secretary Charlie Ross lives. There Mr. Truman strolled blissfully amid the cherry blossoms, the forsythia and the magnolias. The word is that henceforth he'll pick a different spot each day -- just so he can enjoy the humble pleasure of a stroll.

UNQ - (late flash)

The UNO secret session meeting was over at 6:45, and they are now preparing a communique to be issued within the next fifteen or twenty minutes.

## WIFE

An old English proverb runs,

"A spaniel, a woman, a walnut tree,

The more you beat them, the better they be."

That precept was actually a part of the old English common law, which to the best of my knowledge has never

yet been repealed. <sup>Accordingly</sup> ~~Under that~~ it was permissible,

even considered judicious, for a husband to chastise

~~— provided it was~~  
his wife with a cane, <sup>^</sup>no thicker than his thumb."

~~That might be rather tough on the wife of the~~

~~Ringling Circus giant. So that as it say, this order of~~  
<sup>But, alas, times do change.</sup>  
~~Something things — many things — are~~  
~~things is~~ being reversed, in our own U.S.A. ¶ In the

~~beautiful northwestern~~ State of Washington, live Mr. and

Mrs. Amyx. Today, Mr. Amyx brought his wife into court

at Tacoma, and charged her with third degree assault.

It seems that Mrs. Amyx laid into <sup>the old boy</sup> ~~her~~ with a couple of  
~~sticks of wood,~~  
~~fire logs, which presumably were considerably thicker~~

~~than her thumb.~~ In defense, Mrs. Amyx pleaded that they

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were only small legs, and <sup>anyhow</sup> her husband had called her names.

Hear now the words of wisdom from the court.

Mr. Justice Charles Westcott of Tacoma, Washington, made

the ruling that it is sometimes legal for a wife to beat

her husband on the head <sup>even</sup> with a piece of kindling wood.

~~How about a ruling for Judge?~~  
What is the world coming  
to Hugh? Do you know?