

## President Sifts Food Situation With Cabinet

### Appeals for European Relief Discussed With Effect on U. S.

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—President Truman summoned his cabinet into special session today (11 a. m. PST), and invited congressional leaders to the White House Monday to discuss the general food situation at home and abroad.

An official told a reporter the cabinet discussion involves the "general food situation," presumably including European relief and the effect this may have on the high cost of living in the United States.

Presumably the cabinet discussed appeals from western Europe for additional relief and the possible effect this might have on the high cost of living in this country.

Even Ayers, assistant White House press secretary, told reporters an expected White House statement on the European emergency aid program will not be forthcoming tonight. It may possibly come tomorrow since the president will hold a press conference.

Before today's cabinet meeting, Mr. Truman arranged to see Secretary of Agriculture Anderson for the third consecutive day. He also had an appointment with Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of his council of economic advisers.

**Marshall Recalls Exports**  
Anderson is a member of the special cabinet food committee, along with Secretary of State Marshall and Secretary of Commerce Harriman.

Marshall is calling his top experts on western Europe's needs back to the United States for an intensified discussion of what this country can do to help and when.

Six of the nine cabinet members are in Washington and the remaining three will be represented at the meeting with Mr. Truman.

Dr. Nourse was expected to make the quarterly report of the economic advisory council available to Mr. Truman for possible review by the cabinet.

**Economic Report**  
Dr. Nourse told reporters he discussed a forthcoming quarterly report of the economic advisory council with Mr. Truman.

He added that the group is including the foreign aid problem in its studies.  
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## Taft Invited To Conference

Seattle, Sept. 24 (AP)—Senator Taft (R., Ohio), disclosed today that President Truman has invited congressional leaders to meet with him in Washington next Monday to discuss the world food problems.

Taft, who heads the senate's republican policy committee, told a news conference he would be unable to attend but had discussed the proposed meeting with Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, president of the senate.

The Ohio senator said it was his understanding that Mr. Truman desires to discuss with both the republican and democratic congressional leaders the world food situation as it relates to proposed exports under the Marshall plan of aiding Europe.

Taft said he had told Vandenberg over long distance telephone to Grand Rapids, Mich., where the Michigan senator is resting, that it was his idea republicans should listen to any proposals Mr. Truman may make without committing themselves until later.

## Crash Sends Army Officers to Hospital

Hospitalized in Albany for observation following an accident at Harrisburg Tuesday evening at 7:25 o'clock in which their car was completely demolished are Lt. Col. Michael Mattis, commander of the Oregon army recruiting district, and Sgt. Lester B. Lent of the Salem army recruiting office.

The Salem sergeant had gone to Eugene to meet Colonel Mattis, who was on a tour of inspection and the two were returning from that town when their car was struck by a truck. Details of the accident and the extent of injuries of the two men were not learned by Master Sgt. Thomas Massey of the local recruiting office, called to Albany following the accident.

**Dr. Sullivan Appointed**  
Portland, Sept. 24 (AP)—Appointment of Dr. Ralph R. Sullivan as director of venereal disease control in Oregon was announced today by the state board of health. Sullivan has held a similar position in the Minneapolis health department.

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## Europe to Get \$300 Million of Nazi Gold Loot

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—An allied Big Three commission has agreed to make a prompt distribution of part of a \$330,000,000 gold store seized during the war from the Germans as a means of helping meet critical financial needs of European countries.

Undersecretary of State Robert Lovett said today that representatives of the United States, Britain and France, forming a "gold pool" commission, agreed to restore the gold to those countries from which it was looted by the nazis.

Lovett told a news conference that only about half of the gold pool can be distributed immediately. In answer to a question, Lovett said he believes use of the gold will not eliminate the need for stop-gap emergency aid for western Europe from the United States.

But, he added, it will be a substantial help and might help to ease France over its present financial difficulties.

In Paris, French leaders were reported to have told Secretary of the Treasury Snyder that France will face a financial crisis within a few weeks unless help is forthcoming and that any aid under the Marshall plan would be too late.

Lovett said the United States urged a preliminary distribution of the gold not later than Oct. 15 and the commission has agreed to try to meet this deadline.

Of the nazi-looted gold, about \$260,000,000 worth has been recovered by American forces in Germany and about \$70,000,000 worth recovered from other countries.

## Slavs Warned To Stop Arrests

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—The United States government has called upon Yugoslavia to stop the "exceedingly dangerous" practice of issuing ultimatums to British and American troops in the Trieste area because it is "likely to precipitate incidents leading to most serious consequences."

Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett told a news conference today that American Ambassador Cavendish Cannon had expressed this view in a protest presented in Belgrade on Monday.

The American note referred to recent "irresponsible Yugoslav actions" when Marshal Tito's troops demanded "alterations" in the provisional boundary between the British-United States zone of the free territory of Trieste and Yugoslavia.

The U. S. note asked the Yugoslavs to issue instructions permitting settlement of future arguments by discussions between the appropriate Yugoslav commander and Gen. Terence Airey, local allied chief.

An announcement read by Lovett emphasized that General Airey has been instructed to "maintain the established provisional line" until a more definite determination has been made in accordance with the terms of the Italian peace treaty.

## Grain, Hog, Cattle, Butter, Egg Prices Break Sharply

(By the Associated Press)  
President Truman moved today to take up food and price problems with his cabinet and congressional leaders of both parties and a congressional subcommittee called on the chief executive to "use every means" to curb speculation in food prices.

The new attempts to cope with the high cost of living came as most grains and livestock prices declined at the major markets and wholesale butter and egg prices continued to drift moderately lower.

On the Chicago board of trade, wheat closed 2 1/4 to 4 cents lower with December \$2.66 3/4 to \$2.67 1/4, corn was 1/4 lower to 1 1/4 higher with December \$2.17, \$2.17 1/2 and oats 3/4 to 1 1/2 lower with December \$1.05 3/4.

As supervisor of the national banking system, Delano appealed to state bank commissioners meeting in Washington for an attempt to "prevent an undue expansion of credit in those fields which contribute heavily toward a continuation of this inflation spiral."

On the Chicago board of trade, wheat fell as much as nine cents a bushel before steadying. After the first hour, wheat was 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents

## Tropical Storm Losing Force In Carolinas

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 24 (AP)—A tropical storm which originated in the Caribbean sea and caused anxiety but little damage as it crossed Florida and Georgia, moved through the Carolinas today and the weather bureau said it is no longer "severe."

The latest advisory from Miami placed the center of the disturbance about 50 miles northwest of Charleston at 10 a. m. EST. It was moving northeastward with strongest winds of 35 to 45 miles an hour in gusts. It was expected to reach the North Carolina-Virginia cape section tonight.

**Heavy Rains Fall**  
Heavy rains accompanying the disturbance flooded streets in Savannah, Ga., and other coastal cities.

Storm warnings were up from Hatteras to Manasquan and small craft warnings flew from Hatteras to Brunswick, Ga.

Meanwhile on Florida's west coast, harrassed last week by a severe hurricane and again this week by threat of one, the sun came out. Some minor damage from the latest storm was reported on beaches at Bradenton and Sarasota. The citrus crop escaped.

A total of 4.58 inches of rain fell in Savannah in the 24-hour period ending this morning and several feet of water flooded streets in the southern section of the city. The water did not get into houses, but several families were marooned and were rescued by boat.

## Ask Millions to Restore Salmon

Seattle, Sept. 24 (AP)—The top Washington and Oregon state fishery leaders called upon the federal government today to spend \$8,722,687 to protect and rebuild salmon runs in the Columbia and its tributaries.

In a joint announcement, Milo Moore, Washington state director of fisheries, and Arnie J. Suomela, Oregon master fish warden, said the government would be asked to provide the funds, to be spent in six years, but that Washington and Oregon should also contribute.

Annual appropriations of \$245,000 by Washington and \$170,000 by Oregon will be needed for maintenance, they said.

The major share of the money, \$4,003,000 for Washington and \$1,065,000 for Oregon, would be spent on hatchery construction. About \$1,815,000 would be used for fish ladders, over obstructions, both natural and man-made, ranging from five to 140 feet in height, and log jams and old dams would also be removed.

The government should pay the bill, the two said, because federal dams have already done incalculable damage to the salmon runs and because power and irrigation revenues provide ample money for such work.

## Benton Resigns As Propaganda Agent

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of William Benton as assistant secretary of state in charge of information and cultural affairs, effective September 30.

The White House announcement made no mention of a successor to Benton in the post.

In a letter to Benton, Mr. Truman said he realized "the difficulties and frustrations" Benton had encountered in carrying out the president's directive to present to the world "a genuine picture of American life and the objectives of our democratic system."

"Your zeal and patience, however," Mr. Truman added, "have borne fruit and I want to commend you for the job that has been done."

## Newsprint Far Short of Demand

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—The newsprint supply remains "far short of demand" and "no substantial increase is looked for until 1949 or 1950," the commerce department reported today.

The paper situation in general has "greatly improved" over the past several months, the department's office of domestic commerce said in a report. But it added that newsprint was a "major exception."

"With paper and paperboard production in the first seven months 11 percent greater than in the same period of 1946, it seems apparent that supplies in general are catching up with consumption needs."

"But reports from all parts of the country indicate the newsprint supply remains far short of demand. Prices quoted on such small lots as can be picked up from time to time are greatly above contract prices or the nominal market price."



"Robot" Plane at End of Atlantic Flight—Members of the crew, who stood by with nothing to do while a mechanical "brain" directed flight, stand in front of the army's C-54 plane at the Brize Norton, England, airport where the plane landed after a 2,400-mile flight from Stephenville, Newfoundland. Crew members are (left to right) Tech. Sgt. Walter McKee, Wooster, O., crew chief; James L. Anast, Columbus, O., chief of automatic flight branch, army all-weather flying center; Capt. Thomas Wells, Orlando, Fla., army test pilot; Tech. Sgt. Raymond Centolella, Utica, N.Y., radio operator, and Staff Sgt. John C. Nimon, East Canton, O., engineer. (AP Wirephoto)

## Mrs. F.D.R. Interceded to Keep Eisler in Country

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt wrote Sumner Welles, then undersecretary of state, in 1939 interceding in behalf of Hanns Eisler, self-admitted former communist who wanted to enter the United States, a house committee disclosed today. The letter was read at hearings by the house committee on un-American activities and was identified by Sumner Welles who was in the witness chair.

It was signed "Eleanor Roosevelt" and was written on White House stationery, dated Jan. 11, 1939.

Robert E. Stripling, committee investigator, produced the letter and read it to the committee.

The committee is investigating circumstances under which Eisler, now a Hollywood song writer and a native of Germany, was allowed to remain in the United States.

The letter urged Welles to study the facts in the application of Eisler and his wife for admission to the United States for permanent residence and "bring it out in the open and let the Eislers defend themselves."

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## Breakdown in Europe Near

Seattle, Sept. 24 (AP)—Western Europe's dollar shortage is so acute as to permit only hand-to-mouth purchases of necessities, said George L. Bell of the U. S. department of commerce here today.

Addressing Seattle's Chamber of Commerce and World Trade Club, Bell said there was an urgent need for dollars in almost every European country. And, added the associate director of international trade, if the mounting international economic crisis is to be averted the U. S. government must act quickly.

Bell said dollars were required not only for reconstruction but "even more urgently for food."

"The 20 billion dollar figure agreed on by 16 countries of western Europe as the minimum amount of assistance necessary is a staggering amount," he said.

"But it would not seem an unwarranted expense if we see the money is spent to rehabilitate industrial equipment. Failure to act, on the other hand, represents a possible loss in sales of American goods of at least eight billion dollars a year."

He warned of the possibilities of political breakdown. "If such a breakdown occurred no moderate government could hope to retain power," he added.

## Whitney Sues Post For \$500,000 Libel

Philadelphia, Sept. 24 (AP)—A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, filed suit today against the Curtis Publishing company for \$500,000 in damages which he claimed resulted from a Saturday Evening Post editorial titled "Unbridled Union Power Threat to Security."

The suit stated that the Post did "falsely, wickedly, maliciously and illegally compose and publish" the editorial in its May 24 issue, causing Whitney to be "injured, prejudiced and damaged in his good name, reputation and standing as a private citizen . . . and has injured the plaintiff in his office as president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and as a labor leader . . ."

The editorial, published on the day of a general strike called by the union, accused the Post of "injure, prejudice and damage" to Whitney's reputation.

## U.S. Joins Russia Forcing Delay On UN Report

### Action Postponed on Trusteeship Council Boycotted by Soviet

Lake Success, Sept. 24 (AP)—The political committee of the general assembly agreed late today to give top priority to the question of admitting new members—including enemies—to the United Nations. This issue has brought widespread criticism of the security council from the small and medium nations.

Lake Success, Sept. 24 (AP)—The United States joined Russia against Britain today on a successful Soviet move to block immediate debate on the United Nations trusteeship council.

Russia boycotted this major UN organ at all its meetings which began last winter to watch over the world's 300,000,000 dependent people.

The U. S. move was interpreted as a conciliatory gesture following yesterday's appeal by Secretary-General Trygve Lie for big power cooperation.

With American support, Russia succeeded in delaying the debate until next week. The United States also appealed, through Francis B. Sayre, president of the trusteeship council, for an end of the Soviet boycott on the trusteeship council. It now had 10 members, with Russia absent.

**New Big Power Clash**  
The new big power clash on trusteeship occurred as the assembly shifted from Flushing Meadows Park, New York, to begin committee work here at UN headquarters. It came amid these other developments:

1. The United States delegation was reported working on a plan for a special "watch dog" commission to help restore peace in the Balkans under assembly authority.

2. Warren R. Austin, No. 2 U. S. delegate, was unanimously elected chairman of the assembly's new committee on planning and financing the projected world capital on Manhattan's East Side.

3. A fight over the Union of South Africa's refusal to submit the mandated territory of South West Africa for trusteeship was delayed until tomorrow after South Africa demanded more time to prepare her statement.

Battered and beaten by a majority which no veto could block, Russia found herself today in a weak minority position in her contest with the United States for leadership in the United Nations assembly.

A series of assembly test votes produced that result. Overwhelming majorities crushed Soviet opposition and placed firmly on the assembly's agenda for this session the American-sponsored issues of Greece, Korea and a new veto-free security agency.

Similarly, on an Argentine proposal supported by the United States for revision of the Italian peace treaty, the assembly voted to put the question on the agenda for future full consideration despite the fact that Russia objected and Britain and France took a hands-off attitude.

**Authorize Increase In Express Charges**  
Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized an increase in railway express charges. It is estimated the increase will bring in \$61,000,000 in annual revenue.

The authorization is good for a one year "or until further order of the commission."

The approved increases are on a sliding scale ranging from 5 1/2 percent for short haul traffic down to 1/2 of one percent on long-distance business.

## Fire Hazard Grows As Humidities Drop

Portland, Sept. 24 (AP)—Another scorcher, with high fire hazards, was forecast for Oregon today, the second day of autumn.

The weather bureau warned that humidities would drop to critically low points today in all parts of Oregon, and probably cause high fire danger for the next 48 hours. The forecast was for humidities minimums of 20 to 25 percent in northwest Oregon, 15 to 20 percent in southwest and eastern Oregon, with the fire hazard increased by gentle to moderate northerly winds.

The mercury celebrated the first day of fall yesterday by climbing to 95 degrees at Medford, 92 at Salem, 91 at Portland and Roseburg, 90 at Eugene, and the high eighties at most other points.

## NLRB Serves Notice on Unions to Obey the Law

Washington, Sept. 24 (AP)—The national labor relations board served notice on unions today that their decision to by-pass the board does not exempt them from responsibility under the Taft-Hartley law.

The new labor law makes unions, as well as employers, subject to penalty for unfair labor practices. Acting on this provision, NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham filed these actions:

1. A petition for a federal court injunction to restrain AFL carpenters in Chattanooga, Tenn., from conducting a secondary boycott of a local store.

2. A complaint charging the International Typographical union and its Baltimore local with refusing to bargain "in good faith" with a group of commercial printing shops.

The petition for an injunction in the Chattanooga case merely seeks to restrain the carpenters from their secondary boycott until the board can pass on the charges.

## Liquor Board Still in the Red About Million

### Forced Cancellation of Distillery Deal Leaves Situation Clouded

By James D. Olson  
Although officials of the Oregon State Liquor Control commission are issuing optimistic statements concerning its future outlook, following forced cancellation of its sale of 8000 barrels of liquor to nine prominent distilleries, State Treasurer Scott points out that the commission has remained approximately \$1,000,000 in the red for the past four months.

Scott said today that without details of plans for utilization and resale to the public of the straight whiskey which the commission will have on its hands on December 1—estimated at 6000 barrels—it is impossible to make a clear analysis of the situation.

Scott pointed out that the liquor commission failed to meet its obligation of furnishing funds to carry on the state's welfare program last May when it became necessary for the state to borrow \$425,000 from the banks to meet the welfare obligation.

**Indebtedness Remains**  
On June 16 this loan having been augmented with others, reached a high mark of \$1,005,955.48. During the month the loan was reduced by payments from the commission, but on July 11 the indebtedness had again climbed in excess of \$1,000,000 and again in August the loans reached the highest mark of the four months when the banks had loaned \$1,384,321 to the state for the welfare bureau.

Despite payments of \$600,000 made by the liquor commission, the indebtedness today stands at slightly under one million dollars, or exactly \$899,244.17.

**Liquor Sales Slump**  
Members of the liquor commission have made no public mention of drop in liquor sales but the facts are that during the second quarter of 1947 the quantity of liquor sold by the commission was 17.2 percent less than during the same quarter in 1946. The drop in liquor sales in August 1947 was 23.4 percent under August 1946 and July sales were 20.6 percent less in quantity.

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## Pick Eleanor to Reply to Russia

Lake Success, Sept. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has been selected by Secretary of State Marshall with indicated White House approval to take a role in answering Andrei Y. Vishinskiy's charges that there is war-mongering in the United States.

The decision announced today to place the late president's widow in the United Nations assembly's potentially hot political committee debate was finally made only after Marshall returned from conferences with President Truman early this week.

A regular member of the U. S. delegation, she was assigned, along with permanent U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin, to debate Russia's proposal on "measures to be taken against propaganda and the inciters of a new war."

The U. S. delegation committee assignment sheet notation said Mrs. Roosevelt would act as "assistant to Ambassador Austin."

## Trieste Red Strikes Dispersed by Police

Trieste, Free Territory, Sept. 24 (AP)—Civil police broke up tonight an attempt of 400 communists to march from a Slovene section to the heart of Trieste in a demonstration incident to a general strike called by the communist-dominated Sindacati Unici Union.

About 12,000 workers left their jobs today in response to the strike order, which the union issued in protest against the allied military government's suspension of six of its members.

The civil police under AMG instructions to take "summary action" against disorders, scattered the communist marchers at Garibaldi Square and sent the leaders back to their homes. No arrests or injuries were reported.

## Goodwill Flight On in Oregon and Washington

Portland, Sept. 24 (AP)—Flying businessmen and civic leaders left today on a three-day tour of Oregon and Washington scenic points. The vacationland air tour will take the 50 men and 30 aircraft to Corvallis and Coos Bay today, to Newport, Tillamook and Astoria tomorrow and then to Hoquiam-Aberdeen and Longview-Kelso Friday.