

World Report—

U.S. Sees Russ Soften In Series of Setbacks

Truman Must Demand Speed After Easter

House is Ahead Of Its Schedule Before Recess

U. S. officials in Washington today expressed the belief that Soviet Russia may be getting ready to ease off the cold war.

They said the Soviet Union has suffered a series of defeats in the field of foreign policy during the past year, and that in the face of these setbacks a shift in Russian tactics appears likely.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson made it clear yesterday that the door is open to any genuine Soviet peace moves.

U. S. officials who specialize in Russian problems said that, so far, there has been no direct indication of a softer Soviet attitude.

Chief among these, they said, is the relatively restrained nature of Soviet attacks on the West at the current session of the United Nations General Assembly.

These sources said that despite Andrei Gromyko's speech yesterday, the onslaught against the Atlantic Pact has not reached the expected violent pitch.

Also, they said denunciations of the West by Soviet and Communist spokesmen at the recent New York "World Peace" conference were milder in tone than at previous similar conferences.

United Nations

THE United Nations, at Flushing, L. I., today enters the second round of a crucial battle over the North Atlantic Pact.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko ignited the smoldering feud over the aims of the treaty late yesterday in a slashing and lengthy blast against it on the floor of the general assembly.

Western delegates said U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin, and representatives of the other nations signed to the pact would defend it "at the earliest opportunity," probably today.

Mr. Gromyko charged that the North Atlantic Pact was fashioned by the United States, Britain, and other "warmongers" with the purpose of "unleashing a new war" against Russia.

Great Britain

LONDON stevedores voted today to end their four-day wildcat strike, but an employers' lockout of sympathy strikers threatened new complications.

Union officials nevertheless predicted early settlement of the lockout and an end to the strike that idled some 18,000 men on the London docks, tied up 100 ships and imperiled both Britain's food rations and export drive.

The 7500 stevedores voted to resume work next Saturday after the government threatened to move troops into the docks to unload perishable food cargoes.

They had struck Monday in protest against the dismissal of 32 "ineffective" workers.

Argentina

OFFICIAL circles said today a settlement may be near in the long-term differences between the United States and Argentina which have brought trade between the countries almost to a standstill and closed many large American plants here.

The fresh optimism coincided with the arrival of Dr. Jeronimo Remorino, Argentine ambassador to the United States. He noted the lifting of restrictions against import of Argentine fruit to the United States.

He also pointed out that the U. S. had lifted restrictions on the import of Argentine meats into zones occupied by the U. S. Army.

Portugal

POLITICAL police reported today that they had uncovered a Communist underground organization with ramifications throughout Portugal and in France and Spain. Many Communist members of the organization have been arrested and valuable documents confiscated, the police said.

Howard H. Huston Dies at Logansport

LOGANSPORT, Apr. 14 (UP)—Howard H. Huston, 72, manager of the real estate department of the Indianapolis Life Insurance Co. since 1930 and first agent for the company when it was organized in 1905, died today in a hospital.

Huston also was vice president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Logansport. He had been ill since last June and confined to his Logansport home and to the hospital.

Jobless Compensation Claims Drop Again

Indians unemployment compensation claims traffic dropped again last week for the third straight week, and a state official said it indicated "a slight decrease in unemployment in the state."

The total number of claims for the week ending April 9 was two-tenths of one per cent under the previous week's total, according to Col. Everett L. Gardner, director of the employment security division.

Safety Pin-Up



It's pin-up time in Texas with the 100th anniversary of the invention of the safety pin. So Margaret Litteral helps point up the fact as she lolls in El Paso sunshine. The safety pin was invented in 1849 by Walter Hunt of New York, who sold his patent for \$400.

Two Plead Guilty To Assault, Battery

Among 24 Accused Of Attack on Girl

Two of 24 men alleged to have criminally assaulted a 13-year-old girl delinquent today entered guilty pleas to assault and battery under the minor statute in Criminal Court 1.

The men, Otto Reeves, 20, of 1026 S. Illinois St. and Alfred, 20, of 126 W. Ray St., were sentenced to four months each on the Indiana State Farm by Judge William D. Rees, Tippecanoe.

They had been arrested on a general rape charge involving the girl.

At the same time, a third man, Clark Rose, 26, of 1111 Carrollton Ave., was fined \$10 and sentenced to six months on the State Farm. He had already been tried in the case and had been found guilty of assault and battery.

Last week the Marion County Grand Jury dismissed charges against 21 other men arrested in the case, but referred their cases for judgment in court.

Mean while, the girl, 13, had been committed to the Indiana Girls' School. She had admitted, the court was told, having had voluntary intimacies with the men charged in the case.

Burglar Abandons Heavyweight Loot

BROCKTON, Mass. (UP)—The bulk and weight of \$150 in half dollars that he stole from the home of Ralph Baker proved too much for a fleeing thief.

He threw away \$80 worth of the silver pieces on the driveway and lawn. The money was found by a caretaker.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANA WEATHER

Southerly winds in advance of a low pressure area were bringing warm, moist air over all of Indiana except the extreme north portion. Showers and scattered thunderstorms were expected to develop by evening and to continue most of tonight.

The weather was expected to turn somewhat cooler by tomorrow morning. Cloudy and some occasional rain was forecast for tomorrow.

Temperatures were expected to fall sharply late tomorrow. Indications were that the mercury would drop to the upper 30's by Saturday morning.

Temperatures in Indianapolis a year ago today: High 47, low 40. See Weather Map on Page 24.

EVENTS TODAY

Shrine Circus Final Performances—3:45 Shrine Circus, 1800 N. Meridian.

Church Week Services—10:30 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1000 N. Meridian.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board Noon Meeting—12 noon, 1000 N. Meridian.

Indianapolis Chapter No. 11, Women of the Moose—10:30 a. m., 1000 N. Meridian.

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Good Friday.

Church Federation Interdenominational "Giddy" Plans—7:30 p. m., 1000 N. Meridian.

Knights of Columbus Council No. 48—8:00 p. m., 1000 N. Meridian.

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UN to Russ—Growl Worse Than Bite

Gromyko's Attack on Pact Fails to Cause Flicker of an Eye

By CHARLES T. LUCEY Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LAKE SUCCESS, Apr. 14—The growl of the Russian bear was worse than its bite—this was the appraisal today by important U. S. and British sources here of Andrei Gromyko's roaring attack yesterday on the North Atlantic Pact and its signatories.

Mr. Gromyko taunted and name-called and derided, but he did not choose to "take a walk" on the United Nations—a possibility which some had discussed in recent weeks.

He did not propose any direct United Nations censure of the North Atlantic Pact. At the end of his long vituperative flight he wrapped himself in the United Nations flag and said the Soviet Union would "continue to uphold consistently the basic principles of the United Nations."

Nothing New Added

When the present session opened 10 days ago many wondered whether the Soviets would seek at once to add to the agenda a move to condemn the pact. They did not, and in subsequent days—the speeches of Messrs. Gromyko, Jacob Malik and Alexander Perushkin, although often abusive, really added nothing new to the bright lexicon of Soviet denunciation.

Neither did Mr. Gromyko yesterday. He did charge though that "ruling circles" in the United States and England sought to turn the United Nations into an obedient tool, that a new war is being hatched by a British-American bloc, that the aim is to isolate Russia and that the Atlantic pact is not defensive but offensive.

But although this was an abusive speech, in the view of some here it laid down no sharp new policy line. Most of what Mr. Gromyko said had been said earlier either in official Soviet notes of protest or in Moscow's Pravda.

Some observed that the Gromyko speech might have tempered any suggestion of a new and altogether "tame" Moscow position. There had been some speculation here that because Premier Stalin had not sent Mr. Vishinskiy, the Soviets might say it quietly at the present.

World Face Defeat

The Soviets would risk defeat in the General Assembly, of course, if they introduced a proposal for formal condemnation of the Atlantic Pact.

They could make it the occasion for another out-pouring of oratory, but when it was all done they probably wouldn't get many votes outside their own bloc.

Mr. Gromyko was vigorous in his attack on France and Great Britain, for having violated, as he said, existing treaties with Russia in their adherence to the Atlantic Pact. But he did not signal any renunciation of these treaties.

West Fears Second Earthquake on Way



Bricks loosened by the earthquake yesterday crushed this car in downtown Seattle.



Earth fissures caused by the quake are examined by two residents of Seattle.

Lilibet Takes King's Place To Hand Out Maundy Money

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP)—Clutching a nosegay to "ward off the plague," Princess Elizabeth today attended the centuries-old ceremony of the distribution of "maundy money"—the King's Easter gift—to the poor in Westminster Abbey.

The Princess attended in place of King George, who is convalescing after a recent operation to improve the circulation of his legs.

She held a nosegay of daffodils, primroses and violets in keeping with ancient custom. In the old days a nosegay was regarded as the best way to ward off the plague and the odors of the poor.

Elizabeth did not personally distribute the King's Easter gift. Only the King or the Lord High Almoner can do that.

The custom of giving royal alms to the poor on the Thursday before Easter dates back to the 12th century. The ceremony stems from Christ's washing the feet of his disciples after the Last Supper.

"Maundy" comes from the Latin word mandatum (commandment), referring to Christ's act. Until the reign of King James II the King always washed the feet of as many poor men as he was years old.

In modern times the King still wears a towel draped around his waist as a sign of the old custom when he distributes the maundy money to the poor in lieu of washing their feet.

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Lord High Almoner, distributed the special green and white purses and the red and white purses today.

All fatalities occurred in Washington state.

DUKE'S WIFE IN LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP)—The Duchess of Windsor arrived here from Paris today for a 10-day vacation. She was greeted with two welcoming kisses from the Duke.

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West Fears New Temblors

7 Die, 61 Injured; Damage \$20 Million

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office buildings, bridges and industrial plants was so widespread that officials offered only conservative estimates on the damage. Still, estimates from throughout the damage area indicated that the total would pass the \$20 million mark.

Hardest hit were Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Chehalis, Centralia, Longview, Kelso and Castle Rock. Workers at the Hanford atomic works on the flat lands in eastern Washington reported feeling a slight tremor. The Bonneville Dam on the Oregon border was unscathed, although earth slides were reported to have occurred nearby.

Mayor William Devin of Seattle, co-ordinating disaster work in this city of 500,000, said "damage will run into the millions. It is incredible there were so few casualties."

Seattle Fire Chief William Fitzgerald said: "Thank God, most school children were on Easter vacation."

Dr. Eljo E. Vasanen, University of Washington seismologist, described the quake as "the most severe in the recorded history of the Pacific Northwest."

He measured the quake's intensity at eight. Twelve is the highest. Mr. Vasanen attributed the quake to a moving fault and placed its epicenter at 90 miles southwest of Seattle.

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