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Human Denies
Any Change In
Europe Policy

Give Cold Shoulder
To Russian Claims
Of Peace Overture

Washington, May 11—(UP)—President Truman and the state department today cold-shouldered Russia's claim that the United States has made "peace" overtures to settle the "cold war."

Truman assured Russia in a statement that this country has "no hostile or aggressive designs." But he made it equally plain that the United States is not backing down in its determination to provide economic and military aid to western Europe.

Truman's statement was prompted by various interpretations given to a May 4 note delivered personally by U. S. ambassador Walter Bedell Smith to Soviet foreign minister V. M. Molotov in Moscow.

Molotov interpreted the note as a U. S. offer for "peace" negotiations. That idea was given world-wide circulation by Moscow radio.

Mr. Truman put the chill on any interpretation by saying that his note represented "no departure in American policy." The president said it was intended to be certain that Russia does not understand the firm but peaceful intentions of this country.

The president completely ignored Molotov's interpretation that it was a prelude to conferences with Russia. Other officials here saw the hope of fruitful meetings held unless Russia shows willingness to modify her stand on international matters.

The state department meantime made public a charge that Russia violated every provision, except one, of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement which reestablished diplomatic relations in 1934. The exception permitted the presence of an American clergyman in Moscow.

Mr. Truman picked out what he considered the two salient points in the Smith statement to Molotov. These were:

"The policies of the United States government in international relations have been made amply clear in recent months and weeks. They have the support of the overwhelming majority of the American people. They will continue to vigorously and firmly prosecute

"On the other hand this government wishes to make it unmistakably clear that the United States has no hostile or aggressive designs whatsoever with respect to the Soviet Union."

This seemed in direct opposition to the Molotov assertion that the maintenance of American bases was producing tension between the two countries.

The state department avoided any official comment. But it made public a charge that Russia had violated every provision, except one, of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement which "re-established diplomatic relations in 1934. That one provision permitted the presence of an American clergyman in Moscow.

The charge was made in remarks by ambassador Smith in Moscow May 9 after hearing Molotov's reply to the original American note.

At that time Smith made no mention of Molotov's proposal that the two countries begin discussions immediately for settlement of their difficulties.

To Molotov's charge that the United States was encircling Russia with bases, Smith said "our entire history was refutation of any suspicion of a policy which involved an aggressive war."

Smith's May 9 reply to Molotov

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Stockhandlers Call Off Strike Threat

11th-Hour Pact Is Signed Last Night

Chicago, May 11—(UP)—Stockhandlers at Chicago's Union Stockyards reported for work this morning after an 11th-hour settlement averted a strike that would have tied up operations at the yards.

The stockhandlers, who were scheduled to walk off their jobs at 12:01 a. m. today, voted at a mass meeting last night to accept a six-cent wage boost.

The handlers are affiliated with the CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union, which has been on strike against the nation's major meat packers since March 16.

Frank Monaghan, president of local 44 of the stockhandlers union, said that the 400 members of the union had voted unanimously to accept the settlement reached in an eight-hour mediation session yesterday.

Other handlers still are scheduled to strike Friday at yards in South St. Paul, Minn., Fort Worth, Tex., Milwaukee, Wis., St. Joseph, Mo., and Fargo, N. D.

Officials of the five locals made no announcement as to what effect the Chicago settlement would have on their strike

planned.

Handlers move animals into and out of the stockyards and it had been estimated that the strike would have tied up about 85 percent of the livestock marketing in Chicago.

The yards were open for business today, but the threatened handlers' walkout and the possibility of a rail strike, both of which were averted only a few hours before midnight, combined to keep down receipts early today.

Meanwhile, conciliator Frank Walsh and two other members of the federal mediation staff prepared to meet with officials of the packinghouse workers and the four packers in another effort to end the prolonged meat strike.

Arabs Ask Jaffa Be Declared Open City

British Mandate To End Friday Midnight

Jerusalem, May 11—(UP)—Arab military leaders in Palestine, rocked by two major defeats within the past 24 hours, have sought to save the big port city of Jaffa from Jewish capture by declaring it an open city. It was struck by a trolley coach.

The child was playing in front of his house and stepped off the curb.

Rail Strike Threat Caused Heavy Loss

Freight Embargoes Costly To Nation

Chicago, May 11—(UP)—The railroads ran on schedule today with the government at the throat.

A dispatch from Tel Aviv said the Arab emergency committee sought British intervention with the Haganah commanders to declare Jaffa an open city. It was understood the Jews refused.

Under the Arab plan, Jaffa would be removed as an objective from any final struggle for Palestine after the British lay down their mandate at midnight Friday.

Jaffa, a city of 101,580 before the partition plan was announced, has been ringed by Jewish forces from neighboring Tel Aviv. It has been reported completely evacuated by Arab civilians. Jaffa was saved from Jewish capture by British troops who halted a combined Haganah-Irgun Zvai Leumi offensive.

The Arab proposal to declare Jaffa an open city reportedly stated that there were no Arab military forces left in the city.

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List Programs For Senior Exercises

Baccalaureate And Graduate Exercises

Complete programs for the annual baccalaureate and commencement exercises of the Decatur junior-senior high school were announced today by Walter J. Krick, city school superintendent.

The baccalaureate services will be held Sunday night at 7:0 o'clock at the school auditorium and the commencement the following Thursday night at the same place.

The baccalaureate program:

Processional.

Call to worship.

Invocation—Dr. Charles E. White, Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church.

Hymn—Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me.

Scripture reading—The Rev. G. A. Eddy, Nuttman Ave. United Brethren church.

Prayer—The Rev. F. H. Willard, Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church.

Music—High school choir.

Sermon—"This Waiting World"—Dr. M. O. Lester, First Methodist church.

Hymn— "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Benediction—The Rev. Ralph Carter, Church of the Nazarene.

Recessional.

Musical selection under direction of Miss Helen Haubold, supervisor of music.

The program for the commencement:

Processional.

Invocation—The Rev. William Feller, Zion Evangelical and Reformed church.

Music—High school choir.

Address—"Citizens of Tomorrow"—V. C. Freeman, dean of agriculture, Purdue university.

Presentation of graduating class—Principal W. Guy Brown.

Presentation of diplomas—R. E. Mumma, president, city school board.

Benediction—The Rev. Dwight R. McCurdy, Church of God.

Recessional.

School Patrols To Be Honored May 21

To Honor Patrols From Four Schools

School safety patrol workers from Decatur, Berne and Ossian will be feted here Friday afternoon, May 21 at Worthman Field.

Malcolm Locke, safety committee chairman of the Decatur Lions club, co-sponsors of the safety patrol in Decatur, made the announcement.

The event will be staged jointly by the Lions club, Adams Post 43 of the American Legion and the Chicago motor club, co-sponsors of the patrol.

Some 40 boys from the Lincoln and St. Joseph patrols in this city, the Berne and Ossian patrols will be invited to attend the outing, which will be held after the dismissal of school classes that day.

Games will be staged and prizes will be given winners. Details of the event will be announced later.

The outing is to be staged as part of the observance of school safety patrol rally day, officially proclaimed for Saturday by Mayor John M. Doan.

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