

# U. S. Waives Italian Reparations, Warns Other Claimants

## American Delegates Back Greece on Bulgar Claim For Access to Aegean Sea

PARIS, Sept. 11 (U. P.)—The United States announced today that her part in the war against Italy cost \$20,000,000,000 but renounced all reparations claims against Italy and served notice it had no intention of paying Italy's reparations bill.

United States Delegate Willard L. Thorpe told the Italian economic commission that the direct American war cost was \$35,000,000,000, of which \$20 billion could be allocated against Italy.

Meanwhile, Jefferson Caffery, another American delegate, attacked Bulgaria, denouncing her for "ruthless occupation and exploitation" of western Thrace and opposed a Bulgarian claim for cession of that territory to her by Greece.

Mr. Caffery expressed amazement to the Bulgarian political commission that Bulgaria, an ex-enemy, should make a territorial claim against Greece—"One of the earliest, most steadfast, most courageous and self-sacrificing of our allies in the war."

The Soviet Union is supporting Bulgaria's claim for western Thrace, which would give her an outlet to the Aegean sea.

Bulgaria's claim was the first in modern history in which a former enemy had demanded territory from one of the victors.

Italy asked the Big Four today to hold a plebiscite in Venezia Giulia to determine the fate of that hotly disputed frontier area between Italy and Yugoslavia.

Have Russians Really Changed?

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PARIS, Sept. 11.—Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has convinced some of the Big Five that a new Russian policy of genuine international co-operation was decided upon at his recent Kremlin meeting with Stalin and the Politburo.

This explains the sudden flareup of conference optimism here. But Americans and some others, while hoping for the best, take a Missourian's "show-me" attitude.

Four Arguments Used

Those who believe the Soviet has reversed its policy of obstruction, which poisoned and paralyzed the first six weeks of this conference, cite four developments since Mr. Molotov's return from Moscow:

**FIRST:** Mr. Molotov's assurance to Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations that if the assembly meeting is postponed a second time until Oct. 23, as Russia

## Sentenced Abroad



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William Wedge, 21, of Newtonville, Mass., former G. I. and now night watchman of the United States embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was sentenced Monday

## UNIFICATION OF U. S. FORCES IS REVIVED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (U. P.)—Army and navy officials were put back to work today on a plan for unification of the armed forces.

President Truman called top war and navy department officials to the White House yesterday for preliminary discussion of merger legislation to be presented to the next session of congress.

An administration unification plan—supported by the army but opposed by the navy—died in the last congress.

**STRIKE CLOSES DODGE PLANT**

DETROIT, Sept. 11 (U. P.)—Some 4200 workers were refused entrance to the Dodge truck plant of Chrysler corporation today by picket lines set up to protest a one-day layoff of 700 second-shift employees.

Among crucial treaty provisions here on which Mr. Molotov has not budged from his obstruction are:

Genuine United Nations administration of "Trieste free territory" with adequate enforcement and defense powers.

Free traffic on the Danube under international authority.

Economic equality in foreign trade.

## 50 NEW POLIO CASES REPORTED IN STATE

Nearly 50 new cases of polio were reported during the past 10 days but the state board of health said that the disease had not yet reached epidemic proportions in Indiana.

A total of 47 "widely scattered" cases were reported to the board

## BODIES OF SHOT-DOWN FLIERS ON WAY HOME

ROME, Sept. 11 (U. P.)—A U. S. army C-54 transport plane took off from Ciampino airport for the United States today, carrying five metal caskets containing the remains of American fliers shot down by Yugoslav planes Aug. 19.

The plane was due in Washington

at 12:05 p. m. (E. D. T.) tomorrow after stops at Paris, Iceland and Goose Bay Labrador.

A one-hour service was held for the five dead airmen in the airport chapel before the five 600-pound metal caskets were placed aboard the plane, named the "Crescent Caravan." The ceremony had been postponed two days because the plane had been delayed by engine trouble in Iceland.

## TREATED 'LIKE STEER,' WIFE WINS DIVORCE

CHICAGO, Sept. 11 (U. P.)—Mrs. Shirley C. Hudson, 23, won a divorce yesterday from her husband, Jay, 26, a student of cattle husbandry. She charged he tied a bed sheet around her ankles and suspended her from a chandelier like a steer being prepared for branding.

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