

BILL WOULD BLOCK TELEPHONE STRIKE

Marshall And Molotov Stage Sharp Exchange

Both Men Pledged To Seek Agreement On German Treaty

Potsdam, March 31.—(UP)—Secretary of state George C. Marshall and Soviet foreign minister Molotov today engaged in the sharpest debate of this conference during which Marshall announced no agreement on any subject was better than an agreement like Potsdam.

Molotov answered Marshall just as sharply, accusing him of misrepresenting the Soviet position and declaring that the Soviets would continue to support the Potsdam agreement.

However, both men agreed they prefer "solid agreements" and Molotov and Marshall promised their utmost to reach an agreement.

At the close of today's 18th session, after more than three weeks of discussion, the ministers decided to hold a "restricted" meeting to which only four representatives of each delegation will be present.

At such restricted meetings in the past that bargaining and bargaining has taken place.

Molotov reiterated that the Soviet opinion did not agree to any solution of the German question as a whole unless it included a solution of reparations satisfactory to the Russians.

He criticized Marshall for the position he had taken on reparations and added: "If I were an American I would not recall so much the question of reparations." He added that the United States was not occupied by the enemy, that those countries which had approached reparations from a different point of view.

He again reiterated that the Yalta agreement on reparations still binding. That agreement did not deal with the Potsdam agreement. It provided for reparations from current production and 10,000,000,000 as the basis for reparations.

Molotov replied to Marshall's proposal that later he would suggest a way of using some of the German territory turned over to and for agricultural purposes.

Molotov concluded by admitting a substantial difference among the four over Germany had not been eliminated, but promised that the Soviets would do their utmost to reach such agreements.

Foreign secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain had delivered a long statement after Marshall's opening remarks. In general he reiterated the previous British position pressing a directive he had submitted earlier.

We should not have agreement solely for the sake of agreement," Marshall said.

It was the angriest statement Marshall has made to date. He accused the Soviet of making proposals which would result in German starvation.

The United States is opposed to policy which will continue Germany as a congested slum or economic powerhouse in the center of Europe," he said.

He categorically rejected the demand for reparations from current production as an "absolute minimum."

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Fire Department Answers Two Calls

Firemen were called to the Mrs. Schrank residence, corner Tenth and Madison streets, about 11:15 a.m. today to extinguish a roof fire. Considerable damage was done by the blaze before firemen brought it under control.

Firemen made the second run of the day at 1 o'clock this afternoon to extinguish a grass fire in the rear of the Bowers home on Tenth street.

WEATHER
Cloudy and rather mild this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Showers west portion tonight and entire state Tuesday, with occasional heavy showers or thunderstorms in the portion Tuesday.

Mine Stoppage To Have Little Effect

Slight Effect Seen On Other Industry

Pittsburgh, March 31.—(UP)—The U. S. steel corporation said today it might have to bank eight blast furnaces during the six-day mining holiday ordered by John L. Lewis, but other industry spokesmen predicted the stoppage would have little effect on production if all miners go back to work next week.

The 400,000 soft coal miners, members of the United Mine Workers (AFL) begin their six-day holiday tomorrow as a period of mourning for the 111 victims of the Centralia mine blast last week.

The holiday will have little effect on the volume of coal mined since Holy Week is normally a low production period.

However, the holiday will be observed by 4,000 workers who man coke ovens for U. S. Steel in Fayette county and the corporation may have to close eight blast furnaces as a result. The workers are members of the UMW. Closing of the blast furnaces would cut the firm's production of pig iron by 20 percent, a spokesman said.

Actually, very little coal production will be lost by the holiday. Tuesday is John Mitchell day, a contract holiday celebrated to commemorate establishment of the eight-hour day in the mines under the former UMW president. Some miners stay out of the pits on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Saturday is an optional work day. Since it is the day before Easter, few miners would be expected to work. Thus Wednesday would have been the only day of full production.

Union leaders said plans for the local memorial services for the victims of the Centralia disaster requested by Lewis in declaring the moratorium had not crystallized.

Spokesmen for the steel industry said the shutdown would affect them very little if it ends on schedule.

Maintenance workers, such as pump tenders, will remain in the pits during the memorial stoppage and the mines will be ready for speedy resumption of production when the miners return.

(In Washington, chairman Fred A. Hartley, Jr., R., N. J., of the house labor committee, said if the stoppage was prolonged, he would amend an emergency bill he planned to introduce today to give

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Burns Are Fatal To Indianapolis Woman

Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(UP)—Burns received in a fire Feb. 25 proved fatal today to Mrs. Rose Wallace, 71. She was warming herself at a coal stove when her dress caught fire.

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Mrs. Charles Shoaf Dies Sunday Night

Funeral Services To Be Wednesday

Mrs. Margery Katherine Shoaf, 54, wife of Charles Shoaf, residing four miles east of Monroe, died at 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the Robert Long hospital in Indianapolis. She had been in failing health for six months, and underwent a brain operation last Tuesday.

She was born in Adams county May 27, 1896, a daughter of Simon and Sarah Murray-Myers, and was a lifelong resident of the county. She was married in Craigville March 17, 1921.

She was a member of the St. Paul Christian Union church.

Surviving in addition to the husband are her mother, who lives in Fort Wayne; one sister, Mrs. Perry Smith of Fort Wayne and a brother, Hubert Myers of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the home and at 1:30 o'clock at the St. Paul Christian Union church, with the Rev. L. A. Middaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The body will be removed from the John funeral home to the residence at 7 o'clock this evening.

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Move Made To Tie Aid Plan To UN Action

Vandenberg Change Would Allow UN To Cancel U. S. Action

By United Press
A move was made today by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., to correlate President Truman's Greco-Turkish program with the machinery of the United Nations.

Vandenberg's proposal was designed to meet widespread criticism of the Truman doctrine as bypassing the United Nations. An initial step to meet this criticism was taken Friday by Warren R. Austin, U. S. delegate, when he laid Mr. Truman's proposals before the UN security council.

Vandenberg presented amendments to the American plan under which it would be subject to cancellation by a majority vote of either the security council or the UN general assembly.

The general assembly will meet about a month hence for a special session on Palestine which is expected to broaden to include debate of the whole eastern Mediterranean sphere, including Greece and Turkey.

Vandenberg also proposed that the \$400,000,000 halt-communism program carry a clause making it subject to cancellation on the request of the Greek or Turkish government. "Representing a majority of the people of either such nation" and giving the president discretionary authority to end the program if its purpose has been accomplished or is found impossible of accomplishment.

Other developments:

Rep. Fred L. Crawford, R., Mich., told the house foreign affairs committee that the United States should demand that Russia disarm under penalty of atomic bombing if she does not comply. The United States, he said, should use its atomic bombs "without compunction whenever our orders are defied."

Costa G. Convars, who identified himself as a former U. S. secret agent in Greece, told the senate foreign relations committee that the American program would result in the extermination by force of "a large section of the Greek population."

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St. Mary's Church Plans Holy Week

Annual Holy Week Services Planned

The schedule of special services and masses during Holy Week at St. Mary's Catholic church was announced today by the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Seimetz, pastor. There will not be any service Tuesday evening.

On Holy Thursday the high mass will be at 7:30 o'clock. On this day the church celebrates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the repository on the side altar will take place following the mass.

In the afternoon there will be private devotions and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. From 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a prayer hour.

The mass of the pre-sanctified will be said at 7:30 o'clock on Good Friday morning. From 12 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon the three hours will be observed, with congregational Way of the Cross at 12:45 and 1:45 p. m., followed by the blessing with a relic of the true cross. The Good Friday sermon on the crucifixion will be given at 7:30 o'clock in the evening by Msgr. Seimetz.

The blessing of the Easter fire, holy water and pascal candle will start at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, followed by a high mass at 7:30 o'clock. Lent ends Saturday noon.

The masses on Easter Sunday morning will be at 5:30, a high mass, 7:30, 9 and 10:15. There

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Customs Men End Tour Of Duty



LEANING ACROSS A DESK in New York City, Sgt. Clinton Green accepts a gun from one of hundreds of Customs Patrol guards who are being laid off because of a \$3,500,000 federal budget slash. The dissolution of the division, a seventy-year-old organization, will mean that 1,576 port and border patrolmen will be dismissed.

Continue Probe Of Plane Crash Sunday

Berne Man Slightly Hurt In Plane Crash

Civil aeronautics authorities were reported continuing their investigation today into a plane crash Sunday afternoon, in which a light Piper Cub plummeted to federal road 27 near Coppess Corners, after its undercarriage struck telephone wires adjacent to the highway.

Milo Lehman, 30, pilot of the badly smashed light plane, walked away from the wreckage—but was taken to the Adams county memorial hospital here and then released after treatment for minor cuts about the face and a severe shaking up.

Investigating police authorities said Lehman presumably was flying extremely low in an easterly direction slightly north of the Coppess Corners intersection when the crash occurred.

The said witnesses told them Lehman's plane dragged on the utility wires about 20 feet above the ground, flipping the plane upside down to the rock asphalt highway.

Lehman crawled from the pilot's seat of the plane and was able to walk away from the scene. The left wing of the plane was practically torn off, the propeller was damaged and the cabin section of the craft was battered.

Sheriff Herman Bowman and deputy Sam Bentz, state police of

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End Of Draft Brings Memories Of Registering 9,000 Names

Tonight at midnight some 9,000 men of Adams county will be privileged to do something they have been wanting to do for years—toss their draft cards into the furnace.

No longer will they be required to wad their billfolds with those little cards which proclaim the fact that they registered for selective service—and the others that say 3-A, 3-B, 1-C—and of course, that all important 1-A.

The "draft," officially known as the selective service act, ends at midnight tonight. So here, as every where else in the nation, the draft stops.

If any youth becomes 18 years of age today he is still required to register—but it is sort of a superfluous gesture, since the draft dies tonight.

There's been a "lot of water over the dam" at the draft board offices in the Decatur public library building here since it was first started in October, 1940.

Three men—Ralph E. Roop and Roy E. Mamma of Decatur, O. N. Smith of Berne—were appointed to the draft board on October 1, 1940. That was in the days of the "one year training," in accordance with the selective service act passed on September 16, 1940.

Mrs. Perry McRae, Miss DeLo

Local Lady's Sister Dies In Michigan

Mrs. Alice Archer, 82, sister of Mrs. George Wemhoff of Decatur, died at 4 p.m. Sunday at her home in Midland, Mich. Mrs. Wemhoff will leave Tuesday to attend funeral services, which will be held at Midland Wednesday.

Traffic Death Toll Below 1946 Figures

4,510 Killed First Two Months Of Year

Chicago, March 31.—(UP)—The national safety council announced today that 4,510 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the first two months of this year.

The February figure alone was 2,140.

The council said the total was encouraging, despite its size, for three reasons:

1—The two-month toll is 17 percent below the figure for the first two months of 1946, and 19 percent under the same period in 1941, when traffic deaths hit an all-time high.

2—The decrease was accomplished despite greater automobile mileage.

3—The mileage death rate (deaths per 100,000,000 vehicle miles) in January was the lowest for any January since such records

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Bill Introduced Today Would Permit Truman Resort To Injunction

No Opposition To Date In Primary

April 6 Deadline For Filing Candidacies

If the city of Decatur is to stage a municipal primary on Tuesday, May 6, there will have to be a candidate officially file his declaration this week for an office which already has an aspirant.

With April 6 officially designated as the final day for a candidate to file his declaration in the county clerk's office, a check of the records today disclosed no contests as yet—and the "skip election law," provides that no primary is necessary when there are no contests.

Early today the records show that the Democrats have a candidate for all city offices to be filled, excepting two—that of councilman, third district (which includes territory west of Fifth street and south of Madison) and for clerk-treasurer.

The candidates who have filed declarations on the Democratic ticket: for mayor, John B. Stults; for councilman, first district, Adrian Burke; second, Dorphus L. Drum; fourth district, Joseph Brennan, and for councilman-at-large, Alfred K. Beavers.

On the other side of the ticket, the GOP party has only one nominee. He is H. Vernon Aurand for clerk-treasurer, one of the offices without a Democratic aspirant.

Democratic leaders here have mentioned the name of at least one man, who may announce for the councilman post, but have advanced no one who would declare for the clerk-treasurer's nomination on that ticket.

Republican leaders have anticipated they may have one or two more candidates for offices—one recently mentioned as a majority aspirant—but at noon today no one had officially declared on that ticket.

Meanwhile, county election officials, to whom the burden of handling the election was shifted at the last minute by the legislature, have begun to prepare for staging the event—in event a contest does develop on either ticket.

Red Cross Campaign Is Over Top Today

County Fund Likely To Exceed \$8,000

The Red Cross fund slid over the top today, contributions of \$6,679.91 being listed at noon at the home service office, Clarence E. Bell, chapter chairman, announced.

The county's quota was \$6,520 and indications are that when final reports are tabulated the donations will exceed \$8,000, Mr. Bell said.

Berne also went over the top, word being sent to the local office by J. M. Webb, chairman, that contributions there would exceed \$1,000. This estimate is not included in today's report.

Many of the workers were making their reports today to Mrs. Ruth Hollingsworth, executive secretary, and it is believed that all will have completed their canvassing of territories by this evening. The drive ends tonight. The national budget was \$60,000,000.

Chairman Phil Sauer, for the county, Lyman L. Hann, township, and John Halterman, Decatur, all reported fine response from their respective areas and predicted that every unit would go over the goal line by the time final reports were compiled.

The local drive was launched concurrently with the national appeal. The local chapter shares 52.1 percent in the proceeds from the county drive and national headquarters will receive 47.9 percent.

Freddie and the town of Monroe also met their quota the chairman said.

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No Government Opposition To Mine Closing

Six-Day Period Of Mourning Planned For Mine Victims

Washington, March 31.—(UP)—The government offered no opposition today as John L. Lewis' 100,000 soft coal miners prepared to quit work at midnight for a six-day period of mourning for the 111 victims of the Centralia, Ill., mine disaster.

Secretary of interior J. A. Krug, operator of the government-held mines, declined to challenge Lewis' right to call the unprecedented stoppage, and ranking Republicans said congress would not interfere.

At the same time, however, there were signs that both congress and the executive branch of the government would take steps to improve mine safety. Krug issued a statement saying he would send the senate soon a report on overall safety conditions in American soft coal mines.

Reports from the coal fields indicated some scattered grumbling at the loss of several days' wages but even the grumblers were ready to heed Lewis' call.

A government official said coal production this week would have been less than half of normal even without the stoppage. Tomorrow is a traditional mine holiday. In addition, many miners stay off Holy Thursday and Good Friday and absenteeism usually runs high on the Saturday before Easter.

Krug, who was accused by Lewis of having "murdered" the 111 Centralia miners through "criminal negligence," made no reference in his statement to the United Mine Workers chief.

"The tragic explosion at Centralia, Ill., mine No. 5 has claimed 111 victims, leaving their bereaved families without their support," Krug said. "My sympathy for them is too profound to permit me to debate or to gloss over their misery by engaging in any press controversy over the catastrophe or its causes."

He said the facts would be known upon completion of several investigations and that he would send them at once to a senate subcommittee investigating the disaster.

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High Court Upholds Treason Conviction

Father Of Wartime Saboteur Loses Plea

Washington, March 31.—(UP)—The supreme court today upheld the treason conviction of Hans Max Haupt, Chicago. He is the father of one of the wartime Nazi saboteurs who landed in Florida from a German submarine in June 1942.

Justice Robert H. Jackson read the court's 8 to 1 decision. Justice Frank Murphy dissented.

Haupt appealed to the high tribunal after the seventh circuit court of appeals affirmed his conviction. Haupt was sentenced to life imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 for shielding and aiding his son, who made his way to his father's home in Chicago after landing in Florida from Germany. The circuit had previously reversed a death sentence conviction against Haupt, Herbert Haupt, the son, who was executed in Washington along with five of his fellow saboteurs after a trial by a military tribunal.

"His acts aided an enemy of the United States," the court said.

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House Passes Bill For Extension Of Sugar Rationing; Oppose Rent Hike

Washington, March 31.—(UP)—President Truman could block a national telephone strike scheduled for next Monday by resort to federal court injunction under a house bill introduced today.

The bill was offered by chairman Fred R. Hartley, Jr., of the house labor committee. It would waive anti-injunction laws to permit the President and courts to act. The strike will start at 6 a.m. April 7 unless telephone unions and management settle their wage dispute before then.

Hartley hoped his bill, a temporary emergency measure, would be enacted before the deadline.

As Hartley moved to forestall what he said would be a national disaster, congress produced these other developments:

Sugar—The house approved a senate-house measure continuing the government's sugar rationing authority until Oct. 31. The authority under present law would expire at midnight tonight. The bill would guarantee individual consumers a minimum of 20 pounds of sugar during the next seven months. The senate still must act.

Rents—The senate banking committee rejected a proposed 10 percent rent increase. Instead it approved a bill to continue rent control until March 1, 1948, but under a decentralized "home town" basis. Control would be transferred from the dying OPA to the house expediter.

Lithental—The senate continued divided on a proposal to hold up David E. Lithental's nomination to be atomic energy commission chief pending an FBI check of his fitness.

Foreign policy—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., introduced amendments under which the proposed Greek-Turkish aid program could be cancelled by majority vote of the United Nations security council or general assembly.

Russia—Rep. Fred L. Crawford, R., Mich., proposed that this country force Russia to disarm by threatening to use the atomic bomb—"even if this means war."

In a house foreign affairs committee hearing Crawford's proposal won "100 percent" support from Rep. Walter H. Judd, R., Minn.

Taxpayers—Internal revenue commissioner Joseph D. Numan, Jr., told senators he was amazed by the dishonesty of some income tax payers. He asked that a house reduction of \$30,000,000 in bureau funds be restored to keep the tax enforcement division functioning.

Promotions—President Truman sent to the senate the names of 682 lieutenant colonels to be promoted to colonel in the regular army. Notably missing from the list was the name of Lt. Col. James A. Kilian. Who last August was sentenced to be reprimanded and fined \$500 for permitting cruel treatment of enlisted men at a disciplinary camp in England.

Contempt—A federal grand jury charged the joint anti-fascist refugee committee of New York and its members with contempt of congress and conspiracy to prevent the house unAmerican activities committee from gaining access to the group's records. Congressmen say the committee is a Communist-front organization.

Highway—A senate committee was told today that the U. S. public roads administration is pay-

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Zion Lutheran Marks Good Friday, Easter

The Zion Lutheran church will observe Good Friday with special evening services, and Easter Sunday with a candlelight service and the celebration of communion.

A class of 14 adults and five children was confirmed Sunday at the church, with the Rev. Paul W. Schultz, pastor, conducting the rite of confirmation and also speaking in the class.

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