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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: -

The latest on the cola strike! The President of the Southern Coal Producers Association made a proposal tonight for a compromise -- which sounds as though it might be a face-saving way out. The southern coal mine owners urge the government to ask John L. Lewis to call a truce for two weeks in the walkout -- a truce during which negotiations could be held between Lewis and the mine owners, leaving the Government out.

FOLLOW COAL BULLETIN

Word from Washington is that the government may ask for an extra session of the court -- to speed up the trial of John L. Lewis. After the Thanksgiving holiday, proceedings will be resumed tomorrow -- and the government may ask the court to stage an extra session on Saturday. Judge Goldsborough is expected to hand down a prompt ruling on whether or not the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction act applied to the injunction the court handed down in the coal strike. A decision on that point, and then a verdict on Lewis personally -- that's what the administration wants done as quickly as possible.

BIG FOUR

At a special Thanksgiving meeting of the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers this afternoon, Molotov entered into the spirit of the day. The issue was: Free navigation on the Danube. And for the second straight day, the Russian Diplomat proposed a compromise. He said he will accept the principle of free navigation on Europe's great inland waterway, but he doesn't want that principle written into peace treaties with the defeated nations. Instead, he wants it to be a matter of separate agreement between the Big Four powers.

And tonight, Molotov's colleagues stand ready to accept his counter-proposal. All of which may clear up the last obstacle in the way of those peace treaties with the Axis satellites.

The word is that today's meeting was by far the most friendly the Four have ever ~~had~~ held.

U.N.

In the proceedings of the United Nations, Molotov ^{also} made a dramatic entrance today, ~~at~~ Lake Success, ~~New York~~, where ^{the} U.N. Committees meet, the political and security group was having a session on Thanksgiving Day, and there was no expectation that the Soviet ~~for~~ Foreign Minister would show up. The Moscow Delegate was Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky -- but in came Molotov with a surprise declaration.

The Committee had just completed a vote -- which had gone against the Soviets. This was in the course of discussions of a plan to bring about some degree of world disarmament. ~~As we've been hearing, the Western Democracies want the nations to report on the size of their armies -- the numbers of soldiers they have in occupied countries and at home. To this the Soviets countered with a demand that the nations report, not only on their armies, but also on their armament -- atomic armament in particular. Moscow~~ ^{ing} wants us to disclose immediately the quantity of atomic bombs we have, and the rate at which they are

produced.

That suggestion was opposed by the Americans and British, who argued that the United States was willing to report to the United Nations on atomic bombs, but only when the real disarmament plan has materialized, something real -- and not just words. ^{And} that view prevailed in the committee. ^{Today the} ~~and today final~~ final action was taken -- the committee voting against the Soviets.

The Moscow demand for an immediate count of Atomic Bombs was supported only by the Soviet Satellites and by India. Vishinsky protested vigorously, and said that Soviet Russia would oppose ^{the} committee decision in an argument before the General Assembly of the ~~the~~ U.N.

All this had just been completed, when in ~~xxxxxxxx~~ walked Molotov, and he proceeded to make a surprise address. In grave tones he gave warning that, unless world armaments were reduced, and the atomic bomb ~~was~~ put under international control, a third world war ~~x~~ could not be averted.

After which the Soviet Foreign Minister went on to talk about the delicate matter of -- inspection that went right to the heart of the most difficult dilemma that now faces the United Nations and the world. The question of inspection is the key to plans to control the atomic bomb -- and outlaw atomic warfare. The American program for this, the Baruch Plan, calls for a system of inspection, whereby the United Nations would have some way of really knowing that the nations are actually ^{ab} ~~aiding~~ by their atomic pledges -- and not violating or evading.

The Baruch Plan calls for all nations to permit the U.N. to send commissions of inquiry into their territory and give them facilities for investigating possible atomic developments intended for war. This the Soviets have rejected, presenting their own atomic plan, according to which nations would merely make promises -- without ~~inspections~~ inspection.

So what did Molotov have to say today along that line? In his dramatic appearance before the

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political and security commission, he spoke in a way that indicated some relaxation of the Soviet attitude of opposition. He did not make it clear that Moscow would agree to a system of international inspection, with the ~~power~~ ^{power} to go into any country at any time, to check on possible violations of promises -- check on possible secret development of atomic weapons. ~~He~~ ^{Instead he} ~~did this.~~ ^{did this.}

~~He~~ spoke of what he called - "special organs of inspection", and urged that these be created. Just what he meant is none too clear -- ~~what~~ ^{what} authority would be given these "special organs of inspection."

But the surprise Molotov intervention in the committee proceedings on this Thanksgiving Day did indicate that the Soviets might be willing to yield a bit in their opposition toward what the rest of the world considers the crucial issue of atomic control. If

^{Well that surely would be}
that be true, ~~the~~ ^{the} cause for Thanks-giving.

SHOOTING

A formal reply was made today to the Soviet charge that an attempt at political assassination was made in New York against two members of the Ukrainian delegation, one of whom was shot in the leg. ~~Actually, it was a robbery. To our minds, it seems incredible that there could be any suspicion of political motives in what was obviously an ordinary hold up.~~ Yet, ^{The} Soviet representatives have been insisting that it was a case of anti-communist conspirators plotting to assassinate two members of the Ukrainian delegation to the United Nations.

Today's formal explanation is made by Secretary of State Byrnes, who assures the Chief Ukrainian delegate that he has the complete evidence from the New York Police Commissioner ^{- or how} two robbers walked into a delicatessen, and held up the owner - also a couple of customers, making them put up their hands and robbing them. The two Ukrainians walked in to buy something, just as the thieves were making their getaway. They looked like detectives and were slow

in putting up their hands. So one of the thieves fired a shot, ~~xxxx~~ as he dashed out - the bullet hitting one Ukrainian in the leg. ^{And} That's the story of

~~the~~ ten people ~~who were~~ robbed in the delicatessen

stick-up. ~~To which Secretary Byrnes adds closely reasoned arguments. The Soviet contention is that the two Ukrainian delegates were known to go to that particular delicatessen at intervals, and that anti-Soviet plotters were lurking there - to shoot them.~~

Secretary Byrnes points out that such conspirators would have waylaid the two Ukrainians in the street, instead of in a brightly lighted delicatessen in which several people would get a good look at them. Moreover, if the hold-up men had intended to kill the Ukrainians, they could have done so easily, shooting them at close range - instead of firing a hasty shot in making a hurried escape.

~~IR~~ Well, we know that Soviet people are likely to be suspicious of deep dark connivings, and they don't understand our American ways - which include an

occasional hold-up. In Moscow armed robbery and shooting by a gunman are not regarded so tolerantly.

We know that Soviet people don't understand our American freedom, and they don't understand our American gangsters. Maybe we, ourselves, could do without the gangsters.

CHINA

In China today, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek gave an indication that he may soon retire from the leadership of China. He said he was getting -- to old.

The Generalissimo was addressing the Constituent Assembly, which has gathered to adopt a constitution for the Chinese Republic. It was Chiang's job today to present a draft of the constitution got up by the leaders of the National Party. He presented the document with the following words:

"I am now sixty years old -- too old to shoulder great political responsibility any longer." Then he went on: -- "Starting today, the Kuomintang (his own Nationalist Party) will begin giving up political power and responsibility to the people."

To me this recalls the talk I had with Chiang Kai-Shek about a year and a half ago, in Chungking, and the Generalissimo -- telling me that, when the war was over he intended to give up his

political power -- which was virtually absolute power. He said he was doing everything possible to prepare for that day. And now he says that day is at hand.

At Nanking today, the immediate comment was that Chiang Kai-Shek might indeed step out as head of the ~~the~~ Chinese Government, but that he probably would retain his position as head of the Chinese Army.

PERON

Higgins, the New Orleans boatbuilder is back in the news again. ^{Andrew Higgins, it appears,} ~~The word is that he~~ received a letter from Peron in which the Argentine President urged the removal from office of Unverseretary of State Spruille Braden -- Peron calling Braden the main obstacle to peace between Argentina and the United States.

Andrew J. Higgins evidently turned Peron's message over to certain members of Congress, and in doing so, wrote the Congressmen a covering letter saying that under Spruille Braden, our Good Neighbor policy had been knocked into a cocked hat. In his letter Higgins also said that on his recent visit to Argentina he found the stories alleging subversive activities there were ridiculous -- that Argentinians, like all other folks were mainly interested in doing business.

~~The~~ Higgins and Peron correspondence was published today by the Washington Post, and the State Department is ^{all} upset about it. So much so that the

State Department has dug up an old law, the Logan Act, which forbids American citizens to correspond with foreign governments for the purpose of influencing American foreign policy. That Logan Act by the way has rarely been applied.

Higgins, when apprised of the publication of the correspondence, said he ~~was~~ was shocked ~~by~~ that it had been printed. "But" he added: "Now that the fat is in the fire, I'll have some more things to say".

PANTS

It took some pressure on the part of General Carl Tooev Spaatz, Army Air Force ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Commander, but the manager of the ~~XXXX~~ Hawaiian Bureau of the United Press got his pants back.

The pants, plus a ^{containing a bottle} gladstone bag/had been missing since August, supposedly on their way from ~~XXX~~ Hawaii to California.

After weeks of waiting, in vain Bill Eberhart, the unhappy owner, invoked the power of the press, and sent ^{this} terse memo to General Spaatz: "Your Air Force has my pants, and I want them back!"

It took a bit of doing but today suitcase and all arrived. They had been victims of snafu. Delayed by Gremlins.

CANNIBALS

In Brazil, the airline people want to put a flying field along the headwaters of the Xingu River, but there's one slight difficulty -- cannibals. An airbase on the Upper Xingu would help straighten out the airline between Miami and Rio, and that straightening would save eight hours of flying time. However, the proposed new site is in jungle country -- said to be the haunt of a ferocious tribe of man-eating savages.

You could understand the difficulty -- mixing aviation with cannibalism. An airline wouldn't like its passengers to be eaten -- nor would the passengers, for that matter.

All of which develops in a report made by an expedition that aviation companies dispatched to the ~~XXXXX~~ headwaters of the Xingu. They opened negotiations with various local tribes, to determine how the primitive jungle people would behave, if an airbase were established in those parts. Some of the tribes were agreeable, but they said -- look out for Uaicus, the chiefs, the Caciques, of five friendly

tribes, were unanimous in stating that the Uacius were man-eaters, and it wouldn't be safe to run passenger service in their vicinity.

So at the moment Brazil is figuring - what to do about it? A dilemma indeed, when ultra-modern aviation runs into a problem of cannibals.

If they put the air base at the wrong place, why some airline passenger, some well-fed American business man, bound for Rio, might wind up on the Thanksgiving bill of fare, at a cannibal feast. I hope you've all finished dining.

CHIMNEY

At Newark, New Jersey, this Thanksgiving Day, Tom Dowling took the pledge. John Barleycorn, ~~fare~~ farewell. Tom was giving thanks that he was still alive, thankful that he had not been turned into a cinder.

Last night Tom, who lives in East Orange, went over to Newark for festivity. He had it, in various bars. ^π Came the wee hours of the morning, he looked for a place to sleep -- too late to go back to East Orange. Tom wandered around and presently noted an iron door about three feet square. He opened it, and crawled in. It seemed a cozy place for a snooze. Today he woke up ~~π~~ - coughing. Smoke was pouring in. Tom tried to get out of the little iron door, but now found it locked. His cozy bedroom was, in fact, ^{the base of} the chimney of a powerhouse of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and now they were starting the furnace - having locked the little iron ~~x~~ door in the ~~xxx~~ normal course of things.

Tom, through clouds of smoke, saw an iron ladder, high above which was a patch of light. That seemed to be a way out, and he started climbing ~~xx~~ up

toward the light. The chimney was a hundred and eighty feet high, with the smoke increasing all the way. Tom got to the top, and found himself looking out from a dizzy altitude.

He yelled and somebody down below heard him -- and saw him. But what could be done? It would take time to get a ladder up on the outside of the hundred-and-eighty foot chimney, and Tom would be a goner before they could get him down that way. There was only one thing to do. They shouted to him to climb down again on the inside -- and they would open the little iron door for him.

So Tom started down. The smoke was worse than ever now, and it was getting hot. The rungs of the ladder were heating up, were blistering his hands -- and it seemed as if he were ~~breathing~~^{breathing} ~~breathing~~ fire. It looked as if he would be turned into a cinder. But he made it. Although half dead ^{he} reached the bottom of the hundred and eighty foot ladder, and there the little iron door was open. ^{and he} crawled out, ^{and} collapsed.

The smoke out of his lungs, he left the hospital making fervent vows -- taking the pledge. John Barleycorn, farewell! -- which is not a bad sentiment for Thanksgiving Day.

How about it Nelson? Ar would you know?

INDIA

Nov. 28th

This weekend conference on India ~~which~~ we heard about a couple of days ago, is going to be held according to schedule. That's the word from India, a dispatch stating that Nationalist Leader Jawaharlal Nehru is going to London.

At first Nehru rejected the London invitation -- to accompany the Viceroy, Field Marshal Viscount Wavell, for a conference with the British Cabinet. Then Nehru changed his mind upon receipt of a personal request ^{from} Prime Minister Attlee, who assured him that the British Government has no intention of changing its plans for Indian independence.

Other Indian Leaders who will accompany the Viceroy for a conference with the cabinet are Balder Singh, leader of the Sikhs -- ~~and~~ ~~the~~ defense minister in the present interim government ~~the caretaker~~ ~~regime~~ headed by Nehru. And Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the Moslem League is going. The purpose of the weekend conference is to see what can be done about the disturbances that are threatening outright ~~out~~ ~~an~~ ~~out~~ civil war in India.

The other night I mentioned Station W ^B Z
which was celebrating its twenty-fifth birthday. Alvin
Bach, one of the heads of K Y W, our NBC network
station in Philadelphia, rang me up to tell me that
K Y W is also having its twenty-fifth anniversary, and
therefore
^ likewise deserves a salute.

I suppose there are plenty of young people
who find it difficult to realize what a quiet placid
place this planet was before the birth of radio;
many who seldom stop to think that there just wasn't
any radio only a few years ago, -- the oldest stations
like W B Z, K Y W, and a few others, only going back
My own first appearance was just 20 years
twenty-five years. ^ Al Bach of K Y W was one of the
first announcers to launch me on the air, he and
those two patriarchs, Ed Thorgersen and Frank Knight.

age on KDKA.