

Menon Joins Pope in Disarmament Appeal

New York—(U.P.)—Indian Ambassador K. Krishna Menon said today that Pope Pius XII's appeal for a ban on nuclear weapons should arouse others to speak because disarmament can no longer be just "a shuttlecock" between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Recovering at his New York hotel from an attack of acute appendicitis, Krishna Menon said in a bedside interview, "The Pope's speech was the best medicine a man could have."

Same Principles
The Pope's address supported the same principles for which India has campaigned vigorously for nearly three years.

Now another powerful voice has been added," Krishna Menon said. "The Pope is not a politician, not a disarmament expert and not advancing anything new—has now brought to world attention and emphasized what is the great human problem, the importance of the survival of the human race. The importance of this message is that the people, who are not political, will think about this appeal which says: 'Stop this attempt at suicide.'"

"He emphasized the urgency of this problem. With his known desire to keep out of controversy, if he comes out and speaks about

this question, it means that other people should speak out."

Suspension Sought
The Pope called for a suspension of nuclear test explosions, a ban on the use of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons and for exploration of all methods of enforcing such decisions. India has campaigned for the same goal since Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru officially proposed a halt to nuclear explosions in April, 1954.

"The big powers called us 'mischievous' when we first proposed it at the United Nations," he said. "Then they called it impractical. This year they made it part of their disarmament proposal, giving it the same status as British and French suggestions on disarmament."

"They said they will consider it. Now they must consider it."

Pate Takes Over as Marine Corps Head

Washington—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Randolph McCall Pate, a mild-mannered, battle-hardened officer who began his military career as an Army GI, was sworn in today as the new commandant of the Marine Corps.

He was installed as the 21st commander of the proud Leathernecks at a colorful ceremony in the Pentagon office of Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas.

The swearing-in was followed by a formal change of command ceremony in front of the Marine Corps headquarters, at which the corps paid departing honors to its retiring commandant, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr.

Shepherd, 59, is stepping down as commandant after four years in the top Marine post, climaxing 39 years of duty in the Marine Corps.

Scientists have developed a test which indicates whether the milk from which certain types of cheese are made has been subjected to effective processes of pasteurization.



TROUBLES FORGOTTEN—Two-year-old Shonnie Lee Butler of flood-stricken Yuba City forgets her troubles for awhile as she tries on a pair of out-sized shoes at Red Cross headquarters where clothing is being issued to evacuees.

Food Dropped To Four Families Near Elkton

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Douglas County Sheriff Ira Byrd yesterday air-dropped 240 pounds of food to four families isolated by slides and washouts in a canyon east of Elkton, Ore., off Highway 38.

Byrd said one man apparently managed to walk out of the isolated area and left a pencilled note stuck on a post in the road.

It was addressed to the Red Cross in Roseburg and said: "I am writing this so maybe you can help us out. We are stranded with no way out for groceries and the bridge is out. Can you or some agency get through to us or get the roads open for us. Four families with children can use help."

The note was signed by a Mrs. Vern Johnson.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The American Association for the Advancement of Science, holding its annual convention this week in relatively warmer and drier Atlanta, tells us that atomic energy may save the famed American chestnut tree, which is presently threatened with extinction by a blight disease.

I THINK that perhaps IF I HAD TO I could get along without chestnut trees.

But—
The scientists add—
Atomic radiations can change the GENETIC STRUCTURE of some plants. Sometimes these "altered" plants are resistant to diseases. So they're going to try spraying the seeds of the chestnut tree with atomic X-rays in the hope that some of them will become CHANGED and able to resist the chestnut blight.

FASCINATING thought: Maybe we could SPRAY THE KREMLIN (possibly from a high-flying plane) with some of this atomic radiation, thus eventually changing the communist tribe "that inhabits these grim premises into HUMAN BEINGS that would be resistant to the deadly germ that inoculates power-holding rulers with an uncontrollable desire to conquer the world.

That would be SOMETHING!

GOP Senator Andrew Schoepel of Kansas says in Washington he thinks congress might well consider bushels, bales or pounds—rather than ACRES—as the measurements used in attempts to control farm production. Acres, he says, are too flexible to be used as a measurement. Like a rubber tape measure, they can be STRETCHED—with fertilizer and such.

But, he adds, we ought to go on subsidizing farm production—perhaps with progressively higher loans on better grades of agricultural commodities that are likely to go into government storage.

I WONDER, Senator, if we'll ever be able to control over-production—which lies at the root of the farm problem—as long as we go on SUBSIDIZING IT.

As a publisher of newspapers, I'm pretty sure that if the government guaranteed to buy all the papers I produce I'd go right on producing all the papers my presses would turn out—even if all the government could find to do with them was to stash them away in storage warehouses.

Human nature, you know, is human nature.

SPEAKING of newspapers—
The Calgary Herald, published up in Canada, says in a pre-Christmas-Day editorial: "It's going to be nothing but good, good, good news in Klamath Falls, Oregon, this week. If NO news is good news, then the readers of the Klamath Falls Herald and News can expect to have a good time reading their paper's front page.

"The editors of that newspaper—at least, it is a newspaper 51 weeks of the year—are planning again to use only "good" news items on the front page for the six weeks preceding Christmas. By doing this, they no doubt assume that they will prevent the people of Klamath Falls from having uncomfortable thoughts about the nasty world around them.

"People in Klamath Falls may feel better because their front page is all sweetness. Most people aren't so silly—they will buy their paper TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD."

(The capital letters are mine.)

NO, BROTHER, it isn't quite that way.

The editors of the Herald and News think their readers read ALL THE PAPER—not just the front page. They look upon their front page as their show window—and, like all good merchants, they seek to display in their show window their BEST MERCHANDISE.

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Court Records
DISTRICT COURT
William A. Raymond, failure to operate in single lane, \$7.50.
Arthur W. Coulter, overload, \$105.
Richard N. Godd, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
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CIRCUIT COURT
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Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Television is billed as a killing business, but the comedians who survived a year of sawing ratings and illnesses still have enough humor to pick their biggest gags of 1955. To some viewers the year's best TV memories involve such stories as Eddie Fisher's romance, the decline of Davy Crockett, the invasion of major movie studios into TV or the Martin and Lewis feud.

But to others, who spent hours with their eyes glued to a 21-inch screen and a thawed TV dinner clutched in their hands, the best memories were the biggest laughs.

I asked some of the top TV comedians to dust off their gags that they thought were the most hilarious during 1955.

Durante Relates Gag
Jimmy Durante's funniest moment, he believes, came during a skit. A bobsled drawn by six huskies whizzed out of a movie theater with people running in panic in front of it. Durante stared at the bobsled and remarked, "I knew they'd go too far with that Cinerama!"

George Gobel's best year-end memory was the following gem from one of his monologues:

By ALIENE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

"Will the person in our audience driving a maroon convertible with Texas license plates, cowhide upholstery and steer's horns on the radiator please go out and move your car. Some happy-go-Charlie staggered by and he's trying to milk it." After suitable laughter Gobel added, "But it's not so funny. He's spilling oil all over the parking lot."

Comics Lampoon Show
Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin are proudest of their sketch lampooning "The \$64,000 Question." Then there was Bob Hope's hilarious satire on "This Is Your Life"—with an all-star cast of dogs, including Lassie.

Groucho Marx kept his NBC-TV program, "You Bet Your Life," at the top with many an apparently ad-libbed but actually well-planned joke.

Johnny Carson is happiest with his bit of playing "Autumn Leaves" on the piano while leaves fluttered over him until he was completely submerged.

Red Skelton for his best gag of 1955 picked one from a show he telecast in New York—the day the Brooklyn Dodgers beat the New York Yankees and won the World Series. Cracked Red: "Brooklyn had to win. They were blessed. They had Podres pitching for them."

Common beeswax is used in the manufacture of 400 or more articles.

County Court Sets Dog License Fees
The county court yesterday passed an order setting dog license fees for 1956 at \$1.50, the same as last year. Delinquent owners will be charged \$2 after March 1.

All dogs in the county are required to be licensed, and those found without licenses after March 1 will be taken to the pound, according to Lee Jones, dog control officer.

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