

# Big Four Put Out 'Feelers' For German Reparations Deal

## Seek to Know Terms On Which Powers Could Compromise

Parley Deadlocked in Move to Slash Russia's \$20 Billion 20-Year War Bill

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MOSCOW, March 31.—Possibilities of a reparations compromise are being explored at a lower level today as the Big Four foreign ministers maintain their formal deadlock.

So far, these feelers do not reflect a spirit of positive conciliation on either side. Rather, they are an attempt usually delayed by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov until the last days of a conference. Whether a major agreement on German reparations will be reached here is still doubtful. The present deadlock results from the following:

Russia proposes \$20 billion over a 20-year period, with half going to herself (which she will share

the necessary increase in German industrial capacity, provided,

ONE: Priority would be given to exports in exchange for imports of food and raw materials to make Germany self-supporting on a moderate living standard. This probably would take two or three years.

TWO: Surplus, when it began to accrue, would be applied to repay subsidies which the British and Americans pour into western Germany in the form of food and raw materials. This probably would take another two or three years.

THREE: When Germany was in a position to pay reparations from her own surplus production, Russia and the others could take a moderate amount for a fair period. It is estimated that Germany economy under such conditions might produce an annual exportable surplus of \$1 billion for as long as five years.

If so, Russia might get a total of \$2½ billion.

## Dr. Barrett Named To Health Post

State Health Commissioner Dr. L. E. Burney has named Dr. Daniel C. Barrett director of the local health division of the state board of health.

Dr. Barrett succeeds Dr. George M. Broder, director of the state bureau of preventable diseases, who has been acting head of the local health division.

Dr. Barrett will have supervision of branch offices at Columbus, Valparaiso, Washington, Terre Haute and Ft. Wayne.

A graduate of Indiana university medical school, he has had more than 12 years' experience in public health work. He received his master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins university and worked with the United States public health service.

## Indianapolis Shrine 6 To Install Officers

Officers to be installed include Mrs. Ruth E. Hancock, worthy high priestess; Marx H. Wiles, watchman of shepherds; Mrs. Emma Leppert, noble prophetess; Archie Everett, associate watchman of shepherds; Dr. Mabel Teague, worthy scribe; Mrs. Lucille Sweet, worthy treasurer; Miss Edna G. Hollowell, worthy chaplain; Mrs. Pansy M. Wiles, worthy shepherdess, and Mrs. Minnie Crum, worthy guide.

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## Housing Chief To Speak at Show

Frank R. Creedon, national housing expediter, will speak on the second day of the Indianapolis Home Show opening April 18 and continuing 10 days.

The show will be held in the manufacturers bldg. at the Indiana fairgrounds.

Veterans housing committees and Hoosier mayors have been invited to attend a luncheon-meeting to honor Mr. Creedon.

His visit here will be under the sponsorship of the Construction League of Indianapolis.

The Indiana Society of Architects and the Producers council also will feature special activities the same day.

## Scientist Digs Up A Radar Puzzler

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Do radar waves upset birds' sense of direction? Dr. R. B. Roberts, physicist with the Carnegie Institute of Washington, is wondering.

During the war, he was at a point on the Virginia coast, conducting experiments that involved the use of radar. A number of times, when he and his companions saw a flock of ducks, they gave them a "squirt" of radar rays. The duck formation would break up and the birds would fly in all directions.

Dr. Roberts isn't certain that the radar did it, because there were other possible disturbing factors at work in the same area, such as small-caliber gunfire making a lot of noise. So he would like to hear from anyone else who had a similar experience with radar and flying birds.

## O'Neil to Lead Good Friday Rite

William V. O'Neil has been named general chairman for the 10th annual Way of the Cross observance to be held Good Friday afternoon in the Indiana World War Memorial plaza.

His selection was made by Grand Knight Joseph Wicker of the Knights of Columbus council here.

Also named to the general committee were Carl Kiefer, Earl Owens, John Daly, William Drew, Maurice Fitzgerald, Joseph Nicholas Sr., William Greener, Joseph Desian, Cecil McConahay, John Blackwell, Robert Carrio, Al Rucker, Leo Shue and Edward Krieger.

The observance will be a public reading depicting the trial and crucifixion of the Christ.

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