

## World Report—

# Russ Offer Reported On Soviet-Zone State

## Proposal Seen As Checkmate On Big Three

Reds Declared Ready to Cancel Reparations Bill

Usually well-informed quarters in Western Berlin said today that Russia has promised German Communist leaders a peace treaty for Eastern Germany and cancellation of all reparations claims once an East German state has been created.

The reported Soviet offer appeared to be Russia's answer to the agreement reached by Western German political leaders and the American, British and French military governors yesterday for establishment of a West German state.

There was no confirmation of the report of a Soviet offer. But if it is made publicly, it probably will win much support for the Soviet Union. Russia has demanded \$10 billion reparations from Germany, one of the most severe penalties for its aggressive war still hanging over the Reich.

### Western Germany

THE State Department at Washington made public today the text of an 11-point agreement by the Big Three for merging the western zone of Germany.

It provides for a high commission, made up of representatives of each of the occupying powers, and it outlines the manner in which the commissioners will reach their decisions.

After establishment of the German federal republic, the agreement said, the three governments will continue to retain supreme authority. However, military government will cease, and occupation officials will exercise only supervisory functions.

German authorities will be free to take administrative and legislative action, subject to possible veto by the allied authority.

### India

INDIA will grant de facto recognition to local Chinese Communist authorities in Nanking, the external affairs ministry announced today.

The announcement was issued in denial of local reports that India already was negotiating for recognition of the entire Communist government in China. This, the announcement added, is "a major question which will be taken up in due course."

### Japan

OCCUPATION headquarters today published an analysis of the Japanese magazine articles, showing that the nation's once god-like ruler is being increasingly criticized by both left and right wing liberals.

Many Japanese writers, university professors and scientists are advocating outright abolition of the emperor system, while others are insisting Hirohito abdicate for his "war responsibility."

### Turkey

THE Turkish press reported that Turkish and Bulgarian patrols exchanged fire in the Edirne border region last night. Inhabitants of the frontier village of Dogana were reported to have been forced to flee their homes to escape the machine-gun and rifle fire.

### Hoosier Cannery Group To Meet Thursday

The 1949 spring meeting of Indiana Cannery Association will be held Thursday afternoon in the Claypool Hotel Chateau Room, the association announced today.

H. K. Bachelier, association president, will give the main address at the 12:30 p. m. luncheon which will open the meeting.

Other speakers will be Dr. Thomas E. Jones, Earlham College president, and M. W. Baker, of the fruit and vegetable branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

After P. A. Klein, safety engineer for Employers Mutual of Wausau, presents the Cannery Safety Contest Award for 1948, the meeting will conclude with a discussion period.

### Legion Speaker



Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg

Gen. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, will be speaker at the 13th annual national aerial membership round-up dinner of the American Legion Sunday in the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

The dinner will be given by National Commander Perry Brown for visiting pilots and aviation notables participating in the aerial round-up. The event is the annual climax to the Legion's national membership campaign.

The round-up is expected to push the 1949 Legion national enrollment over the three-million mark for the fourth consecutive year. More than 800 are expected for the dinner.

### Police Prevent Man From Tossing Wife Out Window

CHICAGO, Apr. 26 (UP)—Police reported that they seized a Pittsburgh milk salesman early today as he was about to throw his wife out of an eighth floor hotel window.

A squad summoned by a house detective at the Harrison Hotel arrested Thomas Rock, 35, and his wife, Margaret Pearl, 32, of Pittsburgh.

Police Sgt. William Jones said Rock, a hefty six-footer, picked up his wife as the squad burst into the room.

"NOW YOU'VE got witnesses," Sgt. Jones yelled at Mr. Rock as he tried to throw his wife out the window.

Officer Joseph Gorman clubbed Mr. Rock as other policemen seized the woman. Both were charged with disorderly conduct.

### Bus Convention To Hear Writer

DeLoss Walker, world traveler and writer, will be one of the featured speakers at the two-day Indiana Bus Association, Inc. 15th annual convention beginning today in the Hotel Lincoln.

Election of new directors was scheduled for this afternoon. Election of officers will be held tonight.

Wednesday sessions will be devoted to business meetings, panel discussions of industry problems, and a concluding banquet at 7 p. m.

Mr. Walker, who will speak at the Wednesday luncheon, will have "Let's Avoid Depression" as his topic. Other speakers will be Lt. Gov. John A. Watkins and Roscoe C. Byrne, Indiana Public Service Commission chairman.

Arthur Thurston, superintendent of Indiana State Police, will present safety awards for the year. A. W. Koehler, secretary-manager of National Association of Motor Bus Operators, will give a report from Washington, D. C., at one of the Wednesday meetings, and Coburn Parker, Indianapolis Railways maintenance superintendent, will preside at one session.

Present officers are: John T. Martin, Indiana Railroad, president; J. E. Wooding, ABC Coach Lines, vice president; Stanley Miller, Indianapolis Transit, Inc., treasurer, and Harry J. Harman, 218 Bankers Trust Building, association secretary.

## Fate of Watts Rests on 14th Amendment

Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments in Mrs. Burney Slaying

By DAN KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26—Whether the State of Indiana violated the 14th amendment to the U. S. Constitution in sentencing Robert Austin Watts to death for the rape-slaying of Mrs. Mary Lois Burney, Indianapolis housewife, today is up to the Supreme Court to decide.

Chief Justice Vinson and the eight associate justices remained on the bench over-time yesterday afternoon listening to oral arguments in the matter. Guilt or innocence of the 25-year-old Negro is not involved in the case as presented to the highest court.

May Get New Trial Scheduled to die in the electric chair at Michigan City State Prison Jan. 31, a 30-day stay of execution was ordered by the court and on Feb. 28, a full hearing was granted so that Watts will not die until the high court acts. He may be ordered retried.

Attorneys for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People raised two points in the Watts case in taking an appeal from the Indiana Supreme Court.

ONE, No Negro was on the Marion County grand jury which indicted Watts for the Burney murder and they have been systematically excluded from such juries in Indianapolis for the past 20 or 30 years.

TWO, Confessions upon which the Watts conviction was based were obtained through the use of force, duress and intimidation in violation of the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.

Say Counsel Denied Him Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for NAACP, and his assistant, Franklin H. Williams, both of New York, argued these points before the court.

Mr. Williams contended that Watts had been picked up on another attempted rape case and was being held by police when the Burney slaying was discovered Nov. 12, 1947. He also contended that they refused Watts counsel, kept him without food and sleep, didn't permit him to see his wife and beat him into signing a confession.

This treatment took from Wednesday until Friday and all the time he was held without warrant, Mr. Williams maintained.

The exclusion of Negroes from the grand jury was argued by Mr. Marshall. He said the only testimony that names of Negroes ever were drawn from a Marion County jury box was that of Glenn Funk, a chief deputy prosecuting attorney, who said he saw two called in 1948 and then they did not serve.

Questioned at Length Chief Justice Vinson questioned Mr. Marshall at length on that point, saying that if Negroes were called and did not serve they could not be considered excluded.

Arguing for the state, Deputy Attorney General Frank E. Coughlin contended that there is no planned exclusion of Negroes from Marion County grand juries and positive evidence on the point had not been produced in the appeal.

He also said witnesses had testified that Watts was well fed and well treated by police and deputy sheriffs throughout his three day questioning period.

Because the time ran out, Attorney General J. Emmett McMahon didn't get to give his part of the state's argument.

### Prof. R. T. Hill Quits IU Post

BLOOMINGTON, Apr. 26—Prof. R. T. Hill, a member of the Indiana University School of Medicine Faculty since 1937, has tendered his resignation to accept appointment as professor and chairman of anatomy in the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., it was announced here today.

Prof. Hill received more than \$15,000 in grants from the U. S. Public Health Service for research work in physiology of endocrines while at the university. He has written many articles, including a medical book titled "Anatomy of the Head and Neck."

### Calls Him the Champ

GREENCASTLE, Apr. 26—James P. Hughes, former Circuit Court Judge, is claiming the champion egg laying hen of Putnam County. She produced an egg that weighed seven ounces and measured 9 1/2 inches by eight inches.

### Plan Annual Meeting

The Indianapolis Chapter of the National Office Management Association will hold its annual business meeting and dinner tomorrow evening in the Hotel Washington.

## Tucker to Head County TB Association

Walter Myers Jr. Elected Vice President; Rasmussen, Furscott Renamed to Posts

The Marion County Tuberculosis Association elected Dr. Warren S. Tucker president, succeeding George E. Middleton, at the 35th annual luncheon meeting held yesterday in the Columbia Club. Walter Myers Jr. was elected vice president, replacing Dr. Tucker. Mrs. M. C. Furscott and Mrs. A. C. Rasmussen were re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Named to the executive committee, along with those four officers, were Mrs. John Garrett, Mrs. Henry H. Hornbrook, John Lauck Jr., Dr. Charles J. McIntyre, George E. Middleton, Grier M. Shotwell and John S. Wright. Consultants named were Dr. Ezra Alexander, Rev. Howard J. Baumgartel, William Brennan Jr., Mrs. Hugh Carpenter, Mrs. Maxwell Coppock, Edward Dirks, Dr. William Dugan, Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht, Robert F. Gladden, Joseph Hayes, Rev. John Holleran, Mrs. Thomas R. Kackley, Dr. Maurice V. Kahler, Dr. Gerald F. Kempf, Russell A. Lane, Robert Langenkamp, Dr. H. C. Ochsner, Miss Blanche E. Penrol, John Rickles and Virgil Stinebaugh.

Named to the board of directors for 1949 to 1952 were: William Ash, Dr. Gordon W. Bateman, Miss Helen Coffey, Edward W. Harris, Mrs. Henry H. Hornbrook, John Lauck Jr., Walter Myers Jr., Mrs. A. C. Rasmussen, Mrs. Evans Woolen Jr., Miss Mary McClelland, Dr. Lawrence Nehil and P. Waldo Ross.

On this year's nominating committee were: Dr. E. O. Asher, chairman; Mrs. Harvey Belton, Mrs. Fred C. Hasselbring, Mrs. Myers Jr., Mrs. Charles J. McIntyre, Mrs. Roy Corwin and William Ash.

Demonstrating the association's 35 years of service in general health in Marion County schools, Delmar Lewis, 13, former tuberculosis patient, and Theresa Cantwell, 10, appeared on the program. Delmar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, 1321 S. Craft St., once had sleeping sickness, polio, and pneumonia "too many times to remember," he said.

Chest X-Rays Theresa, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cantwell of 615 St. Paul St., is in the Theodore Potter Fresh Air School, 1901 E. 10th St., for undernourishment. The children were introduced by Miss Margaret Weadick, director of the Julia Jameson Nutrition Camp at Bridgeport, which Delmar attended and Theresa will attend this year.

Part of the program was giving chest X-rays to the Columbia Club's 235 employees by Dale Sherick, 1219 W. 34th St. A State Board of Health portable chest X-ray unit was used, with Dr. Gerald F. Kempf, Indianapolis director of public health, in charge. Chest X-rays were to be given today through Friday (2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p. m.) at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, as part of the association's current three-week chest X-ray program.

Information Please Dr. Gordon Bateman served as moderator of a panel discussion led by Miss Helen Coffey, Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mrs. Genevieve Beghtol, Walter Myers Jr. and F. L. Laydon. William DeWitt (WFBM) announced this "Information Please" program.

George Middleton presided. Dr. Howard Baumgartel gave invocation, and a talk was given by Nancy Foxworthy, 15, Tech sophomore, a national winner of an



Theresa Cantwell and Delmar Lewis, guests of TB Association.

editorial contest sponsored by the National TB Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Miss Ella Sengenberger, 121 S. Bolton Ave.

TRADE GROUP TO MEET The Adaptation Business Association will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in the Merchants Bank Bldg.

## April Showers Forecast Tonight

Lower Temperatures To Accompany 'Rains'

Occasional April showers tonight and tomorrow were predicted by Weatherman Paul Miller at noon today.

Slightly cooler weather was expected to accompany showers tomorrow, following a minimum of 55 tonight.

Denser clouds than expected made it likely at noon that temperatures today would not climb to a 1949 record high of 82 forecast earlier.

Cooler in South Temperatures were expected to range from 51 in the north and 57 in the south to 74 in the north and 80 in the south through Sunday.

Except for a slight cooling in the north portion of the state tomorrow, summer temperatures were expected through the period.

Rainfall was expected to average one-half to three-fourths of an inch in the period, occurring as showers or thunderstorms in the north tomorrow and in the south Thursday. Rain was expected to spread over the state Saturday and continue in the south on Sunday.

## Hotel Greeters Set Event at Severin

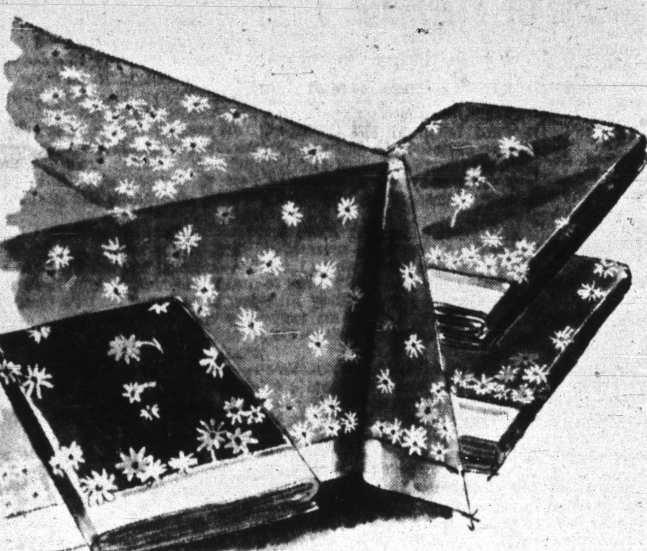
Members of the Hotel Greeters of Charter 36 will present a post-Easter party tomorrow evening in the Severin Rainbow room for their Women's Division.

The party committee is headed by Dewey F. Campbell, Warren Hotel manager; Nathan Mills, Harrison Hotel manager, and Clifford Gordon of the Warren Hotel.

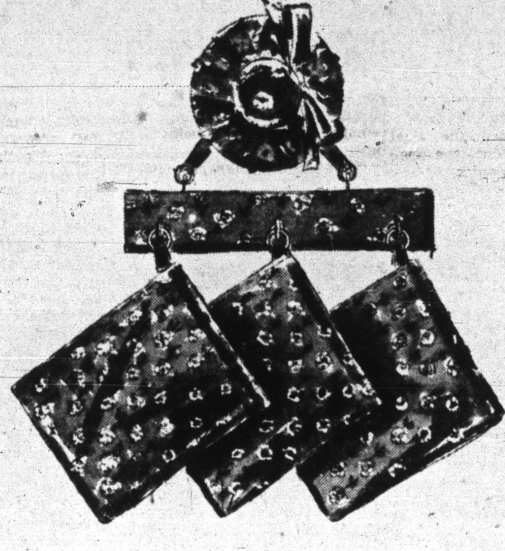
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## SPRING BRIGHTENERS FOR YOUR HOME

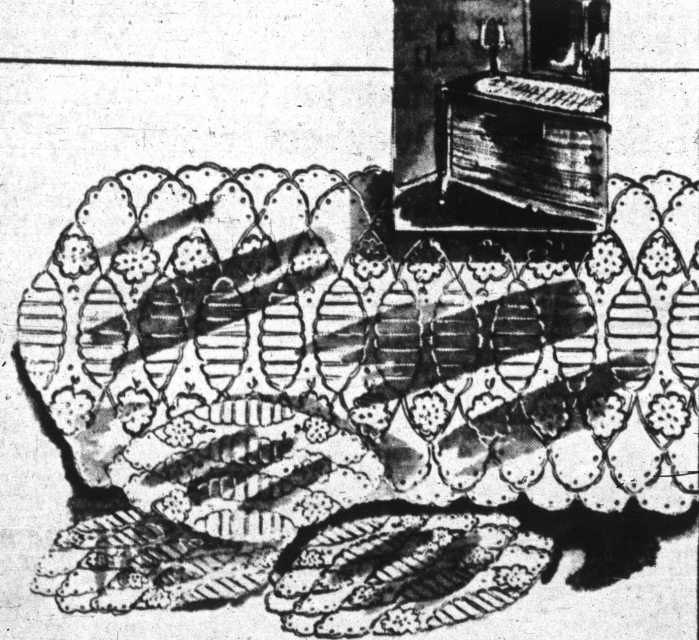
from Ayres' Linen and Towel Department, Fifth Floor



Gay Cotton Luncheon Cloth 2.50 (52x52 inch size)  
"Field Flower" pattern of spring daisies scattered on background of red, brown, chartreuse, aqua, green, yellow, pink or gray. (Larger size, 52x70 inches \$3.99)

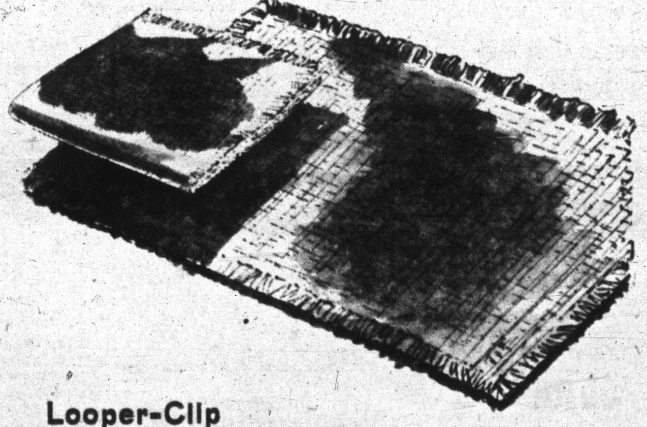


Perky Pot-Holders With Hanger 1.00  
Three plump holders on dainty hat-shaped hanger with metal hooks. Sturdy fabric covers in assorted prints on backgrounds of red, yellow, green, blue and black.



### Organdy Scarfs and Vanity Sets

3-Pc. Vanity Set 1.25  
34-Inch Scarf 1.25  
43-Inch Scarf 1.50  
Fine permanent finish organdy, embroidered with frosty white... the finishing touch to a feminine bedroom. Yellow, peach, rose, pink, blue or white.



### Looper-Clip Mats and Napkins

Daylight Saving Time!

CLOSED MONDAYS  
SHOP TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY  
9.00 to 5.25

Mat, 13x18 inches.....89c  
Napkins, 14x14 inches.....45c  
Your favorite, rough-textured looper-clip woven mats, with matching rough-woven napkins. Ideal for summer dining. Royal blue, shrimp, chartreuse, pink, yellow, brown, aqua, beige.



## LOOK!

I'm proud of the snowy-whiteness of my lines. I use Roman Cleanser for washing them. It whitens without hard rubbing or boiling; also removes stains of many kinds. Directions on label. Grocers sell Roman Cleanser.

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