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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

(The topic before the Security Council again today was what everybody wants, but what nobody does disarm!

Gromyko favored an immediate program for throwing away all weapons for mass destruction. But Uncle Sam's delegate insisted that the atomic bomb by itself be considered ~~xxxxxx~~ first.)

Gromyko, speaking in english, became sarcastic. Siad he, the Delegates either have to agree to the American plan for control of atomic energy, or the Americans refuse to have anything to do with the working out of measures for a general reduction of armaments:

This irritated Herschel Johnson, who spoke for Uncle Sam. He said it is not ~~xxxxx~~ fair for us to be accused of delaying disarmament just because we don't agree that the whole problem should be discussed at one time. And he added that we will do

our full part in carrying out any scheme that is universally accepted.

Johnson thereupon flatly opposed a Yugoslav resolution for the Security Council to complete within ninety days an over-all program for the junking of all weapons of mass destruction.

Said the American Delegate: "Atomic energy is a test case. If we cannot devise a workable system on it, then we cannot do so with lesser weapons.

That's the way the nations of the world-- the United Nations, -- stand on disarmament tonight. It reminds me ~~xx~~ of that couplet by Hillaire Belloc:

Pale Ebenezer thought it wrong to fight.

Ruddy Bill, who killed him, thought it quite all right.

MARSHALL

(follow investigation)

~~and~~ While there was talk in Washington and rumors, mostly unfounded, from foreign capitals that the appointment of General Marshall as Secretary of State would mean a change in American foreign policy, the General arrived in Hawaii by plane from China, his last previous assignment. He will rest in Honolulu for a few days before continuing on to Washington to assume his new post.

~~Gen.~~ Marshall, when queried by ~~newspaper~~ reporters, responded as would most Generals and most Secretaries of State - non-committal, nothing to say.

He said the odds were "very much against his making any statement while in Hawaii," and to a reporter's question that he might be Presidential timber in Nineteen Forty-Eight, Marshall gave a terse, "No comment."

Secretary of State General Marshall had only this much ~~to offer~~ <sup>to offer</sup> reporters in Honolulu today: "I am an Army officer, and, presumably, I will be Secretary of State; also, I am an Episcopalian."

## INVESTIGATION

The dramatic switch of General Marshall for Jimmy Byrnes as Secretary of State has revived the proposal for a Congressional Investigation into affairs in ~~the~~ German Zone. ~~occupied by the U.S.~~ Some months ago, Senator Brewster of Maine and other Republicans wanted an investigation. But Secretary Byrnes objected; ~~and~~ <sup>so did</sup> the War Department. ~~and~~ The Democratic majority in the Senate backed them up on the ground that a Congressional Investigation now might embarrass our Representatives in their relations with the British, French and Russians.

Now that General Marshall is Secretary of State, the Senators are again seriously considering an investigation of conditions in Germany. Whether ~~that is~~ <sup>it is</sup> done or not, the Special Senate Committee to investigate the war, of which Brewster <sup>of Maine is</sup> ~~is~~ ~~Chairman~~ Chairman, is definitely going to make a general survey of war appropriations. It will also hold a searching inquiry into the government's housing problem.

And the Republican majority is determined to

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make a serious effort to break the power of the Bloc  
of Southern Democrats. Hitherto, the Senators from  
below the Mason-Dixon line have invariably been able  
to use the filibuster to talk to death any laws they  
~~do not~~ <sup>dis</sup>like. Two bills ~~have already~~ <sup>have</sup> been introduced this  
year, to change the rules ~~so as~~ <sup>in order</sup> to make filibusters  
impossible. ~~And a sub-committee of Senators has been~~  
~~appointed to make a study and see how the rules~~ <sup>and</sup>  
~~legislation~~ <sup>consider how they can</sup> be changed ~~so as to~~ <sup>and</sup> eliminate the  
filibuster without impairing the rights and privileges of  
Senators.

## REORGANIZATION

For more than two decades, it has been obvious to people familiar with public affairs, that the Federal Government needed to be reorganized. The last Congress did, ~~after many a false start~~, <sup>finally</sup> succeed in shaking up Committees ~~and other things~~ so as to make the work of our national legislature more effective. <sup>TP</sup> Every attempt to do the same for the Executive branch of the Government ~~has been~~ <sup>turned into</sup> a fiasco ~~during the Roosevelt~~ <sup>under the New Deal,</sup> ~~Regime, the number~~ <sup>and the</sup> of overlapping Federal Agencies, even ~~before~~ before the war, was increased manifold.

<sup>TP</sup> Now the Republicans of the Eightieth Congress are determined to take a hand. ~~Representative~~ <sup>Congressman</sup> Clarence Brown of Ohio, one of the ~~most influential elder~~ <sup>leaders</sup> ~~statesmen~~ of the Lower House, is going to introduce a bill tomorrow ~~for that purpose if it is~~ <sup>which if</sup> accepted, ~~it~~ will create a bi-partisan Commission ~~to which will~~ <sup>to</sup> thoroughly investigate every executive department bureau or office or agency. <sup>TP</sup> The Commission's job will be to draw up recommendations for telescoping ~~the Federal~~ Federal

Agencies <sup>that have</sup> ~~with~~ overlapping functions, <sup>— thus</sup> ~~reducing~~ the number of ~~those~~ Agencies <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~ departments, and ~~incidentally~~ the number of people employed. In Nineteen Sixteen, there were <sup>one</sup> a hundred-and-fifty-eight Executive Bureaus. <sup>And, a few years later, under Mr. Roosevelt,</sup> ~~by~~ Nineteen For~~ty~~-Four, there were one-thousand, one-hundred-and-forty-one.

~~Congressman~~ ~~Clarence~~ Brown suggests that ~~this~~ Commission consist of twelve members, four appointed by the President, two from the Executive Branches and four from private life. The President of the Senate <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ appoint four; two Senators, and two men from private life. The Speaker of the House <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ name two Representatives <sup>and</sup> two persons from private life. All <sup>of</sup> these members to be so chosen that there <sup>will</sup> ~~will~~ be an equal number of Republicans and Democrats.

LABOR

Another bill to put a ~~check~~<sup>check</sup> on organized labor was offered in the House today. Its author, Representative Case of South Dakota, the same Case whose anti-strike bill President R Truman vetoed last year. Case's new bill has ~~some~~<sup>some</sup> features which ~~organized labor~~<sup>some</sup> will not like. <sup>TP</sup> For one thing, it would amend the Wagner Act and make workers just as much obligated as employers to fair labor practices. It would make coercion and intimidation by ~~w~~<sup>w</sup>orkers just as unlawful as by employers. It would forbid strikes that endanger the welfare of the community; and ~~and~~<sup>(it would)</sup> make the closed shop illegal.

<sup>TP</sup> It would also correct the Norris-LaGuardia Act, which forbids the use of injunctions in industrial disputes, i.e. correct it so as to make injunctions lawful against strikes in an essential service or industry, ~~which is~~ ~~used until all other means of settlement have been tried.~~ However, an injunction ~~must not~~<sup>not to</sup> be used until all other means of settlement have been tried.

<sup>TP</sup> It would also give individual employers the right to choose their agents in collective bargaining. The purpose of this ~~is~~ to do away ~~with~~ with bargaining on a



nationwide scale, such as was practiced in the ~~and~~ electrical and steel and automobile strikes of last year. The Case Bill would also permit employers to discuss things with their employees, provided no coercion is used.

Representative Case says he does not pretend this is the bill, but that it will give the Committee on Labor a starting point. Eleven states have already adopted similar measures, he added.

## ENGLAND FOLLOW LABOR

The people of London are suffering this week from just such a strike as Congressman Case mentioned in his bill, a strike of truck drivers, ~~truck drivers~~, thirty thousand of them. ~~It is~~ a wildcat strike. Last night ~~there was a~~ <sup>at a union</sup> meeting ~~and~~ the leaders of the Union ordered the men to go back to work, pending a further decision by the Arbitration Board. But the drivers hooted their leaders and stayed off the job.

**P** So today the ~~many~~ butcher shops all over London have signs reading, "out of meat." The post office had to curtail distribution of mail, ~~many~~ while perishable things to eat by the thousands of tons are rotting in warehouses and on the docks.

The attitude of the British Labor Government was expressed today by the Ministry of Labor, which announced: "The Ministry will not countenance any attempt to secure enforcements of rates and conditions by unconstitutional means." But the Labor Government seems to find no more ~~practical~~ practical method of compelling them to go back to work if they don't want to, than <sup>does</sup> ~~any~~ a capitalist government.

## ADD ENGLAND FOLLOW LABOR

The Britishers are patient and long-suffering.

*— this and other wars —*

Their war record <sup>^</sup>proves that. But sometimes, some of them do get fed up. And now the word from London is that a demand for the resignation of the labor government, which started out as a six-man plea to King George, has grown into a monster petition for which its sponsors are seeking eight million signatures -- and in which they beg the support of the Conservative leader, Winston Churchill.

The petition is the brain child of two non-political Britons, a candy manufacturer and a tobacco salesman -- just the kind of men who caused the late Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany to label Britain a nation of shop-keepers.

At any rate, these Englishmen, the tobacco salesman and the candy manufacturer, don't like their present government and, being English, they are protesting. They ~~sent~~ sent a petition to the King with six signatures. The Royal Household told them to send it to the home office.

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So they re-drafted the petition, demanding the government resign because of its incompetency.

And, then behold -- twelve hundred more signatures, unsolicited, poured in, and a total of thirteen thousand in five days. Now they are aiming for a whopping eight million signat<sup>wres.</sup>~~ures.~~ The candy manufacturer says that Churchill has expressed sympathy with the petition, and the tobacco salesman <sup>adds!-</sup>~~says that~~ "we are ~~just~~ sick of the way the labor government is carrying on."

PERU

The entire Cabinet of Peru resigned today as a direct consequence of the assassination of Editor Francisco Grana Garland of the great newspaper ~~La~~ La Prensa. The murdered editor was buried today and thousands from every ~~possible~~ walk of life <sup>attended</sup> ~~part~~ <sup>and other</sup> his funeral. Shutters were up on all banks, stores, <sup>and other</sup> business establishments <sup>in</sup> ~~throughout~~ Lima.

A war of words is now being waged among Peruvian newspapers. The murdered man's paper and one other, says his assassination was political. But the organ of the Peruvian Peoples' party, the Government Party, charged <sup>S</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>A</sup> that the reactionaries are ~~exploiting~~ exploiting the crime to their own ends.

TRAIN

A bulletin from Devil's Lake, North Dakota, informs us that a giant locomotive pulling the "Empire Builder", the Great Northern Transcontinental passenger train, has exploded, killing two trainmen.

First scant reports listed the dead <sup>ONLY</sup> as the engineer and fireman. They do not say if the train was moving when the explosion occurred or if others have been injured.

WILD LIFE

A report to the Secretary of the Interior today painted a grim picture of our vanishing game and fish. The Director of the fish and wildlife service declared <sup>5</sup> that only by the most careful planning and unremitting effort, can we ~~prevent~~ <sup>save</sup> our wildlife from extinction. <sup>TP</sup> For instance, in Nineteen Forty-four there were a hundred and twenty-five million water fowl on the North American Continent. Two years later, ~~these figures~~ <sup>And -</sup> had shrunk to eighty million. The fish population has falled off, <sup>—</sup> both fresh and salt water. <sup>TP</sup> Our sportsmen, hunters and fishermen, are causing a decline in almost all ~~the birds~~ <sup>creatures</sup> that wear feathers or fins. Only the rats are increasing; their number is estimated at a hundred-and-thirty million.

In connection <sup>with this</sup> gasoline rationing during the ~~war~~ war was a blessing, <sup>— making it</sup> ~~also the~~ difficulty <sup>for the enemies of wild creatures</sup> to getting about. But, since the end of the war, our peacetime <sup>hard</sup> ~~work~~ of hunters and fishermen is as large as our armed forces during the war, and ~~pretty~~ soon will ~~increase~~ double, with dire ~~result~~ outlook for our wild friends.

## PHONE

Have you ever been on the wrong end of a party line? -- ~~You~~ want to use the ~~tele~~phone, but someone's ~~there~~ ahead of you, and *apparently going to talk* ~~all day~~ all day?

Well, because of the evils of the party-line system and because the party on the other end was ornery and wouldn't hang up, Mrs. Lillian Costa's home in Woodside, California, burned up today.

Sometime this afternoon and from an unknown cause, the curtains blazed up in Mrs. Costa's living room. She rushed to carry her twenty-three months old child to safety. Then she hustled back, prepared to call the fire department. But another woman was on the line -- talking about recipes, ~~prescriptions~~ and Mrs. Costa couldn't ~~■~~ get a word in edgewise.

Firemen arrived belatedly after phone calls from neighbors, just in time to watch the ~~fire~~ house burn to the ground.

Mrs. Costa said tearfully, "I just ~~■~~ couldn't make her understand it was an emergency."



## DENTIST

The other night I had a story about a dentist who was bitten by a patient. The dentist having picked the wrong moment for telling the patient how much the work was going to cost. When the dentist told the patient that the bill would be Fifty dollars, the dentist happened to have his finger in the patients mouth, and he nearly had it bitten off.

Well, that news item brought in some interesting mail. For instance, ~~Mr.~~ Frank H. Henry, one of the top oil men of the world, <sup>who</sup> ~~and~~ also is in charge of fund raising for <sup>our all-important</sup> ~~the~~ Near East and Middle East colleges, told me of an ~~incident~~ incident that happened in the office of ~~his~~ his dentist when he was a boy. ~~He said it was before the days of novocaine.~~ <sup>if</sup> A woman came ~~into~~ in to have a tooth pulled out and she said she was in a hurry. The dentist told her he was sorry he hadn't any pain killer at the moment and asked her to postpone it. But she insisted that he pull it out. <sup>She was going away and wanted it out at once.</sup> The

dentist took his assistant to one side and said:

"Now as we all know, one of the best ways to counteract pain is with other pain. That is, pain in one place will prevent you feeling pain in another. So he handed his assistant a hat pin, and said:- when I jerk on the tooth you run the hat pin into the thigh."

And that was what happened. Of course, the lady screamed. And when the dentist asked her how much it hurt, she said: "Oh, it hurt a lot! But, what surprised me was, I never thought the roots of my teeth went down so far!"

Nelson, have you a better dentist story than that?

BILBO

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It will take more than the Republicans in Congress to keep Theodore Bilbo out of Washington.

Governor Wright of Mississippi admitted to Newspapermen today that he <sup>most likely will</sup> ~~will~~ reappoint <sup>Bilbo</sup> ~~the man~~ to the Senate. ~~in~~

~~certain events~~. That is, if they bar him without a hearing, or if they throw him out just because he brought up racial issues during the election ~~campaign~~ campaign. Then Governor Wright will reappoint him. He did <sup>just</sup> ~~not~~ indicate <sup>will have to</sup> what ~~was~~ happen to prevent him from reappointing Bilbo.

## TAXES

One Republican Congressman beat the opening gun today in an attack on President Truman's tax policy. It is usual to wait until the head of the state has sent in his budget message before ~~ix~~ blasting away at the President's philosophy.

But Representative Daniel Reed of New York opened fire on the floor of the House, saying that taxes must be reduced. The President made it clear, says Congressman Reed, that any saving we do on national expenses should go toward cutting down the national debt. But Reed of New York says payments on the public debt should not be so large as to require the continuation of what he calls "oppressive war taxation."

And, he went on to say that those who oppose Republican pledges to cut taxes -- they are people who have become indoctrinated with the new deal philosophy and the slogan of "tax and tax and spend and spend and elect and elect."

Another New York Congressman spoke to

newspapermen along similar lines. Representative Taber of New York says he is sure the lawmakers can slice federal appropriations to some twenty-nine billions ~~xx~~ in the next fiscal year. Taber himself will have a lot to say about that, since he is Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House.