

Big 4 Calls Austrians To Moscow To Speed Peace Treaty

Truman Policy May Lead Russ To Block Pact

Vienna Key to Soviet Control of Danube

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MOSSOW, March 21.—The subject of Austria came before the foreign ministers today for the first time.

The ministers unanimously agreed to invite representatives of Austria to Moscow so, as U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall said, "the council can make every effort to complete the Austrian treaty here."

The big question is whether proposed American aid for Greece and Turkey will cause Russia to block an Austrian treaty.

Although the new "Truman doctrine" probably will continue to be unmentioned in formal sessions, it has intensified the struggle for control of the Danubian-Balkan area.

Russia has made clear through her official press she considers President Truman's declaration the forerunner of American capitalist-imperialistic expansion in the Balkans and the Middle East.

In military terms this can be interpreted as "encirclement" of Russia—a familiar and convenient charge to justify counter-measures.

Much Hinges on Treaty
Military counter-measures are not easy for several reasons. Russian internal conditions require as speedy demobilization as possible. Another reason is that foreign military occupation of eastern European

countries increasingly is reacting against Russia politically.

Moreover, Russia is pledged to get out of Rumania and Hungary, as well as Austria, within 90 days after an effective Austrian treaty is signed. Thus the Austrian treaty is the key to the present military situation in eastern Europe.

This explains repeated efforts of the western powers during the past year to speed up the Austrian treaty and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's persistent refusal even to discuss the time for beginning negotiations.

Willing to Make Deal

He finally relented in December and agreed to put Austria on the Moscow conference agenda because of a factor more important to Russia than military occupation of southeastern Europe—namely, Russia's internal conditions and consequent need for more German products than could be milked from the drying-up Soviet zone.

The only way to get a bigger Russian take from the Ruhr and the British-American merged zone would be a new agreement raising the allowable level of German industry and granting Russia huge reparations from current German production.

Stalled Deputies' Talks

So when this conference opened Russia was willing to sacrifice as much of her Austrian domination as necessary to get her desired German agreement.

Until today, she continued to stall here on Austria, preventing the foreign ministers' deputies from reaching an agreement even on minor points—to have more bargaining powers in German negotiations which have not yet reached the trading stage.

But there was little doubt that Mr. Molotov was ready to make a moderately good Austrian agreement the moment he could get a favorable German compromise.

Outdoors—

State's Fish And Game Division Forced To Curtail Its Program Of Restocking Indiana's Streams, Lakes and Hunting Grounds

Legislature Failed to Provide Additional Funds for Activities

By MARC G. WAGGENER

Artificial propagation of fish and game for restocking Hoosier waters and fields, already curtailed this year, will be trimmed further by the division of fish and game during the next two years.

The surprise action of Governor Gates in vetoing the legislative enactment doubling fishing and hunting license fees—combined with refusal of the general assembly to reimburse the division for free hunting and fishing permits issued to war veterans—makes the step necessary.

Faced with higher operating costs the fish and game division had previously served notice that it would not enter into contracts this year with conservation clubs to propagate fish and game birds for pay. Reduction in game farm and fish hatchery production programs also were announced as a part of the enforced economy move.

Turned to Legislature

Conservationists, realizing the need of additional funds for fish and game activities, had turned to the legislature. One proposal sought reimbursement by the state to the fish and game fund for the free hunting and fishing permits which the state gives to war veterans. They pointed out that issuance of the permits cut down the fish and game income. This plea received little consideration.

The second proposal asked the doubling of present hunting and fishing license fees, which meant areas, totalling 101 acres.

that hunters, trappers and anglers would have been paying \$3 a year for the same privileges now costing them \$1.50. This proposal was passed by the legislators but was vetoed by Governor Gates.

Since there are over 350,000 regular hunting and fishing licenses issued each year, the fish and game fund lost a potential increase of a half-million dollars in income through the veto.

More Forest Land

Nearly 6000 acres were added to Indiana's classified forest lands during the year ending March 1, Ralph Wilcox, state forester, reported today. There is now approximately 116,000 acres of such land, representing holdings by more than 2100 individual owners.

Under the forest classification law enacted in 1921, to encourage reforestation of private land, the landowner applies to the forestry division for classification of a specified tract. He agrees to plant trees there if necessary, to prevent livestock grazing in the area and to protect it from fire. Upon acceptance of the tract it is then listed for taxation at a valuation of \$1 per acre.

Land so classified may be withdrawn at any time by the owner, at which time the land is re-appraised and taxes collected upon its appreciation in value.

Gibson county leads the state with 9000 acres in 100 separate tracts of classified land. Marion county has five classified forest



DUCK HAVEN—Thousands of duck and other migratory waterfowl, journeying northward after a winter in the south, are stopping over at Hovey Lake, state wildlife refuge in Posey county.

Scouts Visit Parks

Boy Scouts are finding state parks an ideal setting for winter camping and hiking activities as well as for summer outings. Several Indianapolis troops have already staged camping trips. They use

their own outdoor equipment.

Others are planning such outings during the coming weeks.

Arrangements for winter camping trips to the parks can be made directly with the park superintendent or through the division of state game fish and birds.

Teaching Conservation

New York is embarking upon a conservation teaching program which Indians and other states will observe with interest.

A large tract of land in the zoological park—within the city—is to be developed as a permanent demonstration of the meaning and importance of reforestation, erosion, flood control, wildlife habitat and similar phases of natural resource conservation. A building on the tract will house trained personnel, literature, movies and slides on these subjects.

The project is being sponsored by the New York conservation department, the Zoological society and the city of New York.

May Shift Program

With the enforced curtailment of artificial propagation of game fish, quail and pheasants—a field in which Indians had been a national leader for several years—emphasis will be shifted to improvement of natural conditions to assure a greater natural reproduction of game fish and birds.

Conservationists—impressed with the showing made in areas where small tracts of uncultivated land have been developed through special plantings to provide food and refuge for wildlife—seek an expansion of this program.

Studies made of these habitat

restoration areas, financed jointly by the fish and game division and the U. S. fish and wildlife service, have demonstrated their value in attracting both game and song birds and in improving bird hunting.

Federalized Reich, U. S.-British Plan

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MOSCOW, March 21.—The United States and Britain presented to the Big Four today a plan for a federalized Germany, patterned somewhat after the American constitutional plan.

The proposal was in direct opposition to Russia's demands for a strongly centralized Reich.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin sharply attacked the Soviet proposals. They asserted that centralization might lay the foundation for some future Adolf Hitler once again to seize control of the German state.

Marshall Speaks Blantly

Secretary Marshall told the council of ministers bluntly that the United States would insist upon a German governmental structure which would provide "effective guarantees for the safeguarding of fundamental freedoms in all parts of Germany."

The Anglo-American plan for a federated Germany, headed by a president and with a bicameral legislature and supreme court, roughly on the American plan, was submitted to the Big Four by Mr. Bevin.

Secretary Marshall immediately supported the Bevin plan. Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, who wants a minimum of power left to the German states, did not speak. He said he would reserve his presentation for a couple of days.

Secretary Marshall demanded that the process of establishing a German government get underway "immediately" so that a German state which could carry out the peace treaty now being drafted could be brought into being.

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