



POLISH LEADERS TO MEET FRIDAY

Invited to Moscow for Conference.

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The cabinet met later in the day, and after adjourning announced that it had decided to maintain official silence on the situation.

The Polish ministry of information issued a statement quoting Polish governmental quarters as saying that this "is the first case when in the reconstruction of a liberated country the leaders of the resistance or underground movement have been omitted from the vital question in the attempt to create a basis for the future of the country."

A British foreign office spokesman said the Polish situation was "very much improved" in the light of the planned Moscow conference, but added:

"I don't want to be too optimistic. It would be ridiculous to assume that every difficulty has been overcome."

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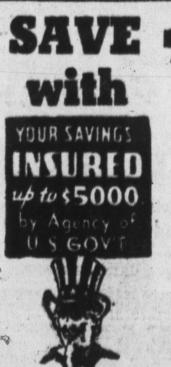
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Big 3 to Confer on Peace In 40 Days, Truman Says

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eager to get along with us as we are to get along with them.

In addition to his remark about the continued necessity for Big Three unity, Mr. Truman permitted direct quotation of the following:

"In order to secure an interchange of views more satisfactorily and quickly than by cable, I sent Mr. Hopkins to Moscow and Mr. Davies to London.

Results Gratifying

Their discussions covered the arrangements for the time and place of the meeting of Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin and myself, as to what would be most convenient for all three.

"Since their return, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Davies have made their reports to me. The results have been completely satisfactory and gratifying."

The President said that as a result of what he called very pleasant yielding by Russia, progress had been made not only toward solution of the Polish disagreement, but also toward successful conclusion of the United Nations conference at San Francisco.

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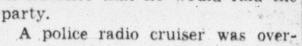
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