

High Explosives, Hard Work Mark Week At Worlds Capital

By ELMER BENDINER
NEW YORK, April 5—The brew they make here at the world's capital, Lake Success, simmered last week, at times boiled to the top, at other times exploded in angry jets of steam through well placed safety vents.

The Truman plan for Greece and Turkey, and the grim question of disarmament were the simmering pots watched here with mounting anxiety. But even in the unanimous agreement of the Security Council to make the United States an administrator under the trusteeship system, there were secretly veiled references to coming battles, a bitterness even in unanimity. And

saving the children of war-ravaged areas, setting up standards for a world-wide free press, easing travel restrictions, remodeling the shattered economies of Europe and Asia in a world plan, unprecedented and staggering. That job, without fireworks, was advanced well beyond the talking stage.

This Week's Double-Header
But what the world waits for is Gromyko's double-header to be pushed this week. When Senator Austin, needed to obvious embarrassment by a persistent Soviet point or order, had advanced the Truman plan more than a week ago, Gromyko, unsmiling but unexcited, raised his yellow pencil

question of the veto power was raised again, then dextrously skirted.

Away from the shifting skirmish line, there was solid work done. A great international system looking to the liberation of subject peoples all over the world was inaugurated. Another vast world body made plans for raising the status of women, controlling narcotics,

and it was not until the negotiations began that the world knew the battle was postponed. Gromyko asked for time to consider the proposal.

Aside from the obvious and well publicized effects on Greece and Turkey, the Austin plan is explosive because of its theory of relations between U. N. and a mem-

Sign of Spring---Cherry Blossoms



SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE Clinton P. Anderson is shown snapping a picture of his daughter, Nancy, in Washington. Note the budding branch of cherry blossoms, a sure sign that Spring has arrived in the nation's capital. Nancy will reign as queen of the Cherry Blossom Festival to be held in Washington, April 12 and 13. (International)

P.T.A. Elects Officers

The Sylva Parent Teacher association met Tuesday afternoon in the auditorium of the Elementary school building. The president, Mrs. W. L. Jones, was in the chair during the business proceedings. The present officers were re-elected to serve another year. They are Mrs. W. L. Jones, president; Mrs. Harry Ferguson, vice-president; Mrs. Frank P. C. Wood, secretary; Mrs. W. J. Fisher, treasurer. The constitution of the organization was read by Mrs. W. L. Jones. It was decided to hold a year to let the members become more familiar with the aims and objectives for which they are organized. The next meeting will be held at the recent session of the school. The officers are: Mrs. W. L. Jones, president; Mrs. Harry Ferguson, vice-president; Mrs. Frank P. C. Wood, secretary; Mrs. W. J. Fisher, treasurer.

day. A sunrise service was held at 7 o'clock at Old Field cemetery with singing by the entire group. Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, Rev. B. S. Hensley followed by an inspiring message by Rev. T. F. Blankenship, pastor of the Lovedale Baptist church. Sunday school and the morning worship service were well attended, there being more than 300 present. The next services will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 o'clock. The next meeting of the P.T.A. will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 7 o'clock. The next meeting of the P.T.A. will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 7 o'clock.

appreciation to all who made these programs possible.

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Scott's Creek Church's Easter Services

Easter services were held at the Scott's Creek Church on Sunday, April 6. The services were held at 10 o'clock and were well attended. The pastor, Rev. B. S. Hensley, gave the invocation. The choir sang "The Easter Story" and "The Easter Hymn." The pastor gave the Easter message. The services were held at the Scott's Creek Church on Sunday, April 6. The services were held at 10 o'clock and were well attended. The pastor, Rev. B. S. Hensley, gave the invocation. The choir sang "The Easter Story" and "The Easter Hymn." The pastor gave the Easter message. The services were held at the Scott's Creek Church on Sunday, April 6. The services were held at 10 o'clock and were well attended. The pastor, Rev. B. S. Hensley, gave the invocation. The choir sang "The Easter Story" and "The Easter Hymn." The pastor gave the Easter message.

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ber state. According to the Austin proposal, the national and international action. The U. N. would concern itself with the program and with the peace and commissions, while the U. S. would go ahead with its own emergency action, independently but as part of a team. The team would be composed of two equal partners, the U. N. and the U. S.

"Obstructed, Sterile and Impotent"
The Security Council has become "obstructed, sterile and impotent," the United Kingdom's secretary Sir Alexander Cadogan said, adding that it is "sterile" because it cannot veto. "The United States has prevented a veto during the veto battle caused during discussion of the British-Mexican dispute over the British war supply by a vote last December in the Security Council. The Security Council had voted 9-3 in favor of the British suggestion to demand the matter to the International Court of Justice is pending.

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Three Sides to Disarmament
There are three sides to disarmament. The Americans and the British have set up rigid prerequisites involving atomic energy control, peace settlements with the Germans and the Japanese, and a working system of safeguards. France's Alexandre Parodi, representing the middle ground argued: No disarmament without security, but "To desire full security first is to consent never to disarm." The last camp found a spokesman in pudgy, professorial Dr. Oscar Lange who said, "My government stands for rapid and radical disarmament — disarmament now without any undue delay, and excuses." He went on to detail his nation's own demobilization "in spite of the fact that we have the longest frontier with Germany." Then he called attention to his country's penal code which provides up to five years' imprisonment for "public incitement to aggressive war."

Trusteeship Wrangle
The offer to put the 600 Caroline, Marshall and Marianna Islands under a U. S. trusteeship agreement, made as a take-it-or-leave-it proposition by Senator Austin, received unanimous endorsement, but in the last session which ran on until close to nine o'clock in the evening, the details produced acrimonious wrangles that made the unanimity seem superficial, indeed. Though representatives of small powers like Brazil's Dr. Oswaldo Aranha tried to stem the debate by vainly pleading "No use for all these big words, all this consideration," the argument wore on until Gromyko supported a Chinese wording for one article which would have permitted the agreement might be amended or terminated "according to the rules of the charter," with no reference

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What About This Year?
It is estimated that the return for 1947, even with the recent freight rate increase, will be only about half the 6% minimum return required to provide the improvements and service needed. This will be because of increased costs of materials and supplies; because certain wage increases granted in 1946

were in effect for only part of 1946 but will be in effect for all of 1947; because of increased special payroll taxes on railroads; and because of a decline in passenger business.

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