

\$10 Billion Claim Only Part Of What Molotov Seeks

Balks at Giving Credit for Seized Goods

Russ Further Tangles Reparations Problem

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MOSCOW, March 22.—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has another reparations joker up his sleeve.

The huge uncollectable figure of \$10 billion which he demanded for Russia is only part of what he wants. He will try to get more by refusing to recognize as reparations much that Russia already has taken from the Soviet zone of Germany. His argument probably will take two forms.

ONE: He is expected to fix the amount taken by Russia, including factories, goods and current production, as lower than the estimate of others. Soviet bookkeeping, as rather lack of it in Germany, is such that Mr. Molotov himself probably has only a vague idea of the correct amount.

TWO: He is expected to argue that a large portion of this was legitimate war booty—sometimes called loot—and so is not subject to deduction from reparations due to Russia.

It is noteworthy that Russia never has repaid credits on the reparations bill she has received from her zone. Even when Mr. Molotov in this week's debate gave the figure received from western zones by Russia, he withheld a comparable figure from the Soviet zone.

Others Can Play

He promised to give that figure at a proper time—which means, if he can get away with it, after the total bill is agreed on he will claim the amount already received is infinitesimal.

Mr. Molotov doesn't seem to realize that two can play that numbers game. For instance, by charging that the United States already has received \$10 billion worth of reparations in German patents—all of which our department of commerce has published for Soviet and world benefit, as Secretary of State George C. Marshall pointed out. Mr. Molotov invited a counter-claim by the United States that Russia already had received the entire \$10 billion she demanded.

Though western estimates—really guesses of the Soviet take to date range from 2% to \$5 billion, certainly the \$10 billion figure would be far less fantastic for Soviet receipts than for the published United States patents.

Talk Is Meaningless

Actually all this talk about reparations totals in pre-war dollar values is meaningless, and fools nobody but the public.

The American reader should ignore all mumbo-jumbo about total sums and pre-war dollar values. He should concentrate on what actual goods and services Russia is going to get from Germany in the future.

Even in the case of reparations from current production, the real criterion isn't the total figure, which is subject to all kinds of hocus-pocus now and in the future. The test is the annual ratio of goods produced which are to go to Russia, and for how many years. This is what Russia really is fighting about.

Versailles Treaty Failed

This of course jerks everybody back to the fundamental question: Whether it is possible to build German industry to the high level required for surplus production for reparations without automatically creating a Frankenstein of war industries.

The Versailles treaty tried it and failed: without that allied industrial rearmament of Germany, Hitler couldn't have made world war II. That terrible lesson was so costly and fresh that all the allies until recently agreed the risk must not be taken again—Russia being lured of all in her warnings.

But now Russia is out to get all she can, regardless. France is willing to take that great gamble, if she is bribed with a coal check. And the Americans and British, while continuing their virtuous protestations, at least are hearing Mr. Molotov's ancient but biologically incorrect plea that it's possible to be just a little bit pregnant.

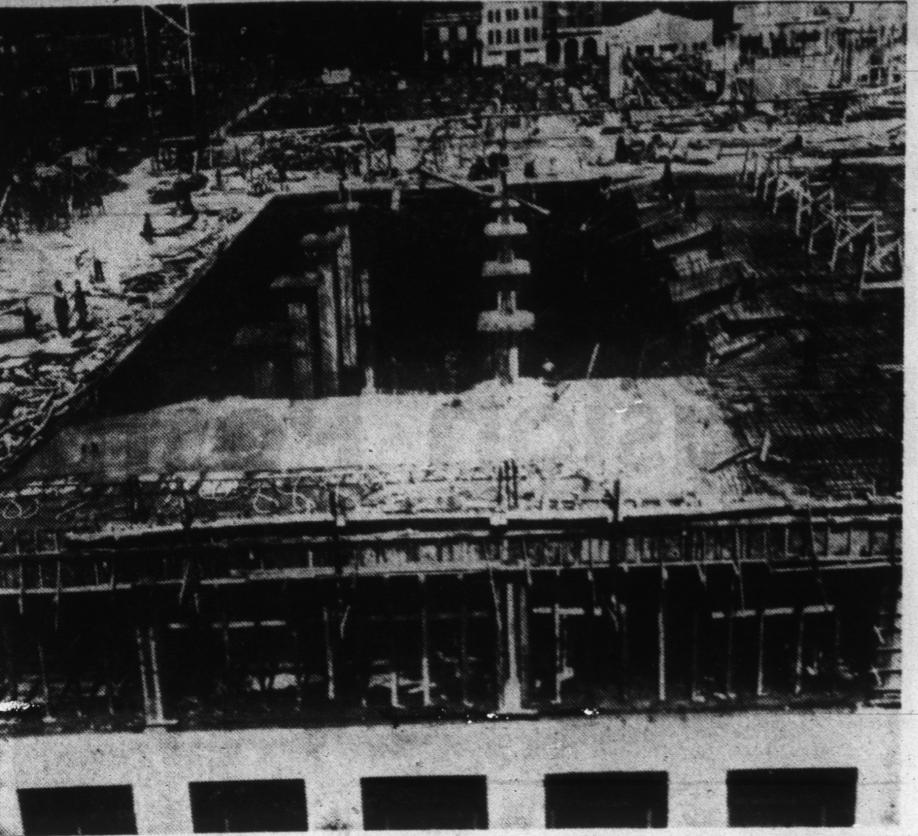
New Landing Gear Is Bicycle Type

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U.P.)—The army air forces revealed today it has a new multiple jet bomber with a revolutionary bicycle-type landing gear that folds into the fuselage instead of the wings.

The plane is expected to make its first flight this summer. It is designated the B-48 and was made by the Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore.

The new type landing gear was designed for use on planes which must have an extremely thin wing.

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FLOOR COLLAPSES—General view of the Philadelphia Inquirer's new rotogravure plant under construction after a portion of the fourth floor collapsed yesterday as workmen were pouring cement. Several were rushed to the hospital, but there were no deaths.

Doubts Greek Aid OK by March 31

Won't Reach Truman In Time, Says Barkley

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U.P.)—Senate Minority Leader Alben W. Barkley today predicted that legislation to provide \$400 million in aid for Greece, Turkey will not be passed by the March 31 deadline. On that date Britain intends to end its economic help to Greece.

The Kentucky Democrat told a reporter it was "obvious" the legislation would not reach President Truman's desk until after that time.

Mr. Barkley said it "might not even reach the senate floor by then."

The President and the state department have warned that Greece faces a critical situation if help is not provided by March 31.

Emergency Loan Probable

Mr. Barkley said an emergency loan "probably will have to be issued through the Reconstruction Finance Corp." if aid was to be afforded the two nations before March 31.

Mr. Barkley said if legislation were needed to get the RFC loan, "a joint resolution could be brought up and passed fairly quickly."

The Senate foreign relations committee is scheduled to open hearings Monday on the \$400 million administration program to halve the spread of communism in the Middle East.

Meanwhile the Senate's bipartisan foreign policy team of Senator Vandenberg and Senator Connally today sought to link President Truman's Greek-Turkish aid program to the United Nations without giving the world peace organization a direct hand in it.

Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) and Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) joined in introducing an amendment to the \$400 million aid bill declaring that U. S. assistance to Greece and Turkey would "contribute to the freedom and independence of all members of the United Nations in conformity with the principles and purposes of the charter."

Text To Be Published
A spokesman for the state department reported meanwhile that the full texts of all agreements reached at the Yalta and Potsdam conferences would be made public within a few days. He was not sure whether the Tehran agreements also would be published.

Rep. Karl E. Mundt (R. S. D.), an influential member of the house foreign affairs committee, said publication of the agreements would go far toward dispelling congressional doubt about the Turkish-Greek aid bill.

The Vandenberg-Connally amendment apparently was designed to allay the criticism of those who feel that this country should have submitted the Greek-Turkey case to the United Nations instead of acting on its own.

There were reports that Mr. Truman would make a move to mollify the United Nations in the form of a public statement or message to congress. One report in congressional circles was that the President had prepared a letter to the United Nations on the subject.

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Official Record Clarifies Acheson 'Red' Statement

Acting Secretary Did Not Say Communist Governments 'Anywhere' Dangerous to U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U.P.)—The official transcript and a voice recording of Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson's testimony showed today that he did not say that "it is dangerous to the security of the United States to have Communist-dominated governments anywhere."

Several reporters, including a United Press representative, had understood Mr. Acheson to have made such a statement during his testimony to the house foreign affairs committee yesterday. The statement was made in behalf of the administration's program to aid Greece and Turkey.

Mr. Acheson did agree with a questioner's statement that "it would be dangerous to the security of the United States to have Communist-dominated governments developing in Greece and Turkey." And Mr. Acheson said "I think we should not look with favor" on a Communist-dominated government elicited in a period of rapid questioning by Rep. Walter H. Judd (R. Minn.).

Thief Offers Blind Girl Eye; Court Must Decide

NEW YORK, March 22 (U.P.)—Gloria Garrity, 14 and blind, sat in her home in Astoria today. She wondered if she would see again through a thief's eyes.

Across Long Island in a dim cell in Brooklyn's Raymond St. jail sat Joseph Ross, 26, a scrawny, nervous automobile thief. He wondered if the court would let him give Gloria Garrity one of his eyes.

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