

# Russia Prepared To Parley if U.S. Will, Says Stalin

## On Basis of Wallace Proposals

MOSCOW, May 17 (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin said tonight Russia is prepared, if the United States is willing, to use Henry A. Wallace's recent "open letter" to him as the basis for two-power negotiations aimed at ending strained relations between the two nations.



By Charles A. Sprague

It looks very much as though American diplomacy got its trick trumped in the late exchange with Russia. Ambassador Smith in an oral exchange with Foreign Minister Molotov, later confirmed in writing, indicated that this country was always ready to discuss the matter of improving relations with Russia. Whereupon Molotov responded with assurance of Russia's readiness. Then President Truman and Secretary Marshall took a runoff powder and said feelings should go through the United States.

The prompt explosion of Bevin, British foreign minister, may have stimulated the backtracking or sidestepping of our state department. Perhaps Bevin was fearful that in a bilateral discussion we would be outfoxed.

As the matter stands Molotov took that trick. He can broadcast to the Russian people that the United States is an imperialist warmonger, that his country is the only sincere advocate of peace and for evidence can continue to quote from the Smith-Molotov correspondence.

When we add to this fumble the morass into which our diplomacy has gotten us on the Palestine question the American people have a right to criticize the way their foreign affairs are being conducted.

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## Sheriff and Clerk Deliver Vote Supplies

Delivery of ballot boxes to Marion county's 92 precincts for Friday's primary elections was started Monday by the staff of Sheriff Denver Young.

Deputy Bert Smith is taking the boxes to precincts in the northern part of the county today. Sheriff Young's deputies also will begin helping election boards set up voting booths today.

Meanwhile County Clerk Harlan Judd announced that his office is still issuing certificates of registration to county residents who have either moved since April 20 or who will be out of the county on election day.

The cards will entitle the holder to vote in whatever precinct or county he happens to be in on election day, as long as the voter remains within the state. Issuing of absentee ballots for out-of-state voters was concluded May 10.

Certificates for voters who have moved to another precinct within Marion county since registration books were closed on April 20, will be given out at the clerk's office even on election day. The office will not be open for regular business Friday but a staff will be on hand to answer telephone inquiries.

Sample ballots are now available at the county clerk's office and at precinct headquarters and at banks, stores and business establishments all over the county, Judd said.

## CANADA DELAYS DECISION

OTTAWA, May 17 (AP)—Canada will withhold recognition of the state of Israel until a further study has been made, Louis S. St. Laurent, minister for external affairs, told parliament today. He added that "recognition of a new state is a matter of very serious consequence."

## Animal Crackers



"I'm sick of building, building, building—let's destruct something!"

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## Galilee Scene of Battles

By The Associated Press  
Jewish and Arab accounts told Monday of a developing struggle for northeastern Palestine—the fertile Galilee region claimed by the new Jewish state of Israel.

The Arabs said Egyptian troops, advancing through southern Palestine, had reached positions within 30 miles of Tel Aviv, temporary capital of Israel. Tel Aviv itself underwent its third straight day of enemy air attack. The Jews have driven into the Arab city of Acre on the coast, a front dispatch said.

American correspondents in Jerusalem, in a pooled dispatch dated Sunday, said Jewish fighters held virtually all the heart of the holy city, after 51 hours of street fighting that followed the British withdrawal on Friday.

In Cairo, the Arab higher executive office said the Jewish agency has authorized the surrender of Jews in the old city of Jerusalem to the Arab volunteer command.

The Moscow radio said the Soviet Union has officially recognized Israel. The new Jewish state already has been recognized by the United States.

At Lake Success, N. Y., the United States and Russia demanded that the United Nations security council order an immediate cessation of war in Palestine.

The fighting in northeastern Palestine centered in Samakh on the southern tip of the sea of Galilee and stretches five miles to the south, and along the Palestine-Lebanon border in the vicinity of Malikiya.

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SALEM PRECIPITATION (From Sept. 1 to May 18)

This Year	Last Year	Average
44.87	32.15	35.21

## Treble Damages Sought Here in 'Overpaid Rent'

A suit for treble damages due to alleged overcharged rent appeared in Marion county circuit court Monday.

Lee M. Neely of Salem is suing Alma A. Chessman for \$453 which he charges is due him for his overpaid rent, plus the damages, under the federal housing and rent act of last year.

A rent control ruling which reduced Neely's rent from \$60 to \$32.50 per month, retroactive from Dec. 15, 1947, to July 1, 1947, is basis for the complaint. Attorneys for Neely said the Chessman house is at 1520 State st., a 1 1/2 structure containing five rooms, including one bedroom.

The complaint alleges that the defendant failed to register the house in question with the Salem rent control office in accordance with the housing and rent act and refused to register the premises as required by the act.

MILKMEN ELECT  
PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—The Oregon Milk Distributors association today elected John Mellema, Portland, president, succeeding J. L. Sinner, who resigned Friday.

## Chrysler Pickets Fight Police; Rail, Packing Parleys Resume

By The Associated Press  
Mob disorder highlighted the Chrysler automotive strike Monday and Swift and Company, meat packers, renewed a wage increase offer as a settlement for the 62-day-old packing house strike.

Special squads of state police fought pickets at one of the 10 struck Chrysler plants in Highland Park, Mich. Two policemen were reported hospitalized. Gov. Kim Sigler of Michigan said he was preparing to alert the national guard if necessary.

The CIO United Packing House Workers union strike was called first against the major packers—Swift, Armour, Cudahy and Wilson—on March 16, for a 29 cents hourly raise.

First the packers offered nine cents, then withdrew the proposal. Recently workers have been returning to work, the packers said, on the basis of the nine cents raise, reinstated May 3. The union said the strike was still "effective."

Chrysler obtained a court order requiring the UAW to show cause why "mass picketing, threats and coercion" should not be restrained at plants in Marysville, Mich. The order is returnable Thursday.

Swift's wage proposal re-offer was made at a meeting attended by federal conciliators and Gov. Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota. Governor Youngdahl, said he interviewed in behalf of the people of his state where national guard units are patrolling three areas because of packing house violence.

Representatives will resume negotiations Tuesday in their wage dispute that came within hours of tying up the nation's transportation system.

President Truman seized the carriers to prevent the tieup. Leaders of both sides have been forecasting a settlement of the long dispute over wages and working rules.

Lewis to Open Talks  
The policy committee of the United Mine Workers union Monday authorized President John L. Lewis to negotiate a new contract for 400,000 soft coal miners. Negotiations start Tuesday. Their contract expires June 30.

Anthraxite coal contract negotiations, scheduled to start Thursday, will start May 27 in Philadelphia. Lewis has notified the hard coal operators he intends to terminate their contract, covering 80,000 eastern Pennsylvania miners, July 10.

Rail Parley on Today  
Railroad labor and management

West Salem Adopts \$78,167 Budget; Due for June Vote

By Marguerite Gleason  
Valley News Editor, The Statesman  
WEST SALEM, May 17—Faced with the demands of a rapidly expanding population, West Salem city budget committee tonight adopted a budget of \$78,167 for the year 1948-49, of which \$38,547 must be raised by taxation and \$20,976 is in excess of the 6 per cent limitation. The final figure includes \$2,500 to cover the deficit for this year, mostly reflecting increased pay for city employees.

"It is only a holding budget; it makes no provision for keeping up with the city needs," was the comment of Mayor Walter Musgrave in talking with Phil Kerber, who was named chairman of the budget committee.

Items which were boosted over the current year's figures included police, \$1,020; water department labor, \$500; and \$2,590 in the street department, the latter to take full advantage of state funds available. The public works item of \$500 was doubled in part to meet matching funds of the Salem school district summer recreation program.

Upon recommendation of A. I. Lamb, city auditor, the item for power was lowered \$1,000 from the high of \$5,000 this year. So far less than \$3,000 of this year's budget has been spent. Lamb reported.

Among the needs mentioned but not included were "holes in the streets where we will lose a city bus some day," Councilman Earl Burk said, while L. L. Sloper, member of the budget committee, suggested putting a sidewalk around the city park to eliminate a traffic hazard.

Also left out were items for auxiliary fire fighting equipment in case the bridge is blocked in which Sloper had expressed interest and any appreciable sum for installation of water meters. While the water department has expressed desire to have all customers put on meters, labor and cost of meters keeps installations down mostly to new connections, Musgrave said.

Besides Kerber and Sloper other members of the budget board are Verne Axelson, named clerk; Clyde Everett, Carl Brown and Jack Watson. R. E. Covert, seventh member, was not present.

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June 15 was set for hearing on the budget which will give time for the election which must be held because the amount to be raised is in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

Weizman Improving After Overstrain  
NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—Dr. Chalm Weizmann, newly named president of the council of government of Israel, is expected to be able to resume "normal activities" in a few days, his physician said tonight.

The physician, Dr. Josef Cohn, said the 75-year-old statesman and scientist has had "to take it easy" recently because of exhaustion brought on by "heavy work and overstrain." He is at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here.

## Atom Weapons' Pacific Tests Called Success

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The government today announced completely successful tests of three improved atomic weapons, in what was described as a "milestone in atomic development."

Secrecy cloaked all details of what may well be tremendous developments beyond the A-bomb which wrote new history in the horrors of war by wrecking Hiroshima August 6, 1945.

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## Boss' Speech Against Union Gets Approval

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The National Labor Relations Board ruled today that an employer may require his workers to attend a meeting on company time and property and listen to anti-union speeches.

The board based its decision on the Taft-Hartley act. It reversed the doctrine of a 1946 case which held exactly the opposite under the Wagner labor act.

In the earlier "free speech" ruling, called the Clark Brothers Co. case, the theory was that free speech requires an exchange of ideas and the right of a listener not to listen.

However, the Taft-Hartley law now says that expression of an employer's views is not evidence of an unfair labor practice if the expression contains "no threat or reprisal or force or promise of benefits."

Today's decision was by a three-member NLRB panel composed of members John M. Houston, Abe Murdock and J. Cleland Gray. It involved the Babcock & Wilcox Co., Augusta, Ga., and the United Stone and Allied Products Workers union (CIO).

An unfair labor practice charge brought by the union against the company was dismissed.

## Dead Radioman Sought Rebel

SALONIKA, May 17 (AP)—Police disclosed today a letter written by George Polk, American correspondent for CBS, expressing hope he would be able to put Guerrilla Chief Markos Vassiliades "on the air from his secret radio station."

The letter was written the day before Polk disappeared May 9. His trussed up body was found floating in the bay off Salonika yesterday. There was a bullet hole in the back of his head.

Public Prosecutor Christos Moustakis released a carbon copy of the letter, addressed to Edward Murrow, New York official of the CBS. The carbon was found among papers in Polk's room.

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## Surrender Claimed By New Yorker on Plan to 'Outlaw'

By B. L. Livingston  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 17 (AP)—Republican presidential aspirants Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen met over the radio tonight to debate their clashing views on outlawing of the communist party in the United States.

Before a studio audience limited to reporters and cameramen, Dewey hammered on his theme that communism should be kept in the open and that to drive it underground only enabled it to grow in power.

"You cannot shoot an idea with a law," he asserted. On the affirmative, Stassen called for a stop to "coddling" communists, and enactment of laws to deny them the "blessing of legality" under which they are permitted to gain power.

Clash Over Mundt Bill  
They clashed sharply over the Mundt bill now before congress. Stassen held that it would outlaw the communist party, Dewey that it would not.

"If Mr. Dewey," Stassen concluded, "will agree to support the Mundt bill unequivocally, then I will agree we are in complete union on this issue."

But Governor Dewey, in his rebuttal, answered: "I gather from Mr. Stassen that he has completely surrendered. The Mundt bill does not outlaw the communist party. If Mr. Stassen says that is all he wants, then he doesn't mean it when he asks that the communist party be outlawed—because the author of the Mundt bill and the congressional committee both say it does not outlaw the party."

Calls For Fifth Column  
Stassen countered, Stassen said, do not have "antiquate laws" to safeguard themselves from communism. The communist organizations, he said, "are not political parties. They are fifth columns."

Stassen said America needs "a new law to make illegal any organization, either above ground or below ground, which is directed by the rulers of a foreign power for the purpose of overthrowing the government of the United States."

Stassen said that at present in America there is no law which opposes communism and stops it in its efforts "to overthrow" the U.S. government. No law exists, he continued, to "stop the communists from conspiring to call strikes or follow directions from Moscow."

"No Danger to Liberty"  
Stassen avowed his support for the Mundt bill, now before the house, although the bill as now constituted contains provisions "toward individuals" which go "beyond what I have advocated."

To outlaw the communist party, he said, would not endanger the civil liberties of other persons.

Stassen then asked Dewey these questions:  
1. Do you agree that the communists of the world are directed by the Kremlin?  
2. Do you agree that their objectives are the overthrow of free governments?  
3. Do you agree that they constitute a menace to world peace?

"Blessed Legality"  
In concluding his original 20-minute presentation, Stassen argued:  
"To make my position very clear, I say very definitely that it does not add up to me to say that loyal, patriotic young Americans must of necessity be drafted, that their liberties must be taken away in order to make America strong in the face of the menace to peace caused by communist organizations of the soviet union, but that none of the privileges and blessings of legality should be taken away from the communist organizations themselves, which in fact are causing the menace that makes the drafting necessary."

Dewey argued in his opening remarks that a law to outlaw communism would be useless because there are already 27 acts which he said outlaw "every conceivable form of subversion."

Cites House Committee  
Commenting on the Mundt bill, the New Yorker said he was again a law which deprives a person of his civil liberties. He referred to the report of the house un-American activities committee in purported refutation of Stassen's claim. Dewey said the committee rejected the idea of outlawing the communist party. He said the report gave these reasons:  
1. It would drive the communists further underground.  
2. Outlawing has not been effective in other countries.  
3. "We could not criticize other totalitarian nations for their actions if we adopt similar measures."

Dewey branded the outlawing proposal immoral, in violation of the constitutional bill of rights, the method of totalitarianism itself, and a "panacea" which won't work.

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