

# Bevin Asks Unification Of Germany On Plan Of Self Supporting Economy

MOSCOW, March 31 (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin proposed to the foreign ministers council today the unification of Germany on July 1, 1947, on the basis of a plan which would give her a self-supporting economy from the proceeds of her exports at the earliest possible date.

Bevin's comprehensive 10-page proposal, in the form of an order of the council, would supplement and where necessary revise the Potsdam agreement.

However, the proposal, which became available for publication while the council was still in session, obviously will be unacceptable to the Russians in its main provisions, both economic and political. Among other things it would have the effect of prohibiting immediate reparations from current German production, as the Russians demand, and it calls for a federalized form of government which the Russians oppose.

The plan was described in its text as a design for a directive to the allied control council in Berlin for the second phase of the occupation.

Highly placed informants predicted today that Secretary of State Marshall would reject outright this afternoon Russian demands that the Soviet Union must have absolute assurance of current reparations from Germany as a price for an agreement on German economic unity.

These sources said that while the United States was ready to consider requests for reparations from current German production along with other issues, Marshall was not willing to deal with Soviet Minister Molotov on the basis of a "virtual ultimatum."

"The American delegation came here to negotiate and try to settle the gravest world problems," said one American informant, "but we cannot do that on a basis of anyone's ultimatum."

## Blind, Deaf Couple Hurt In Accident

PORTLAND, March 31 (AP)—Earl Berry, 49, blind and deaf Portlander, and his deaf wife, Hattie, were in the hospital here today with injuries received when struck by a streetcar which they apparently failed to hear at a crossing.

Motorman L. G. Hellweg was quoted by police as reporting he had changed the bell but that the couple did not heed the signal. The woman suffered a fractured hip and her husband was cut and bruised.

## BUILDING OK

PORTLAND, March 31 (AP)—The Oregonian Publishing company has received civilian production administration approval to complete the second, third and part of the fourth floors of its new building at a cost of \$200,000.

## Flashes Of Life

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP)—Mr. Bear, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Fox and company will not be at home to telephone callers tomorrow at the Bronx zoo. The telephone company began screening April 1 telephone calls for their families, but 2708 of them from plugging unamused zoo officials.

## JUST LIKE POP

BALTIMORE—According to his parents, three-year-old Staley Schaefer likes the ladies.

The youngster disappeared yesterday while staying with some friends. Several hours later, three teen-age girls showed up with Staley at police headquarters and explained he had been following them.

"That didn't surprise his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaefer."

"You see," Mr. Schaefer remarked, "he's always had an eye for the girls."

"Just like his father," chimed in Mrs. Schaefer.

## BLISSFUL MAKE-BELIEVE

CHICAGO, March 31 (AP)—Westbrook Sargent, 26, and Rosemary Petersen, 24, long have been engaged to marry but all the while there has been the housing problem to solve.

Surely there was a short cut somewhere that would be better than just awaiting his turn at real estate offices, Sargent decided. An idea finally came—a game, appropriately named "For rent."

Within a week he drew plans and prepared dummies for the game based upon the idea of renting an apartment. A toy manufacturing concern

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## Wool Selling Bill Proposed

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Senator Bushfield (R-S.D.), said today he would support a pending senate bill to permit sale of government-owned wool at less than parity to meet foreign competition.

"We must not be caught in a position where we will have to be dependent on foreign imports to maintain our wool supply," he told a reporter.

A bill sponsored by Senator Robertson (R-Wyo.), would authorize the commodity credit corporation, which operates the wool price support program, to dispose of its vast stock at below parity. It holds hundreds of thousands of pounds of wool. Continuation of the support program has been urged in congress recently.

The agriculture department reported last week that 50 per cent of the domestic consumption of wool last year was supplied by imports.

## New Convertibles On Display Here

The new Dodge and Plymouth convertibles for 1947 will be on display at the showrooms of Lombard Motors this week.

These are the first convertibles in the Dodge and Plymouth line received here, and incorporate many new features, according to L. L. Lombard, head of the local firm.

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## Merrill Women Of Moose Donate To Red Cross Drive

MERRILL, March 31 — The Women of the Moose, Merrill chapter No. 18, meeting in regular session March 18, donated \$10 to the Red Cross, voted on a prospective member, Mrs. Shuffelbarger, Tulelake, and announced a meeting of the executive board to be held at the home of the senior regent, Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, on April 2.

For the chapter night program, Peggy Dillon, high school student, sang two numbers, "An Irish Lullaby" and "Girl In Calico." Mrs. Lillian Thomason was at the piano.

## OTC Files Suit In Truck Case

PORTLAND, March 31 (AP)—A treble damage suit, brought by the office of temporary controls was on file today against Edwin R. Swanger, Hermiston.

The OTC said he sold a truck ceiling priced at \$448 for \$673 a year ago.

## Pennroad Suit Asks \$2 Million

PHILADELPHIA, March 31 (AP)—Court-appointed attorneys asked U. S. District Judge George A. Welsh today to award \$1,950,000 to four law firms involved in the settlement of claims on behalf of Pennroad corporation stockholders.

The suit grew out of charge by Pennroad stockholders that the Pennsylvania railroad made "improper expenditures of nearly \$95,000,000 of corporation funds."

Last August the railroad agreed to settle for \$15,000,000 the Pennroad stockholders' suits. Pennroad was formed in 1929 as an investment corporation by PRR officers and directors.

Claims were filed by the 19 lawyers and stockholder representatives for \$4,000,000. The firms are headed by former U. S. Senator Daniel O. Hastings, Delaware republican; Evans, Byard & Frick, Phila-

## Eugene Youth In Speech Contest

PORTLAND, March 31 (AP)—Jack B. Gunn, Eugene, will represent Oregon in a regional American Legion speech contest at Boise April 7.

He won the state Legion oratorical contest Saturday with a speech on the constitution. Following the Boise contest, a sectional tournament will be held at Pocatello April 10 with the winner entering the national finals at Charleston, Va., April 15. Scholarship awards of \$8000 are at stake.

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## Selective Service Boards Go Out

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# Telephone Company Continues to Offer to Arbitrate

## Telephone Employees Get Good Wages

Employees of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company are well paid and their wages compare favorably with those paid by other concerns in the community for work requiring similar skill and training.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is still trying in every way to avoid a telephone strike.

We have offered to renew our present liberal contracts.

But the unions have made demands for large increases in wages.

In recognition that the public interest comes first and to eliminate any reason for a telephone work stoppage which would be a disaster for the public, the company has offered to submit to arbitration the question of wages which is the fundamental issue in dispute.

**Telephone Wage Rates Have Been Increased 58 Per Cent**

Telephone wage rates are now the highest in history. They have been increased on an average 58 per cent since 1941. The largest increases have been in recent years.

Since 1941 increases in wage levels totaling \$69,000,000 on an annual basis have been put in effect by this company.

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The demands of the unions would increase the cost of providing telephone service by about \$100,000,000 a year. This comes to more than 60 per cent of this company's wage payments in 1946. It is five times our total earnings in 1946. It would make our total payroll more than all of the money we took in last year.

In terms of the average telephone bill, it amounts to \$45.00 a year for every one of 2,300,000 telephone subscribers or a 40 per cent increase in all telephone rates.

We have been bargaining co-operatively for years with the unions representing our employees—we have been doing it over recent weeks—and we are keeping the door open for whatever further meetings are necessary.

We want our employees to be well paid.

Wages that are too low are not fair to employees—who do the work.

Wages that are too high are not fair to the public—who buy the service.

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