

Ivan H. Peterman U.N. Facing Phony Red Peace Drive

HOLD your hats, folks, and prepare for the fanciest avalanche of "peace" blandishments in the world's history—beginning now.

Washington Background Administration Is Called Greatest Pyramid Club

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

TO ALL the sins of commission and omission charged to the Truman Administration by its Republican critics on Capitol Hill, Representative Daniel A. Reed (R., N. Y.) added the other day that of setting the example for the pyramid clubs rage.



DANIEL A. REED

WASHINGTON, March 27. "The Truman Administration has set an example in pyramiding which perhaps has stirred the passion of the people to try a hand at the game," Reed said solemnly.

"Our pyramids have been pyramided. The Federal expenses have been pyramided. The President's salary has been pyramided. Federal taxes are to be pyramided."

Such language: During the debate on the pension bill the other day Representative Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.) arose in the House and said: "Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that if the ghost of Diogenes had been in this chamber last night he would have been very frustrated."

Is there a lawyer in the house? The other day Senator Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.), who says that often he experiences a "slight trace of regret that I was not a lawyer," arose in the Senate and invited the attention of Senator John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.).

Senator Burnet Maybank (D., S. C.) announced that Senator Sparkman had been called from the floor for a moment and offered to answer any question the Vermont Senator had in mind.

Even more hazardous than weather prediction is calling the precise date on which Washington's unpredictable Japanese cherry blossoms will burst into bloom.

Senator John J. Sparkman wonders how Asbury Park, N. J., happens to have so many aggrieved house owners, all 83 years old or all with rents frozen and tenants who have an income of \$10,000 a year.

What chance has a small-property owner to survive in America today? "I am more than 33 years of age. I own a nice six-room house with bath, which represents my life-time savings."

There is a flood of important legislation which must clear the Legislature before the House and Senate leaders can even begin to think of adjourning.

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Samuel Grafton Peace Test Urged for Defense Pact

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I CAN remember when the slogan: "Defense Will Not Win the War" swept the country. I can remember all the jokes we used to make about the Maginot Line, and the "Maginot Line psychology."

LIFE in a bunker, whether it be made of concrete or of treaties, is not the happiest possible kind of life. It foresees no change for the better, and has hope only that things will not become worse.

WHAT'S missing, as it usually is from tight and perfect schedules. That is why I suggest that the signatories to the pact ought in a body, and even in advance of ratification, propose a conference with Russia and the nations of her circle, for an attempted settlement of outstanding problems.

I DON'T know what a little more impudence could do for us, but it might do great things. The trouble with all defense schemes, however massive, is that they are: a) once defiant and abject; they mingle the two qualities, in curious fashion.

When we do things out of schedule and laugh again, we shall find ourselves, and the world will know that we have found ourselves. It's cramped in the bunkers, and gloomy, no matter what the wattage. Let us summon up our impudence, before that last hatch closes.

Today By Edgar Ansel Mower

—Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Albania. Conquest is held to be relatively easy. The Yugoslav peasant, like neither Tito nor Stalin, may be expected to remain inactive.

For these reasons I do not expect an overt attack of Yugoslavia. I expect a tightening of the economic blockade. At some point, Tito may have to submit to this or turn to the west for help.

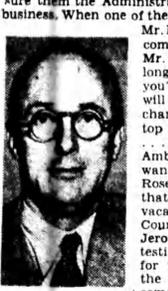
Short of that moment, the Soviet Union will, I suspect, do little or nothing in reply to the "provocation" of the North Atlantic Security Pact. Not even leaving the United Nations.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME By Jimmy Hatlo



Gossip of the Nation: - Walter Winchell

NEW YORK, March 27. JOHN WINANT, widow of the late Ambassador, is burning at the social climber who spreads the bunk they'll merge.



FLOYD ORLUM

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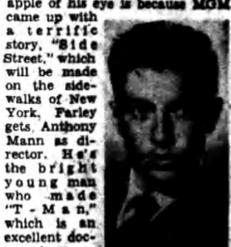
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Louella Parsons Granger Gets Lead in 'Side Street'

HOLLYWOOD, March 27.

FARLEY GRANGER, one of the brightest and most promising youngsters in the movies—and he isn't such a youngster any more—goes to MGM on a lead out from Sam Goldwyn.



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Harrisburg Survey Many Important Bills Await Action by Penna. Legislators

By Joseph H. Miller

HARRISBURG, March 27. AS THE Legislature approaches what may be the final month of the 1949 session, many unfinished work remains before it.

Since convening on Jan. 4, only 58 of the more than 2000 bills which have been introduced in the Legislature—775 in the Senate and 1313 in the House—have cleared both chambers and been sent to the Governor's desk.

However, the Senate has passed 109 of its own bills and sent them to the House for concurrence. Of this group only 22 have been approved by the lower chamber.

This resume shows that so far hundreds of bills in both chambers still await action.

MANY legislators believe there is no need for an extended session of the Legislature because the bulk of the administration's so-called "must" program has cleared the House and Senate.

Already enacted are seven of the administration's revenue-raising bills, designed to yield the Commonwealth more than \$436,000,000 for operational costs and for extended improvements.

Also passed are measures setting up a \$175,000,000 General State Authority to borrow funds for the construction of mental hospitals, stream clearance and other public projects, and the \$40,000,000 Highway and Bridge Authority to provide extra funds for express roads.

Headline Hopping Reds Spend Lost Week-End At Peace Conference in N. Y.

By Ollie Crawford

PICKETS jeer Communists at world "peace" conference in New York. Delegates to the parley are automatically admitted to "Box Wh."

If this is all that happens, the Russians are spending a "Lost Week-End."

Speeches were so mild, they're again referring to the "ineffectual intellectuals." It was one peace conference that was too peaceful. Instead of being a sounding board for Communism, they ran out of ways of saying "Stalin is always right."

They cried about the poor working man until a waiter dropped a tray. Then everybody yelled: "Swine!"

These turkey dinners may be the best way to settle the Communists' hash. Everybody knows that a man in formal clothes is helpless. They're why they use them for weddings. Nobody ever among the hired hands, Marie Antoinette would never have lost her head.

It's a good peace recipe. Give a man enough blintzes and stop worrying about blintzes.

An American editor, Norman Cousins, gave the conference what-for. Everybody was acting like brothers and along came Cousins. He talked to them like a Dutch uncle. He explained that toasting Stalin and roasting Uncle Sam wasn't the same thing. Cousins wants the Communists to stop thinking of the U. S. as the first two letters of U.S.S.R.

Ed Sullivan

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Big-Hearted Doc Always Sends 'em to a Specialist When They Need It

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Hi, Joe—How's tricks? Huh, heh—I got a case here—a little out of my line—this kid needs orthodontia, bad—gonna send her up to you—what's that? Oh, hah! Forget it—a friend in need is a—you know me, Joe—always glad to do you a favor—

Some favor! There's a pal! It'd be much kinder to ship Joe a couple of cases of live rattlesnakes

Orthodontia? Where that kid needs treatment is at the other end from her teeth—

Whatever it is—It's not drastic enough for that kid!

What's he got against Joe? I wouldn't do that to my worst enemy—

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