

U. S. To Seek Lifting Of Russia's 'Iron Curtain' In Europe

'No Time for Soviet To Ask for Handout, Officials Agree.

Americans Admit It's a Big Price

And Will Change Present Red Policy

By E. H. SHACKFORD, United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, June 28.—The Soviet Union must lift her economic "iron curtain" around eastern Europe and let those countries return to normal trade practices with the west if the U. S. S. R. is to be included in the proposed European reconstruction program, it was learned authoritatively today.

That is the major "price" the United States probably will demand for participation in any aid program that includes the Soviet Union and her eastern satellites.

"This is no time for Russia to come along with her hand-out," one official said.

Is Price Too High?

American officials admit that it will be a big price—maybe too big—for the Soviets to pay. They recognize that it will call for a basic change in Soviet policy. And they also are aware Russia's answer will carry with it probably the answer to the whole peace-making problem—will it or will it not be worthwhile to hold any future council of foreign ministers meeting in the German peace treaty?

The answer that is hoped for is unequivocal evidence by Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov at Paris of Russia's willingness to relax her economic grip on Europe and earnestly co-operate in a recovery plan for all of Europe.

The answer that is feared is repetition of the old Soviet line which will leave only the alternative of organising a recovery program for western Europe and so identifying the already existent East and West blocs.

"We will not buy a pig in a poke," one high official said.

"We know that the U. S. congress now will not approximate a kopek for a program from which Russia or her satellites will benefit. Thus the Russians must show beyond any reasonable doubt that their interest is genuine; that they really want European recovery; that they are willing to make drastic changes in their European policy to attain it."

Secretary of State George C. Marshall is very much aware of the fact that even if the Russians convince him of their earnestness, he is still going to have a superhuman job selling the program to congress and the public in their present attitude toward Russia. But he is confident under those circumstances that he can.

Russ May Refrain From Balkan Veto

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., June 28 (U. P.)—Some United Nations quarters saw a chance today that Russia would refrain from vetoing the western powers' proposals for peaceful United Nations measures aimed at Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania.

While a majority still appeared to anticipate a Soviet veto, some diplomats reportedly felt the circumstances of the East-West diplomatic struggle over the Balkans might cause Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to let the council pass proposals opposed by Russia and its three Balkan protégés.

"If that happens, the council is certain to establish a semi-permanent Balkans border patrol and set in motion a plan to transplant minority groups in Greece and the three northern countries. At the same time it would cajole the government there into signing new frontier agreements."

Former Reporter To Edit CIO Paper

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Allan L. (Pete) Swin, former Scripps-Howard writer, will succeed Len De Caux as C. I. O. publicity director and editor of the C. I. O. News, July 15.

This was announced today by Philip Murray, C. I. O. president. Mr. De Caux intends to make his home in New York and to spend the next few months completing a book.

Mr. De Caux has been identified with the leftist faction of the C. I. O.—Mr. Swin has been known as a member of the opposing group.

Mr. De Caux has been with the C. I. O. since its inception a dozen years ago. His successor has been public relations director for the C. I. O.'s organizing drive in the South for the last 13 months. He resigned from the Memphis Press-Scimitar, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, to take the C. I. O. position.

Thug Faces Quiz In Hoosier Slaying

Indiana state police, despairing of ever solving the 20-month-old Rockport wheatfield slayings, planned today to question desperado held in Chicago.

Capt. John J. Barton, chief of detectives, said Hoosier police would try to learn if Amiel R. Barker, 40-year-old St. Louis ex-convict, knew anything about the southern Indiana mystery.

The bodies of George Tyson, 33, and Miss Ethel Sparks, 18, East St. Louis, Ill., were found in a shallow grave on a farm in Spencer county in October, 1945. They had been strangled and shot.

The girl had \$300 hidden in her brassiere. The only clue was a folder of matches advertising a Jefersonville night club.

Barker, tagged as "Public Enemy No. 1," was caught in Chicago yesterday. He was charged with violation of the federal cash-act.

Barton said there was no particular reason to suspect Barker of knowledge of the Hoosier crime except that he had St. Louis underworld connections and the Indiana deaths were believed related to gangland warfare in that city.

Report Little Progress In Shipworkers' Tieup

NEW YORK, June 28 (U. P.)—Little progress was reported today to keep the strike of 41,500 shipworkers at 10 East coast yards from spreading across the nation at Monday midnight.

Federal conciliators hoped to arrange a joint session of the union and Bethlehem Steel Co., but there was no indication they would succeed. Nine of the struck yards belong to Bethlehem, and the other is the Brooklyn plant of the Atlantic Basin Iron Works Co.

Some 110,000 workers were scheduled to walk out throughout the nation if the wage dispute is not settled by the Monday deadline.

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