

WORLD CRISIS - & YOU

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First announcement that U.S. Congressmen had passed the British Loan brings Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton with a special Message to you on what the loan means:-

DALTON.

"The vote by the American Congress of the loan to Britain is good news. We are all delighted at this sign of friendship between two great nations who stood together against the enemy until the hour of victory in the war. This loan does not mean that we can now lie back and take it easy and that we can live happily ever afterwards. What ~~is~~ it does mean, I hope, is that we are now going to get more material, more machinery to re-equip our industry and increase the output of goods both for ourselves at home and for the export trade. It also means, I hope, that there will be a bit more food and a bit more fruit and a bit more easing of the scarcity that we have all felt so long during six hard years of war.

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After this hopeful note, crisis comes back with the break up of the Foreign Ministers Conference in Paris. It closed with Mr. Molotov still saying "no" to nearly everything, and with the rest of Bidault-Bevin-Byrnes negotiators trying to work out a compromise acceptable to the men in the Kremlin. Thanks to a Bevin-Byrnes link-up at least one firm decision was taken - to fix a date for the world peace Conference. Till then, it's "au revoir but not goodbye".

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There was a big day, too, for the faster-than-sound jet aircraft. Gloster Meteors of the R.A.F. High speed flight are out for new records. Leading the flight is Group Captain Donaldson:

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"Our C-in-C of Fighter Command has ordered us to attack the World speed record and these two officers that he has nominated to help me do this and this is S/Ldr. Waterton and this is F/Lt. Duke".

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Existing record is 606 miles an hour. Practice runs by the Donaldson trio have already topped this figure. To make filming possible they throttled down to just over 600.

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Experiment with Death

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Man's destiny ticks away to the sound of a metronome on the deck of the battleship Pennsylvania in Bikini lagoon. This is the first peacetime test of atomic energy and to give you a true picture of its importance to you, we bring you the M.P. who has made it his special study, Raymond Blackburn.