

DISARMAMENT

L.T. DeLoe Thurs. June 27-57.

At the London Disarmament Conference, the United States made a proposal to Soviet Russia, today. Suggesting that a committee of experts be named - to begin the task of working out specific details for a disarmament agreement.

Moscow delegate Zorin, however, rejected this.

Arguing that the working out of details must wait until ~~the~~ the United States has completed the presentation of all the clauses of the American Disarmament plan.

Retiring Atomic Energy Commissioner Thomas E. Murray denounces the proposal -- to suspend all atomic tests, and stop the manufacture of nuclear weapons. Instead, he calls for a multi-million dollar program -- for the development and production of small atomic weapons. The tactical kind - that could be used in regular military operations.

Murray steps out after seven years on the Atomic Energy Commission - during which time he has often clashed with Chairman Lewis Strauss. Now, he goes to work as a consultant for the Congressional Atomic Energy Commission.

He's all in favor of a halt - in the testing of giant atomic bombs. Like those hydrogen monsters. But advocates - the testing and development of smaller weapons.

NICKERSON

Colonel Nickerson says the trouble was - the aircraft industry. Out to get - most of the contracts in the missile program. Which was why the Army was limited severely - in missile development. Most of this given to the Air Force.

Before the court martial at Huntsville, Alabama, today -- Colonel Nickerson testified in his own defense. He ~~was~~ has already pleaded guilty - of being careless with secret documents. In protesting against a defense Department order, taking certain phases of ~~missile~~ missile development away from the Army.

The court martial still has to impose a sentence - and prominent army experts have testified in behalf of Colonel Nickerson. Extolling his work - in the Army missile program.

The Colonel, now presenting his own view and blaming the aircraft industry.

JURISDICTION

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, this afternoon voted a recommendation. Directing President Eisenhower to cancel agreements -- giving our allies criminal jurisdiction over American service men stationed abroad. Which move is incited of course by the case of William Girard in Japan. Now scheduled to be tried by the Japanese on a manslaughter charge.

JAPAN

A riot in Japan - when the U. S. Air Force began the job of enlarging a flying field. The Tackekawa Air Base - where one hundred students and villagers tore down a fence, and attacked surveyors. The trouble - incited by Communists.

The extention of the flying field entails - the removal of a village. Most of the villagers - accepting compensation. But a small group objects. Today, joined - by Left Wing students.

RUSSIA - MUSIC

An exchange of musical talent - between the Soviets and the United States. Metropolitan Opera stars Leonard^d Warren and Blanche Thebom -- to make tours in Russia. Moscow to send over prominent Russian instrumentalists, including a pianist and a violinist. Also - composer Khachaturian, who wrote the "Sabre Dance" -- ^{long} ~~which became~~ popular ^{here,} ~~in the United States.~~

This exchange - announced by Impresario Sol Hurok. Who negotiated an agreement - with Russian cultural authorities.


There's also talk of the famous Bolshoi ballet troupe -- coming over. ~~here.~~

EISENHOWER - COURT

President Eisenhower, today, threw his influence behind a Congressional drive - to get around a Supreme Court ruling. The decision, recently - to throw open confidential F.B.I. files. That is - give defendants and their lawyers a chance to look at secret information procured by the F.B.I. which could make public - people who give information. Concerning Communism - for example.

The President says - he's all for the Supreme Court,; Though he can't always understand - some of the decisions of the High Tribunal.

Today, he held a White House conference with Attorney General Brownell and a group of Republican leaders in Congress. Telling them that he favors legislation - which would enable the F.B.I. to protect its own secret files, in spite of the ruling by the Court.



ADD EISENHOWER

Later news -- a congressional committee putting
aside a bill backed by the Administration. In ^{favor --} ~~favor --~~ of more
sweeping legislation to protect F B I reports.

POST OFFICE

The Post Office committee of the House, today, voted its approval of a wage hike for ~~the~~ postal workers. This - despite the objections by President Eisenhower, who argues that a postal pay ~~increase~~ increase - would increase the danger of inflation. The measure okayed by the committee would cost some three hundred twenty million dollars a year.

STEEL

The United States Steel Corporation - hiking the price of the vital metal. Announcing - an average increase of six dollars per ton of steel. The company explaining that this is made necessary by a wage increase. Which goes into effect ~~at~~ July First.

Other steel ~~and~~ companies are likely to follow suit - and boost their prices. U S Steel - usually setting the pattern for the rest of the industry.

SATELLITE

The International Geophysical Year -- begins this weekend. Starting at Eight P.M. Eastern Daylight time, Saturday. The world of science - to make a year-long, intensive study of this globe of ours.

So what about the artificial Satellite? The man-made moon - expected to be a spectacular feature of the geophysical year.

In Washington - some precise information from Dr. Richard Porter, Chairman of the earth-satellite group, Who says -- they expect to launch six man-made moons. Each to be carried by rockets into outer space. Then - circle the earth, but "circle" is the wrong word. The path of the man-made moon -- to be elliptical, according to the laws of astronomy. Sometimes - as near as two hundred miles from the earth. Or as far as fifteen hundred miles - in its elliptical course.

Dr. Porter says - that, of the six to be launched, not more than four are expected to be successful. Explaining: "The

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probability of success of any one flight -- will not be as great as sixty-seven per cent." Out of six launchings, four failures - that's the scientific expectation.

There had been some hope that this country could launch its first man-made moon, late this summer. But now the belief is - early next year.

HURRICANE

The violence of the hurricane can be judged from one expression - horizontal rain. Not a down-pour -- but a "side-pour". Torrential rain, with wind so violent - it blew the water like a level sheet of rain.

Today, Hurricane Audrey struck the Gulf Coast at the Louisiana-Texas border. Roaring northward - along the line dividing those two states. Flat country down there, without hills or mountains ~~to~~ to break the pattern of the circular wind. The hurricane - roaring far inland. Diminishing in speed, somewhat -- but still of hurricane velocity.

The eye of the storm swept over one city after another - Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Orange, Texas, And - Lake Charles, Louisiana. With winds - up to one hundred and five miles an hour. Thousands of people - leaving their homes, and taking refuge in sturdier buildings.

Along the coast, boats ripped and hurled ashore. Nine lives lost - when a fishing craft sank off Galveston. Total death list from the hurricane - at least eleven.

A new danger - floods. Especially along the Sabine River. Widespread inundations - following those almost solid sheets of rain, blown horizontally by the wind.

NARCOTICS

The Chicago police, today, made a huge haul - of narcotics. Grabbing - about a million dollars worth of heroin. And arresting - two men. One who is called - "Chicago's number one narcotics dealer."

All of which grows out of a murder, earlier in the week. Leroy Love, a drug-peddler, wiped out in a gangland killing. The mob - suspecting him of talking to the police.

The murder of the alleged "stool pigeon" brought about a "round-the-clock" police investigation. In the course of which a trail was picked up -- leading to a shabby flat in a tenement. Where the cops found - two "huge" jars of heroin. With a value ~~on~~ on the drug market - of as much as a million dollars.

The two ~~men~~ men arrested are Melvin Harris and James Norwood. Harris, owner of a liquor store and a fleet of taxicabs, is called -- the king pin of the Chicago dope trade.

The police declare - he offered them ten thousand in cash and a new automobile, to let him go.

The British government began a campaign, today -- to warn the British people about the dangers of smoking. So announced in the House of Commons.

The Ministry of Health is acting in response to a study made by a medical research council. The study showing - an increase of lung cancer, because of the use of tobacco. Particularly -- heavy cigarette smoking.

The Ministry says that local health authorities will be called upon -- to inform the public. Circulars - now being sent out, advising them of the measures to take.

One ^{M.P.}~~M.P.~~ suggests -- that warning against the dangers of smoking be posted in public places.

There's a new plan to have a National League club in New York -- if the Dodgers and Giants move to Los Angeles and San Francisco. The scheme is to establish a ball club.

So you might have the San Francisco Giants playing - the New Yorkers. Sounds a bit on the dreamy side - but the sponsor of the new project is not to be laughed off. George V. McLaughlin a banker - who played a part in the history of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Back before the Second World War the Dodgers were controlled by the Brooklyn Trust Company - of which McLaughlin was President. The bank - a co-executor of the Ebbets Estate, which owned a half interest in the ball club. In addition to which - the club owed the bank half a million dollars.

The Dodgers - one of the worst outfits in the League. So ridiculous on the ball field, they were called - the "Daffiness Boys."

Their financial situation so bad, McLaughlin says - one year they were saved by the owner of concession rights. The

concession - for selling hot dogs and soda pop. Who had to advance the club enough money for a spring training trip.

McLaughlin says: "When we took 'em over the Dodgers were a Class D outfit! Now, look at them!

The number one turn of events came when the bank hired that wizard of our National game, Branch Rickey - probably the best baseball brain the game ever knew. Branch Rickey founded the Brooklyn farm system, and built up such a power of baseball resources - that the Dodgers have been winning pennants ever since.

Banker McLaughlin says - it was a miracle. A Branch Rickey miracle. And, he argues - that a miracle could happen again. So, we may have a new team - The New Yorkers.

UNIVERSITY

A state of confusion - at the University of Leyden in the Netherlands. That historic institution of learning -- bewildered and perplexed. Professors and scholars -- not knowing what's real, and what's illusion.

The University of Leyden is celebrating -- Cambridge Week. In honor of its illustrious ^{British} colleague in erudition - the University of Cambridge. Distinguished visitors ^{are at Leyden} from Britain - eminent educators, scientists and literary men. Officials of Her Majesty's government - and Jonathan Routh.

That's the bedeviling part of it. Jonathan Routh being - Britains' best known practical joker. Renowned -- for the tricks he plays, the hoaxes, the comic stunts.

An art exhibition was advertised, and art lovers went flocking to see - the "priceless paintings." Which turned out to be an assortment of appalling - daubs and smears.

At a local theatre, Jonathan Routh hired the lobby - for a display of archeological marvels.

One - "The tooth of Erasmus", that famous Dutch

scholar of old. I don't know, but it may be a cow's tooth.
 Anyway, there's one exhibit that looks like - a cow's hind leg.
 Billed - "the genuine leg of Cambridge man."

The unveiling of an academic monument was announced.

A crowd gathered. A string was pulled. The drapes fell away,
 revealing - a couple of shapely models, painted white.
 — a la burlesque show,

~~Style of a burlesque show.~~ So nobody knew what to
 believe, ^{even} when Lord Bessborough arrived -- representing Her
 Majesty's government, He was received with some suspicion. He
 might be - another Jonathan Routh production. But Lord
 Bessborough turned out to be - the real thing.

It was even worse when a scientific society billed a
 lecture by Sir Charles Darwin - grandson of the mighty Darwin,
 of evolution fame. ~~Hard to convince that this was not a~~ ^{Surely this was another} hoax.
 But he turned out to be the real McCoy —
~~That there really was a~~ Sir Charles Darwin - grandson
 of the Great Darwin.

Henry, The University of Leyden doesn't know - what's coming
 next.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.:

There was a prediction - made a year ago, today. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declaring that the degradation of Stalin - would have a disturbing effect throughout the Communist world. Causing - a wave of discontent.

True prophecy - that was. Followed in a few weeks -- by the Polish revolt. And the political upheaval in Poland -- bringing about a condition of semi-freedom in that country. Not to mention - other troubled reactions in the world of Communism.

Some people thought -- the anti-Stalin campaign was only show business. Intended - as deception. But our State Department knew better.

And so long until tomorrow.