

# Senate To Approve Bill To Aid Greece And Turkey Today

## Truman Plan Certain Of Large Margin; Opponents Cry 'War'

Palestine Is Next Near Eastern Crisis; Big 4 Unexpectedly Resumes Talks on Germany

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The senate prepared today to put its stamp of approval upon President Truman's proposed grants to Greece and Turkey.

This action will be taken against a background of turbulence in the Near East marked by a Jewish underground offensive in Palestine.

Senate approval of Mr. Truman's stop-communism program was assured by a wide margin. The vote was scheduled before nightfall.

Without hope of defeating the plan, opponents continued to throw words and amendments at it. Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D. Colo.) made a last-hour charge that the bill is equivalent to "a declaration of war with Russia . . . and all-out war."

Senator John J. Williams (R. Del.) said it "could easily lead to national financial chaos" and eventually would deploy American soldiers "in the front-line trenches of global ramparts."

### Troop Train Blown Up

The senate action comes at a moment when the Near Eastern spotlight has swung away from Greece and Turkey to Palestine.

Underground forces, retaliating for the hanging of Don Gruner and three other members, struck savagely at the British military, blowing up a troop train bearing reinforcements from Egypt.

Early reports said at least 10 were killed and 39 wounded.

Palestine was under the sharpest kind of military rule as the British sought to balk further acts of retaliation by the underground.

### Rumors Spread

Nerves were further strained by the action of two Jewish underground prisoners who killed themselves with grenades a few hours before their scheduled execution.

Rumors spread of kidnaps of British officers and soldiers in line with the proclamation of Irgun Zvai Leumi that 10 British would be executed for each underground member hanged.

Offshore a new ship loaded with 800 Jewish refugees was spotted and taken over by the royal navy.

### Special UN Session Monday

The Palestine question was coming to a head before the United Nations with a special general assembly session convoked for Monday.

Syria, Egypt and Iraq, Arab states, teamed up to demand a full settlement of the Palestine issue at the session, rather than mere appointment of a new investigating commission.

The Arabs demand immediate end of the British mandate and creation of an independent, Arab-dominated Palestine. This is opposed by the British and, presumably, the United States. Russia's position has not been made clear.

**Double-Barreled Action at Moscow**

At Moscow action came on two fronts.

**ONE:** The Big Four held its third secret meeting within 24 hours on the subject of a peace treaty with Austria. Then it suddenly abandoned this discussion and agreed to resume consideration of "open questions" concerning Germany tomorrow.

This might mean that the ministers have given up on Austria. Or it might mean they are near agreement and that the Russians asked for another run-through on German issues before giving final assent to the Austrian treaty.

**TWO:** Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov announced that Russia was willing to resume negotiations on May 25 for uniting the Soviet and American zones of Korea and establishment of a provisional Korean government. Mr. Molotov coupled his announcement with a sharp attack on American Korean policy which he charged violated the terms of the Potsdam agreement.

### Anderson Family Has Triplet Girls

ANDERSON, Ind., April 22 (U.P.)—Triplet girls born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wiley yesterday were reported as "doing favorable" today in St. John's hospital.

A hospital physician said one of the infants weighed five pounds, three ounces at birth, the second weighed five pounds, seven ounces, and the third four pounds.

The father is employed at the Standard Plating Co. Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Wiley, the mother, is 32 years old. They have no other children.

### 17 Arrested in Gaming Raids Pay \$686 in Fines

ENGLISH, Ind., April 22 (U.P.)—Seventeen Crawford county men, arrested in week-end gaming raids, paid fines totaling \$686 today.

Judge J. Norris Wilson of Harrison-Crawford circuit court, fined five illegal gambling house operators \$12 each. Twelve others, charged with gambling, were fined \$10.50 each by Justice of the Peace George Mageney.

### Seek Air Field

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 22 (U.P.)—The war assets administration today announced that former army base installations at Freeman field were being prepared for disposal. The city of Seymour applied for the field as a municipal airport, WAA officials said.

### Named to C. of C. Board

HAMMOND, Ind., April 22—Dean H. Mitchell, Hammond, is one of 19 members elected to a two-year term to the board of directors of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the board announced today.



## Molotov Holds Up Big 4 Adjournment

### Bevin, Bidault Eager To Return Home

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MOSCOW, April 22—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has blocked an effort to adjourn the foreign ministers' conference today.

Whether he's merely stalling as usual, or reconsidering Secretary of State George C. Marshall's compromise offer which he rejected last week, is unknown to western delegates.

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