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From the United Nations, the news is two fold. They ^{are} ~~is~~ dealing with two great controversies. In the Security Council - the Berlin Crisis. In the political council - the problem of Atomic War.

News from the Security Council ^{adjoined} ~~proceedings~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ indefinitely. This ~~is~~ to give Soviet Russia a chance to think about a new offer made by the Western Powers today.

The United States led off in the trial of Soviet Russia before the Security Council - on the charge that the food blockade of Berlin constitutes a threat to the peace of the world. The opening address was made by a member of the American delegation, Dr. Philip Jessup, who repeated in most unmistakeable terms that the western powers will not negotiate on Germany under duress, threats ^{the} ~~starvation~~ blockade.

But he added that, if Soviet Russia will agree to lift the blockade, why then the western powers will drop their appeal to the United Nations and will enter immediately into a four power conference of the Foreign Ministers - which Moscow wants for a discussion

of the whole German problem. That was the offer. So what did Vishinsky have to say to that? Nothing. He didn't speak a word today, - ~~B~~ut he was there. The Russian delegate carried out his promise of yesterday - that Soviet Russia would take no part in the deliberations on the ~~B~~erlin Crisis, a boycott. But Vishinsky did not stay away from the session today - no walkout. Instead, it was a sit-down.

After the Western Powers presented their proposal, with Vishinsky making no reply, the Council adjourned - to give the ~~S~~oviets a chance to consider the deal that was offered. The belief is that when the Council meets again, probably next week, a formal resolution will be introduced, suggesting that Moscow accept the bargain proposed today - a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the big four, in return for the lifting of the Berlin blockade.

In the political Council, the Atomic angle, there was ~~pl~~ⁱⁿ speaking by British Minister of State Hector McNeill. He gave the reason why the Western Powers are

keeping the atomic secret and the Atomic Bomb. He put it in these words: "We all fear Russia."

In a blistering attack, he pointed out the extent of the Red Aggression, the number of nations and territories the Soviets have taken over - the reason why "We all fear Russia." He told the Soviets that the Western Powers are willing to outlaw Atomic warfare and destroy all atomic bombs, if Moscow will accept an effective world system to prohibit nations from making Atomic weapons. And-if they will give up the Soviet veto in matters concerning International Control of Atomic Energy.

There are signs in the Control Council that the smaller nations are talking up some kind of move to bring about an atomic compromise. Signs also, that the Big powers of the West may offer something new in an effort to get an agreement with Soviet Russia to outlaw Atomic War.

NAZIS

There has been a lot of discussion of the case of Ilse Koch, wife of the Commandant at the Nazi horror camp at Buchenwald. Called "The Belle of Buchenwald," she was convicted of committing atrocities against prisoners, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Then, recently, her term was reduced to four years, which has aroused protest.

Today we have news of a recommendation for clemency in the case of a whole string of Nazis convicted and sentenced to death by an American Military Tribunal.

This pertains to the U. S. Army trials held at the Horror Camp of Dachau. The defendants, more than sixteen hundred, ranging all the way from concentration camp criminals to German soldiers accused of killing American prisoners of war. Four-hundred-and-twenty-six death sentences were imposed, of which a-hundred-and-sixty have been executed in all those post-war hangings. In other cases the penalties were reduced, and in still others the executions were delayed - when Secretary of the Army Royall ordered an inquiry into the trials at Dachau and

and the correctness of these death sentences, one-hundred-and-thirty-nine of them.

A two-man civilian commission was named, distinguished jurists;-Justice Martin Simpson of the Supreme Court of Texas, and Judge Edward Van Roden of Delaware County, Pennsylvania. They went to Germany, and ^(studied) ~~examined~~ the trial records. Lawyers presented arguments to show that evidence against the condemned one-hundred-and-thirty-nine had been obtained by improper methods. With this the two-man commission now agrees - in a certain number of cases. We are not told how many.

We are informed, however, that Ilse Koch, the "Belle of Buchenwald", is not on this list. The Commissions did not consider her case, which passed through other channels - her sentence reduced by General Clay, American Commander in Germany.

BRITAIN

News from London indicates that the British Labor Government may find itself involved in a sensational scandal. Tonight London papers are carrying banner headlines about this. But in the stories they are mighty careful about what they say - because of the strict British libel law.

Britain has a "do or die" export program, the British people enduring shortages and scarcity, all that austerity ^{so} ~~so~~ their country may build up its financial position by exporting as much as possible. Today's accusation concerns huge quantities of textiles, lace, linen, household fabrics, and paper, which were scheduled to be exported under the Government program. But these luxury materials found their way into the home market, and were sold to the public.

This was possible because of what the London newspapers are calling-"irregularities." The statement is that the huge amounts of merchandise could not have been diverted from export to home use, without the connivance of highly placed persons in the government.

One newspaper declares tonight that the investigation of illegal transactions appears to implicate at least - a junior cabinet officer. The impression is that there's a ~~HEMMHIX~~ scandal in the making, which may shake the labor Government.

POLITICS

The big american game of Politics ran into some peculiar complications today - featuring President Truman, John L. Lewis and Congress.

Yesterday, Lewis, at the Cincinnati Convention of the United Mine Workers, blasted the President - Candidate with unmeasured violence. So what have we today? The Mine Union Convention hurls a broadside at Congress, with equal violence. So, ~~John~~ John L. Lewis and his cohorts are against the Democratic President, and also against the Republican Congress. Which is all the more interesting, because, in the election campaign, President Truman has been blazing away at the Republican Congress.

Lewis and Truman are in agreement on that subject, at least.

Last night I refrained from quoting vitriolic remarks that Lewis flung at Truman - feeling a bit embarrassed about repeating such biting abuse of the President. However, from the Presidential Campaign train today, we have a Truman retort to the Lewis epithets. So, to make matters clear, it may be necessary to state

that the burly Mine Union Chief, in his ^{deepest}~~greatest~~ basso profundo, called the President-Candidate - "A malignant schemer." Hard words.

The Truman reply to that is a blithe remark, the President referring back to a statement that John L. Lewis once made about Vice-President Garner. "That", says Truman, "made Garner a great man."

So what was it that Lewis said about Garner?

He called him: "A labor-baiting, whiskey-drinking, poker-playing, evil old man." Hard, hard words.

All of which takes us to another twister. The President is speaking in Philadelphia tonight, and at the last minute has changed the subject. He was to have talked about atomic energy, but White House Secretary Ross declares there wasn't time to complete the writing of that address. So, instead, there'll be a Truman cannonade against the Taft-Hartley Labor Law- and the Republican Congress.

Which is exactly what the John L. Lewis meeting Convention thundered against today. Two hearts that

FOLLOW POLITICS

But at the mine workers convention John L. Lewis is not ^{confining} ~~limiting~~ himself to political matters. Today he called for an increase of union dues, more than doubling the amount, raising the dues of each coal miner to an average of four dollars a month. Also, a boost of the initiation fee from ten dollars to fifty dollars - that much to get a union card. All of which would bring an additional fourteen million dollars a year into the Treasury of the United Mine Workers.

Lewis justified the raise of dues and initiation by stating that the ~~xi~~ value of union membership has greatly increased. Because of the welfare and retirement fund, that fund of one hundred million dollars -- which pays benefits to coal miners.

In his Philadelphia address tonight President Truman was in sarcastic mood, making mock of the call for national unity. Jeering at the Republicans, he said: "They have all their promises wrapped in a package called unity. With which they guarantee to cure more ills than any patent medicine you ever saw." [^] *and then he added: -* "I don't believe the American people are going to be taken in with that kind of quackery".

~~The first paragraph of Nazis could be dropped.~~

EARTHQUAKE

Fragmentary news has been coming in about widespread earthquake disturbances in Central Asia. Here's a late dispatch, a Moscow announcement of heavy shocks in Turkistan. In the city of Ashkhabad, a metropolis of those remote parts, the brief news report tells of heavy damage, - buildings destroyed - and ^{(numerous} ~~several~~ casualties.

American sismologists today were telling how their instruments recorded a violent earth disturbance which they placed in the area of northwestern India. And earthquake reports have come from Persia, Iran, great damage in the picturesque city of Meshed. The total geographical description is such as to indicate a widespread disturbance - a cataclysmic shaking of the earth throughout the mountainous area east and south of the Caspian Sea.

HUNTERS

A late dispatch from Idaho, tells of the marooning of elk hunters including Governor Vail Pitman of Nevada. They are blizzard bound in the Chamberlain Basin, deep in the wilds of Idaho, along the Salmon River. They went elk hunting, and were trapped by early heavy snow falls. The snow has been coming down for several days. Today three airplanes tried to take the elk hunters out, but were grounded by the storm. There seems to be no danger for the group ^{that} ~~which~~ includes ^{the} ~~the~~ Governor ~~Vail~~ ~~Pitman~~ of Nevada. ~~The~~ They have plenty of food; but, no one knows when they will emerge from the snowbound wilderness.

SUBSTITUTE WORLD SERIES

For this next bit of news I am going to quote a judge, and repeat a statement made to a jury in Philadelphia this afternoon. In a federal court the lawyers were arguing at a trial that concerned charges of racketeering in the city produce market. Then Judge Guy R. Bard, received a whispered message. He stopped the debate of the lawyers, turned to the jury and said: "In case ~~you~~ any of you are interested, the Boston Braves won the first game of the World Series, one to nothing. Bob Feller gave up only two hits, but lost."

It is not often that one can give the baseball news by quoting a judge in court.

THE EGG

In Birmingham, Alabama, a great Modern Hospital is in distress-feeling sick about things, almost as sick as some of the patients. The doctors are having trouble with the electro-en'cephal'ograph. No, it is not about the pronunciation of that word. The learned scientists have got around that by calling the contraption- the egg. The electro-encephalograph, or the egg, is a device used to detect and measure electrical impulses of the brain. You place the ^{- - the} egg over a patient's head, and then tune in to the brain waves.

The trouble at the Jefferson-Hillman hospital began a week ago, when the doctor was listening in on the egg to measure brain impulses, and here's what he heard: "Strike one." Followed by: "Ball one." The astonished Physician thought he must be detecting the patients thoughts - a miracle. Later on, the egg began to give out jive music.

It turned out that both the ball game and the jitter-bug rhythms were part of the broadcasts of a local Birmingham radio station. Something had gone wrong with

the egg, and the sensitive electrical instrument was picking up radio programs.

So, ever since, the doctors have been in a daze. Applying the egg to patients, they have heard every radio station in Birmingham and vicinity. You listen for a brain wave, and you hear a news program - imagine the doctor's feeling'. He has his ear all set for Cerebral Oscillations and he hears - "Good Evening Everybody."

The doctors, utterly dumbfounded, sent a distress call to the Scientific Instrument Company that manufactured the egg, but the experts there could offer no help. That Birmingham egg, so sensitive to electrical impulses, is also sensitive to radio waves - and right now, fixed on a patient's head, it may ~~go ahead and~~ ^{proceed to} register Nelson Case ^{Talking} ~~talking~~ about Ivory.

BASEBALL

In today's baseball game, Bob Feller aimed high. His dream is a World Series no-hitter, and he almost made it-but, he lost the game.

His no-hit effort was broken in the fifth inning, when the first Boston Brave got a hit, a measly single. Then in the eighth inning, they got another hit-which was all, the Cleveland star scoring a two hitter. But that last one, in the eighth inning, was combined with a base on balls, and resulted in the run that lost the game. Because Johnny Sain of the Braves pitched a shut-out, giving only four hits, invincible with men on bases.

It was a heart-breaker for Bobby Feller, the more so as the Boston run in the eighth inning was made possible by a hairline decision against him. He made a swift throw to trap a Boston runner at second, Cleveland manager, second baseman Boudreau, made a quick tag, thought he had the runner out. But the umpire said - "safe;", though Boudreau protested loudly.

GARBO

Here's the end of the story of the legacy that a Michigan hermit willed to Greta Garbo. The hermit in question was an Englishman who had an inheritance, but became a recluse in the Michigan town of Allegan. When he died, they found a will bequeathing his entire estate to his favorite movie actress, ~~xxxx~~ Greta Garbo.

Today the final accounting was announced, and it shows the estate to be entirely eaten up by taxes. The American assets amount to one thousand, a hundred and ninety-nine dollars, while the inheritance tax claims over two thousand. In England, there's about nineteen thousand dollars, but money cannot be taken out of England, and anyway the probate court over there says the British Inheritance tax will consume the nineteen thousand.

When the will was made public last year, Greta Garbo announced that she didn't want any of the hermit's estate. So now she's having her wish doubled in spades - there isn't any estate.