Boyle Says

U.N. Debate Like Bad Phonograph

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Lake Success — Watching the Security Council try to pick a world polie force for the United Nations (U. N.) is like listening to a bad phonograph record.

The music comes out pretty as you please until a certain point. Then the needle sticks, and all you hear is a grinding noise—"ur-r-r-ruh, ur-r-r-ruh, ur-r-r-ruh."

The Security Council has been stuck at the same point since last April 30.

It gets stuck whenever the council starts to take up the question of what size military or police force the U. N. should have or how much each country should contribute.

EXAMPLE OF FOLLY

This is pretty much as if an apartment house roof caught fire, and the tenants began quarreling over which fire station to call and how many firemen to ask for. The more they quarrel the closer the fire spreads toward their own apartments.

It tock 15 months for the military staff committee—made up of the chiefs-of-staff of the five big powers—to bring out a report of any kind on setting up a U. N. police force.

Since that report was handed up the Security Council has been unable to reach agreement on a single point disputed by Russia. Here is the point where the needle sticks:

Basically, Russia wants the United Nations navy, airforce and army made up on a principle of equality—that is, each country would contribute the same number of ships, planes, tanks and foot soldiers.

LUDICROUS VIEW

The United States and the other leading powers think this is militarily screwball, as all countries don't have the same kind of fighting equipment. China, for example, could contribute plenty of infantrymen but couldn't dig up an aircraft carrier.

Thus the United Nations, two years after its founding in San Francisco, is still an organism with many mouths and moral viewpoints, but no real muscle.

In a showdown of force it couldn't defend itself against a pack of angry March hares. For as yet the military staff committee doesn't command even a single-barreled shotgun.

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A CHILD DIED—At Chicago, the weeping mother, right, stepfather and grandmother of seven-year-old Norma Chindlund Lewis attempt to comfort one another at a coroner's inquest yesterday after the child succumbed to burns in a gasoline fire last week. Left to right: Stella Friemann, grandmother; Richard Lewis, stepfather; and Mrs. Eleanor Lewis.

Buffalo Hard Hit By Storms

Buffalo—(U.P.)—Property damage soared toward the million dollar mark in western New York today in the wake of a three-day blast of electric storms and torrential rains.

For two days, residents were treated to an aerial fireworks display unprecedented in local history with numerous stray lightning bolts striking buildings and causing fires. Late yesterday the heavens opened and the area was drenched by a torrential rain.

The rainfall seemed to concentrate in North Buffalo where one entire business section was inundated when the drainage system proved incapable of carrying away the water. Merchants in the Kensington-Bailey section reported $300,000 property damage within a half hour.

The flash flood halted vehicular traffic, washed out concrete forms on the site of a new veterans' hospital and forced one theatre and most stores to shut down operations.

New England Heat Blamed for 22 Deaths

Boston—(AP)—The death toll in New England's seven-day heat wave mounted to 22 today as meteorologists reported it would last for at least another 48 hours.

Among the latest victims was Daniel Linehan, Jr., 9, of Albany, N. Y., who drowned in an outdoor pool at Bennington, Vt. His parents and a young sister were unaware he was missing until they prepared to return to the Bennington home of relatives. His body was discoveerd in three feet of water.

Unrationed Gas

Moscow —(U.P.)— Sale of unrationed gasoline and oil has been resumed for the first time since the war at state-owned "commercial" filling stations in Moscow. The price is four times that of first-grade gasoline on the monthly ration.

Book of The Week

Suggested by the Binghamton Public Library

REAGER, R. D.—You Can Talk Well.

LEE, JOSH—How to Hold an Audience Without a Rope.

Though entirely different in style, these two handy manuals contain "all sorts of practical tips for nervous, amateur speakers."

A few examples of chapter titles in Mr. Reager's book will reveal its comprehensive scope: Causes of speech ineffectiveness; Selection of speech material; Improving your vocabulary; Presentation speeches: The radio speech; Your voice and tonal quality.

Mr. Lee, on the other hand, imagines his readers in all sorts of predicaments before various audiences and he illustrates his points in a most amusing manner.

Both books should prove useful for the men and women who are seeking valuable instruction to increase their speaking abilities "and thus to increase their personal efficiency."

Still Faces Charge:

Lady Iris Pays Check

New York — (U.P.) — Lady Iris Mountbatten was square with a Washington, D. C., dress shop today for the three worthless checks she wrote, but it was up to authorities to decide if charges against her would be dropped.

When Lady Iris, a relative of King George VI of Great Britain, was arrested Wednesday on a fugitive warrant from Washington, a hearing was scheduled for next Tuesday.

But yesterday, her attorney, Thomas C. Carney, paid Mrs. Wilhelmina Adams, owner of the dress shop, $190.05 to cover the worthless checks. Mrs. Adams said she had no desire to prosecute.

Among New Books

Amazon Discoverer Is Hero of Novel

VAIN SHADOW. *By Hartzell Spence, 428 pp. Whittlesey House. $3.*

The biography of Don Francisco Orellano, discoverer of the Amazon River, is spun here in the rich, easy style which characterizes Hartzell Spence's skill in making history readable.

Spence treats the conquest of the Amazon as the story of a man—Orellan, the Spanish conquistador, who led his intrepid men in search of gold (he found a river instead), but couldn't lead his heart when it came to the beautiful Ana de Ayala, cousin of one of his lieutenants.

Spence deftly weaves three stories into one—the romance between the adventurer and the beautiful woman, the romance of a man's dream (Orellan's idealistic dream of a perfect state, with himself as administrator) and the discovery of one of the world's greatest rivers.

Vain Shadow is not a book to be read in a night (428 pages), but for the student of biography and history who likes his authenticity lightened by the warm breath of romance, Vain Shadow will be a breeze. R. G. F.

Unusual Mystery Cleverly Told

Q AS IN QUICKSAND, *by Lawrence Treat; Duell, Sloan & Pearce, Inc., 219 pp., $2.50.*

Martin Folger, on his way to spend his Christmas furlough in New York stops off at the little town of Gobelin, Pa.

Before he went into the army, Martin had witnessed an automobile accident in which two members of the Gobelin family had been killed. Now he finds that his testimony as to which accident victim died first is needed to settle the large estate.

Certain members of the family try to influence him to testify in their favor, and finally another member of the Gobelin family is murdered.

Mitch Taylor, of the police force, and his friend Jub Freeman of the laboratory team up again to solve the mystery. This time, Freeman beats Mitch to the solution. An unusual mystery in Lawrence Treat's usual clever manner. G. G. S.

China introduced tea to Japan about 600 A. D.

Kin of Jergens Sues for Divorce

Los Angeles — (AP) — Charging cruelty, Mrs. Ann Jergens Goebel, 39, granddaughter of the late Andrew Jergens, cosmetics manufacturer, filed suit for divorce yesterday against Col. Arthur C. Goebel, 47, World War II flier and former stunt pilot. Her petition said they were married Dec. 30, 1941, and separated last May.

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