

## Britain Must Increase Production To Bring "Dollar Crisis" To End

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Great Britain evidently is under no illusions that its devaluation of the pound can provide anything but short-run relief in its widely heralded "dollar crisis."

The British expect, of course, that a rise in the volume and worth of its exports to the dollar countries will occur. Unless that happens, the major goal of devaluation will not be achieved.

Yet even if that objective is attained, there is no great hope that the benefits to Britain will be sufficient to serve as a permanent solution of its difficulties. Sir Stafford Cripps, British chancellor of the exchequer, made plain that the closing of the gap between Britain's exports and imports can only be accomplished in the end by a greatly increased productivity from its workers.

He acknowledged to his country that the decision to devalue the pound was made reluctantly, that Britain would rather have put all its faith on rising productivity and other means of

boosting exports. But he concluded:

"The time is now so short and our reserves have got so low that a change in the dollar rate of exchange is the only way in which we can get our prices down quickly enough."

There is more to this statement than may at first be apparent. When the dollar conference in Washington wound up, the three participating countries—Britain, Canada and the United States—announced a program designed to cope with the British crisis through both immediate and long-term measures. They voiced guarded optimism over prospects for easing the problem.

It is obvious now that Canada and the United States knew of the British intent to devalue, even while the conference was on. Their optimism therefore may have reflected that knowledge rather than any great enthusiasm for the short-run objectives of the program.

For it is clear from Cripps' statement to the British people that those immediate steps were not counted on heavily by Britain's leaders. They would give the United Kingdom a freer hand in spending Marshall Plan dollars, eliminate U. S. customs red tape, and explore the possibility of heavier American purchases of tin, rubber and other British Empire products that might fit into our stockpiling program.

If these moves actually were to be given great weight, Cripps would not have stressed the nearness of financial disaster when he announced devaluation. He brushed the short-run Wash-

## Polio Drive Lags Behind Pace Of Increased Cases

Oregon's emergency infantile paralysis drive is coming far from keeping pace with the increase in polio cases in the state, Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state chairman of the March of Dimes, reported today.

The special campaign for funds had brought in less than \$6,000 by last week end. The number of new cases in the state soared by 27 during the 37th week of 1949, making the total for the year 148. It was the highest weekly incidence since the 43rd week of 1943 when exactly the same number of cases were counted.

"Every bit of money helps," Dr. Hedlund remarked today. "But the picture by the year's end will be a bitter one unless this emergency drive picks up more support." The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had hoped that the special effort would bring in some \$1,000,000. With the case count for the year heading toward an all-time record high of 40,000, the foundation epidemic aid fund was facing a deficit of between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000 dollars.

"Contributions in the form of bills, money orders or checks may be sent to POLIO, care of your local postmaster," Dr. Hedlund said.

Meanwhile, the state board of health staff was revealed to be in a condition of 24-hour availability. Its burden has been increased by the expanding number of new patients from up-state counties who are being taken to Portland hospitals. It was explained. Such arrangements may be facilitated by contacting the local county health officer or the state board of health in Portland, according to board officials.

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ington program aside, and declared that cheapening of the pound was a necessary device to buy time until higher productivity and better selling methods—the long-range goal—could come into play.

Thus devaluation is a bald admission both that the British plight is genuinely urgent and that the only real hope for a permanent solution lies in a earnest, unflagging attack by all interested nations on the problem of restoring a healthy balance in world trade. For Britain and many another country, that balance cannot be attained without the increased economic efficiency of which Sir Stafford spoke.

## Allies Break Huddle With Russia On Berlin Issue

BERLIN, Sept. 29 —(AP)—The three Western allies Wednesday broke off discussions with Russia on restoring Berlin life to normal.

In a sharply worded letter to the Soviet commandant, the American, British and French commandants said: "We are not prepared to continue with discussions on the normalization of life in Berlin until we can be confident that agreements freely negotiated will be honored by the Soviet authorities."

The breakdown of talks, ordered by the four foreign ministers in Paris last June, came in a dispute over policies of the Soviet management of Berlin's elevated railways.

A Russian representative had been invited to a last minute meeting Wednesday to stave off collapse of four-power rule, but he did not appear.

Central issue in the new crisis is again the Soviet-controlled elevated railway system which lac-

es all four sections of the battered former capital.

## National Guard Chooses Canyonville Range Site

At a meeting held at the National Guard armory at Tri-City Friday night, representative groups from Canyonville, Riddle, and Myrtle Creek agreed on a site at Canyonville for a rifle range to be constructed by the National Guard.

The site is subject to approval by an engineer from the National Guard. It is located on the V.F.W. grounds, east of Canyonville.

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He was Robert F. Shaw, 30, Forest Grove. Coroner Alan Lundberg said Shaw apparently tried to jump and was crushed by the trailer wheels. The truck went over an embankment and was demolished.

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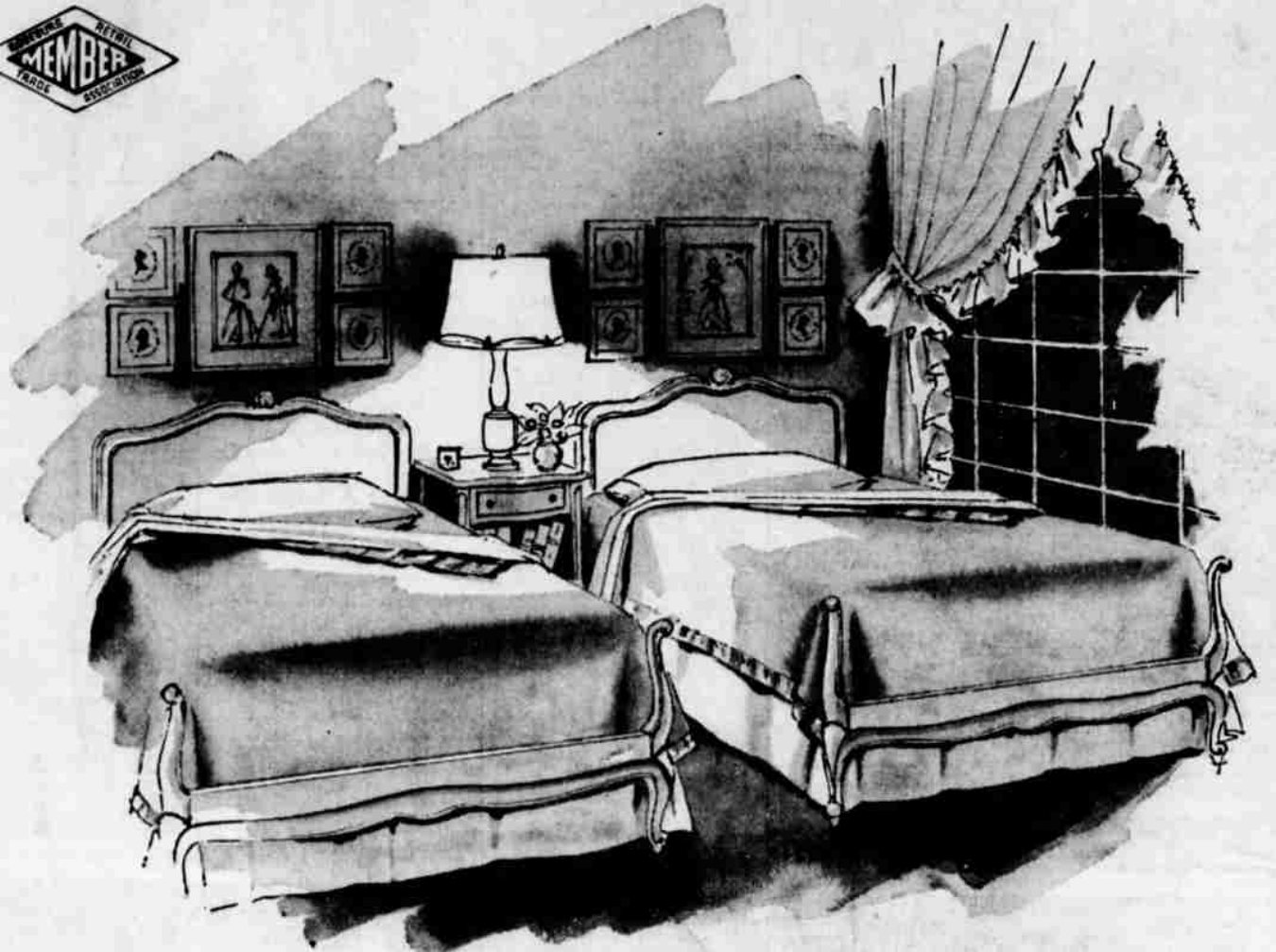
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