

Romania Asks Reparations From Germany

Vice Premier Lauds
Russian Claims for
\$300 Million

By William King
Paris, Aug. 13 (AP)—Romania, first of the soviet-conquered German satellites to address the peace conference, proposed today that she receive reparations from her former allies, Germany and Hungary.

George T. Tarescu, Romanian vice premier, also lauded Russia's claims of \$300,000,000 reparations against Germany as moderate, and opposed proposals of the western allies on economic phases of the draft treaty of peace for Romania.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov told the conference that "Italy bears a tremendous responsibility" but that "does not mean that Italy should lose her importance as a power in the Mediterranean."

Molotov on Italy
Speaking in response to pleas for leniency expressed Saturday by Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy, Molotov paid tribute to the "historic services rendered by Italy." He said the soviet people were "confident for the future of Italy as a great country."

He added, however, that de Gasperi's address was an "attempt to evade the fundamental problems of Italy's democratic resurgence."

"The head of the Italian delegation failed to condemn fascism. He failed to make a single remark against the work of Mussolini," Molotov declared.

The Russian foreign minister said de Gasperi's suggestion for a year's delay in completing the peace terms, especially with relation to the future of Trieste, "can meet with no support from this conference."

He said Italy's demand for postponement was an attempt "to exploit divergencies in the views between the allies," and was based on the hope that "it will be possible to upset certain compromises of the foreign ministers' council."

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Soviet Objects To Portugal

New York, Aug. 13 (AP)—Soviet Russia, Poland and Mexico were reported today to have objected to admission of Portugal to the United Nations.

A member of the security council's membership committee said Polish delegate Jerzy Michalowski charged that the present regime in Portugal was similar to that of "fascist Spain."

Mexican delegate Peon de Valle was said to have offered similar objections, while Alexei N. Krasin of Russia gave no reasons for his opposition.

The United States and Great Britain supported Portugal's application. The clash over Portugal came after the applications of Ireland and trans-Jordan had been sidetracked yesterday by Soviet opposition.

As a result of yesterday's meeting of the security council's 11-nation membership committee only Afghanistan was tentatively given a clean bill out of the first five of nine applications under consideration.

Some quibbling may remain over Afghanistan's bid, since Australian delegate Paul Hasluck tempered his approval with a mild reservation. A non-government agency, the World Jewish Congress, also volunteered a memorandum charging the Kabul government was exercising a "virtual reign of terror" over 5000 Jews said to be living in Afghanistan.

Best Engineer Klamath District

Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 13 (AP)—Appointment of Ray R. Best, Tule Lake, Calif., as district engineer of the newly created Klamath district of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation was announced today by Richard L. Boke, regional director of the bureau.

He will establish headquarters soon at Klamath Falls, Ore., probably at the former naval air base there, Boke said.

The new district includes all the Klamath river basin in Oregon and California, along with the Trinity river and the drainage areas of the California north coast streams, such as the Smith and the Eel. It takes in Klamath county and parts of Curry and Josephine counties in Oregon; Del Norte, Siskiyou, Trinity, Humboldt, Modoc counties and part of Mendocino county in California.

Best formerly was with the war relocation authority, having charge of the Tule Lake center for Japanese from 1943 to 1946.

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Price Five Cents

Meat Packers Protest Revival Of Price Ceilings

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Wesley Hardenbergh, president of the American meat institute (packers) argued today against revival of meat price ceilings on the grounds that the industry is rapidly meeting public needs.

This return to "order" in the business, he told the OPA price control board, contrasts with "the chaos created by four years of price control."

Hardenbergh said a survey of meat advertisements in cities throughout the country recently showed consumers are buying meat at "prices generally in line with OPA's ceiling," plus the subsidies OPA formerly paid to help keep retail prices down.

Meat Available
"Today the consumer increasingly has opportunity to go into stores and come out with meat—without drawing a number, without standing in line, and without being robbed by the black market," Hardenbergh said.

Senator Connally (D., Tex.) became the first member of congress to take part in the decontrol hearings when he introduced a fellow Texan, Jay L. Taylor of Amarillo. Carter appeared for the joint livestock committee composed of 134 association of livestock producers, feeders, marketing agents and stockyards.

Decontrol Livestock
Taylor, a beef producer and stockyard operator, said:

"By every test of the law, by every test of logic, by every test of morality, and by every test of public interest the answer is the same: livestock should, by you, be ordered to remain decontrolled."

Taylor appeared after A. A. Smith, cattleman from Sterling, Colo., testified against ceilings in the livestock industry. Specifically at issue today is whether ceilings shall be restored on all meats, livestock and livestock products one week from tomorrow.

Assured a Supply
Also, with large corn and feed crops, Smith said, producers are assured a regular supply of beef and other meats during the next year unless the government again applies price controls.

"Above all, cattle and beef should not be recontrolled because the regulation never has been and never can be enforced," Smith said. "Conditions existing prior to June 30 (when OPA expired) were a national scandal full of chaos and confusion."

If cattle are again controlled, Smith said, the "beef business will again return to black market operations with the consequent unsanitary conditions and exorbitant prices."

Oregon Represented
Another contention that recontrol of livestock is unnecessary came from E. F. Forbes, president of the Western States Meat Packers' association. He told the board that a large share of the meat in western states can be purchased at prices in line with ceilings plus the amount of former subsidies.

Forbes, of San Francisco, Calif., said his organization is made up of packers having 90 percent of the production in independent plants in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho, Utah and Montana.

Truman Signs Hospital Bill But Objects to Some Features

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Legislation setting up a \$1,125,000,000 five-year hospital construction program was signed today by President Truman. Mr. Truman said the measure, which authorizes federal assistance to states and local governments in building hospitals, "lays a groundwork for providing more and better medical care for the people of our country."

The legislation authorizes the federal government to pay one-third of the cost of building or equipping new hospitals, the government's share of the aggregate planned cost to be \$375,000,000 and the sponsors the remaining \$750,000,000.

Sponsors may be state, city or other public governmental agencies or private non-profit hospitals.

States will share in the fund on the basis of their needs, which will be ascertained through the ratio their per capita income bears to the national average. Other factors bearing on the determination of need will be population and value of products.

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H. G. Wells

World Famous Author Passes

London, Aug. 13 (AP)—H. G. Wells, the world famous author, died today at his home in London. He was 79.

His secretary said Wells died "peacefully at 4 p.m."

The statement, on which the secretary would not elaborate, added:

"He had been in failing health for a considerable time. The funeral will be private."

Herbert George Wells had used science as a vehicle in turning out stories and fantasies which were best sellers on both sides of the Atlantic. One of his most monumental writings, however, was an outline of history.

His last newsworthy action was on July 5 when he loosed an attack on the British monarchy, in a question over whether the royal house was involved in large sums of money which Benito Mussolini paid to Sir Oswald Mosely, the British fascist.

He wrote well over 50 books which dealt with science, sociology, political economy, romance and fancy. His outline of history perhaps was his most lucrative work, being translated into nearly every language. Over 500,000 copies were sold in the United States in one year alone.

Small told reporters he already had taken the matter up with OPA and planned another conference today with Price Administrator Paul Porter.

Each day's delay, he said, "is very serious—every day we're losing materials," through Canada's revaluation of the dollar—which increased prices 10 percent to American buyers last month—and the absence of OPA action to increase the price which American buyers may pay.

"The United Kingdom, China, and other foreign markets are perfectly willing to pay the higher price for Canadian lumber," Small declared.

The division of dominion supplies, he said, could have grave results for the emergency housing program and other construction needed in this country. Lumber is perhaps the gravest building bottleneck.

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Warmer Weather Due
Portland, Aug. 13 (AP)—Winter has not arrived, the weather bureau said today, and rising temperatures are on the menu.

Yesterday's top in Portland was 68 and other state points reported a cool day. Today will be warmer, the forecaster said.

WAA Ex-official Asserts Politics Ruled Bureau

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—William Gilrein, discharged war assets administration official, testified today he once was instructed to get rid of a subordinate and replace him with a man favored by Senator Myers (D., Pa.).

Gilrein formerly was a WAA sales manager in Philadelphia. He told the house surplus property committee that his immediate superior had told him that "if I was smart, I would fire the man acting as my assistant and move in the one who is now my successor. He identified the former as Paul Wingate and his successor as Joseph Muldowney, and then added:

"I was told last fall that Senator Francis E. Myers was interested in having Muldowney put on the payroll."

Earlier Gilrein said he had been fired because he had failed to respond to wishes of the democratic party organization in Philadelphia and the state.

"If I was 'in' politically I would still have a job," he declared.

Gilrein said that his immediate superior, whom he identified as C. K. Du Mars, told him forcefully to oust Wingate and make way for Muldowney.

"He told me to throw him (Wingate) the hell out of there," Gilrein said. He told the committee that the reported interest of Senator Myers in Muldowney was related to him by Joseph Delier, a regional director of the surplus property disposal agency.

Admits Negligence
Gilrein said there "probably was negligence" on his part in handling a surplus property order of Benjamin F. Fields.

He denied repeatedly, however, that any "special treatment" was accorded the Washington promoter and war contracts broker.

Gilrein made his remarks to the house surplus property committee in describing how the Philadelphia WAA office handled an order for wire screening which Fields was "screen-processing" for speedier action.

"There was probably negligence on my part, but nothing in excess of that," Gilrein testified in explaining why he gave Fields' order to a subordinate after the closing date for a sale.

He also stated he "didn't notice" that the order lacked proper certification to show it was intended for retailers to help ease the shortage of housing materials.

Earlier Gilrein said he also ordered use of a system of allocation which permitted Fields to obtain 539 rolls of screening.

15 Timber Roads Being Built

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Fifteen timber access roads are being built in national forests of Oregon and Washington, Regional Forester H. J. Andrews said today.

Three more roads are planned for early construction, he added. As a result of the new roads, an estimated 20,000,000 more board feet of timber will be marketed in 1946, and 255,000,000 more in 1947, he said, and the added total will climb to 265,000,000 by 1948.

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Heirens Sits Down With Psychologists (AP)—William Heirens (white shirt), confessed slayer of tiny Suzanne Degnan and two women in Chicago, sits down with psychologists for examination. Left to right: Heirens, Sheriff Michael Mulcahy (standing), and Dr. William Haines of the neuro-psychiatric institute.

Russia Lists Demands Made for Dardanelles

London, Aug. 13 (AP)—Russia is demanding from Turkey a share in defending the Dardanelles to prevent nations unfriendly to the Black sea powers from sending warships through the strategic straits, the Moscow radio disclosed today. The radio broadcast the text of a Soviet note sent to Turkey branding the Montreux convention as outdated and requesting a revision. The note was sharply critical of Turkish policy in controlling the Dardanelles during wartime, claiming that it aided the axis.

Joint Defense Plan
Russia demanded establishment of a joint Soviet-Turkish defense system for the straits. Presumably this would include construction of a Russian fortress covering the passage.

An exchange telegraph dispatch from Ankara said an international conference to draft a new Dardanelles agreement might be held in Istanbul. It said the Turkish cabinet received the Soviet demand calmly.

Radio Moscow said Britain and the United States had been informed of the Soviet note. It added that Turkey had not replied.

Russia proposed the following basis for a new settlement:

1. The straits must always be open to trading ships of all nations.
2. The straits must always be open to naval vessels of the Black sea countries.
3. Passage through the straits for naval vessels of other countries should not be allowed "in special foreign cases."
4. A settlement for the straits, as the only seaway for ships entering and leaving the Black sea "must be decided by Turkey and other Black sea countries."
5. Turkey and Russia "as the most interested countries" must organize jointly the defense of the straits "for prevention of the use of the straits by other powers with aims inimical to the Black sea powers."

The newspaper Dagens Nyheter said the latest missile was observed moving across southern Sweden from the northwest last night.

"Shaped like a giant torpedo and emitting a blinding light from its foremost part, it moved soundlessly with great speed at a high altitude," the newspaper said.

Similar "cigar-shaped" missiles were sighted Sunday over central Sweden. Still another rocket was reported at two different points along the east coast of southern Norrland Sunday night.

Informed sources said government officials were watching all developments closely and were waiting for "supplementary" evidence upon which to base possible diplomatic protests. Press comment indicated the government might be forced to take "resolute steps" to clear up the situation.

Japs Home from Canada
Yokohama, Aug. 13 (AP)—The transport General Meigs docked at Uraga today and began debarking 1,378 Japanese from Canadian internment camps.

Maj. J. V. Duff of the Eighth army military government said 24,000 Japanese remain in Canada awaiting repatriation.

AFL Enters Into Political Activities

Chicago, Aug. 13 (AP)—The AFL, the nation's largest trade union organization, added its full strength today to labor participation in political activities.

Raising its voice against the "dismal record" of the recent congress, the organization's executive council yesterday ordered AFL political activities expanded on a local and national scale "far beyond their scope" in previous political campaigns.

The 15-man council directed that full information on the voting records of each member of congress seeking reelection be prepared and distributed to the AFL's 7,000,000 members.

The action was taken to enable members to "elect the friends of labor and defeat its enemies," the board said.

Says Mac to Retire From Japan in Year

Medford, Mass., Aug. 13 (AP)—Lt. Col. Joseph A. O'Hearn, former member of General MacArthur's staff, predicted today in an interview that MacArthur would retire "within a year."

O'Hearn, who is home on sick leave, said the Japanese now "think more of MacArthur than they do of their own emperor."

American Financial Sources Held by Britain Responsible for Jewish Exodus Into Palestine

Spokesman of Colonial Office Places Blame for
Illegal Mass Immigration—Holy Land Sealed Off
And Refugees Sent to Internment Camp in Cyprus

London, Aug. 13 (AP)—A spokesman for the British colonial office specifically named "American financial sources" today as responsible for "encouraging and directing" illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine.

The spokesman made the statement when asked by a reporter to describe the "very large financial contributions" which, a British government statement said last night, were financing a mass exodus of European Jews to the Holy Land. The government's statements announced Britain's decision to end illegal immigration and to convey to "Cyprus or elsewhere" any immigrants arriving illegally.

Britain will seal off Palestine today against illegal Jewish immigration, will clamp a rigid curfew on the tense port of Haifa and begin transporting uncertified Jewish refugees waiting to enter the Holy Land to internment camps in Cyprus.

Capping a long series of diplomatic, military and naval measures intended to check the flow of illegal immigrants from Europe to Palestine, the British last night announced a total blockade to bar them in the future, declaring that civil war threatened the Holy Land.

Financed by Zionists
Coupled with the government's announced intention to shift to Cyprus the terminus of the "underground railway to Palestine," was an accusation that a highly-organized, Zionist-financed organization planned and assisted in the movement of refugees, thereby attempting "to force the hand of the British government" in future Palestine policy.

Jewish reaction was prompt and bitter. One Jewish leader predicted the step would cause "much more suffering—but it won't stop the stream of immigrants."

The British press soberly expressed unqualified approval of the move, and appealed again for American aid in solving the explosive problems of the Holy Land. Arab leaders hailed the announcement as "good news."

Blockade Announced
The colonial office said that in the last eight months, 9446 illegal immigrants reached Palestine, with 3800 arriving in July alone.

The government's announcement of the blockade said that "the reception and guarding of large numbers of illegal immigrants places a severe strain on the administration. Their arrival has greatly increased tension between the Arab and Jewish communities in Palestine. And since there is evidence that the terrorist element among the Jews has been reinforced from the ranks of the illegal immigrants, their promiscuous introduction clearly cannot be tolerated any longer."

The young Jews violated a curfew to demonstrate against the deportations. However, the rioting abated and the curfew was lifted this afternoon. Police reported the city was quiet at 2 p.m. as British soldiers began withdrawing.

But another 650 illegal Jewish immigrants arrived off the harbor of this half-Jewish, half-Arab port aboard the sloop sloop Fenice.

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The Hagana radio called on residents of Haifa to "storm the streets" and break the curfew, which the British imposed while the Jews were being loaded for deportation.

Even the Arab quarters in Haifa joined in defiance of the curfew. The Arabs, however, caused little disturbance and ventured only outside their own homes.

Million Hides Sent to Market

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—The civilian production administration reported today that it has forced the movement to market of between 500,000 and 1,000,000 cattle hides as a result of its investigation of producers' stocks.

"We have shaken loose an awful lot of hides," Morris Verner, chief of CPA's compliance division, told reporters.

Verner said that during the first two days of an investigation started a week ago "we moved close to 300,000 hides" on their way to shoe manufacturers.

CPA undertook its study of the hide and leather inventories of producers on instructions from Reconstruction Director John R. Steelman, who said shoe plants would have to shut down unless shipment of hides was resumed.

Vets Protest Sale of 41,000 Sleeping Bags to One Bidder

Announcement by the War Assets Administration that it will sell the 41,000 sleeping bags, now held at the Umatilla, Oregon, ordnance depot in bulk lot to one bidder has drawn vigorous protests from Oregon's Director of Veterans' Affairs George E. Sandy and from Salem's veterans' groups.

Sandy, who a short time ago purchased two sleeping bags as an individual veteran and has been leading the move to give veterans, as individuals, an opportunity to purchase surplus property in smaller quantities, Monday sent the following telegram to Maj. Gen. Robert Littlejohn, administrator of the war assets administration in Washington:

"This department vigorously protests proposed sale in bulk of 41,000 surplus sleeping bags at Umatilla, Ore., ordnance depot on bid August 20. We ask that sleeping bags be placed on set-aside list so that thousands of veterans can purchase for own use at fair prices. Dealers in sleeping bags at present are tripling prices they paid WAA. This is one sample of discrimination against veterans. There are many other such cases. Oregon veterans are incensed at the practice of bulk lot sale of

war surplus goods, which eliminates them from purchasing in quantities they can use for individual needs. They feel this makes a joke of their priority and puts a premium on the large lot purchaser."

Marion post No. 661 of the VFW Monday night took action on the matter, composing a telegram opposing the practice of selling in bulk lots to National VFW Commander and Chief Stack with copies sent to all of Oregon's representatives and senators. The communications requested that they receive acknowledgement of their telegrams from the Oregon representatives in congress with explanation of the action that they propose to take on the matter.

Tuesday night representatives from all veterans' organizations and the heads of the organizations will attend a meeting in the office of Director George E. Sandy to make plans for further action to be taken in regard to the matter.

Troops Quell Jewish Riot

Haifa, Palestine, Aug. 13 (AP)—British troops fired tommy-guns and rifles today into a crowd of rioting Jews who were trying to storm through tanks, trucks and soldiers in protest against the deportation to Cyprus of 1000 illegal Jewish immigrants.

A girl was killed. Several policemen and troops were injured by stones, bottles and other missiles which the Jews hurled soon after the outlawed Hagana radio exhorted them to "storm the streets."

A moving tank injured one person in dispersing a crowd gathered in the Hadar Hacarmel quarters of this northern Palestinian port.

Two troopships sailed with the thousand illegal immigrants during the morning, but another ship bearing 650 Jewish immigrants without landing certificates arrived and was placed under watch outside the harbor.

An unconfirmed report said yet another illegal ship, the Venezia, which was spotted yesterday, had arrived off Haifa with 600 more illegal immigrants.

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Explain Secret Jap Blockade

New York, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Bell Telephone disclosed today the secret of "operation starvation," the blockade of Japan by magnetic mines that would "count ships" and explode after a certain number had passed within its field of activity.

The mines were patterned after those used by the Germans early in the war, but unlike the German mines, they were fool proof and defied efforts to sweep them up.

The fuse of the mine, designed by Bell Telephone laboratories, would explode when a ship was close to the mine, but would not respond to ships passing at a distance, nor to the changing magnetic disturbances of mine-sweeping enemy planes.

The fuse was dependent for its action on permalloy, an alloy so responsive to magnetic influence that it is "readily saturated by the earth's magnetic field."

The mines were timed to become harmless after they had been in the water for some time so they wouldn't endanger any U. S. ship during the projected invasion of Japan.

The Weather
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and vicinity: A few scattered high clouds this afternoon with slightly warmer temperatures. Highest near 82. Clear tonight. Lowest 82. Conditions will be good for spraying and dusting today. Max. yesterday 75. Min. today 57. Mean temperature yesterday 66, which was 1 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, 0.00. Total precipitation for the month 6.00, which is 12 inches below normal. Willamette river height 13 ft.