

# World Report— Top Envoys of West To Meet in U. S. Apr. 2 Before Pact Is Signed

Acheson to Confer With Diplomats  
On Text of 20-Year Treaty

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24. (UP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson and foreign ministers of other Atlantic Pact nations plan an important meeting here Apr. 2 on East-West relations, it was learned today.

Informants said top diplomats of Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Norway intend to be here for the treaty-signing ceremonies on Apr. 4.

Foreign ministers of Denmark, Portugal, Italy and Iceland also will be on hand if those nations accept invitations to join the pact as charter members.

Officials said the prime purpose of the meeting will be to reach formal agreement on the text of the 20-year pact. This approval is assured in advance.

Soviet reaction to the treaty, interim plans to protect smaller powers until the pact is operating, and other matters are expected to be discussed.

General East-West problems, including those of Germany, Austria, the Berlin blockade, and Communist advances in Asia, are certain to be the topics of separate study by Mr. Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schumann.

**Great Britain**  
THE question of whether there will be a war this summer has dominated debate in the House of Commons and the House of Lords for the second straight week.

There has been no definite answer. But likewise there has been no definite assurance from any quarter, government or opposition, that there will not be a crisis this summer which might lead to war.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin sails for America tomorrow to sign the Atlantic Pact. He and the statesmen of other Western nations hope that will prevent a war.

**Italy**  
THE Italian Senate was expected to give Premier Alcide De Gasperi a vote of confidence today on his announced intention to bring Italy into the Atlantic Alliance. The Chamber of Deputies already has voted its confidence in the premier.

**Portugal**  
TALKS between Spain and Portugal on the Atlantic Pact now are underway, reliable informants said today.

Representatives of the two nations were reported to be examining Portugal's position in relation to the Iberian Peninsula Pact if she joined the Atlantic Treaty.

Spain was reported to have taken the stand that Portugal should not join the new pact unless Spain also is invited.

**Austria**  
THE Communist newspaper Volksstimme said today that

## Amateur Hour Finalist



Tiny finalist . . . Lynda Jo Tomlin of Ben Davis is one of the finalists in auditions at WISH for the Old Gold Original Amateur Hour show to be given Apr. 6 at the Coliseum. Lynda Jo gives a singing tap dance performance which has already gained her recognition. The show is sponsored by The Times and WISH.

## Amateurs Reach Finals In Auditions for Show

Screening Opens at Station WISH for  
Network Performance Here Apr. 6

By ART WRIGHT  
Talented amateurs of all ages—from 4 to 73 years old—have reached the finals in the talent search for Old Gold's Original Amateur Hour, Apr. 6 in the Coliseum.

The last screening of entertainers who seek parts in the ABC coast-to-coast broadcast here opened last night at Radio Station WISH. Heading the audition staff is Ralph Stitt, of New York.

Tonight more aspirants from the several hundred who have auditioned in the preliminaries will face the microphones for their final tests.

**Youngest Heard**  
The youngest heard last night was 4-year-old Lynda Jo Tomlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tomlin, 710 S. Manhattan St., Ben Davis. "All dressed up" in show costume, Lynda sang and did a tap dance.

Eldest entertainer last night was Oscar M. Carver, 72, of 935 Luett Ave., an "old-time fiddler."

How many of the 100 finalists will win places on the Apr. 6 broadcast will not be known until the New York audition staff completes the survey of available talent.

When Ted Mack and the Original Amateur Hour is presented at the Coliseum, 12 million listeners throughout the United States will hear Indianapolis saluted as "Honor City of America."

**Raise Funds**  
The Times and WISH are bringing the broadcast and 1½-hour show here to raise funds for St. Margaret's Hospital Guild. The guild will use the money to further its community service and work at General Hospital and at the Flower Mission.

Choice seats are available at a booth near the center elevators in the Wm. H. Block Co. store. All seats are reserved. Prices are: Arena floor chairs, \$2.40; box and parquet chairs, \$2.40 and \$1.20; side mezzanine, \$1.80 and \$1.20; last end mezzanine, 80 cents. Prices include tax.

**Name 10 to Lead  
Cancer Fund Drive**  
Appointment of 10 division chairmen to direct the 1949 fund-raising drive of the Marion County Cancer Society during April has been announced by Paul Starrett, campaign chairman.

The society has established a quota of \$64,000. Campaign headquarters will be set up in the World War Memorial. The kickoff luncheon for the drive will be Apr. 4.

New division chairmen are: Charles B. Brown, sports events; O. E. Hammond, downtown; Raymond Frank, industrial; J. W. Nottingham, mercantile; Martin B. Cahill, public office; Mrs. Edward Lugan, advertising and window displays; Norman A. Perry, Jr., radio; Mrs. Carl J. Weinhardt, restaurant; Mrs. George W. Starke, special gifts; and Mrs. E. M. Dill, High School.

**Sorority Pledge**  
Miss Beverly Sue Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baird, 629 E. Epier Ave., has been pledged to Alpha Lambda Delta, national scholastic honorary for women, at DePauw University, special gifts, and Mrs. E. M. Dill, High School.

## Reports 'Progress' First Signs of Television Visible to Lookers-Up For State Harbor

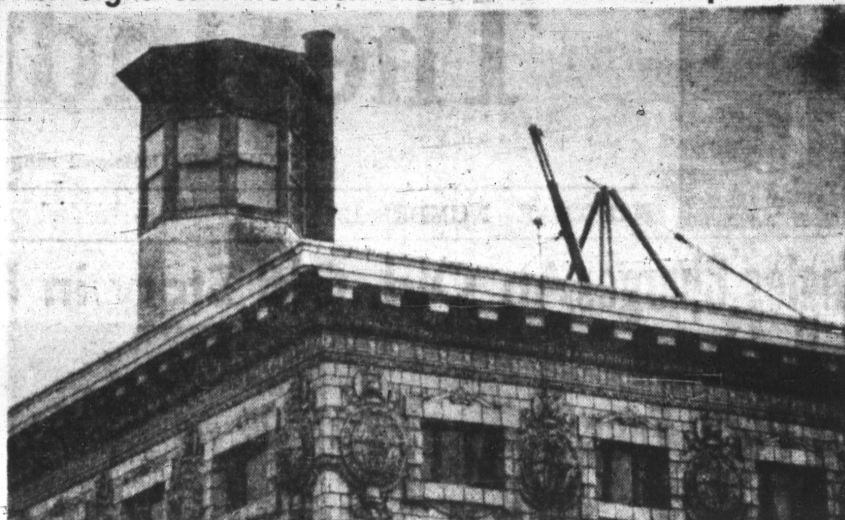
Gov. Schricker said today the state was making "substantial progress" in its efforts to create a public harbor and terminal on Lake Michigan in Porter County.

Gov. Schricker said a congressional committee had adopted a resolution that would appropriate \$7500 for U. S. engineers to study the Burns Waterway project proposal.

The project was mapped by the State Board of Public Harbors and terminals in co-operation with the Indiana Economic Council.

Support will be sought Apr. 7-9 in Washington at a meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Gov. Schricker appointed 12 members of eight state departments and private organizations as delegates to the meeting.

Among them were John Larrew of Valparaiso, secretary of the Board of Public Harbors and Terminals, and Frank Ferguson of Valparaiso, representing the trucking industry.



Television shows its promised hand . . . Eyes tilted upward yesterday in the downtown district may have seen the first outward evidence of television coming to town about June 1. First steelwork atop the Merchants Bank bldg. was under way by WFBM-TV. The roof is being strengthened to accommodate the transmitting tower.

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