

# 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 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 moves. A week ago, Mr. Acheson said that the Atlantic Pact and other moves toward strengthening the West had increased the possibilities of peace with Russia.

U. S. officials who specialize in Russian problems said that, so far, there has been no direct indication of a softer Soviet attitude. However, they said there have been numerous "indirect" evidences.

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 those 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 sympathetic 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. Jenkinson 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 (UPI)—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 has been ill since last June and confined to his Logansport home and to the hospital.

### Jobless Compensation Claims Drop Again

Indiana 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



## UN to Russ—Growl Worse Than Bite

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

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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" out of 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, unpredictable 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 Panyushkin, 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 that the Soviet Premier Stalin had not sent Mr. Vishinsky, the Soviets' main play at quieting 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 gain 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.

### 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.

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. Bain.

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

At the same time, a third man, Clark Rose, 26, of 111 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 juvenile court action.

Meanwhile, the girl 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. (UPI)—The bulk and weight of \$180 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. Indiana indications were that the mercury would drop to the upper 30's by Saturday morning.

Temperatures are high today: High 47, low 40. See Weather Map on Page 24.

#### EVENTS TODAY

Shrine Circus Final Performances—3 p.m. and 8:30 p. m.; Murat Theater. Circus, 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.; International Half Week Circus Services—Endurance Church.

Amoco Stock Car High Speed Endurance Test—Spectators from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Kingsport Character Derby—Through Apr. 22—L. S. Ayres & Co., 1024 W. Market St.

Indiana State Bar Association Annual Luncheon—Real Estate Board Room, Luncheon—Washington Hotel.

Parade of Marion County OSCE, Meeting and Dinner—10 a. m., West Indianapolis.

Benefit Performance of "Remember Me"—High School PTA, Civic Theater.

Indiana State Charter Day—10 a. m. to 1 p. m.; Indiana State House—Charter Card Parade.

Wedding—Educational Films—Showing 4:45 p. m., Central YMCA.

#### EVENTS TOMORROW

Good Friday—Indiana Interdenominational Council of Churches—10 a. m. to 1 p. m.; First Baptist Church and Lefebvre Auditorium.

Union Good Friday Services—12 noon to 3 p. m.; Keith's Theater.

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Ramona Lacey, 17, 1518 Abnerdon.

Fannie Mae Kimbrell, 22, 180 W. Donald Eugene Gammon, 20, 6153 W. Clemmons.

Robert R. Dufford, 24, 6119 Indianapolis.

George May Cummins, 20, 1318 Norman.

Carrie Blane Tharp, 30, Carmel.

Wallie Day Jr., 24, 6118 Ferguson; Mary Frank H. Person, 22, 2111 Pleasant.

James Henry, 24, 1500 Euclid.

Willa, 18, 1446 S. Talbot.

Reed Grove, Elizabeth Nora Zenitha.

Bernard G. Watson, 24, 1475 N. Carrollton.

Josephine L. Goodin, 16, 128 W. Rose.

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Robert E. Jones, 22, 326 N. Linwood.

Coronary thrombosis, at General Hospital.

Frank Smitzer, 62, at General Hospital.

James M. Gilbert, 80, 1649 Carrollton, carcinoma.

Thomas J. Hasan, 74, 2147 Marindale, aneurysm.

James E. Flick, 22, at Veterans' hospital.

James E. Burns, 83, 320 E. Vermilion.

Calvin L. Hammond, 22, at Veterans' hospital.

Walter F. Hampton, 38, at General Hospital.

James E. Jones, 81, 44 S. Warman.

William G. Moore, 74, 344 N. Pennsylvania.

Albertine Jones, 87, at General Hospital.

John F. Fink, 68, at General Hospital.