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## Russia's Change of Heart

M. MOLOTOV'S about-face on the question of a veto power over armament inspection had an inevitable dissimilar reception. Some held it to be the clinching proof of the Soviet's amiable cooperativeness and ardent desire for peace. Others, not only professional cynics but usually trusting souls who have come to suspect Russian policy, busily searched Mr. Molotov's speech for what is inelegantly known as the "gimmick."

At present, however, one thing is certain. No amount of misgivings can outweigh the hopefulness inspired by the Russian change of heart. This does not mean an end of difficulties, or course. Russia will not abandon the veto until she can agree to the control and inspection system. There will be disagreement and argument over the framework of that system. But all this is unavoidable.

The heartening thing is that one of the biggest disagreements between Russia, this country and Britain has made great progress toward settlement. The small day-to-day differences can be borne. Even though Russia insists on her Security Council veto in all other matters, there is more hope for peace now than at any time in the UN's short history.

But there are still some formidable obstacles to be cleared. One is the creation of a disarmament program and of an inspection system that can really enforce it. Any international inspection system will require some sacrifice of sovereignty. And the making of that sacrifice will demand an entirely new and courageous sort of diplomatic thinking.

Then there is the matter of removing some of the non-military causes of the international friction which produces ar-

maments and war. Here the outlook is far from encouraging.

Russia has not participated in the UNESCO meetings or taken part in the international trade discussions. Her absence has been obscured by her presence in the Assembly and Security Council sessions.

Her disavowal of the UNESCO program because it did not take into account the Marxist materialistic philosophy has not caused much general concern. Yet until Russia sees fit to participate in a world program of information, education and cultural co-operation and joins in drafting world trade agreements, we have not come very far on the road to peace.

Nevertheless, Mr. Molotov's concession is tremendously encouraging. It looks like the break that was bound to come if the UN was to survive.

Russia may continue to veto discussions and actions. But if the world can be sure that Russia and the other nations are actually and sincerely disarming, a great and present threat of peril will be lifted.

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The Azerbaijanis managed to overthrow the despotic regime which we would like to eliminate bloodlessly if we can. But continuation of the present system whereby a few people rule the country while the masses are worse off than serfs of the European Middle Ages, will only lead to revolution.

—Tadji Iskander, leader of revolutionary Tadjik Party in Iran.

The average Japanese is not used to thinking. He is used to obeying orders, and the feudal system and fascist ideology is deep in his mind. The Allied armies have brought some basic democratic changes but it is quite clear that the working people of Japan do not understand what the elections actually are.

—Lizavita, Soviet government newspaper.

## WHAT IT MEANS

### Land Claims of the Indians

By VERN HAUGLAND

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Uncle Sam bought a large part of the United States from the Indians for \$80,000,000, but he may have to pay more for his bargain.

The U. S. supreme court has ruled that certain Oregon Indians have a claim against the federal government for lands taken from them almost a century ago even though the claim was never recognized by treaty.

Experts in the Office of Indian Affairs say the decision in effect recognizes the validity (but not the amount) of many other Indian claims based on aboriginal ownership.

"These may run into millions of dollars and may involve 65,000 or more Indians and upward of 250,000 square miles of land in the western states—plus nobody knows how much of Alaska," one said.

Department of Justice attorneys, who opposed the appeal to the supreme court, question the importance of the decision. They claim each future case will have to be settled on its own merits.

But John H. Province, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, says: "The court has gone beyond the constitution to recognize rights that out-date the constitution. . . . It is a ruling to which the new Indian claims commission can look for guidance."

President Truman has yet to appoint the three-man commission. Indians will have five years to file claims, and the commission must complete settlement within 10 years.

One opinion is that the newest

supreme court decision will open vast areas to lawsuit by Indians. An opponent of this view said: "Such would be the case if there were huge areas still in question. But 90 to 95 per cent of our public domain has been purchased thru valid treaties. The area not acquired by treaty, and thus opened to suit on the basis of aboriginal ownership, consists of less than 250,000 square miles."

Since Civil War days Indians have had to get congressional approval to bring each claim. Some Indians have sought the required special act fruitlessly year after year without success.

But by such an act in 1935 congress did permit the Tillamook, Coquille, Toon-Too-Ney and Chetco tribes of coastal Oregon to file suit for payment for 2,772,580 acres taken in 1855.

The court of claims found that the Indians had an "aboriginal Indian title" to the land, which they ceded under a treaty which was never ratified. The supreme court upheld the ruling and remanded the case to the court of claims for determination of the \$55 million value of the land.

On the basis of past judgments, experts estimate that the amount, with interest, might total \$15,000,000. Against this the government may offset benefits paid to the Indians since 1885. A justice department attorney says "those Indians have received almost everything in the way of cash payments and other benefits which they would have gotten under the treaty."

John H. Collier, former Indian commissioner, told a reporter: "This is an historic opinion. Al-

ways heretofore the court has had a sort of platonic concern for the Indian's rights, but in practice has held to the view that the government could not be made to pay except upon proof that there had been a valid treaty. . . . "The decision should have great importance in Alaska, where the Indians claim land thru occupancy. It also may strengthen the position of California Indians."

A court held a year ago that 18 California tribes were entitled to \$17,000,000,000 for their land. From this amount \$12,000,000,000 was deducted as already paid in benefits. The 18 tribes protested that they were being billed for benefits extended to all the Indians of California.

Tribal areas acquired by means other than formal agreements of cession, and thus most likely to produce ownership suits, are: Washoe Indians—a sizeable section of Western Nevada and North-eastern California.

Paiute Indians — semi-desert tracts comprising about half of Nevada, including the Boulder Dam area, and parts of Southwestern Utah, Northwestern Arizona and Southeastern California.

Yuma, Mohave, Cocopah, Pajaro, Pima and Matopeo Indians — Southern and Western Arizona and a small segment of South-eastern California.

Alto a flood of claims may arise from the decision, an official pointed out that the Indian still will have to prove the validity of his claim.

"In the past," he added, "Indians have recovered about 2 per cent of the amount they sought in court."

## CAPITAL LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—(AP)—T. R. Schellenberg, chief of OPA's record branch, has a job he says will take him at least thru June 30.

His task is to reduce 1,250,000 cubic feet of agency records to 50,000 cubic feet. These will be turned over to the national archives. The present accumulation of records would completely fill a 12-story building occupying a quarter-acre plot.

Schellenberg says he is weeding out everything except such items as economic data supplied by industry, all OPA's regulations and hundreds of amendments on rationing and pricing.

Some of the material will be reduced to microfilm. In addition, he is keeping a complete set of rationing currency, such as the ration books and the little blue and red tokens.

It is estimated that Washington will have a permanent peacetime federal payroll of 180,000 employes by 1950.

Federal building officials say this will call for continued new building construction.

These officials say that, despite Republican predictions of large scale budget cuts, planning is going ahead on this figure just the same.

Rep. John Turner of New York, who will be chairman of the House Appropriations committee in the new Republican congress, has warned that he will slash 1,000,000 employes from the Federal payroll.

The building officials say they doubt that the new congress will be able to reduce the number employed in Washington beyond 180,000.

Approximately \$200,000,000 would be needed to cover the proposed building program, they say.

No Parisian has more chic than America's own Duchess of Windsor, the former Wally Simpson of Baltimore.

She invariably chooses a black dress, suit or dinner-gown for her appearances in public, always exquisitely simple but fitting her slender figure to a "T."

At a reception during her visit here she accentuated her black costume with rare and expensively-set jewelry. Popularly noted was a diamond pin fashioned into three points.

Miss O. Max Gardner, wife of the newly appointed U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, appeared at a very swish function the other evening wearing a becoming gown of amethyst crepe, sparkling with bead embroidery. The neckline was high, the sleeves—and there were sleeves—were short.

Speaking of what the well-dressed ladies-in-the-limit are wearing these days hereabouts, Mrs. Truman at a White House reception looked better turned-out than she ever has before.

She won scores of compliments for the lovely gold metallic dinner gown she wore.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 — (NEA) — Republican Presidential Candidate Harold E. Stassen's frank statement that he will open a Washington office and seek to influence legislation before the next congress raises the nice question of whether he will have to register as a lobbyist.

The question is raised here now not in any effort to put Stassen on the spot. But it points up the fact that the lobbying regulation law in the congressional reorganization act passed by the last congress may require a little fixing.

To date fewer than 200 persons and organizations have registered as lobbyists with the clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate. It is common knowledge that the lobbyists in Washington are at least 10 times as numerous.

Thus far, the passage of legislation apparently had the effect of making many pressure groups tell their Washington "legislative representatives" to "stay away from congress." That's all to the good. The lobbying act was not intended, however, to curtail the right of free speech nor to prohibit lobbying by making it a crime. All that the law requires is that lobbyists register and report. The crime is failure to register and report.

Fills The Bill The act defines a lobbyist as any person whose principal purpose is to aid in the accomplishment of any of the following:

(a) Legislation by the congress of the United States.

(b) To influence, directly or indirectly, the passage or defeat of any legislation by the congress of the United States.

The job which Stassen has cut out for himself fits all specifications.

He says he wants to "move the Republican Party along the path of true liberalism." He says he will confer with senators and congressmen, individually and in groups. He says he wants to influence labor legislation first, housing, health, and small business legislation secondly.

There is one "out" by which Stassen might escape the ignominy of having to register as a lobbyist. The law exempts from registration political committees as defined by the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, and fully organized state or local committees of a political party.

Stassen's backing as a presidential candidate comes from the Minnesota Republican Campaign Central Committee. A drive to raise \$500,000 to support the Stassen candidacy has been started by State Chairman Bernhard W. Levander of St. Paul. Senator-elect Edward J. Thye and Governor-elect Luther W. Youngdahl are honorary co-chairmen. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Embarrassing No End If Stassen can operate as Washington representative and front for the Minnesota Republican Campaign Central Committee, he

might not have to register as a lobbyist. How he will go about disguising himself to look like a man who is not seeking to influence legislation is another matter.

The whole question may be academic, legalistic and silly. It's one of those things lawyers love to argue, however, and it's causing plenty of fun. Several congressmen, tho not wishing to be drawn into the argument publicly, nevertheless give an off-the-record opinion that it looks as if Stassen will have to register.

If Stassen takes the easy way out and registers as a lobbyist to end the controversy before it gets started, he will have to do a number of things. Registration itself is painless—just a matter of filling out a form. But information to be supplied includes an exact accounting of all money received, names and addresses of everyone contributing more than \$500, all expenditures and names and addresses of persons paid. For every expenditure of over \$10 there must be a receipted bill. Reports must be filed every three months.

For failing to register and report the fine is \$5000 or a year in prison, or both.

Similar reports must be made under the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, so reporting under the lobbying act really involves an extra burden. None, that is, except that it would be rather embarrassing for a candidate for high public office, operating out in the open as Stassen is, to stand up and be counted with the lobbyists.

Some writing paper is made from potato plant vines. For fresh notes, perhaps.

If you really want happiness, why not try enjoying the things you dislike?

When you think of yourself alone that's how people ought to leave you.

A Kentucky dentist offered a woman a new set of teeth for some wooded land he wanted. She accepted—and the choppers went to work.

Folks used to make their own clothing on spinning wheels. Now they lose their shirts on 'em!

Hope is great because life without it is so hopeless!

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## Story of Cincy Beer Baron Told on 'Chicago Theatre'

The rollicking story of a Cincinnati beer baron and his lovely daughter, Nell, will be recounted in song and drama when the "Chicago Theatre of the Air" presents Gustav Leuder's operetta, "The Prince of Pilsen" on the broadcast at 10 p. m. Saturday over MBS.

Eddie Albert will replace Joel McCrea on "This Is Hollywood" at 10:15 p. m. over CBS when he co-stars with Janet Blair in the world radio premiere of the hit film comedy, "Along Came Jones." The story is of a greenhorn cowboy who tries to become tough and

receives a terrific ribbing from his girl who turns better.

George Szell returns to the podium of the Cleveland Symphony to conduct the music of Samuel Barber, Dvorak and Debussy on the MBS broadcast at 6 p. m. Saturday.

Harry Conover, young model agency head, whose "Cover Girls" have become world famous, joins the panel of experts in an attempt to identify "animal, mineral or vegetable" on the MBS popular show, "Twenty Questions," at 8 p. m.

Taking time out from the holiday season, Judy Canova writes a western play for the annual amateur night program of the Brentwood Community theatre on the "Judy Canova Show" at 10 p. m. over NBC.

She plans to take the leading role in the production and, in preparation for her big moment, spends the afternoon in the beauty parlor where all women become equals. When Judy returns home the fun begins.

Bennett Cerf, noted wit, will blow the silver horn in behalf of the American male when he pits his wit and knowledge against four glamorous career gals on "Leave it to the Boys" at 9:30 p. m. over MBS.

LEGAL NOTICE To non-resident owners of property situated in the City of Lima, Ohio, who have failed to pay their property taxes for the year 1948, notice is hereby given that the same are delinquent and the same are being sold by public auction to satisfy the same. The same are being sold by public auction to satisfy the same. The same are being sold by public auction to satisfy the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-1948 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF LIMA, OHIO, APPROVED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT THE CITY OF LIMA, OHIO, ON THE 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1948.

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Lima, Ohio, has the honor to advise that the following resolution was adopted at its meeting held on the 23rd day of December, 1948:

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## Hal Boyle

Man Bites Dog: Foreigner Praises U. S.

NEW YORK—(AP)—This may get Paul Holt shot as a traitor in Piccadilly Circus as he returns to his native England, but he said in front of three witnesses that America "is the most civilized country in the world."

Not only that but Paul, who is a highly intellectual citizen of the British commonwealth and one of its best-known journalists, said further: "And I like America. It's a wonderful place."

The wicked man travellith with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.—Job 15:20.

An evil life is a kind of death.—Ovid.

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fresh note from a new bugle. So for a change let's hear from somebody abroad who looked over the United States, found it grand and is willing to say so.

Holt is a slim small sensitive man of 40 with prematurely white hair and the face of a wise child. He is a reformed war correspondent who now writes a weekly column for The London Daily Express, which has the world's largest daily circulation. He also does the film reviews.

He came here a few weeks ago for the first time since 1937. One of his assignments was to assess the present state of anti-British feeling in America, and this is his report: "I didn't find any."

Holt rates the United States tops in civilization because "it's a twenty-four-a-day country. You can work, eat, drink, loaf or play any time in the day or night."

"It is the most vigorous place in the world—vigorous and violent. It is so exciting to find people roaring their hearts out

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for something they want. They haven't given their individuality to a government to run as nearly every other people have. Here they demand things and still grasp for them as individuals."

Holt doesn't see America as a land of money grabbers. "As a matter of fact you have lost your faith in the dollar," he said, "and you'll have to find faith in something new."

"I think that a little song I heard in a night club—There Isn't Any Money in Money Any More—is the themesong of America now."

A few more Holtimes: "There seems to be a tradition in the American schools now that a girl should try to make herself look as slack and unsexy as she can."

"The American boy is tough and masculine. That is good. The American girl—before she goes to school—is already a little mother, extra-feminine, more so even than little French girls. That is wonderful. But

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