

Washington Digest

UN Gets Public Airing; CIO at War With Reds

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HUNTER COLLEGE, The Bronx, N. Y.—Fifteen minutes ago the session of the security council of the United Nations adjourned and the attractive room which it is hard to believe was ever the gymnasium of Hunter college in the northern latitudes of New York City, is almost empty.

Since 11 o'clock the council members have been at their places at the curving table on the platform and every seat in the "audience" has been filled. The first 40 persons to line up at the gates are given seats. Tickets are issued only to those with some plausible reason to hold them. Some of the "visitors" remain and the marine guards are still on duty while other attendants clear away the various impediments before each place from the Russian ambassador's at one end, to the Polish delegate's at the other.

After each day's performance the actors and the audience in this play are soon far from the brown and rose room of Hunter college, but for a long time there are scores of busy men and women.

They are the people whose business it is to report this drama and build up opinion strong enough to discourage war. I refer to the members of the press, radio, the news-reels, the photographers, the sound-recorders. As I sit here they are gathering up their notes and memoranda, making quick contacts before delegates get away, pulling off head-sets, packing up cameras and tripods—and then perhaps pausing for refreshments in the "press lounge" especially installed in the basement of the gymnasium where their quarters are located.



Baukhage

UN Recognizes Popular Interest

I have covered many international gatherings from the peace conference of Paris after World War I and none has given as much proportional attention to providing the necessary facilities for bringing the proceedings to the citizens of the world as this gathering at Hunter college.

Of course the council is relatively small and the army of reporters seems large in comparison to its scant 11 members, the secretary and assistant secretary general and the various advisors. The fact that the principals are so few increases the informality and the feeling of intimacy which seems to exist between the organization and the group of men and women who observe, record and report its doings.

Along the wall, opposite the council table at gallery level are a row of glass windows, the booths of the American radio networks, the BBC, and some separate stations. In a glassed-in-corner behind and to the left of the table are radio engineers and the equipment which records all the spoken words of the members. At any moment a speaker may be cut in and heard by listeners on any of the networks. At special points of vantage there are places for taking movie and still photographs. Whenever some dramatic moment arrives you can see the Klieg lights slowly rise (and the busiest delegate is likely to straighten his tie, take off or put on his glasses) while the moving picture cameras grind.

Most of the speaking by the delegates, except when formal statements are read, is done from notes or completely ad lib and since all of the members speak either English or French the pauses for interpreting are short—either into French or English, except when Ambassador Gromyko speaks in Russian. These words must be interpreted into both French and English and Gromyko doesn't hesitate to stop the interpreter and give his own English translation if he doesn't like the interpreter's choice of words. He could speak in English himself if he wanted to but probably wants the Russian for the record for home consumption.

Eventually when the permanent meeting place is established the system employed at Nuernberg will be used—earphones and simultaneous translation. This slows down the speakers but is much more rapid in

the long run making repetition of an entire speech unnecessary sometimes twice or sometimes three times, as at San Francisco. But here at Hunter the business moves with a briskness that adds to the informality.

May Leave Reds On Political Limb

I never realized before that New York was NOT an "early" town. When transportation is normal I can buy a New York newspaper in Washington on my way to work. On the other hand in New York at the same hour (7:30) I found there were no newsstands open between the club where I stayed on 57th street to the subway station, nor in the subway where I got on, or where I got off, 40 minutes later. Of course the crowds were pouring southward in the subway at that hour and they had been able to buy their papers when they got on, but in the normally busy area of the 50's the natives were not abroad in sufficient numbers at 7:30 to justify the presence of news vendors.

On the streets at the end of my run which is about 200th street (Kingsbridge station in the Bronx) the stands were open and most of the people who bumped against me as I reached for the staid Times and the Republican Herald Tribune, were buying the left-wing PM. PM can't be called Communist since Editor Ingersoll is not a Communist but while he was off to the wars it hewed pretty close to the party line. The Daily Worker, however, is considered to express the official "wishes" of the Communist party and, according to most of the other newspapers these "wishes" come direct from the Kremlin—or maybe next door.

Heretofore the Communists have supported the American Labor party which is a New York party which in general embraced Democratic, New Deal, CIO supporters and had the co-operation of the Communists. Now the war is on between the CIO and the Communists and ructions are expected to arise in any corner.

Nevertheless, when the Russian delegate walked out of the United Nations security council meeting, it was said that until he walked back the American Labor-CIO planning board had decided to withhold support of Senator Mead, Democratic possibility in the race for the New York state governorship. This move was looked upon by conservative papers like the SUN as if the American Labor party were willing to plan its political strategy according to the attitude of Moscow toward the United Nations. Since in the council meeting when the Iran affair came up Secretary of State Byrnes led the fight against the Russian stand. The fact that he later offered the resolution which labeled the Russian reply as satisfactory and postponed the discussion of Iran in which Ambassador Gromyko had refused to take part beyond the time that the Russians themselves had demanded, the left wingers went to bed satisfied.

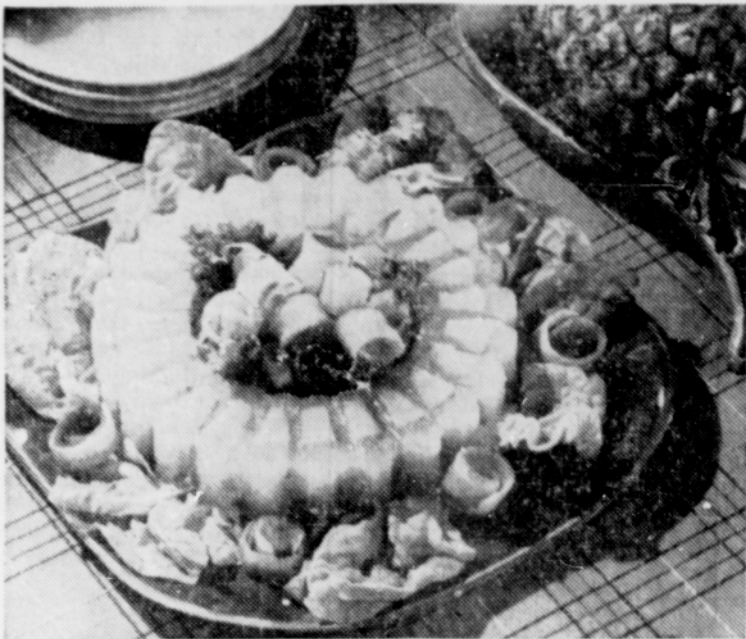
However critics of the American Labor party and the CIO still insist that they are now on record as having tried to line up American votes to please a foreign power. What the repercussions of this little flurry will be remain to be seen. If this is supposed to be an evidence of left-wing displeasure over the Democratic administration's foreign policy and subsequent events have not removed that displeasure, the question remains, where will the left wingers go?

John Lewis, whose love for the Democrats evaporated when he couldn't collect on his generous donation to the Roosevelt campaign fund, is expected to become a hundred per cent Republican when it comes to the next presidential election.

It would take a great stretch of the imagination, however, to visualize either the communist appendage of CIO, of the non-Communist CIO-PAC head, Sydney Hillman, embracing the elephant. It has already been demonstrated that the Communists are becoming anything but an asset to the Democratic party and Hillman probably would be glad to get rid of them.

Where the Communists will go is a question. It is not likely that they and such fellow travelers as are willing to travel with them would essay a third party. But politicians hereabouts believe that they will be able to shift their weight about in such a manner as to upset more than one state and congressional political apple-cart.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Sunshine Salad—Carrots, Orange and Pineapple
(See Recipe Below)

Springtime Salads

With warm weather already here, and warmer breezes just around the corner, what family's interest doesn't turn to cool, lovely salads?



The thought of jewel-green vegetables resting like gems on lighter green leaves of lettuce and endive, or brilliantly sparkling fruits on the dark green of watercress or frilly leaves of garden lettuce are certain remedies for getting rid of sweltering heat waves.

I know of some families who make salads the main ingredient of the menus during the really warm weather. Not enough protein, did I hear you say? Oh, but yes, for you can put enough meat, fish and cheese into the salads to give them that "stick-to-the-ribs" quality. Keep your salads crisp and fresh-looking. Wash the lettuce as thoroughly as you can, letting the cold water trickle on every leaf. Keep your salads as pretty as picture plates. Even a tossed salad which is sort of thrown together can be lovely, as long as you don't fuss with it until it looks weary.

Mold them, too, for a change, using fruits or vegetables or both, for pretty molds are again reaching the markets. Unflavored gelatine can be used with tomato juice and fruit juices if you want to have a bit of color on the salad plate.

A salad that looks like a sunburst itself is this one with tiny wedges of pineapple and carrot curls:

Sunshine Salad, (Serves 6)

1 envelope plain unflavored gelatine
¼ cup cold water
1 cup hot pineapple syrup, drained from can
½ cup orange juice
¼ cup mild vinegar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup grated raw carrots
1 cup orange segments, cut small
1½ cups canned pineapple, cut into small pieces

Soften gelatine in cold water and dissolve in hot pineapple syrup. Add orange juice, vinegar and salt. Cool, and when mixture begins to thicken, fold in carrots, orange and pineapple. Turn into a mold that has been rinsed out in cold water and chill. When firm, unmold onto greens and serve with mayonnaise.

If fresh pineapple is used, cook the fruit a few minutes. The acid of fresh pineapple prevents gelatine from stiffening.

To make this salad as pleasing as it appears in the photograph, serve the salad on greens and fill the center with carrot curls. These latter are made by cutting the carrots in paper thin slices (try a potato peeler), wrap tightly around the finger and chill in ice water. If

Lynn Says:

Watch Those Bread Crumbs: Although rationing is over, we are still being called upon to conserve vital foods. This time it is the breadbox which is under strict observation.

Don't throw away those dry crusts of bread. Let them accumulate in a paper bag until you have enough to put through a meat grinder. These will be very fine and tasty to use for bread-ing.

Leftover bread crumbs, seasoned well, may be used as topping for casseroles.

Eat rye, whole wheat or bran bread when white bread is not available. Don't throw away a slice.

Lynn Chambers' Menus

Rice and Eggs Baked in Cheese Sauce
Raw Spinach and Carrot Salad
Bran Muffins Asparagus
Banana Cream Pie
Beverage

you place the carrots close together in a glass of ice water, they will not come apart or need toothpicks to hold them together.

If you're getting into the habit of serving something pretty but simple for Sunday night suppers—which, by the way is a good idea for saving yourself work—try this salmon salad which is a meal in itself:

Buffet Salmon Salad, (Serves 8 to 10)

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine
¼ cup cold water
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
½ cup vinegar
2 egg yolks, beaten
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
1 pound salmon, cooked and flaked
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup heavy cream, whipped
Olives, sliced
Pimiento strips
Lettuce or watercress

Soften gelatine in cold water. Mix sugar, salt and mustard thoroughly. Combine vinegar and egg yolks in double boiler. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add gelatine and stir until dissolved. Add horseradish. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Add salmon and celery; fold in cream. Place olive slices and strips of pimiento on bottom of an oiled fish or loaf mold. Turn mixture into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold onto platter and garnish with watercress.

Note: Smoked salmon, trout, sturgeon or shrimp may be used in the above recipe in place of salmon.

Two very pretty salads which might be served as tidings of spring are these:

Strawberry Cheese Salad, (Serves 6 to 8)

1 pint strawberries
2 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons lemon juice
4 three-ounce cakes cream cheese
½ cup whipping cream

Wash and stem berries. Crush with sugar and lemon juice. Mix small portion at a time with cream cheese until well blended. Fold in whipped cream. Place in freezing tray and freeze.

Ham and Tongue Slaw, (Serves 6 to 8)

1 cup cooked ham, in strips
6-ounce can tongue, cut in strips
1 small onion, minced
4 cups cabbage, shredded fine
1 egg white
½ cup mayonnaise
Mix ham, tongue, onion and cabbage and chill. Beat egg white, fold in mayonnaise and mix with cabbage, etc. Serve from salad bowl.

Here is a good salad dressing which is tart and light. You will like it for all types of fruit salads:

Fruit Salad Dressing.

¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup pineapple juice
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice of 1 orange
2 beaten eggs
1 cup whipping cream

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt. Mix fruit juices and add to dry mixture. Cook in top of double boiler for 20 minutes. Remove from range and add well-beaten egg yolks. Let cook for 5 minutes longer, then let cool. Fold in beaten egg whites. This may be placed in a jar and refrigerated until used. Before using, add whipped cream.

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The Questions

- On whom did Paris bestow the Apple of Discord for her beauty?
- What are a newspaper's "ears"?
- What is the diameter of the moon?
- What is a benison?
- What is the scientific name for the solid portion of the earth?
- What is the name given to the nomadic tribe of central Arabia and northern Africa?
- What is the plural of apex?
- How many locks does the Suez canal have?
- What man served as governor of two different states?
- Boston being a seaport of the United States, is also a seaport of what other country?

The Answers

- Aphrodite.
- Little items in boxes which decorate the first page, at either side of the paper's name.
- The diameter is 2,160 miles.
- A benediction.
- Lithosphere.
- Bedouin.
- Apices.
- None, it is at sea level.
- Sam Houston (Tennessee and Texas).
- England (a city 107 miles northeast of London).

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BARBS... by Baukhage

Administration housing experts want to hold up construction on non-essential stores, office buildings, factories, roadhouses and amusement projects until veterans homes are taken care of. There'll be screams of anguish over that. Try to get anybody to admit that his shop, his theatre or his doghouse is not essential.

The Kurds again making trouble in the middle east mustn't be confused with the kind Little Miss Muffet ate... or drank. That kind of curd is the thick part of the milk as distinguished from the watery part, and the Kurds with a "K" are distinguishable from either by the fact that they are "belligerent Moslem nomads."