

# 'Without Foundation' Is Acheson Reply To Russian Charges Over Italian Pact

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP)—Secretary Acheson today described as "utterly without foundation" a Russian protest that Italy's membership in the Atlantic pact would violate the Italian peace treaty.

The secretary of state told a news conference he had received the Soviet protest only today.

Moscow sent a protest to the Italian, British and French governments.

Britain already has denied the Soviet contention.

Italy has signed the North Atlantic alliance, but has not yet ratified it.

Acheson said the Russian argument in the case of Italy like other Soviet objections to the treaty, assumes that the treaty is directed against Russia.

Acheson said that is not the case and the American government has said many times that the treaty is purely defensive.

The Russian protest in the case of

## WHY WE SAY

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This one meaning the larger share comes from Aesop Fables which tells us the lion demanded one-fourth as his own special prerogative; one-fourth for his special strength; one-fourth for his courage and then defied anyone to dispute his possession of the remaining one-fourth.

By Lloyd J. Stinson

## The World Today

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A salute to Jackie Robinson, former noted college athlete and now the Brooklyn Dodgers' star second baseman, for his inspiring declaration of faith in our country before the un-American activities committee of the house of representatives.

That declaration constitutes a moving human document—a notable chapter in the history of our troubled times. It was a difficult task for this young Negro to take the stand and voice an opinion regarding Paul Robeson's statement in Paris that American Negroes wouldn't fight against Russia because they love that country so much.

Robinson had been urged by many people, mostly communists, not to comply with the committee's request that he appear before it. Why then did he do it? In his straight-forward way he told the congressmen it wasn't easy to find the answer, but he guessed "it boils down to a sense of responsibility."

Jackie said that if Robeson made the statement attributed to him, it sounded "very silly." The witness declared that "most Negroes—and Italians and Irish and Jews and Swedes and Slavs and other Americans—would act as all these groups did in the last war. They'd do their best to help their country stay out of the war; if unsuccessful they'd do their best to help their country win the war—against Russia or any other enemy that threatened us."

But this declaration of loyalty was by no means all to be got out

of Jackie's testimony. Under it all appeared to be an undercurrent of faith that America's internal racial problems were on the way to solution. He didn't evade this delicate issue in his testimony. For instance:

"I don't pretend to be an expert on communism or any other kind of political ism. . . . But you can put me down as an expert on being a colored American, with 30 years of experience at it. And just like any other colored person with sense enough to look around and understand what he sees, I know that life in these United States can be mighty tough for people who are a little different from the majority—in their skin, color or the way they worship their God, or the way they spell their names."

That stated the issue plainly enough, but Robinson went on to relate how he had been used as "the laboratory specimen" in introducing Negro players into organized baseball. Since then some six other colored players have been signed up—"a start has been made, and progress goes on." And then:

"We're going to make progress in other American fields besides baseball if we can get rid of some

of the misunderstandings and confusion that the public still suffers from. . . . I can't speak for any 10,000,000 people any more than any other person can, but I know that I've got too much invested for my wife and child and myself in the future of this country, and I and other Americans of many races and faiths have too much invested in our country's welfare, for any of us to throw it away because of a siren song sung in bass."

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## Reds Accuse Big Three In Italy Deal

LONDON, July 20 (AP)—Russia accused the three big Western powers today of causing Italy to violate her peace treaty by inviting her into the North Atlantic alliance. Britain denied it and an Italian foreign office spokesman said the Russian charge was "absurd and ridiculous."

Moscow radio announced Russian notes have gone to Italy and the big Western powers making the complaint, at a moment when the Italian parliament is debating ratification of the act.

In a swift rejoinder, the foreign office declared the Western powers have no intention of building up Italy's armed forces beyond the limits laid down in the treaty.

A spokesman termed invalid Russia's complaint that Italy, by joining the pact, unlawfully had entered an alliance pursuing aggressive aims.

The North Atlantic pact is essentially a defensive undertaking, not directed against anyone," the spokesman told a news conference.

The spokesman said the text of the Russian note has not yet been received. He based his comments on news agency versions of the Russian radio announcement.

Foreign office comment at this stage—before the text of the note has become available—is unusual.

## New Plymouth On Display

The brand new Plymouth "Suburban," latest addition to the Plymouth line, is now on display at local Plymouth dealerships. The "Suburban" has aroused a great deal of interest wherever shown since it incorporates both "sedan beauty" and "station wagon utility." Basically it is an all metal, two-door, station wagon.

Plymouth officials believe that its sleek, practical beauty will appeal to sportsmen, suburbanites, farmers and tradesmen alike. For passenger service, it seats five people comfortably, with plenty of room for luggage. For "hauling" service, the rear seat can be nested up against the front seat to provide an enclosed load space 68 inches long. The tailgate and lift gate operate similarly to the station wagon and the spare tire rests in the floor to give a smooth load space.

The new model has the regular

## Bridges Named To New Position

PARIS, July 20 (AP)—The communist newspaper L'Humanite today announced the election of Harry Bridges as president of a new international union of seamen and dockers.

Bridges heads the CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union in the United States.

L'Humanite said Bridges was chosen at a week-end meeting in Marseille of leaders in the world federation of trade unions. The unions of non-communist countries have withdrawn from the federation.

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Local Plymouth dealers extend a cordial invitation to view the new model this week.

GLADSTONE, July 20 (AP)—The Oregon Seventh Day Adventists' conference today listed pastoral assignments and transfers.

Elder R. G. Schaffner, Sunny-side, goes to Salem and Elder Wayne A. Scriven, Grants Pass, goes to the Idaho conference as home missionary secretary. The latter will be succeeded by Elder L. L. Huntington, Kelso-Longview, Wash.

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