

# Broad Economic Plan Only Hope for Peace in Middle East, Truman Claims

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We must realize we cannot achieve a durable peace in the Middle East until we can bring together into close economic cooperation all of the nations of that area. We cannot be too soon in tackling this problem.

All the nations of the Middle East have common water resources in the Euphrates, the Jordan and the Nile. If these water resources are fully developed, a flourishing civilization such as existed in ancient days will rise again. What we ought to do is to help put forward a comprehensive program of economic cooperation of all the nations in that area, both agricultural and industrial.

Dam Would Be Boon

Piecemeal help to one or several of the Middle East countries will do little good in the long run if all do not benefit. If we do it piecemeal, we will be throwing our money away. If Egypt were to build the Aswan Dam, it would be a boon to Egypt. But it would not satisfy the Sudan which controls the headwaters of the Nile if it did not participate in the benefits of the dam.

Or, again, if the immense reserves of oil in the Middle East were to be exploited by a privileged few without all the area being able to have free access to the oil market, then the recovery of the Middle East would be retarded.

Enemies Cause Suspicion

Enemies of our country have caused suspicion of our benevolent attitude toward the Middle East, because they say our main interest is in the oil resources there. That is not true. After all, the oil first had to be discovered and produced at great expense and the companies developing these resources ought to be fairly compensated for their work and investment. But unless these oil resources are available to the economies of the entire world, the prosperity and the well-being of people everywhere will suffer, including the Middle East. We have already experienced the results of what a temporary blocking of the Suez Canal would do in cutting off oil from this area. We must strive, therefore, for conditions which will prevent any dictator or single nation from having the power to paralyze the economy of any large area of the world by cutting off the free flow of Middle Eastern oil. And we ought never allow ourselves to be placed in the position of being accused of sending armed forces merely to protect the oil interests of the few, when those resources should always belong to the people of the countries in which they are produced, and always be allowed to flow to the free markets of the world.

If the totalitarian government of Russia gets control of these immense oil resources, then the free world, as far as Europe and Africa are concerned, will be choked to death. Russia will have what she wants, because poverty and squalor are what they work revolutions on. Let the people of the Middle East not be deceived. The Russians will make any kind of an agreement when it suits their expansionist purpose. But they have no idea of keeping their agreements once they gain control.

One Overall Plan

I would therefore urge the nations of the Middle East to get together. I would even go so far as to suggest that the whole Mediterranean from Gibraltar to the Aden Gulf be developed in one overall plan. What this area needs is development. It has the resources. We have the skills and experience. These skills and experience are more necessary than our money.

Pax Romana once came close to bringing peace and prosperity to this entire area. I believe that working with the tools of modern industrial democracy, and striving with patience and understanding to overcome existing fears, jealousies and rivalries, we can take a long step toward a durable peace.

Unless we sponsor such a program, the ancient rivalries and economic backwardness in the Middle East will leave the back door open to Soviet penetration and further fomenting of trouble. The ultimate hope for the Middle Eastern countries is to work with the West if they are to retain their national sovereignties and control of their own destinies. The other alternative is for them to turn to Russia, from whom they may expect only a Hungarian peace.

Uneasy About Delay

The developments in the Middle East and my own experience with Russian designs there make me feel uneasy about the delay in confronting the basic factors that still imperil peace in that strategic area. I hope we do not lose sight of the dangers we face while debate continues over the President's requests for authorization to commit the military forces of the United States against Communist aggression in the Middle East, and the right to spend free of restrictions \$200,

000,000 for special aid projects there.

I believe there is more to be lost than gained in the present world situation by too long a delay in supporting the President's requests. We must understand that a commitment to oppose open aggression and the pouring in of piecemeal aid to the Middle East, while urgently and immediately necessary, would not get to the roots of the troubles there.

Too long a discussion about the President's proposals, no matter how valid the criticism of them may seem, could lead to two unfortunate results:

Wrong Assumption

First—Final endorsement of the President's request, if too

long delayed and too fiercely debated, may lead to the wrong and risky assumption that these proposals are the only measures needed to safeguard the peace of the Middle East. The fact is that armed conflict may explode at any time if the control of the Suez Canal is not speedily and equitably worked out, and if the Israel-Arab boundary disputes are not settled, and if the shipment of arms by Russia to this area is not stopped forthwith.

The second danger in delay in approving the President's requests is that we may be led to overlook the fact that no peace is possible in the Middle East until we tackle the overall problem of economic development

and cooperation between all the nations in that area. Until we succeed in making it possible for those nations to provide a higher standard of living for all the people by wiping out the terrible poverty, disease and primitive living conditions, they will continue to be open prey to Communist designs. The resources and wealth of these areas provided by the technical knowhow and skill of our experts and used primarily for the benefit of these people themselves, would do much to restore this ancient cradle of civilization to its former place as a bulwark of peace.

I was glad to see that the

House, under the able and resolute leadership of Speaker Rayburn and Congressman Gordon, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, had already acted in approving the President's announced program. And if I were in the Senate today, I would urge speedy approval of the President's requests in order to clear the way for the equally urgent measures that the Administration ought to take to prevent war in the Middle East.

The recent hearings before the joint Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees did serve a useful purpose in shedding some light on the still

evolving foreign policy of this Administration.

And I think, too, it is a good thing that the Senate has decided to review our Middle East policy for the last ten years. I particularly welcome a study of what transpired during the years of my Administration from 1946 to 1952. One of the things this study will show is how we dealt with the threat of Russian imperialism and how we worked in close relationship with our friends and Allies. It should bring to light how we carried out a true bipartisan policy by keeping the leaders of both parties in Congress equally and fully informed. Even during the Republican 80th Congress we were able to get through important foreign policy legislation, because we kept Congressional leaders informed in advance and sought their collaboration in framing legislation.

the way since there is not much more time left for getting at other immediate sources of danger.

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### More Children Found Allergic To Salk Vaccine Than Supposed

By DELOS SMITH  
 United Press Science Editor

New York—(U.P.)—A carefully detailed study has shown that more children are allergic to the Salk anti-polio vaccine than had been supposed. Of course, there is absolutely no suggestion that children with allergies shouldn't be vaccinated. But the suggestion is that they should be given special attention.

Dr. W. H. Lipman of Kenosha, Wis., with the cooperation of the Kenosha Department of Health, found that out of 3,970 children who received one or more shots of the vaccine, 106 had unquestionable allergic reactions, a rate of 2.67 per cent. That, certainly, is a low rate, and no reaction could be classified as a major one.

shot was responsible for the truly allergic reactions, such as hives and skin rash. Some people, although not many on a percentage basis, are "sensitized" by the first penicillin put into them. A second introduction produces an allergic reaction.

He emphasized that "even at the risk of reactions," allergic children should have the vaccine. These children can get their shots in reduced doses spaced four to seven days apart, he said, and a small amount of an anti-histamine chemical can be injected along with the vaccine.

Among children he himself has vaccinated in his private practice, he reported—in the technical journal of the American Academy of General Practice—that the allergic reaction rate was 1.09 per cent.

Critical of Method

He was critical of the method

used to measure allergic reactions in the massive trials of the Salk vaccine which preceded its general use. These trials showed a rate of minor allergic reactions of 0.4 per cent in both the children who got the vaccine and those who got the inert "dummy" shots. Both vaccine and dummy shots contained penicillin. Medical thinking since then has been largely guided by these figures.

But Dr. Kipman pointed out that absence from school had been considered the primary clue to allergic reactions, and only absentees had been investigated. "The margin for error in such an analysis should be obvious," he said. "Minor allergic reactions that are overlooked if children attended school and if parents failed to report such mild reactions."

### Dog Shedding Said Matter of Sunlight

Urbana, Ill.—(U.P.)—Ever wonder what causes your dog to shed all over the furniture?

Studies by Dr. A. G. Schiller of the University of Illinois college of veterinary medicine show that it is all a matter of sunlight.

If the dog's skin is healthy, the main trouble is probably that his system just doesn't know night from day.

Years ago, Schiller said, dogs were subjected only to sunlight, and the length of the day affected the density of their coats. The light rays affect hair growth by influencing the pituitary gland.

However, electric lights cause the normal mechanism to become mixed up, and the dog may shed throughout the year.

Cuba has approximately seven million acres of its farm land devoted to the growing of sugar cane.

His study served to replace fragmentary indications that the allergic reactions range from practically zero to considerably less than one per cent. In arriving at his 2.67 per cent rate, Dr. Lipman was conservative.

Of the 3,970 children, 490 had reactions of some kind. Of the 490, 384 reactions were like cold symptoms or sore arms and miscellaneous muscular aches. These he eliminated as non-allergic although no child was vaccinated who obviously had a cold.

May Be Penicillin

Dr. Lipman suggested it was "very possible" that the tiny amount of penicillin in each Salk

### Children Eager To Learn Foreign Tongue

Annapolis, Pa.—(U.P.)—Elementary school children can and are eager to learn a foreign language, according to Mrs. Frances T. Fields, a Spanish language instructor at Lebanon Valley college.

Mrs. Fields conducts a special "after school hours" class in Spanish for 11 first-to-seventh graders on the college campus. The idea for the special class came from the experience the instructor had some years ago in teaching English to fourth grade Puerto Rican pupils.


The children, too young for formal lectures, are taught Spanish by means of pictures, the translation of childhood verses and familiar songs, language records and the use of Spanish language comic books. Cost of the course, which meets twice weekly, is 25 cents per student.

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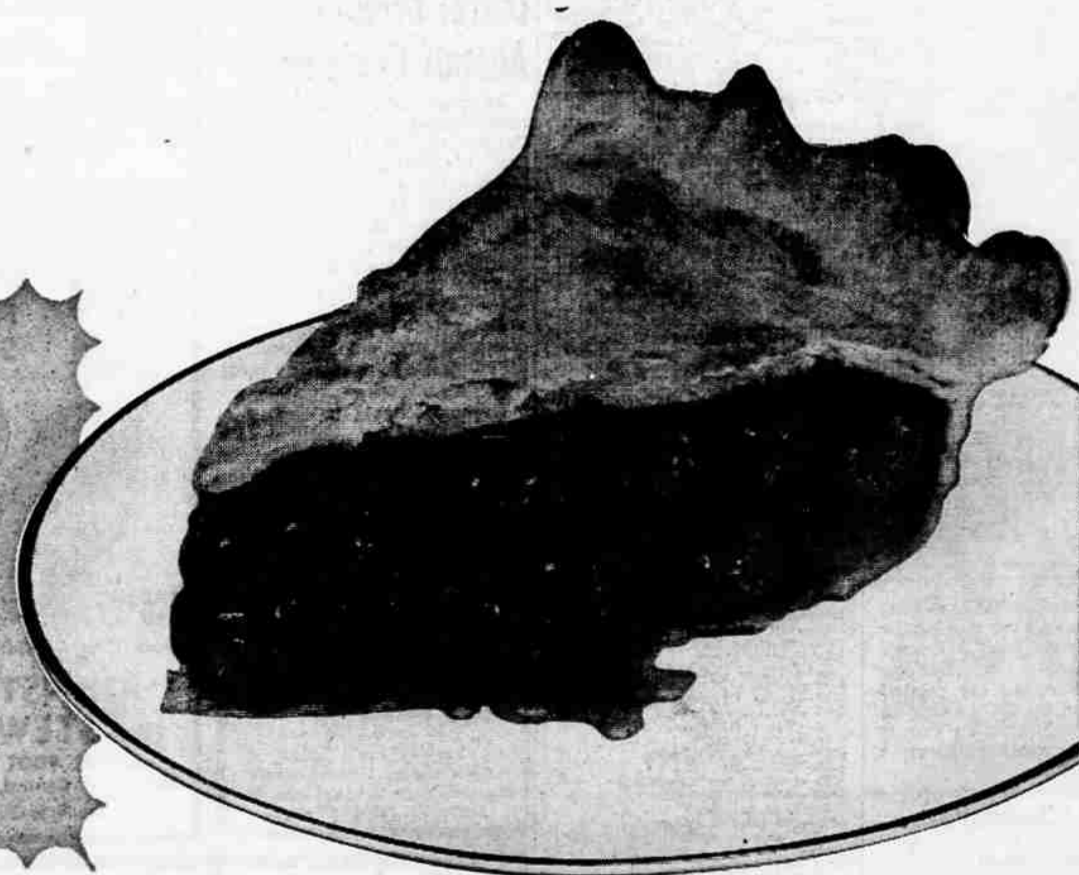
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