

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 \$335,000,000,000, 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 con-

vinced some of the Big Five that a new Russian policy of genuine international co-operation was de-

cided 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

Missouriian "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

insists, it actually can convene on

that date without more delays.

SECOND: Soviet Vice Foreign

Minister Andrei Vishinsky's agree-

ment permitting the Italian terri-

torial-political commission here to

set up a subcommittee on the pro-

posed Trieste international statute

to speed the conference, and ac-

ceptance of Oct. 5 as the deadline

for the commission's report to the

plenary session for final considera-

tion.

Agree to Draw New Line

THIRD: In a secret meeting of

the deputies of the foreign minis-

ters council, the Soviets are said

to have agreed to a new draft de-

tailing the so-called French-line fron-

tier compromise dividing Yugo-

slavia, Italy and Trieste, which Mr.

Molotov had accepted only in map

form last June and which the Rus-

sians were attacking here last week.

FOURTH: As part of a deal for

British support of the Soviet pro-

posal to postpone the United Na-

tions assembly, Mr. Molotov con-

firmed the July Big Four agree-

ment to take up the German prob-

lem at the foreign ministers' meet-

ing in November. Mr. Molotov also

promised that at the November

meeting he will confer on a date

for discussion on Austria.

Skeptics Unconvinced

But none of this apparent change

of heart impresses conference skept-

ics. They explain it all away as

a combination of Molotov's glibness

plus wishful thinking on the part

of some of the Big Five.

Mr. Molotov has not yet relented

on a single one of 26 major disputes

which the Big Four left undecided

in their five draft treaties, and

which remain the chief business of

this conference.

Among crucial treaty provisions

here on which Mr. Molotov has not

budged from his obstruction are:

Genuine United Nations adminis-

tration of "Trieste free territory"

with adequate enforcement and de-

fense powers.

Free traffic on the Danube under

international authority.

Economic equality in foreign

trade.

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 to eight years imprisonment by a Yugoslav court on charges of killing a Yugoslav officer in a jeep accident in May. He was also ordered to pay \$8000 in indemnities and court costs.

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 prelim-

inary discussion of merger legisla-

tion 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.

Equality for national minorities

and a bill of rights for all.

Skeptics also find Mr. Molotov's

refusal to agree to discuss an Aus-

trian treaty at the November con-

ference of foreign ministers more

significant than his pledge merely

to talk about a date for such a dis-

cussion.

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

for the week ending Sept. 7, Dr. J. W. Jackson, director of the division of communicable disease control, said.

"This is unquestionably above the average," said Mr. Jackson, "but doesn't yet constitute an epidemic."

Mr. Jackson said 15 new cases were reported in Marion county and Indianapolis, but added that this was "still within the limits of normal" for the metropolitan area.

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 caskets containing the remains of American fliers shot down by Yugoslav planes Aug. 19.

The plane was due in Washington

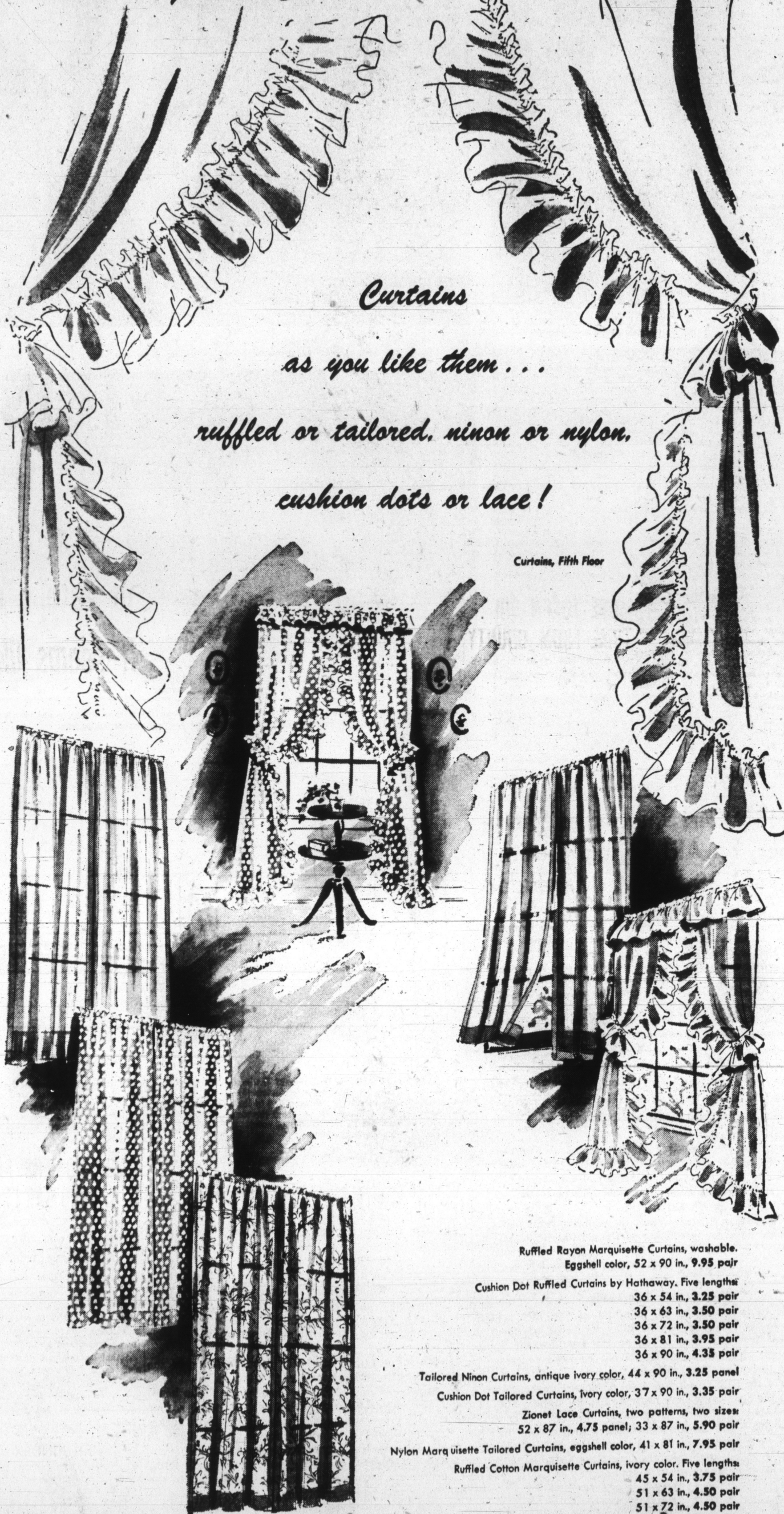
at 12:06 p. m. (E. D. T.) tomorrow after stops at Paris, Iceland and Goose Bay Labrador.

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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