

Marshall Defends Aide On Russia Denunciation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall told Soviet Russia Tuesday that Undersecretary Dean Acheson spoke "in line of duty" in describing Russia's foreign policy as "aggressive and expanding."

This government's reply to a protest by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov said:

"Under our standings a restrained comment on the matter of public policy is not a slander. Therefore I know that on second thought you will not attribute hostility to frankness."

Marshall's reply to the protest made by Molotov last week against testimony given the senate atomic energy committee by Undersecretary Acheson was delivered to Molotov today in Moscow by Ambassador Bedell Smith.

Georgia Legislature Okays White Primary

ATLANTA, Feb. 18 (AP)—The Georgia senate passed Herman Talmadge's white primary bill Tuesday and sent it back to the house for action on amendments. The senate amendments to the measure sponsored by the claimant to the governorship were designed to strengthen state laws against frauds in the general election.

The bill would strip Georgia statutes of any mention of primary elections in an attempt to circumvent U. S. supreme court decisions that Negroes cannot be barred from voting in party primaries regulated by state law. Under the Talmadge plan, democratic primaries would be conducted under party rules today.

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21 Die, 124 Hurt In Train Wreck

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 18 (AP)—A Pennsylvania railroad passenger train, nearing famed "Horse Shoe curve" in the pre-dawn darkness Tuesday, plunged over a 150-foot embankment, carrying 21 persons to their death and injuring 124 others.

Many of the injured were reported "critical" in Altoona hospital and likely to die.

The 14-car "red arrow," enroute from Detroit to New York, suddenly left the rails as it headed into Bennington curve, two miles west of the horseshoe in the heart of the scenic Allegheny mountains.

In a matter of seconds, it was a mass of twisted steel, many of its sleeping passengers trapped in the torn and jagged wreckage. Their possessions were spilled crazily over the growth-entangled mountainside.

Churchill Attacks Bevin On Palestine Question

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Winston Churchill reproached Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin Tuesday for presenting the Palestine problem to the United Nations "with no solution to offer" and for maintaining in Palestine a "vast apparatus of protraction and delay." Churchill addressed the house of commons after Bevin said the United Nations appeal was necessary because Britain's League of Nations mandate proved unworkable, and the demands of Jews and Arabs "irreconcilable."

Truman's Mother Resting

GRANDVIEW, Mo., Feb. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Martha E. Truman, 94-year-old mother of the president, was resting comfortably at her home here Tuesday after her fractured right hip had been placed in a plaster cast by three physicians. Mrs. Truman injured her hip in a fall last Thursday.

Oregon's first baseball victory was over the Waseda University of Japan, 3-0.

Solon Charges 'Bullies' Cause Labor Trouble

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP) Senator Ellender (D., La.) said Tuesday that "bullies" like John L. Lewis are to blame for labor troubles which have led to demands for action by congress.

Ellender tossed the remark about the United Mine Workers chieftain into senate labor committee hearings at which A.F.L. President William Green urged that any clean-up job in the "house of labor" be left to the unions themselves.

Green opposed, among other things, proposals to ban the closed shop under which a man must be a union member to get a job. He also said industry-wide bargaining should be permitted.

Harry Stevenson, president of the AFL international molders and foundry workers, backed up Green. He testified that his union had operated peaceably with management for years, following just such practices.

Nodding his head, Ellender broke in:

"If all unions were handled like yours is, we wouldn't be here today working on legislation like this. It's such bullies as John L. Lewis who cause all the trouble."

CIO Oil Strike Looms

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (AP)—With a strike deadline exactly 24 hours away, negotiators for one major oil company and its employees met with federal conciliators Tuesday in another effort to avert the threatened walkout of 20,000 C.I.O. oil workers in five western states.

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Eisler Cited For Contempt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP) The house today cited Gerhard Eisler for contempt after hearing him described as the "supreme" Communist authority in this country and "one of the most dangerous men ever to set foot on American soil."

* The roll call vote to cite Eisler was 370 to 1. Rep. Marcantonio (A. L., N.Y.) cast the negative vote. Rep. Powell (D., N.Y.) was listed as present and not voting.

At the request of the committee on un-American activities, the house adopted a resolution directing Speaker Martin to certify the case to the United States attorney for the District of Columbia for appropriate legal action.

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G.O.P. Would Cut Budget by 4 Billion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Senator Bridges (R., N. H.) reported Tuesday that 22 republican senators had gone on record favoring a \$4,500,000,000 budget reduction.

Bridges, chairman of the senate appropriations committee, made the announcement after a three-hour closed session of G.O.P. senators.

He said 19 republicans had voted for the full \$6,000,000,000 cut recommended by a joint senate-house committee.

"And one senator favors a \$5,000,000,000 cut," Bridges told a reporter.

Senators said that the action was not binding upon any of the republican majority.

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