

Around-the-World—

# Russia Backs Yugoslav Claim To Austria Soil

## East-West Split Menaces 4-Power Talks in London on Peace Treaty

By United Press  
Russia championed the right of Yugoslavia to press claims to Austrian territory when the Big Four met today in London.

The whole foundation for the resumption of four-power talks on an Austrian treaty was threatened by the immediate appearance of a gap between the East and the West over Yugoslav reparations and territorial claims against Austria.

The meeting was arranged in hope that Marshal Tito's dispute with Russia and other cominform countries would have changed the Soviet position with regard to the Yugoslav aspect of the Austrian treaty.

The perennial friction between the East and the West flared up as soon as the deputies of the Council of Foreign Ministers resumed their talks after a recess of nine months.

### Back to Last May

Russia demanded that the Big Four group invite Yugoslavia to press the reparations and territorial claims.

Within an hour the conference apparently was back where it was when it broke up last May 6. The meeting was recessed without a settlement of even the first procedural problem.

The United States, Great Britain and France all objected to the hearing of Yugoslav claims, particularly to the Austrian province of Carinthia which lies along the Yugoslav border.

The Soviets also opposed writing into the Austrian settlement a Big Four guarantee of the country's frontiers.

### China

COMMUNIST chieftains have ordered a two-day delay in the visit of the Shanghai peace delegation to Peking. It was reported today. No reason was announced.

### Rhodes

TRANSJORDAN has agreed to enter into military negotiations with Israel at Rhodes and talks may start as soon as Israel agrees. Acting Palestine Mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche said today.

### Holy Land

ISRAELI and Arab troops tossed snowballs at each other from frontline positions today when the heaviest snow in five years fell in Jerusalem. Winter gales sent temperatures dipping to zero, ripped the roofs off houses and uprooted trees in the citrus groves.

### Lake Success

MOST OF the United Nations gave up hope today that Russia's "peace offensive" would bring about changes of Soviet position in the United Nation's major deadlock.

Soviet officials made plain they were sticking to their guns on atomic energy control and international disarmament. And they apparently intended to continue their persistent campaign against American and British "warmongers."

### London

THE DIPLOMATIC correspondent of the London Daily Herald said today that the proposed North Atlantic pact will be signed in Bermuda about the middle of next month.

### Denmark

DANISH Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen put his government on record today in favor of a Scandinavian defense alliance backed by supplies from the west. However, he told parliament that Denmark as well as Norway is trying to obtain information about the proposed Atlantic pact to decide whether an invitation to participate in negotiations in the pact would be desirable.

### Sweden

THE SWEDISH government reaffirmed its policy of neutrality today but indicated it had virtually abandoned hope for a Scandinavian defense alliance uncon-

Only 13, but Judge for a Day



Judge for a day . . . Thirteen-year-old Frederick Wantland, 6036 Haverford Ave., Troop 90 eagle scout, wielded the gavel with judicial authority today as Boy Scout took over all city and county offices. Frederick, who served on the bench of Judge William Higgins in Superior Court 3, is a Times carrier and a freshman at Broad Ripple High School.

### Shanghai

SIX HUNDRED grieving Chinese gathered before the downtown office of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. today and blocked the main entrance of the six-story building with 10 wooden coffins containing corpses. The corpses were among an estimated 3000 victims who perished when the company's vessel, the Kiangtang, collided with another ship and went down in the Yangtze delta 50 miles south of Shanghai.

### Korea

THE KOREAN National Assembly today rejected for the third time a bill asking the United States to withdraw its forces from South Korea. President Syngman Rhee told the assembly that in view of recent border clashes, withdrawal of American forces now would mean "nothing but the complete destruction" of South Korea.

National Police Chief Lee Ho said that since Jan. 1 there have been 61 violations of the 38th parallel, which divides North Korea from the American-occupied zone.

### Russia

THE OFFICIAL Soviet naval publication Red Fleet said today that scheduled maneuvers of the British fleet in Arctic waters are calculated to draw the Scandinavian countries into the North Atlantic security pact.

### Japan

THE U. S. Navy today gave Japanese ships manned by Japanese crews the right to fly their country's flag within three miles of the Japanese coast. Outside of that zone, the Japanese ships will be required to fly only the international "E" flag.

### Burma

THE BURMESE government mustered all available reinforcements today for a concerted drive to dislodge Karen rebels from Insein, some 10 miles north of Rangoon, where government artillery and bofors guns already are in action.

**Approve Annex For School 26**

Construction of a new 12-room addition to Public School No. 26, 1301 E. 16th St., today had been approved by the Board of School Commissioners.

The board last night set Mar. 4 as the date for sale of bonds to finance the \$275,000 project.

General construction contract for the new addition, which will house a library as well as regular school facilities, was awarded to the George Bahre Co. on a bid of \$194,419.

Low bids for other phases of the new addition were submitted by Roland M. Cotton Co., plumbing, \$13,900; T. W. Woelting Co., heating and ventilating, \$27,985; and WHS Electric Co., electric installations, \$19,391.

The school board also approved a measure calling for the replacement of a four-room frame building at School 77, 401 N. Arlington Ave., and a complete new building for School 4, now located at 630 W. Michigan St.

In other action, the board authorized the business director to obtain options on two lots adjoining School 91, 5111 Evanston St., to be used as additional playgrounds and to provide space for future expansion of the building.

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## Auto-Train Crash

### Victim Rites Set

O. W. Cook Services Friday in Columbus

Osten William Cook, of near Clayton, Ind., who was killed in an automobile-train collision Sunday night near Belleville, Ind., will be buried in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus, Ind., following services at 10 a. m. Friday in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes. He died at 57.

Mr. Cook had lived in Indianapolis 20 years before moving to his farm home near Clayton three years ago. He worked for Allison Division, General Motors, four years and had operated a meat market in Fountain Square for several years. Since moving to near Clayton, he had been a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, Columbus.

Besides his wife, Irene, he is survived by three sons, Leon, William, O. Jr. and Billy Cook, nee Clayton; two brothers, Edgar and Ernest Cook, Indianapolis, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Evedore, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Catherine Carter, Mrs. Marie Thomas, all of California.

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## Today's Weather Forecast



TODAY AND TOMORROW: Cold air from Canada will spill over into the U. S., the Weather Bureau predicts. Temperatures will begin to drop tonight from Maine down along the Atlantic seaboard to the Gulf States. By dawn the mercury will be in the 20's in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

### Rail Conductor Dies Here at 53

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