

West Eyes Russ For New Tactics Against Alliance

Shift in Cold War Maneuvers Expected After Signing of Pact

By United Press

Top western power envoys confer on world problems in Washington today to the accompaniment of rumblings from behind the Iron Curtain which may presage a new Soviet cold war offensive.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson scheduled talks during the day with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Netherlands Foreign Minister D. U. Stikker. Tomorrow he will see the Foreign Ministers of France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

It was believed that these talks would lay the groundwork for more intensive exchanges after the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty here Monday.

Mr. Acheson said yesterday that he was ready for full discussion of all problems relating to world peace with envoys coming here for the pact-signing ceremony.

United States officials indicated the talks might also deal with plans for meeting an expected Soviet counter-offensive. The State Department is scrutinizing recent Soviet moves in an effort to determine how far Russia is likely to go to offset the diplomatic defeat which the welding of the pact brought Moscow.

Diplomatic officials look for a hint of Russia's plans at the United Nations General Assembly meeting which opens in New York next week. Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko is expected to attack the legality of the North Atlantic Pact.

Soviet Union

WALL STREET and the Church have been cast as the villains in Moscow's new hit play "Conspiracy of the Doomed," Radio Moscow disclosed today.

A broadcast said the drama ended on a happy note when Communist leaders stepped in to save the day.

Switzerland

SWITZERLAND will not move at present to join the Marshall Plan, Swiss Foreign Minister Max Petitpierre told parliament today.

He said that while Marshall aid in other countries means considerable disadvantages for Switzerland "it can be said that thanks to American help, the economic situation in Europe has clearly improved."

Germany

UNITED STATES Military Governor Gen. Lucius D. Clay, at Frankfurt, Germany, today reduced from 20 to five years the prison sentence given Frantisek Klecka for spying on American occupation forces in Germany for Czechoslovakia.

Klecka, who was tried in a closed court, was the first of 17 foreign agents convicted of espionage by a U. S. Military Commission in Munich. He was accused of providing photographs of U. S. Army installations to a foreign power.

Meanwhile, delegates to the Communist German People's Congress—including 500 from Western Germany—will be elected May 15 and 16, the Communists announced.

London

WESTERN power leaders met to draft a compromise plan that would allow Germany to resume shipbuilding of vessels up to 7000 tons.

Nanking

THE vanguard of the Nationalist delegation flew to Peiping to start peace talks with the Communists.

Yugoslavia

YUGOSLAVIA accused Bulgaria today of repeated brutal attacks on Yugoslav militiamen at the frontier and suspended a 1946 agreement permitting militiamen from either country to escort trains across the border.

Syria

SYRIA under firm army control after a bloodless coup yesterday, reopened its frontiers and communications today.

It also was preparing to go ahead with armistice talks with Israel.

Army leaders who overthrew and arrested Premier Khaled El Azaz and his cabinet lifted the strict curfew in Damascus. Shops reopened and life in the capital was back to normal.

Traffic was resumed across Syria's borders with Lebanon and Trans-Jordan. Telephone communications, cut when the coup was launched, also were re-established.

Deposed President Shukri Al Kouyati, along with Premier Al-Azaz and government ministers, was held in a Damascus hospital.

U. S. Statement

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (UPI)—Government fiscal year through Mar. 29, 1947, was \$26,676,000.

Clearings for the day \$7,665,000. Clearings for the month \$61,654,000.

Local Produce

Poultry—Pouls, 4½ lbs. and over, 32¢ under 4½ lbs. and Leghorns, 24¢, heavy breed, 28¢. Eggs—colored, 26¢, ind. Leghorns, 24¢, white, 22¢. Eggs—dozen, N. 2, poultry, 46¢, less than No. 1.

Eggs—Current receipts, 16¢, Grade A, 35¢; Grade B, large, 14¢, Grade A, small, 32¢, and no grade, 10¢.

Bacon—Hams, 2½ lbs., No. 3, 5¢. Bacon—Hams, 2½ lbs., No. 3, 5¢. (Above prices apply when delivered at local plant.)

Local Truck Grain Prices

No. 2 red wheat, \$2.10. No. 2 white corn, \$1.75. No. 2 yellow corn, \$1.20. No. 2 oats, 70¢. New No. 2 yellow soybeans, \$1.00.

6 More Dead As Accident Toll Mounts

11 Injured In Mishaps on State Highways

Indiana's traffic death toll soared today as state police reported six dead and 11 persons injured in highway accidents.

The dead were:

Mrs. Ola Louise Heaton, 26, Atlanta.

Her son, Tom Heaton, 2. Charles Nern, 3, Foresman.

Edward D. Hoepner, 56, Union Mills.

Maurice Neville, 45, Hamlet.

Vern Richard Guess, Terre Haute.

Investigating officer said Mrs. Heaton was driving one mile south of Arcadia on the Arcadia Pike when she lost control of her car and collided with one driven by William H. Miles, 76, Arcadia. Tom Heaton was a passenger in his mother's car.

Mr. Miles was seriously injured in the accident and his wife, Esther, 68, was reported in fair condition.

Dies of Injuries Three-year-old Charles Nern died yesterday of injuries received Tuesday when struck by an automobile driven by Edgar Henton, 38, Brook, while riding his tricycle across State Rd. 106 near his home.

Mr. Hoepner was killed and his wife, Thelma, was critically injured in a two-car collision yesterday two miles east of Union Mills. Another passenger in the Hoepner car, Mrs. Sarah Greening, 80, Hanna, was also injured critically.

Police said the other car was driven by Elroy Weaver, 39, Hanna, and two passengers in his vehicle were slightly injured. They were his wife, Esther, and a daughter, Kay, who is 2.

Starke County Coroner K. J. Starker Matthew said Maurice Neville apparently died of heart attack while driving his truck six miles north of Knox, but he was unable to determine before or after the truck crashed into a pile of logs in an electric company in Hamlet.

Mishap Occurred Monday Mr. Guess, state police said, died yesterday in Terre Haute of injuries received Monday when struck by a car driven by Clifford Adams, 61, of Terre Haute.

Robert R. Hieber, 23, of 263 N. Meridian St., was in fair condition in Methodist Hospital today, recovering from injuries suffered last night in a collision in a 6100 block in Michigan Rd.

His wife, Betty, 22, and their son, Robert, 2, escaped injury.

Deputy sheriffs said Mr. Hieber was backing his car from a driveway when it was struck by the vehicle driven by Samuel A. Strouse, 36, of RR 1, Zionsville.

Mrs. Catherine Strouse, 32, was cut about the face but their two children, Patty, 11, and Jackie, 12, were uninjured.

Critical Condition Charles D. Freeman, 76, Ellistonville, one of three Monroe County men injured in a two-car collision near Ellistonville yesterday, was in a critical condition in Bloomington Hospital today.

Mr. Freeman suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries.

Charles E. Johnson, 33, and Luther Harris, 56, both of Bloomington, were treated at the hospital. Police said the cars side-swiped on a curve.

Unemployment Fall Seen in State

Employment isn't as sick as street corner gossip would have it. The State of Indiana has the figures to prove it.

In the week ending Mar. 26 there was a 15 per cent decrease in new unemployment claims.

Continuity claims showed a slight increase. Col. Everett L. Gardner, director of the Employment Security Division, reported rising from 57,601 to 58,303 for the week.

But it's the new claims which count. They say emphatically that unemployment is on the decline.

Decision Withheld In Smoke Case

Judgment was withheld by Judge Alex Clark in Municipal Court No. 4 today when he found the Rockwood Manufacturing Co., 5381 English Ave., guilty on 18 counts charging violation of the anti-smoke ordinance.

City Prosecutor Milton Craig said he had been notified by Robert E. Wolf, before the latter resigned as City combustion engineer, that the combination responsible for the objectionable smoke from the Rockwood plant had been remedied. The charges were filed last August and hearing had been postponed several times.

Paulette Firm on Plan To Attend Bullfight

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 31 (UPI)—Actress Paulette Goddard today refused to yield to "pressure groups" which have criticized her scheduled appearance at a Mexican bullfight on Easter.

Two London newspapers and the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have protested the star's plans as "bloodthirsty" and "sacrilegious."

Mexico is my second home, and I habitually conform to the customs of the country I am in," Miss Goddard countered.

Miss Goddard will be queen of the bullfight in Acapulco, Mexico.

44 DAYS TO CROSS U. S.

In the first transcontinental automobile race for light cars, made in 1905, the trip covered 4400 miles and took 44 days or more to complete.

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No. 2 red wheat, \$2.10.

No. 2 white corn, \$1.75.

No. 2 oats, 70¢.

New No. 2 yellow soybeans, \$1.00.

Ind. corn 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢.

Ind. beans 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢.

Ind. onions 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢.

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