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Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Dec. 6—
"I like to think of all this as a product of our great strides in science and technology. I like to think of it as a series of cargoes which we would gladly ship to Russia for her use. In turn we would expect Russia to welcome our technical and scientific men and work with us to set up an international agency for inspection and control of atomic energy through the United Nations Organization.
"Surely there is nothing sinister in our desire to see a world order develop which eliminates the threat of the atomic bomb. Surely there is nothing sinister in suggesting that as the international machine proves itself we will dispatch our cargoes of technical information according to a definite schedule. * * * As the very first step and WITHOUT DELAY an interchange of scientific and technical information should take place. This would be the welcome signal of the opening of the road of mutual understanding between ourselves and Russia, a road which for the interests of both nations (Russia and the United States) we must surely eventually travel together."

Who said that? Oh, just another one of these "impractical idealists and doctrinaire dreamers" who opposes trying to keep the atomic bomb a secret, not for the benefit of any other nation but for our own benefit and salvation and that of the world. He had something to do with the construction of the atomic bomb, also, and is holding down a fairly important job in one of Boston's suburbs. But of course he doesn't know as much about the subject as Senator Wheeler of Montana or Congressman Sorghum of Siwash. His name is Conant, Dr. James Bryant Conant, and he is president of Harvard University. He had more to say the other night, all very much to the point, but the above was the milk in the cocoanut.

And now comes General H. H. Arnold again, "Happy" Arnold, who incidentally once told the writer he hoped to have a fishing cabin on Rogue river when he retired,—the one "big shot" in the recent war who seems to appreciate the tremendous significance of the atomic bomb, or at least who admits it, with the statement that:
"The atomic bomb makes our huge air-fleets as obsolete as the Spanish Armada."

And here is another one by Dr. Oppenheimer who is recognized as the genius who perfected the atomic bomb:
"The atomic bomb will be even more effective as a depth charge at sea than on the land as at Hiroshima."

In other words an atomic bomb dropped at sea will destroy every submerged U-boat within an area of 100 square miles. And yet we have apparently SANE citizens who want to keep a secret that can't be kept and refuse to raise a hand to prevent the world rushing into an armament race in the atomic field which can only result in either the complete destruction of the world, or the enslavement of all nations by ONE,—more likely the former.

We have said it before but it will bear repeating:
"Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Let Mr. Philip Murray, head of CIO, refer to his well-thumbed Bible and ponder this truth:

For just as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, if organized labor continues on its present arrogant, public-be-damned path, one trod so ruthlessly by "Big Business" to the latter's downfall, "Big Labor" will meet the same sad fate of Big Business,—or Democracy in this country, the rule of the people will be destroyed.

Yes, Mr. Murray, as his insolent reply to President Truman's reasonable request demonstrated, thinks because of labor's voting power he has the world by the tail with a down-hill pull. Jay Gould of the Erie railroad had the same idea once upon a time, because he bought and sold legislators, but the people of this country got up on their hind legs and showed him otherwise!

Don't worry, let Mr. Murray and those like him, continue their present dictatorial course a few years longer and the people of the country will show him and them the SAME thing!

The testimony of the forceful and dramatic Pat Hurley in Washington yesterday, was no surprise to those who have followed the situation in China and the State department the past few years. There has been disunity from the outset, still is, and probably will continue to be. There is the same disunity that exists in the congress and throughout the country for that matter,—the time-honored cleavage between the liberals and conservatives,—or the "reds" and the "fascists" if one prefers.

General Hurley is a Republican in politics and a conservative in character. He went to China primarily to stimulate the Chinese war effort against Japan and he felt this could be done best by aiding and upholding the existing Chinese government under Chiang Kai-Shek. Others not only in the State department, but in the Roosevelt administration felt then, and do now that the Chinese government was hopelessly reactionary, that the coming power in China would be communistic and therefore favored aid to the communists and worked for the downfall of Chungking.

Which was right, which wrong? We don't know, and doubt if anyone 10,000 miles away from China could know.

But we do know this: the only hope for a solution of the Chinese problem is to get unity within China, to some how, some way compose the inner conflicts there between the two factions,—reds and whites.

That is now General Marshall's job. If he can do it, he will go down in history as not only one of our greatest military leaders but one of our most skillful diplomats!

Finally an accolade and three long tigers for General Leonard T. Gerow, who without a word of complaint or apology takes entire blame for inadequate preparation at Pearl Harbor, as far as informing General Short is concerned. Nothing the general did in active combat in Europe,—and his record was an excellent one,—can compare with this as a testimony to his honesty, his courage and the all-around nobility and magnanimity of his character! The country should let him know it.—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

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God keep you safe, my love,
All through the night,
Rest close in His encircling arms
Until the morn'g.
For I, though I am far away,
Feel safe and strong,
To trust you thus, dear love, and yet
The night is long,
I say with sobbing breath,
The old fond prayer:
"Good night! Sweet dreams!
God keep you—everywhere!"
—Charles B. Hawley.

Once more I see mentioned that new brake which it is stated is capable of stopping an automobile going 62 miles an hour in less than three feet. Remarkable! But what would happen to the driver of a car stopped that quickly? Wouldn't he be tossed through the windshield? Or will he be strapped to the seat?

Discouraging Discrepancy
The most recent statistics indicate there are in the United States 1,700,000 single men between 20 and 34 as compared with 4,000,000 unmarried women in the same age group. An amazing and discouraging discrepancy. If you are not appreciated at home just call the attention of your wife to these statistics so she will realize how lucky she was to get you.

Scientific Note
Man of science says eating radishes is good for brain fog. Think I will send the office boy out for a couple of radishes before I start making my selections for today. My brain must be very fogged. Yesterday I could only pick three winners out of eight races.

name. But I didn't until yesterday. Shortly before Klaporth discovered this substance his friend Herchel had discovered the planet Uranus. So Klaporth to honor Herchel named his discovery uranium.
Asking
Queries from clients: Q. What is the thistle chin? A. That's circus slang. It is the name given by circus people to residents of the town where the show is playing.
Please Note
Six million couples in the United States have been married less than five years according to statisticians. Think of that, six million newlyweds, most of whom have one or more children. What a market! If you can figure out something these young couples would like to buy your fortune is made.

Cooks
A contemporary says the French are the world's best cooks. I disagree with this old boy. The Italians are the best cooks. History tells us that cooking, as we know it today, originated in Italy in the Middle Ages. When Catherine De Medici went to Paris she brought along her own cooks. These Italians taught the French how to cook. In handling the so-called continental cuisine the Italian cook of today has no superior. This is especially true of the cooks of Tuscany.

Coins
Possessors of old coins almost invariably overestimate their value. It is surprising how little some old coins are worth. However, a few can command important money. For example, an 1804 U. S. silver dollar is worth from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Almost Confidential

The landlords of the country contributed the best effort to keep the cost of living in line during the war. For example, the cost of food went up 50 per cent while that of rent went up only three per cent. Thirteen single comb White Leghorns of the Babcock Poultry Farm, Ithaca, N. Y., laid 4,057 eggs in 51 weeks. That is a world's record. It gives the Rhode Island Reds something to shoot at.

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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 11—A few of the bravest administration congressmen said God loves everyone and the British loan agreement is a good one, immediately after it was announced. The suspicious or knowing congressmen roundly denounced it. But the bulk ducked and ran when they saw newsmen coming to seek comment. These detected a high aroma of unpopularity about the whole affair wafted in the first puff of the news from the state department. They did not know much of its vast unfanthomable ramifications.

What they knew, they did not like. And the deeper they went into it, the less they liked it. It was so bad few wanted to be connected with it one way or another.

INDEED its sponsors, in the sacred halls of the department, were not eager to champion the success of their negotiations in congress. They rather made plain they would welcome a delay at least until parliament has acted on the Bretton Woods agreement, and would not press for approval until after the Christmas holidays. If Britain turns down Bretton Woods, our sensationally modest official enthusiasm for this thing will be revised downward. The first superficial examination of the proposition by the

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congressmen was enough for most. We are to lend Britain \$3,750,000,000. The only way we can raise this money is by borrowing from our people. The interest charge to us is not less than 2 3/4 per cent. The loan to the British carries only 2 per cent. But we must pay our people interest from the date of the loan. For the British, interest will not start until five years, at least so the publicity said. Actually her interest payments will not start until five years after December 31, 1946—more than six years hence. The British permanent under-chancellor of exchequer, Sir Edmond Bridges, succeeded in slipping the extra year in at the last moment.

BRITAIN can use this money any way she chooses. The publicity put stress upon her likelihood of buying American products. This is but one purpose among many specified. The others are so broad as to permit her to spend the sums through her treasury any way she wishes. Simultaneous announcement was made by Mr. Atlee to parliament that, of course, he was going ahead with the socialization of Britain. To buy coal mines, utilities and other businesses, he will issue bonds to his people, but not delayed action bonds. No one can give me off-hand the cost of British socialization but it will be certainly \$3,750,000,000 added to British exchequer obligations.

The use of our money to protect the British financial position permits the socialist experiment. Otherwise that added debt could not be carried, judging from the official British statements of her financial plight. But on our loan, we get nothing for five years (what will happen in this atomic age by then?) while Britain can draw the money as she wants it.

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Britain gets the title to everything we have given her for what the agreement calls a payment of \$50,000,000 to \$700,000,000. This is not a "payment." We merely add it on to the loan which is to start becoming a loan six years after the money is paid. Actually Britain pays nothing unless or until she pays the new loan 56 years hence. In short we throw away \$25,000,000,000 of debt for a new debt of "\$50,000,000 to \$700,000,000" to begin in six years.

WHAT do we get? We get promises. Nothing definite about anything. No time limit or signed specific plan of immediate action. We get a hope of negotiating the abandonment of the various gyping arrangements by which Britain has maintained her trade—empire preferences, anti-dollar pools, sterling, blocs and cartels.

They do not promise to abandon all these, immediately or at any time. They promise to negotiate about abandoning them, which, of course, means nothing. Whether they do abandon these practices or not is left to future negotiation—and a world trade conference next year. Note well Mr. Truman's careful words about the credit "making it possible" for the United Kingdom to expand multilateral trade; and Mr. Vinson's claim that it opened "the likelihood" of a less competitive trade world.

We get "possibilities" and "likelihoods," and they get the \$25,000,000,000 we have already supplied plus \$3,750,000,000 more at less interest than it will cost our treasury to raise the money for any purpose she chooses.

Australia Shivers As Miners Strike
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—A strike in Australian coal and steel industries today caused drastic restrictions to be imposed on heating and lighting throughout Australia, Melbourne radio reported. In New South Wales, private homes were allowed to burn only one electric light which must be extinguished by 9 p. m. and the use of all electric appliances except refrigerators was banned, said a broadcast heard by United Press. Permissible hours for cooking were

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO
December 11, 1935
(It Was Tuesday)
Grocers and druggists open soap campaign in valley.
Big fund sought for enlarging Medford airport.

"Managed money" advocated by New Deal to boost farm prices.
Occasional rain. High 46, low 40.
Seeley V. Hall promoted to assistant vice president of United Air Lines.

Railroad up Rogue River from Coast proposed.
TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 11, 1925
(It Was Friday)
Increase in federal expensesirk President Coolidge.

Two prisoners escape from county jail at Jacksonville.
Occasional rain. High 48, low 35.

Section of plaster falls from city hall ceiling narrowly missing Mayor Alenderfer.
Willow Springs ships carload of mistletoe to Seattle.

Phoenix High to hold carnival to pay off debt.
THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
December 11, 1911
(It Was Monday)
Birdman Rogers completes flight from Coast to Coast in 83 days and 22 hours.

Ashland plans to sell its electric light plant.
Cluster lights on Main street are turned on and burn night and day as somebody forgot to install switch to turn them off.

Methodist church south plan new building.

Degree of Honor Officers Elected, Four Initiated

Degree of Honor Junior club met in the Lincoln school gym Dec. 8 and the following officers were elected: Carlene Mark, past president; Beverly Mero, president; Colene Rose, first vice president; Pattie Johnson, second vice president; Barbara Johnson, flag bearer; Kathleen Carrara, musician; Dennis O'Tool, usher; Donna Lee Pool, assistant usher; Ada Rose Brown, secretary; Robert Hillner, treasurer; Richard Pool, inner watch and Alfred Anderson, outer watch. New members initiated were Tiny Knight, Douglas and Janice Jean Atkins and Virginia Guen Carlson.

Visitors were Mrs. Mamie Atkins, Mrs. Cora Carlson, Mrs. Ken Williams and Robert Williams, Jr. Mrs. Ida Wilson, junior director, explained ways to earn sunshine and service caps, and a Christmas party was planned.

limited so drastically that only one hot meal a day will be possible in most households, Melbourne said. "The Star Spangled Banner" legally was designated as the national anthem by an act of congress, March 3, 1931.

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