

# Suspect Russ Hope To Split Big 3 Unity

## Doubts Cast On Red Drive For U. S. Talk

### Diplomats Detect Propaganda Motive

Russia's apparent encouragement of a Truman-Stalin "peace meeting" was seen in diplomatic quarters at Washington today as another Soviet attempt to destroy western power unity.

High-ranking diplomatic authorities expressed the belief that the Kremlin would exploit any conference between President Truman and Premier Josef Stalin solely for its propaganda value.

These sources predicted that Russia would waste no time in using such a two-power meeting to weaken co-operation between the United States and the non-Communist nations of western Europe.

They suggested that a conference between the two leaders would give Russia additional ammunition to sabotage the Marshall Plan and the proposed North Atlantic Security Alliance.

In the opinion of State Department officials, such a meeting probably would be unprofitable and even harmful until the United States builds up its military strength so that Russia understands American foreign policies mean "business."

Diplomats are convinced Stalin would not agree to come to the United States—a prerequisite firmly laid down by Mr. Truman on several occasions, and re-emphasized yesterday by his assistant press secretary.

### Atlantic Alliance

SECRETARY OF STATE George Marshall, Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal and other U. S. officials in France began strategy talks in Paris today on a proposed North Atlantic Defense Pact and other moves in the east-west cold war.

U. S. Embassy officials said Mr. Forrestal probably would confer soon in Brussels with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chairman of the Defense committee of the Union of Western Europe.

**Great Britain** The six-power conference on the Ruhr convened at London today and there were indications Britain and the United States might clash with France over future control of that German industrial area.

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman already has registered French protests against the decision of western military governors Gens. Lucius D. Clay and Sir Brian Robertson to hand Ruhr steel and coal properties to the German government eventually.

### Germany

Four and one-half million union members in the British and American zones of Germany will stage a 24-hour work stoppage tomorrow to press their demands for lower prices.

Workers on the Berlin airlift, employees of hospitals, public utilities and police will not join the walkout.

### Italy

Leaders of 1.3 million government workers meet today to decide whether to stage a 24-hour strike for higher wages.

### France

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labor (CGT) was brewing more labor trouble today for the coalition government.

As miners trooped back to work in the coal fields despite appeals of the CGT, union officials planned to meet and map new strike strategy.

### Japan

About 70,000 Japanese coal miners struck from three to 24 hours today in demands for higher wages. The strikes took place at 70 coal mines.

### Czechoslovakia

The government gave Czechs little opportunity to read what the rest of the world said about the death of the late President Edward Benes.

The official Gazette today published court approval for 120 newspaper confiscations affecting 58 newspapers from nine countries, during the first two weeks of September.

Mr. Benes died Sept. 3 and his funeral was held Sept. 8.

### Yugoslavia

MARSHAL TITO struck back at his Cominform and Russian critics today in a speech declaring that the Yugoslav themselves laid the foundation for the new Yugoslavia and any "bar-gaining" argument over it is absurd.

The Yugoslav premier spoke at a meeting of the Serbian Academy, which elected him an honorary member. The speech was reported by the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug.

### Police Probe Reports Of Prowlers Here

Police today were investigating complaints of two women that prowlers were active near their homes.

In the 4800 block in Guilford Ave. a man knocked on the window of a home and tried to enter the front door when the occupant investigated. He fled when she slammed the door.

A resident in the 3900 block in Eastern Ave. told police she was followed from church by a young man driving a car. He parked in front of her home but left before arrival of a squad car.

### Elephants Leading Noah's Ark Revolt For More Food

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11 (UPI)—The Navy prepared today to send a food-laden plane 1500 miles out over the Pacific to quell a "mutiny" led by eight baby elephants.

The Navy answered a distress call from the S. S. Swarthmore Victory, a modern Noah's Ark with a cargo of animals for American zoos.

The ship reported that the "passengers" were complaining because food supplies were running low.

THE FLOATING "zoo's" passenger list included 17 crates of monkeys, 20 crates of birds, three crates of bears, three crates of ducks, four crates of snakes and a crate of cats.

But the baby elephants complained the most. A spokesman for the Pacific Far East Lines said the youngsters, about four feet tall and weighing about 800 pounds each, were trying to "kick the ship to pieces."

The Navy plane will parachute the emergency rations into the ocean, and it will be up to the ship's crew to fish them out.

### Democrat Split Seen by Lecturer

#### Author John T. Flynn Predicts GOP Unity

The Democratic Party as we know it today soon will become the minority party with a Liberal Labor Party taking over under the Democratic name, John T. Flynn, author-lecturer, told Indiana credit men last night.

Mr. Flynn spoke before 800 representatives of the Indiana Association of Credit Companies, Inc. at the close of their state convention in the Claypool Hotel last night.

The old Republican Party will stay in the running no matter how many times it is defeated. Mr. Flynn said. "Conservative always do last the liberals," he added, pointing to the political history of Europe in the last two decades.

#### Conservatives Strong

He told the credit men he expected the American government to go through the same cycle as has been evident in England where the Liberals and Laborites run the show but the Conservatives have maintained a strong and secure following.

All officers of the association were re-elected. They are:

Richard E. Meir, Interstate Finance Co., Evansville, president; L. S. Henderson, Commonweal Loan Co., Indianapolis, vice president; Victor H. Payne, American Security Co., New Castle, vice president; Irvin W. Ley, Lincoln Loan Corp., Indianapolis, vice president; Paul A. Hancock, Model Loan Service Inc., Indianapolis, treasurer; H. A. Steloff, Lincoln Loan Co., secretary, and R. C. Hamilton, executive director of the association.

#### Truman Relaxes On Armistice Day

#### Rejects Bids to Join In Ceremonies

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 11 (UPI)—President Truman decided against any special observance of Armistice Day at his vacation headquarters today. He planned to spend his time swimming and resting in the sun.

The President turned down all invitations to participate in ceremonies commemorating the 30th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Mr. Truman said the Chief Executive would handle some routine "paper work" flown from Washington by Navy courier plane.

If there were any high-level

policy decisions being made for the new administration, they were carefully guarded by the President and his advisers.

#### Barkley Won't Talk

Vice President-elect Alben W.

Barkley wouldn't talk about such

matters when he attended a baseball game late yesterday between Secret Service agents and press

photographers.

Mr. Barkley said he wouldn't discuss anything except "the blueness of the water and the hotness of the sun."

It still is reasonable to expect, however, that there will be important political talk when Sen. J. Howard McGrath, Democratic national chairman, joins the vacation group. The President said he didn't know for sure when Mr. McGrath will arrive.

Mr. Truman was sporting a mustache and chin whiskers yesterday. But it is a good bet that he will be rid of them, however, by the time Mrs. Truman and daughter Margaret arrive tomorrow.

Appointed to the force Aug. 29, 1906, Mr. Houlihan spent 33 years in service, becoming a detective in 1914. He was placed on the downtown and pawnshop beats where he was instrumental in recovering stolen goods and tracing thieves. He retired as a sergeant in January, 1940.

Mr. Houlihan was interested in sports all his life and pitched amateur baseball as a youth. He also boxed. Around the police department was known to be a "clever with his dukes."

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Mr. Houlihan is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Cecilia Fredkin, Cincinnati, and a sister, Miss Nellie Houlihan, Indianapolis.

#### Ezekiel L. Ball

Services for Ezekiel L. Ball, yard conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad 28 years, who lived at R. R. 9, Box 233, were to be held at 2 p. m. today in Little & Sons Funeral Home, 1424 Albany St., Beech Grove. Burial was to be in Memorial Park.

Mr. Ball, who was 61, died Tuesday in his home. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Four Square Baptist Church. A resident of the Indianapolis area most of his life, he was a native of Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Alta J.; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Abbott, California, and Mrs. Sara McNicol, Michigan; three sons, Robert, Frank and Norman Ball, Indianapolis; and a sister, Mrs. Stella Bird, Richmond.

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