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# BILL WOULD BLOCK TELEPHONE STRIKE

Marshall And  
Potsdov Stage  
Sharp Exchange

Both Men Pledged  
To Seek Agreement  
On German Treaty

Now, March 31. — (UP) —  
Secretary of state George C. Marshall and Soviet foreign minister Molotov today engaged in sharpest debate of this conference during which Marshall announced no agreement on any would be better than an "agreement" like Potsdam. Potsdov answered Marshall just sharply, accusing him of misrepresenting the Soviet position, declaring that the Soviets were and will continue to support the Potsdam agreement. However, both men agreed they prefer "solid agreements." Potsdov and Marshall promised to their utmost to reach an agreement.

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

It was at such restricted meetings in the past that bargaining and negotiating has taken place.

Potsdov 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 often 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.

Again he reiterated that the Yalta agreement on reparations still stands. That agreement did concur with the Potsdam agreement. It provided for reparations from current production and \$10,000,000,000 as the basis for reparations.

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

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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.

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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.

Thus Wednesday would have been the only day of full production.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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Mrs. Margery Katherine Shoaf, 56, 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.

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

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.

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St. Mary's Church  
Plans Holy Week

Annual Holy Week  
Services Planned

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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 may 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.

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 3 o'clock in the afternoon the three hours will be observed, as every

congregation 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 service 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

is one year training, in accordance with the selective service act set up on September 16, 1940.

Mrs. Perry McRae, Miss Davis

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.

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.

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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 Cope's Corners, after its undercarriage struck telephone wires adjacent to the highway.

Milo Lehman, 39, 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 shattering up.

Investigating police authorities said Lehman presumably was flying extremely low in an easterly direction slightly north of the Cope's 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.

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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.

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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 E. 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 currently 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.

Prairie and the town of Monroe will meet their quotas the chairman said.

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Bill Introduced Today  
Would Permit Truman  
Resort To Injunction

No Opposition To  
Date In Primary

April 6 Deadline For  
Filing Candidates

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 those of county 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, Dorpus L. Drum; fourth district, Joseph Brennan, and for councilman-large, Alfred K. Beavers.

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.

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