

DISARMAMENT

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The Soviet Union offered a disarmament plan to the United Nations today - and it's notable, because for the first time the Russians show a willingness to ~~reduce~~ conventional weapons. Until now, the Kremlin has always insisted on the destruction of atomic weapons - which would leave the Russians ahead in regular standing armies. But today, Gromyko separated the two issues - and proposed that the big powers set limits on their military strength, outside of atomic weapons.

We have no details yet. But our Ambassador to the U.N., Cabot Lodge, is said to regard the Russian proposal as important. Britain and France, not quite so impressed. But at least, it's a change from the old Soviet line. *And there's*

just a trace of
~~reason there's more~~ optimism around the U.N. tonight.

~~New incidents along the Gaza Strip. Egyptian and Israeli spokesmen, each blaming the other side.~~

Meanwhile ~~there was a~~ ^{but the most} sinister development today; ~~is~~ a charge in the Russian press - that Israel wants to start a war in the Middle East. A Tass dispatch, saying that Israel is affected by "war hysteria" - and that the Western powers are ready to move into the area. Tass ~~going on to declare~~ ^{launching a charge} that Britain and America want to send troops - to restore colonialism in the Arab nations.

CONFERENCE

S'ays the Canadian Foreign Minister:--"Lets tell the Russians what we are going to do - and then tell them to put up or shut up." This was at today's meeting of the heads of Government of Canada, Mexico and the United States. A long conference today at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. There were no concrete decisions - but Premier St. Laurent, President Cortines and President Eisenhower and their advisors on foreign affairs were in general agreement on a common approach.

The three leaders came out of the hotel at ten fifteen A.M. There they found a battery of reporters and photographers. These President Eisenhower introduced to his 2 guests as "my firing squad". Then the three posed for the camera firing squad. After which, accompanied by their top foreign policy experts - they went back into the Greenbriar Inn for their conference.

The main suggestion today came from Lester Pearson, the Canadian Secretary of Foreign Affairs -

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who said that the free world should call Russia's bluff - by exchanging plans for disarmament and economic aid. That was when Foreign Minister Lester Pearson said: - "Let's tell the Russians what we are going to do - and tell Russia to put up or shut up."

The Pearson proposal was debated back and forth, with the emphasis on economic aid for nations of the Far East.

Secretary of State Dulles gave a report on the Far East - describing what he found on his recent tour through ten nations. Our Secretary of State, optimistic - as long as we do help the nations that need it, if they are to stave off Communist aggression.

SEROV

Well, the chief of the Russian Secret Police is back in Moscow. Serov, the thug, as London papers called him, cut short his mission. Flew back to Russia this morning. As you know, Serov arrived only last Thursday - to check security arrangements for the Khrushchev-Bulganin visit next month. All during his stay, he was attacked by the British press - called "Serov the Terrible," "Serov the thug," and more of that. Everywhere he looked, headlines screamed, "Serov Go Home!" This leader of the Soviet Secret Police could hardly have been unaware - of how the British felt. He surely knew he was one of the most hated foreigners ever to descend upon little old London.

We heard he was to stay there - await the arrival of the Kremlin Rover Boys. Instead, out to London Airport he went this morning - jumped into his flashy jet liner, and took off in a hurry. A British diplomat rode flew to Moscow with Serov - and reports that the flight, some sixteen hundred miles was made in a little over three hours - a new record from London-to-

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Moscow. So Serov is now safely back in the Russian capital - and in London, they doubt that he'll ever visit London again. They hope he won't.

MIKOYAN

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The boss of Soviet trade admits that there has been trouble in Russia - over the new anti-Stalin line. Mikoyan, admitting this at a reception ^{at} ~~in~~ the Russian Embassy in New Delhi. We've already heard how Mikoyan minimized the reports of rioting in Soviet Georgia - when he spoke to newsmen in Karachi.

Today he went farther - saying that there have been, as he put it, "some events". But ~~he~~ ^{he} again denied that there have been ^{riots of any importance at} ~~massive riots in~~ Tiflis.

Mikoyan even mentioned the cause of the trouble.

Said he: "Some people take it harder than others" - ~~That was~~ ^{his} reference to the attacks on Stalin, which Mikoyan himself started at the February Communist Congress in Moscow.

CYPRUS

Still more trouble on Cyprus. ~~is worse than ever tonight -~~
~~violence at many places~~ All over the island. On a busy city
street, a customs official working for the government, was shot
and killed, the assassins escaping. In three villages, British
homes and vehicles were bombed - although there were no
casualties. And in one town, a group of masked men carrying guns,
entered a coffee shop, compelled the customers to face the
wall - and then tore down the notices of a reward for the
young Cypriote ~~who is~~ suspected of placing *that* time-bomb in the
bed of Governor General *Sir John* ~~Harding~~. ~~last week~~

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The British authorities are striking back through the
courts. A seventy-six year old Greek Orthodox priest,
sentenced for carrying a revolver, ~~with two dud cartridges in it.~~
The priest, given the choice of a year in jail or a fine of
several ~~almost three~~ hundred dollars.

ALGERIA

And, the shooting goes on in Algeria. Twenty-six ^{more} ~~persons~~ killed in the last twenty-four hours. The French army, ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ a clashing with the "army of Allah", in the mountains.

Also, And there's a flare-up of ~~trouble~~ in Tunisia.

A Moslem professor ~~was~~ elected to the Assembly on Sunday, Yesterday ~~he was~~ shot dead in front of his home, in Tunis.

The assassin, apparently an extremist, opposed to the ~~flimsy~~ pro-Western policy of the new government.

BRITAIN

The British people are warned that there will ^{have to be} more austerity - for almost another year. The bad news, published in an official government White Paper. The White Paper notes that exports have been decreasing, and imports increasing - ^{with} ~~and Britain's~~ Britain's dollar reserves ~~have been~~ cut by two hundred million in the last year.

A few weeks ago, the Eden government introduced special anti-inflation measures. These touched off ^{much} ~~great~~ public resentment - and almost brought a crisis in the government. Now Sir Anthony tells the British people that the restrictions will not be lifted - in fact, he warns that there will be more stringent measures, unless Britain exports a lot more in the next few months.

TRAWLER

Off the coast of Scotland, today, the crew of a Russian trawler showed that they could be just as unfriendly as during the time of Stalin. The vessel, one of three in the area - ran aground in the Shetland Islands during a heavy fog.

The Scots promptly sent out a rescue ship - but the Russian sailors waved it away with shouts of, "Nyet, nyet." ~~That~~ ~~familiar Russian~~ "No, no."

Then a group ~~six~~~~six~~~~six~~~~six~~~~six~~~~six~~ apparatus with special apparatus walked six miles - to try to throw a line to the Soviet trawler on the rocks. *Even then* The Russian sailors refused to take the line aboard. *there on the rocks* ~~And~~ They just stayed ~~put~~ until the two other Soviet trawlers came up - and removed them.

As we have heard,
~~Well, habit is a hard thing to break~~ and Russian

sailors visiting Western ports ~~very~~ often refuse to go ashore.

And here was a crew refusing to be
~~And this crew behaved just like that today~~ ~~refused~~ rescued,

because their rescuers were Scots, and ~~not~~ Russians.

MISSILE

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~~The~~ Army is working on a revolutionary new anti-missile device. So announced by Senator Jackson of Washington - after a secret session of the Senate Armed Services Sub-Committee, which heard testimony from both the Army and the Air Force.

The problem is to knock out ballistic missiles - a tough job, because they race toward their targets *many times faster than* ~~the speed of sound.~~ *the speed of sound.* ~~of eighteen thousand miles an hour.~~ The Army has been working

on a counter-missile - and Senator Jackson says ~~that~~ progress *on this miracle* is being made - ~~progress in~~ *actual* defense against the ballistic missile, ~~which has~~ often been called "the ultimate weapon."

Meanwhile, our development of the missile itself ~~is~~ *goes on.* ~~going ahead.~~ Defense Secretary Wilson appointing a special assistant to handle the job - Eger Murphree of Summit,

New Jersey. Secretary Wilson told the news conference that *Eger* Murphree will be given all the authority he needs for the development of the inter-continental missile.

FARM

A joint Congressional Committee rejects President Eisenhower's plan for flexible price supports. The Committee, ignoring threats of a presidential veto - voting a return to ninety per cent of parity for corn, cotton, peanuts, rice and meat. The rigid supports, to last for one year.

However, the Chairman of the Committee said his colleagues undoubtedly will approve the President's plan for a billion dollar soil bank. And another Committee accepted ^{the} ~~the~~ Eisenhower ~~the~~ proposal - that farmers be exempt from the federal tax on gasoline. The farmers, to keep the two cents on every gallon - for gasoline used on their farms.

The former Premier of the Soviet Union - fulfilled
a life's ambition today. ^{So he said. Those were} ~~That's how~~ Malenkov described his
visit to the cottage where Robert Burns was born, in Seventeen
Fifty-Nine. ^{TP} And in his

^{his} ~~his~~ pocket Malenkov carried a copy of a Russian translation
of the Scottish poet. ~~in his pocket~~ ^{are reported} The Scots, ~~rather~~ amused
at the thought of their dialect in the Russian language.

But Malenkov wasn't a bit daunted - he even read some of his
Burns before he left the cottage. And, he sang, "Auld Lang Syne"
with the rest of his party.

Afterward, ~~the~~ he paid a visit to Edinburgh - and
climbed up to famous Edinburgh Castle. ~~Malenkov~~ Still
beaming, still amiable - ~~and~~ apparently still unmoved ^{over all} ~~about~~
^{the} reports of trouble ~~for his followers~~ back home. ^{actwardly} ~~Malenkov~~

~~seems~~ unworried about the anti-Stalin developments since he
left Moscow.

LIGHT

Air Force scientists announce - artificial light
seven hundred times brighter than the sun. ~~It was achieved~~ ^{They get it} by
sending an electric current through compressed gas - ~~the~~
~~result,~~ ^{up to} temperatures ~~of~~ ¹ four hundred thousand degrees
Fahrenheit, and light seven hundred times brighter than the
sun.

~~The light and heat lasted for~~ ^{ing} only a millionth of a
second - but, the scientists say they ^a are sure ^{they'll harness} ~~that eventually~~
^{it for ultimate} ~~this discovery will be~~ used in industry.

GRACE KELLY

The government of Monoco announces a national holiday for the wedding of their Prince and his American princess. Part of the celebration to be free movies for all. Motion picture houses to run continuously in honor of the Queen from Hollywood. But, no pictures starring Grace Kelly!

After the wedding, on April Nineteenth, the royal couple will tour Monoco in an open limousine. The tour to take only about fifteen minutes, because Monoco is tiny and has only twenty thousand residents.

Then fireworks, music and dancing - and more free movies. In honor of Grace Kelly who will then be Her Highness, Princess Grace of Monoco.

BOOKKEEPER

It all started when Clara Olds' boss, in Los Angeles, gave her a check and told her to get it changed into small bills at the bank. And she did. Six thousand dollars pushed back at her. Said Miss Olds today: "When they shoved all that long green through the cage - I just couldn't resist it."

So she went home, packed her bag, and headed for, guess where? Las Vegas!

She says she had most of the money left when she arrived at that gambling mecca. And then she started in at the tables - roulette, blackjack, poker - and, of course, the one-armed bandits, the slot machines.

She had lots of luck - all bad. The six thousand just vanished. Pretty soon she didn't have enough money to stay on at Las Vegas. So she went to Memphis - where she was picked up by the police.

Today, the fugitive bookkeeper, Clara Olds, made this philosophical statement: "I had a good time while it lasted!"