

U.S., Russia Fight Diplomatic Battle

'Truman Doctrine' Termed Preventive Against Conflict

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WASHINGTON.—There is no imminent danger of war between the United States and Russia.

You've heard that before, and as far as I know, it is true.

There is a diplomatic struggle going on between the two countries, the scope and importance of which few people realize.

When I say "important," I mean important in all senses but one—human life—in which a real, shooting war is important. Certainly involved are the other two factors in the trinity of rights to which Americans believe they are heir—liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This has been clear to observers in Washington whether they merely look with their eyes at the external evidence, or scent with news-noses the currents which are wafted over transoms and under the big oak doors of the sanctum sanctorum of the sanctissimum.

Sharp words have tumbled over one another since the first verbal barrage, which was the Presidential message of March 12, 1947, sometimes described as embodying the "Truman Doctrine." May I remind you of a few of the barbed shafts in that message?

"The very existence of the Greek state is today threatened by the terrorist activities of several thousand armed men, led by Communists, who defy the government's authority at a number of points, particularly along the northern boundaries..." said the President.

"One of the primary objectives of the foreign policy of the United States is the creation of conditions in which we and other nations will be able to work out a way of life free from coercion."

"We shall not realize our objectives, however, unless we are willing to help free peoples to maintain their free institutions and their national integrity against aggressive movements that seek to impose upon them totalitarian regimes. This is no more than a frank recognition that totalitarian regimes imposed on free peoples, by direct or indirect aggression, undermine the foundations of international peace, and hence the security of the United States."

"The peoples of a number of countries of the world have recently had totalitarian regimes forced upon them against their will. The government of the United States has made frequent protests against coercion and intimidation, in violation of the Yalta agreement, in Poland, Rumania, and Bulgaria. I must also state that in a number of other countries there have been similar developments..." (He knew what was in the Hungarian cards.)

"One way of life is based upon the will of the majority, and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression..."

"The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections and the suppression of personal freedoms..."

Strong words, those—all quoted from the Truman message.

Congress Follows Words With Action

Then came deeds. Congress implemented the President's message by authorizing the loan of three hundred millions to Greece and one hundred millions to Turkey.

Missions were sent at once to both countries.

The United States concluded with Britain arrangements for an economic merger of their respective zones in Germany regardless of Russian (and French) failure to go along.

Then came the expected coup d'etat in which the Communists, with the Red army backing them and the aid of the Communist-controlled secret police, took over the anti-Communist government of Hungary. Immediately there followed these steps:

A message of congratulation and support was sent to the Premier of Italy, Alcide de Gasperi, then in the process of forming a government without Communist co-operation and against Communist opposition.

Negotiations leading to the "unfreezing" of Italian property (in-

cluding money) in this country were announced at the same time.

Hungarian credits here for surplus property supplies were cut off. There were indications that a loan earmarked for Hungary would be cancelled.

A Hungarian-Russian transport company was told that its planes no longer could fly over the American zone in Germany. Senator Vandenberg made his ringing speech in the senate declaring that Soviet pressure on Hungary demanded a trial before the forum of the United Nations.

The United States pressed for settlement of demands on Yugoslavia for planes shot down by Yugoslavia last summer.

These and other steps which undoubtedly will be taken before this article is in print, and still others in the making, are part of a vigorous foreign policy by which we mean to block Communist aggression wherever it appears in the world. In other words we have undertaken a form of positive activity in the foreign field, the scope of which has never been paralleled in our history.

Supporters of this policy (the majority of congress) believe it is a preventive, not an aggressive step.

They do not believe it is a foreign policy which von Clausewitz, the German military authority, described as something the "extension" of which is war. They believe it can stop, will not start, military conflict.

Possible War Of Extermination.

The policy is based on this theory, as nearly as I can absorb it from the people who know:

Unless economic conditions are restored to normal throughout the world, chaos will result, communism will engulf Europe, and eventually the clash between communism and democracy as we understand it, will mean war between Russia and the United States. Since it now is believed that Russia will have the atom bomb in from four to ten years (cf. report of the President's advisory commission on universal training), such a war would mean extermination, if not of the human race, certainly of civilization as we know it.

Granted this is true, the spread of communism in Europe (and elsewhere) must be checked now because:

If either France or Italy goes Red, Russia will not co-operate in a joint peace agreement for Germany and Austria. Without such agreement, Europe cannot be restored to normal. Chaos and communism will follow.

If Russia is stopped in her tracks—if we can prevent her from moving south into Greece, Turkey and the Middle East, and west of the line she holds at present from her German zone south through the Balkans to Greece, she will be forced to stop aggression in Europe; forced to co-operate with the western powers for her own preservation.

That as I understand it, is what some people call the "Truman Doctrine." It isn't quite fair to give it such an exclusive label when it never could have been put into effect without the yeoman service of men like Vandenberg and the other bi-partisan support it has received.

This does not mean that we have "lost faith in democracy" or its ability to compete in a fair field with communism. It means we are going to see that a fair field is maintained; that Russia will not be permitted to create chaos or to draw on the type of force and terror she has used so far (latterly in Hungary), to enforce her way of life upon the world.

FAVORABLE FORECAST

Wheat Crop To Hit New Peak

WASHINGTON.—Despite the wet, cold spring, a record-shattering wheat crop of 1,409,800,000 bushels is indicated this year, according to the department of agriculture forecast based on conditions as of June 1. The inclement weather, particularly in May, was unfavorable for planting of some feed grains but wheat, the forecast pointed out.

The prospective wheat crop, largest on record, compares with 1,273,000,000 bushels forecast a month ago and 1,155,715,000 bushels harvested last year, a record up to that time. The 10-year average production is 843,092,000 bushels.

The government forecast showed the winter wheat prospect to be 1,093,071,000 bushels and 316,822,000 bushels for spring wheat.

The wet spring was responsible for a reduced acreage of oats, the report said, and a crop of only 1,247,333,000 bushels is in prospect. This compares with 1,509,867,000 bushels harvested last year.

No estimate was made of the corn crop as it is too early in the season for a reasonable degree of accuracy, but the report said that the abnormally cool, wet weather of May caused 20 to 25 per cent of the corn acreage to remain unplanted on June 1, which is rather late.

An unequalled winter wheat crop is in prospect for all of the Great Plains area, and Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado expect record production, the report said. While growth and develop-

ment of the crop was delayed by a cold wet spring in all but the Pacific coast states, losses from wet weather have been slight to date.

In the earliest sections of Texas and Oklahoma harvest got under way around June 1, at least 10 days later than last year.

Major spring wheat states had fairly favorable weather conditions early in May, which enabled growers to plant close to their intended acreage, although seeding was somewhat later than usual. The crop went into the ground several weeks later than usual in the Dakotas and Minnesota, where about three-fourths of the acreage is grown, but the plantings were under favorable moisture conditions.



SATIRE ON SCHOOL AID... Community groups of Springport, Mich., a village of 500 population, erected this display on the site of proposed new school, needed to relieve a 600-pupil load in facilities for 100, when they learned the state legislature had dropped plans for school building aid. Pictured in the "new school" is Mrs. William Porter teaching her class.

NEWS REVIEW

Sugar Rationing Halted; Retail Meat Prices Soar

IT'S OVER:

Sugar Is Back

For the first time since April 28, 1942, Americans, and especially housewives, could go shopping without ration coupons as the government called a halt to the rationing of sugar for households, restaurants and hotels.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson announced the move, explaining that it was made possible by the appearance of larger supplies of sugar than previously had been thought available.

Price controls on sugar, as well as rationing of the product for industrial use will continue, however. Industrial sugar controls are scheduled to expire October 31 unless congress dictates otherwise.

Three reasons which acted to bring about an end to sugar rationing were:

1. Allotment by the International Emergency food council to the United States of 350,000 tons of sugar from Cuba in addition to that which was allotted earlier in the year.
2. Presence of still more surplus sugar in Cuba, which will help cut down demands from other parts of the world.
3. About 200,000 tons of Japanese sugar now will be offered to world users.

UP AGAIN:

Meat Prices

Rapid, and in some cases unexplained, advances in the retail prices of meat have been reported from many sections of the country. Some of the reasons offered for the price jumps were: Seasonal influences, higher feed costs, heavy foreign purchases. In a number of instances, however, packers admitted that they were puzzled over the sharp increase in retail prices.

Steak, which sold for 70 to 80 cents a pound six months ago, was being listed as high as \$1.25 in Scranton, Pa., and a dollar in New York. In Chicago, retail meat prices experienced a general increase of 10 cents or more on popular and scarce cuts in mid-June.

There was one bright prediction, however: When the autumn beef run begins, prices are expected to drop as much as 25 per cent.

HARSH WORDS:

Note to Russia

The United States has accused Russia of using threats and coercion to instigate the recent Communist coup d'etat in Hungary.

A strongly worded note to the Soviet union charged the Soviet commander in Hungary with violating terms of the Yalta agreement

which guaranteed that liberated nations would retain their sovereignty.

Implicit, but not specifically stated, in the note was a warning that the United States will call for a United Nations investigation of the circumstances under which Hungary's democratic regime was overthrown and Communist rule installed.

Main proposal embodied in the protest was that the United States, Great Britain and Russia make a joint investigation of the political situation in Hungary. Russia previously rejected two earlier American requests for such a probe.

The U. S. position is that Hungarian Premier Nagy was forced into exile and was compelled to resign in order to make way for the Communist seizure of power.

PUSHBUTTON:

Look, No Hands

"Pushbutton" automatic flight, a new field in aviation, was ushered in when a pilotless four-engine army transport plane landed at Wilmington, Ohio, after a 2,000-mile trip from Long Beach, Calif., during which no member of the crew touched the controls.

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In the automatic flight set-up, all necessary flight data was fed electrically into a master control panel from within the plane itself.

Advocates Training



Dr. Karl T. Compton, chairman of commission on universal military training, told congress that plan for UMT was "conceived as a means of safeguarding liberty and not as a means of preparing for war."



THERE is always an argument about the size of some record crowd—the greatest football crowd—baseball crowd—boxing crowd, et cetera. But the record usually is set every Memorial Day in Indianapolis.

The 500-mile auto race at the Indianapolis speedway is the major lure in sport, where the estimated crowd runs from 140,000 to 170,000 spectators, which is no light outpouring of human beings for one day's event.

The thrill of the speedway lure is the thrill of danger. The test of skill and stamina is high enough, but the thought of what might happen to the human soul and body at any given second has the call.

If there had only been space enough, I still believe that an Army-Notre Dame football game in 1945 or 1946—especially 1946—would have broken all records.

Col. Biff Jones of West Point feels certain that the two teams could have played to 500,000 people, possibly more. The appeal for this game especially was far beyond the demand for any heavyweight fight or world series ball game.

Few off hand, could name the biggest crowd that ever saw a baseball game. It was a night game in Berlin, during the Olympic games of 1936. I happened to be there. The attendance was announced at 96,000. It was certainly over 90,000, which is some 15,000 or 20,000 more than any ball park in this country could handle.

It also was one of the worst ball games ever played, looking down to the lowest zone in a class-X circuit.

Biggest Boxing Crowds

The two Tunney-Dempsey fights, at Philadelphia and Chicago, in 1926 and 1927 lead all fight crowds. The Philly show in the vast Sesqui Centennial stadium drew more than 120,000 spectators.

Soldier field in Chicago holds football's record crowd, around 120,000.

The 17,000 reported at Cleveland last summer for the National Open was the largest golf crowd I ever saw on one day, although I understand the All-American golf shows in Chicago have reached 50,000.

Golf crowds are the game of the bunch. They take the major beatings. When any crowd passes 10,000 the spectator might as well retire. All he can see is 10,000 backs.

We have been trying to do some figuring on baseball's attendance for 1947.

Last season set new major league records, with something to spare, as the Yankees alone passed the 2,300,000 mark and most of the teams beat the 1,000,000 score.

With the two races as close as they have been, the fading spring would have given both leagues a large margin if it hadn't been for the most miserable weather one can recall.

Double-Headers Coming

More than a few teams have had many of their big days and nights either rained, snowed or frozen out. This will lead to a record list of double-headers later on.

But no one can say how long many teams, still in the race, will be in sight of the leaders after the middle of July. Once the home team becomes firmly lodged deep in the second division, the wild rush to the turnstiles too often is halted.

The Yankees may still equal or pass their 1946 record mark by remaining in the fight. The Giants, who drew over a million with a tailender last year, should add at least 500,000 admissions to their 1946 count, and probably pass the Dodgers with something to spare.

Yankees, Giants, White Sox and Tigers have the only four ball parks that can handle over 50,000 and all four should have close to record seasons with the teams they have.

The Phillies passed the million count last year and hope to repeat with a hustling, scrappy outfit. The Athletics, with an improved team, also should be an improvement over the past, where more than a few Philadelphia fans have grown weary and melancholy at peering at a tailender year after year. The Cardinals passed the million mark for the first time in 1946, but their groggy start, plus too many rainy days and nights, may cut this count down. Especially, if said Cards fail to win again.

Mize's Hitting

There seems to be some astonishment in certain parts that a portly veteran by the name of John Robert Mize can use a bat so well. The astonished ones might recall the fact that the same Mr. Mize, born in Demorest, Ga., 34 years ago, has been a solid hitter throughout his long career.

Standing six-foot-two, with a displacement around 215 pounds, maybe more, Mize always has had the physical bulk needed to get distance,

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